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SOUND CONTROL

By Norman Chaddock

AN article in that lively publication for Derbyshire ringers 'Belfry News' referred to the value of sound control in enabling adequate and regular practice to continue at towers where the bells were, perhaps, excessively noisy, or where the tower is situated close to business or other premises, whose occupants might be justifiably annoyed by frequent or prolonged bouts of bellringing.

People nowadays are subjected to such an increased amount of noise generally that the sound of bells is less noticeable than formerly was the case; in fact in many towns it is difficult to hear the bells above the noise of traffic, etc. Nevertheless some towers have a problem.

In carrying out sound control, a certain amount of trial and error and experiment is often advisable, perhaps carrying out the necessary measures piece-meal or stage by stage.

The effectiveness of the measures taken may thus be judged and the sound control not overdone.

Ideally the sound of the bells should go forth from the tower on Sundays and when required, but should be controlled for practices and peals rung just for practice. There is no point in installing expensive apparatus and then permanently bottling up the sound requiring so much skill to produce.

Efficient sound control which meets these requirements makes for good public relations whilst still enabling the bells to send out their message prior to services and on special occasions. Ringers can get their practice in plenty without annoyance to shops, educational institutions and various public gatherings.

When restoration work was in progress on my own tower recently, opportunity was taken to install sound control measures and the advice of Mr. Frederick Sharpe and the Diocesan architect was sought and followed, together with my own ideas and those of the contractors for the restoration work, and a description of the installation follows.

The eight belfry 'windows' (two in each wall) have been bricked up to the 'spring' of the arches, i.e., a rectangular piece of brickwork in each belfry 'window.' The louvre boards have been left in position so that the brickwork is invisible outside. Above the brickwork,

wooden shutters have been fitted. These close on to a surrounding wooden framework so that when closed the belfry 'windows' are sealed. In our case adequate ventilation to the spire is available by openings higher up the spire.

Basically these eight robust shutters are made from one inch thick timber lined on the inside with insulation board, hinged at the bottom and tilted slightly inwards so as to open under gravity. To assist opening, a metal bracket with a weight on is fitted at the apex of each shutter.

A bronze pulley is fixed to the tower wall immediately above each shutter and a 3/16 in. steel cable, fixed to the top centre of each shutter, is led to a pulley system which operates all eight shutters by one cable from the ringers' room below.

A downward pull on this one cable in the ringers' room turns a double steel pulley or drum which is situated above the bells. Connected to this drum are two cables, each joined to four shutter cables by a yoke. When the drum is thus turned, all shutters close simultaneously. On releasing the cable in the ringers' room gently, the shutters open under gravity.

Although the system sounds complicated, it works well. It was of course necessary to provide fixing points for the pulleys. All brickwork is covered with insulation board.

Use of timber, asbestos or other sheeting would of course provide a cheaper installation than brickwork but would probably be less effective.

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GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL BELLS CAST

Five of Guildford Cathedral's bells were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank at their Whitechapel Foundry on December 17th in the presence of some of the donors. The procedure was explained to the visitors by Messrs. William and Douglas Hughes.

The veteran architect of the Cathedral, Sir Edward Maufe, who was selected by public competition about 1931, was present with Lady Maufe. Canon A. C. G. Oldham represented the Cathedral Chapter; Mr H. C. Margrett, organiser of the Cathedral appeal, and Mrs. Margrett. Mr. A. White, head verger, and Mr. W. A. Taft, Cathedral custodian, were also present.

The generosity of Brigadier and Mrs. Schreiber enabled the task of providing the bells to be accomplished much earlier than anticipated, and their names are inscribed on three of the bells—the sixth, ninth and tenor. The tenor also has the words 'In Love, in Faith, in Thanksgiving.' This bell is to be cast at a later date. The Brigadier and his daughter attended the ceremony.

The ringers' bell is the second, and its inscription reads: 'Laus Deo. The gift of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers 1964.' Three representatives of the Guild were present—Messrs. D. A. R. May (Master), H. N. Pittsow and T. W. White.

A novelty in inscriptions is on two of the bells, the gift of Mr. E. J. Grimwood. One reads, 'Honour thy father' and the other 'and thy mother.' Both of Mr. Grimwood's parents were present to see, in a sense, their own memorial.

The treble was the gift of Mr. Geollrey Sentance, of Farnham, and his sister, Mrs. Betty North.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Leatherhead District

The meeting of the Leatherhead District held at Epsom Common on December 12th attracted members from a greater number of towers than many recent meetings and, due to the efforts of the enthusiastic local band, was successful. In the absence of the parochial clergy at the Diocesan Conference, Mr. George Cockman, ringer and ordination candidate, conducted the Guild's service and gave an inspiring address. Two other local ringers, Messrs. Stuart Warren and David Hershell, played the organ and read the lesson respectively.

The tea which followed in the Epsom Common Working Men's Club was ably arranged by Miss Adrienne Gibson, assisted by her lady ringing colleagues.

At the business meeting the election of three non-resident members—Ruth Foreman, Julia Fellows and Michael Frost—prior to a peal rung at Ashted was confirmed and two members of the Epsom Common band—Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Warren—were elected. The District Master, Mr. A. P. Cannon, announced that he was not seeking re-election and Mr. David Hershell was nominated District Master for 1965. Miss Adrienne Gibson and Mr. C. W. Munday were nominated for the post of District Secretary, and Mr. R. C. Soittle was nominated Auditor in place of Mr. A. S. Besant who intends to move to Somerset during the year.

Before and after the meeting the tower was crowded and a better than average standard of ringing was enjoyed by those present. Methods rung included London and Bristol Surprise and Spliced Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

C.W.M.

5,280 LALEHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

By J. R. MAYNE

23456 M W H

23564 2 2 1

36452 1 2 2

65324 2 2 2

52643 2 2 2

24536 2 2 2

2 x repeated.

Rung at Willesden on October 15th, 1964.

70 YEARS IN ONE TOWER



Mr. Edwin Barnett has just completed seventy years' service as a ringer in Crayford tower.

Having taught himself to handle a bell as a boy when deputising for the Parish Clerk in chiming for the daily services, he was roped into the band during a transition period in January, 1895, with several other recruits.

He rang his first quarter peal for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897, and has rung on every 'royal' occasion since.

They were not easy days for youngsters who often had to fight to advance in ringing and he succeeded in ringing his first peal at Crayford in 1899. Since then he has rung 266 peals on the bells. Two of these were rung for the relief of Ladysmith and Mafeking during the Boer War.

He succeeded his father in charge of the tower in 1932 and continued until 1956. During these years over 300 peals were rung on the bells without one ever being lost through a broken rope.

Seventeen of his peals at Crayford have been with three generations of his family. Between 1929 and 1932 16 of them were with his father the late Edwin Barnett, sen., and his son Edwin A., and the 17th, in 1961, was with his granddaughter Jean and her father.

Advancing years have made it rather difficult now to grasp the sally but he still attends on Sundays and practice nights and rings if required.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD Southern District

A very successful A.G.M. of the Southern District was held at Sketty on December 5th and, although the weather was bad, over 40 attended. The ringing, under the guidance of the Ringing Master, Miss Kath Watkins, was of a fairly good standard. A delightful surprise was to have Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pitman with us again. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Garfield James, and the Rev. John Jenkins gave a short address.

Tea was provided by the local bellringers, and organised by Mrs. Whitworth, who were suitably thanked by Mr. Stan Edwards. The Vicar was also thanked.

The business meeting opened with the chairman expressing delight in seeing so many young people present. Apologies were read from Mr. G. I. Lewis and Mr. R. Skidmore. All officers were re-elected for another year and new members duly elected.

March quarterly meeting: Baglan (6).

J. A. H.

OXFORD GUILD LOOKS AHEAD

MEMBERS of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch were, at their third annual dinner held at the Thames Hotel, Windsor, given some advance information regarding the Guild's proposals for the maintenance of bellringing within its territory.

The dinner coincided with a meeting of the Guild's officers and Branch secretaries, and the Master (Canon C. Eliot Wigg), the general secretary (Miss M. R. Cross), and the treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker) hurried from their deliberations at Radley, near Oxford, to be present at the dinner at Windsor. The chair was taken by Canon E. W. Perkins, Branch chairman. He was supported by Rev. L. Badham (Vicar of Windsor), Rev. S. W. Doran (Vicar of Bray), Rev. J. C. Vaughan-Wilkes (Vicar of Great Marlow), Miss Doreen Hague (Branch secretary) and Mr. S. M. Bailey (Branch Ringing Master), and over 100 ringers and their wives and friends. Apologies for absence were received from the Branch president (the Bishop of Buckingham), the Guild Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe) and the Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

Following a splendid repast, the loyal toast was proposed by the chairman. The Master then proposed the toast of 'Our Church Bellringers,' pointing out that this embraced all bellringers in the Church wherever they might be, not in the Guild only, or in England only, but in the four corners of the Commonwealth. After paying tribute to their invaluable role in the Church's activities, he told a humorous tale of a father and son, faithful ringers at a church with but two bells, and how they tried to produce a little variation by following the son's advice to ring 'Bom, him' instead of 'Bim, bom.' The result didn't meet with the approval of the ears of the old man brought up in a long tradition of 'Bim, homming.' The Master didn't make the point, but it seemed to the writer that here was another case of a ringer who didn't like the music when the tenor was turned in!

Canon Wigg paid a warm tribute to Mr. Roland Biggs, of Hughenden, who always kept such a high standard of ringing in his tower, and now had crowned all his efforts by training a band which won the Branch's first striking contest, and then went on to win the laurel of winner of the Guild contest with some superb change ringing. He presented illuminated certificates for these two performances to Mr. David Cornwall, captain of this winning band, amidst very loud applause.

Mr. A. D. Barker replied to the toast. After some references to the fact that the Diocesan Guild grew out of the predecessor of the Branch, and to his early days in the Branch, he spoke of the discussions which had taken place earlier that day regarding future ringing courses. It was felt that if the Guild's aims were to be achieved there must be some attention given to the training of future potential heltry leaders. Branches would be asked to recommend suitable young people to be invited to attend a course on the work and responsibilities of tower captains and instructors.

One looks forward with interest and eager anticipation to a formal announcement of how this splendid conception is to be implemented, for it is worthy of generous support.

Mrs. Perkins, wife of the Branch chairman, presented a bouquet of flowers to Miss Hague, for all the work she had done to ensure that the evening was so enjoyable, a gesture which met with warm approval. The remainder of the evening was given up to dancing to the music of Reg Moors' band.

W. B.

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY

When the Barnsley and District Society met at Hemsworth, near Pontefract, on Dec. 12th, they were accorded a warm welcome by the Vicar, the Rev. Frederick Adamson, who said they had plenty of young ones wanting to learn but not the older men to teach them. This was supported by Mr. Charlie Moxon, who is the only one left to instruct. Ten towers were represented and Horbury, near Wakefield, was selected for the next meeting on January 9th.

THE 600 PEALS OF CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

By V. NUTTON

ON Saturday, December 5th, 1964, the Cambridge University Guild rang its 600th peal, and this would appear to be an opportune moment to survey its ringing achievements. A university society, with strict regulations for membership, it possessed at first few capable ringers and it was not until 1890, 11 years after its foundation that its first peal was rung. Plain Bob Triples in hand. This was followed by Bob Major and in 1891 by Double Norwich in hand, the first peal ever rung in hand in the method. The first tower-bell peal, Grandsire Triples, came in 1894, and the first undergraduate peal in 1903. Although only eleven peals were rung in the first 25 years of the Guild's history, they included Bob Royal and Maximus, the latter being also the first of Maximus in hand by the College Youths.

The century of peals was reached in 1919 and included the first peals of Little Bob Major and Royal and the first clerical peals of Major and Double Norwich. Sixty-nine of these were rung in hand in contrast with the last century in which only 23 were rung. The second century was dominated by W. H. J. Hooton who rang in 93 of them and came in only 7 years. First peals here included were those of Spliced Major and Royal in 2 and 3 methods. Single Norwich, Cambridge Court Bob, and the Cam, Granta and Gonville variations of Kent.

The departures of S. H. Wood, C. W. Woolley and F. E. Haynes and the more infrequent visits of Atkins and Hooton meant that the next century was not reached until after the war, the last pre-war peal being No. 278. The residents were not strong enough to attempt tower-bell peals, nor were they able to raise a handbell band without outside aid. After the war, the number of peals has increased, mainly because of the number of residents and the last three centuries have taken respectively eight, five and five years to complete, the penultimate being the fastest. The range of methods was extended although no new ones were discovered, the nearest being in 1964 when 7 residents rang in the first peal of Granthester.

SURPRISE PEALS

Although the first peal of Surprise Major was rung in 1912, Cambridge at Plymouth, the first by residents only came in 1953 and by undergraduates in 1963. The first peal of Surprise Royal came in 1957, of Maximus in 1959 and of Spliced Surprise in 1956. The first peal in hand of Surprise Minor was in 1932, the second in 1963, when were rung also the first peals in hand of Spliced Surprise Minor and Stedman Caters. The first tower-bell peal on twelve bells was in 1955, Stedman Cinques at Cambridge on tower bells and the first of Cinques in hand was Stedman in 1964. High Wycombe 1964 was the Guild's first silent peal, although one had been rung with no bobs called in 1956.

Since the war, there have been many variations in the methods rung: 39 peals of Treble Bob were rung before the war, only 6 after, the last being in 1954; 41 peals of Double Norwich pre-war, only two in the last ten years. On the other hand, only six peals of Surprise were rung before the war (5 of Cambridge, 1 of Superlative), and ten of Minor (three in the tower) while 46 have been rung in the last ten years (20 on tower bells). The increased number of undergraduates has meant a progression from the back six of St. Mary's to Sunday ringing on twelve. The 12-bell peals at Chelmsford and High Wycombe contained only one non-resident.

Colleges are now able to have peals rung by their alumni: Selwyn has had three major peals of St. Catherine's a peal of Minor. Of the older Colleges, only Christ's, Corpus, Downing, Peterhouse and Sidney have had no peals within their walls, and Glisson Road, Portugal Place and St. Anne's Terrace have all heard five peals.

Of the handbell centres, Trinity College has had the most peals, over 135, followed by Surfleet Vicarage, 17, and Selwyn, 13. Other 'towers' include Dartmoor, 2, Galway, and The Diocesan Retreat House, Pleshey. Of towers, Long Stanton has been the favourite (22) followed by Cambridge St. Andrew's, 16, and Harston, 12. Six peals have been rung at Great St. Mary's and one each at Our Lady and the English Martyrs and at St. Bene't's. In a footnote to a peal at Southwell in 1906 we read that this was the hottest day in Nottinghamshire for 31 years.

1,030 MEMBERS

Of the Guild's 1,030 members, 190 have rung a peal, 60 their first peal, 42 their first in hand and 37 their first peal as conductor. Of individual ringers, only four have passed a century, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughiey, 136, E. M. Atkins, 156, W. H. J. Hooton, 151, and C. W. Woolley, four of whose family have rung peals for the Guild. They are followed by F. E. Haynes, 97, Dr. C. M. P. Johnson, 92, W. J. Ridgman, 86, and the Revs. E. G. Benson, 80, E. B. James, 79, and H. S. T. Richardson, 75. A further 17 have rung over 40, including Major Freeborn, whose peals extend from 1912 to 1964. Only one lady, Susan Jackson, has completed 50 peals, her nearest rivals having only 26.

And what of the future? The active Guild peal ringer has in the past decade averaged 28 peals in his undergraduate career, contrasting with the days before the first world war when the average was two. With the expansion of the Guild, it is hoped to attempt at least one resident ten- or twelve-bell peal, in addition to the peals on the annual week, whose success has ranged from 8 in 1957 to none in 1962 and one in 1964. The Guild has still to ring Stedman Triples or Surprise Major in

hand and Stedman Doubles in the tower. It is hoped too that, with the practice of regular Sunday ringing of Maximus, a peal of Yorkshire Maximus may be scored.

The C.U.G.C.R. has had in its 85 years' history a tradition of pealring which the present generation of undergraduates, increased in numbers if not in ability, will endeavour to continue, in the advancement of learners as much as in the performances of the experts.

PEAL TOTALS

Doubles.—2 methods 1, 4 methods 1, 5 methods 1, Total 3.

Minor.—Plain Bob 38 (27 in hand), Cambridge 6 (2), Ipswich 1 (1), Kent 1 (1), 2 methods 3 (1), 3 methods 6 (3), 4 methods 2, 6 methods 2 (1), 7 methods 12 (4), 12 methods 1, 14 methods 1, 32 methods 1, Total 74 (40 hand).

Triples.—Plain Bob 1 (1), Grandsire 17 (6), Stedman 14, Total 32 (7).

Major.—Plain Bob 155 (107), Double Norwich 57 (32), Little Bob 19 (11), Cambridge C.B. 5 (5), Double Oxford 2 (1), Single Norwich 2 (2), Double Bob 3 (3), St. Clement's 1, Winchester 1, Wyomondham 1, Spliced plain: 2 methods 3 (3), 3 methods 2 (2), 6 methods 1 (1), 9 methods 1, 13 methods 1, Total 254 (167).

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 25, Yorkshire 15, Rutland 10, Superlative 5, London 4, Bristol 3, Lincolnshire 2, Ashted, Cornwall, Ealing, Glasgow, Hinton, New Cambridge, Painswick, Radnor, Xenia, 1 each, Total 86.

Treble Bob.—Kent 38 (28), Oxford 2 (2), Granta Variation 3 (2), Cam Variation, Gonville Variation 1 each 'in hand', Total 45 (34).

Caters.—Stedman 13 (4), Grandsire 14 (8), St. Clement's 1, Total 28 (12).

Spliced Royal and Caters 1 (1).

Royal.—Plain Bob 40 (34), Little Bob 5 (3), Double Bob 2 (2), 2 spliced Plain 3 (3), 3 spliced 1 (1), Kent 4 (3), Cambridge 5, Yorkshire 2, Total 62 (46).

Cinques.—Stedman 8 (1).

Maximus.—Plain Bob 3 (3), Kent 1 (1), Cambridge 3, Total 7 (4).

Grand Total: 600 (312).

SOMERSET CHURCH BADLY DAMAGED

Readers of 'The Ringing World' may have heard of the destruction by fire of the 14th century Church of St. Peter, Shepton Montague, in East Somerset, on November 27th. The chancel and nave were completely destroyed, but the tower, which is a south tower built over the south porch (the only entrance to the church) was untouched.

There are three bells (tenor 9½ cwt.), which are in good ringing order, having been rehung in a metal frame about 20 years ago by Taylors of Loughborough. They were rung regularly for service up till the time of the fire, rounds, plain hunt and 'Grandsire Singles' being commonly rung by the group of young ringers.

Although in good order the bells have not been rung since the fire due to possible weakening of the tower, but ringing (and Sunday services) continue at nearby St. Leonard's, Pitcombe, which also has three bells (tenor 8½ cwt.).

A.B.S.

FILTON, GLOS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles; Miss R. C. J. Sheldon 1, D. Haslam 2, Miss H. N. Haslam 3, D. Voss 4, A. Howard (25th quarter, cond.) 5, F. Sheldon 6.

MR. M. D. FELLOWS' 200 PEALS

Mr. Martin D. Fellows has now completed 200 peals. His list contains a pleasing variety.

Maximus.—Cambridge Surprise 14, Lincolnshire Surprise 1, Yorkshire Surprise 4, Total 19.

Cinques.—Stedman 4.

Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Kent T.B. 2, Cambridge Surprise 7, Lincolnshire Surprise 2, Pudsey Surprise 2, Yorkshire Surprise 9, Total 24.

Caters.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 3.

Major.—Plain Bob 10 (c. 4), Double Norwich C.B. 2, Shouldham Del. 1, Surprise: Bristol 1, Cambridge 12 (2), New Cambridge 1, Huddersfield 1, London 6, Londonderry 1, Lincoln 1, Lincolnshire 11, Macclesfield 1, Nailstone 1, Pudsey 2, Rutland 3, Sedgley 1, Superlative 1, Watford 1, Wickham 1, Worcestershire 1, Yorkshire 16 (1), Spliced—2 methods 1, 3 methods 1, 8 methods 1, Total 78 (7).

Triples.—Grandsire 9 (4), Stedman 2, 4-spliced 1, Total 12 (4).

Minor.—Plain Bob 12 (4), 1—7 methods 5, Surprise: Cambridge 4 (1), London 1 (1), 2 methods 1 (1), Total 23 (7).

Doubles.—Grandsire 4, 1—14 methods variations 14 (3), Total 18 (3).

HANDBELLS

Doubles.—Grandsire 2 (1), 1—6 methods variations 3 (3), Total 10 (4).

Minor.—Plain Bob 5 (1), 2 methods 2, Total 7 (1), Grand Total 200 (26).

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Letters to the Editor

Non-Association Peals

Dear Sir,—As the conductor of the peal referred to by Mr. Mallet in his letter headed 'Non-Association Peals,' I feel I must reply, especially as he levels a charge of irresponsibility at me.

I, too, have thought for some time about the current practice of rigging almost all peals under the heading of an Association; but I have reached a conclusion virtually opposite to his.

My view, and I don't think I am entirely alone in holding it, is that there is no meaning in recording a peal for an Association unless all those taking part are members of that Association—and by members I do not mean non-resident life members, or whatever they may happen to be called. The most flagrant example of this nonsense is a touring band who, courteously observing the conventions, ring their peals on tour for the local Association, among these several first peals in the method for that Association. By so doing, of course, they render it impossible for truly local first peals in these methods to be rung for that Association. In many cases, all the members of such a band belong as residents to another Association; surely that is the proper Association for which to ring the peals? And if not, then why must a peal be rung for an Association at all?

This leads me on to a further suggestion—that the class of non-resident life membership (or whatever it may be called—the name varies) should be abolished, as being purely an administrative convenience to allow all peals to be classified neatly under Association headings. If there were none such, then peals rung as for an Association, in which all the ringers were resident members, would once again have some meaning; and Associations would save considerably more than the loss of fees by not having to print such large reports—or at least, some of them would have more space in their reports for matter of general interest.

Let I am accused of not knowing what I am talking about, I am a non-resident member of 22 territorial Associations, a member of four non-territorial Associations, and resident member, District secretary and peal secretary of the Association in whose territory I live. I have rung peals for all but one of these Associations, and non-Association peals. I must also say that the views expressed are my own, and in no way represent the official views of my Association.

The peal in question was not credited to an Association for the reasons outlined in my third paragraph, above, and after discussion with the band.

The matter of Mr. Mallet's third paragraph has been well ventilated in your columns and at meetings of the Central Council; and I am convinced that the committee are taking the correct course in keeping the price of 'The Ringing World' at an economic level, despite pressure from some quarters for subsidisation.—Yours faithfully

BRIAN D. THRELFALL.

Harston, Cambridge.

Northern Ireland Tour

Dear Sir,—I wish to apologise to my fellow tourists for the long delay in submitting for publication the report of our enjoyable tour last August, which delay has been due to extreme pressure of work since that time; the small hours of the morning, after an exacting day, are not the best time for composing readable literature!—Yours truly,

DEREK P. JONES.

Burton-on-Trent.

Peal Withdrawn

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of 5.100 Grandfire Doubles rung at Marbury on November 14th, 1964. At the time I did not know that an extra 60 would invalidate the performance.

My sincere apologies to all concerned.—Yours, etc., F. R. MORTON.

Wistaston, near Crewe.

The Extra Charge for the 'R.W.'

Dear Sir,—Is it too late to suggest an alternative to any further charge?

For a largish number of people who take in the 'R.W.' it is a case of trying to support the paper rather than for any general interest. I personally take in two copies for our band at a cost of £4; quite a lot considering that my own interest only runs to the front page and possibly one other article, and I doubt if many of my ringers get even that far.

So, quite frankly, £4 is already beyond my means, and it would seem more fair and probably more profitable to put the charge on those most interested. I would start with peals. To charge 2s. a head for each ringer couldn't possibly hurt anyone. Any peal ringers can quite easily afford 2s.

(2) Whilst peals come into the analysis and therefore have to be published, quarters do not. A quarter is simply an advertisement, and should be charged as such. So much a line.

(3) There is really very little of interest to outsiders in the average ringing meeting or tour. It is a more difficult problem because some are of general interest. But certainly a large percentage are not. In any case, again, anyone who can afford a tour can well afford a shilling or two for a report on it.

If something like this was done it would distribute the cost of the paper amongst those who have the greatest interest in it.—Yours truly,

CORNISHMAN.

Note.—The charge of 9d. a copy operates from this issue. Any alteration now can only be brought about by resolution at the Central Council meeting next Whit Tuesday.—Ed.

Three Fundamentals

Dear Sir,—I have read various letters in reply to that of 'O. A. M., Atheist,' and, while in substantial agreement with the critics, feel that O. A. M. is obviously desirous of pragmatic debate, and I would like to reply accordingly.

I believe that the fundamentals of our historic civilisation (found so often in the ancient university centres) consist of church, school and pub. They are complementary and essential to each other's existence as wholesome and agreeable units.

The pursuit of ringing contains, to a remarkable degree, a fusion of these three elements—method study, translated into action within an environment sanctified and separate, followed eventually by the refreshment of the body agreeably tired, and the mind sharpened to light-hearted debate and banter.

O. A. M. apparently regards this described ritual, in his cold, analytical way, as a tired anachronism! He is not impressed by the total acceptance of this formula over the past 300 years by a multitude of ringers, and I am obliged to speculate upon the kind of arrogance which seeks to eliminate one of the essential ingredients, namely the Church, from the whole concept of ringing.

In other words, he turns away from this delicious meal, and would prefer a dehydrated snack at the Civic Centre!

I agree that ringers often fall out, over trivial matters, and certainly the acrimony displayed in letters to 'The Ringing World' is startling, to say the least. But ringers are basically eccentrics, and an overdose of passion occasionally is to be expected. Nevertheless I am convinced that the Church continues to ennoble the art, and the ringers themselves, which no secular institution could possibly do in any circumstance.

Finally, I sincerely hope that O. A. M. will eventually outgrow his adolescent mood of scepticism, and discover the total pleasure in ringing enjoyed by mature ringers everywhere!—Yours, etc.,

HAROLD JUDD.

Scunthorpe, Lincs.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandfire): H. Colcombe 1, Miss D. Colcombe 2, Miss G. Mouring 3, Miss J. Palmer 4, C. Webb (cond.) 5. For morning service.

Christianity and Bellringing

Dear Sir,—Seldom (praise be) is one called on to read such an irrational letter as that of 'O. A. M., Atheist' published in 'The Ringing World' of November 27th. What does he mean when he asks: 'How many ringers regard ringing as a form of worship?' As far as I am aware, it never was, and was never intended to be so, any more than singing in a choir could be regarded as 'a form of worship.' Surely, an act of worship is to the greater Glory of God and not to the glory of man as A.O.M.'s letter would seem to imply. He must have been singularly unfortunate in the type of ringers with whom he has associated if as he states 'the majority of ringers regard campanology as a hobby just like philately or ornithology.' If he said a minority of ringers take this view merely to indulge in their own personal pleasure, I would agree with him. O. A. M. appears to lose sight of the fact that all church bells are dedicated to the glory of God, but if, knowing that fact, he merely rings for his own personal pleasure, and not to the glory of God, surely, he is guilty of dishonest intention. Like everything else used in her worship, when the Church blesses the bells her intention is to withdraw it from the order of common things and common use.

O. A. M. further asks: 'Why not build churches without towers and build separate places for bells to be rung?' Why not, indeed, but why stop at this? Why not carry it to its logical conclusion and build choir vestries away from the church in order that those who enjoy singing may sing at any time to their heart's content? Why not build separate chapels for Mass-saying priests, so that they can pop in whenever they like to say Mass? But don't let's stop there, let us build separate chapels away from the church where those who like to come to Holy Communion, and no other service, may have a place to themselves? If you stop to think about it, there's no end to this splendid idea, except, of course, nobody has mentioned where the cash is to be found to carry out these schemes. O. A. M. mentions 'People are always falling out.' They always have, they always will, simply because we are an imperfect people living in an imperfect world. Was there not the classic example in the New Testament where the disciples fell out over 'who should be the greatest'? And did not our Lord say 'Except ye become as a little child,' in other words, exercise humility. When ringers learn the meaning of humility there will be no going 'into seclusion for as long as six months.'

In answer to his final question: 'Does one necessarily have to be a Christian to be a campanologist?' Obviously the answer is no. But surely to ring in a Christian church, to call people to Christian worship, and knowing that the bells are in the tower for that very purpose, it smacks of hypocrisy in continuing to play a part in something in which we do not believe.—Yours faithfully,

Launceston, Cornwall. A. J. CHUBB.

No True Atheist

Dear Sir,—My immediate reactions to 'Atheist's' letter was anger and resentment, but later on reflection I found no difficulty in finding some pity and sympathy for him. Within the rigging fraternity your correspondent must have had many Christian friends, and to sign his letter 'Atheist' required some courage. I have a feeling, however, that he felt ashamed to give his name in full because of his friends' reactions as I understand an atheist to be one who denounces God, the Church and everything connected with religion.

Your correspondent is no true atheist. Does he not use God's house. His equipment and enjoy the friendship of devout Christians when ringing? It is not possible to be half Christian, half atheist. It's all or nothing for both. I suggest that 'Atheist' has had a 'shift course' at some time or the other and has made no attempt to get back 'in.' Yes, he requires sympathy, pity and understanding, but also a sharp but friendly jolt to remind him of his responsibilities when using Christian ideas, ideals and friends for the furtherance of his recreational habits.—Yours faithfully,

REGINALD BEALE.

Trunton,

OBITUARY

MR. HARRY SEAR

The funeral service for Mr. Harry Sear, ringer and bellmaster for over 65 years at St. Mary's Church, Bletchley, Bucks, was held on December 17th in the church he had served so diligently and loved so well. His death occurred somewhat suddenly in his 86th year in Northampton General Hospital after a comparatively short illness. Many ringing friends were present at the service, which was preceded by half-muffled touches of Stedman Triples and the 'whole pull and stand'; the ringing being of a standard with which he would have been well satisfied.

He was born in Bletchley in 1878, and at the age of nine entered the choir. Shortly after this he was taught to handle a bell by his father, Valentine Sear, who was in charge of the ringing at that time. After leaving school he moved to London for a short period, and was fortunate enough to be taken under the wing of W. E. Garrard and very many years. Until advancing years this period that his interest in change ringing was fostered and developed, and he rang his first peal in 1898 at Epsom, with the above band.

In 1899 he returned to Bletchley and started to teach the local band the art of change ringing, and two years later he had the satisfaction of calling a peal of Grandsire Triples, in which his father and two brothers took part. The North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was formed in 1904, Harry Sear being one of the founder members. From its inception he was elected an instructor, a duty which he so faithfully discharged over very many years. Until advancing years curtailed his active participation in Guild and Branch affairs, he was always present at Guild meetings, and with his passing the Exercise has lost a personality full of individual character.

His marriage took place in 1908, the ceremony being performed by that great clerical ringer, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, with whom Harry had previously rung a number of peals.

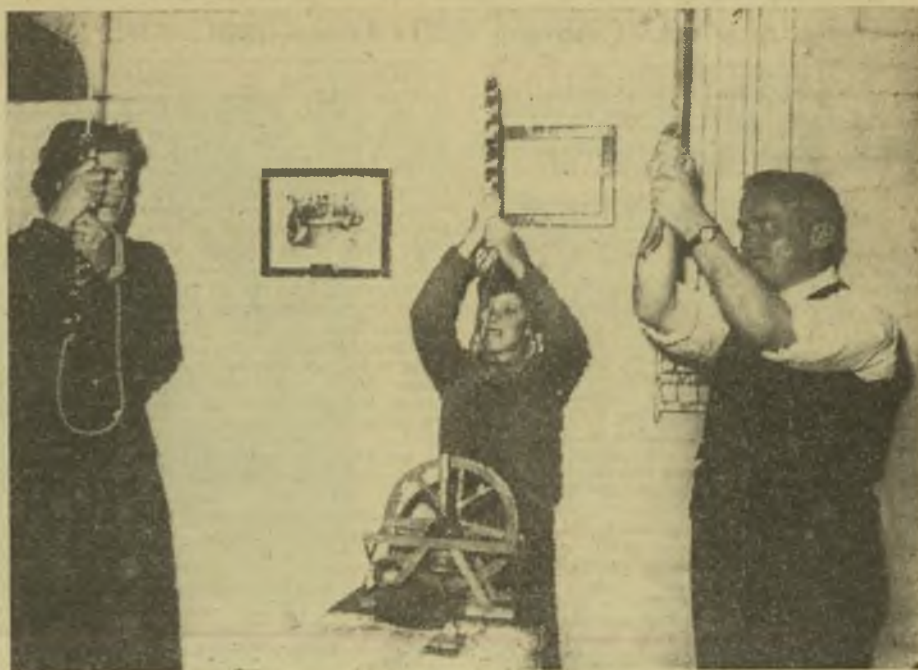
By 1911 the ringers at Bletchley had advanced to the stage where he was able to conduct, for the first time, a peal of Grandsire Triples rung by the local band. In all he rang 180 peals from Cinques to Doubles, his last being in May, 1963, when he was 83 years old.

With his passing North Bucks, and Bletchley in particular, have lost a devoted churchman as well as a ringer, for in addition to his duties as bellmaster, over the years he fulfilled with dignity such offices as churchwarden, sidesman and vergers. A better example of dedicated service to the Church must surely be hard to find, for Harry Sear maintained the high standard set by his forbears. Determined that this should not be forgotten by future generations, the parishioners in 1959 caused a stained glass window to be placed in the porch, commemorating 111 years of unbroken service by this devoted family.

The death of Harry Sear will be felt in wider circles than that of his own tower, and we at Bletchley consider ourselves privileged to have known and rung with him for so long. We thank God for his example and pray that his soul may rest in peace.

R. C.

RING OF BELLS IN THE BACKYARD



Mr. Arthur A. Jopp, his wife Doreen and elder son Andrew in the ringing chamber of the 'Stoulton Campanile.' In front of Andrew is a model bell, and also a copy of 'The Ringing World.' [By courtesy of 'Worcester Evening News and Times.'

FROM time to time mention has been made in our columns of the 'Stoulton Campanile,' Worcestershire, the creation of Mr. Arthur A. Jopp, captain of Stoulton Parish Church ringers.

Mr. Jopp took advantage of an old cottage in Church Lane, Stoulton, becoming vacant some 15 years ago, and proceeded among the rafters to create a bell chamber. He started by purchasing two bells from the old Rectory at Birlingham, which was being demolished. Another bell came from the Atlas Works, Pershore. Whenever he hears of an old bell for sale he promptly follows up with inquiries.

The six bells collected are a light ring, like Mr. Mack's at Exmouth. Mr. Jopp has a tenor of about one cwt. The bells are erected in a home-made frame, constructed from parts of an old bedstead. Bicycle wheels have been used to provide wheels for the bells. He has also introduced a chiming apparatus to play simple tunes.

With bells in the backyard, figuratively speaking, the Jopp family and friends can ring whenever they like. They have no fear of protest from neighbours as all the bells are muffled with rubber pads and cannot be heard clearly outside the bell chamber.

His wife Doreen and his eleven-year-old son Andrew share his enthusiasm and his other two children, Paul (6) and Susan (5), are being introduced to the art of handling a bell as the opportunity occurs. Now 43 years of age, Mr. Jopp has been ringing bells from the age of 16. He claims to have rung in

about 700 churches; among them being Wells, Gloucester and Exeter Cathedrals, but his favourite bells are the 12 at Worcester Cathedral.

Mr. Jopp will shortly be heard on the B.B.C. Home Service programme—'Home in the Afternoon,' when he will talk about ringing and his own bells.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Eastern Branch

Despite winter conditions some 30 ringers attended the Eastern Branch meeting held at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, on December 5th. The Rev. W. Westwood conducted the service, the lesson was read by Mr. D. Carr and Mr. S. Mitchell played the organ. A splendid tea was provided by Sister Riley and her staff.

Miss D. Lidbetter (Branch chairman) presided over the business meeting. Members stood in silent tribute for Mr. Clayton Parnell of Gorleston who had died since the last meeting at the age of 90. Mr. Ian Margetts (Beccles) and Mr. Barry Pickup (Lowestoft) were elected ringing members. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar, organist and Sister Riley.

Future meetings: Practice meeting Norton Subcourse, January 9th, Branch annual Great Yarmouth, February 13th.

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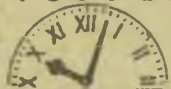
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MR. CLAUDE RUSH DELVES INTO 'CHURCH BELLS'

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WHAPLODE, LINCOLNSHIRE

'27 Feb., 1775.—10,080 changes or 84 Peals' by 5 ringers, 5 bells, 'Rais'd and settled the bells in 7 hrs, and 26 mins. Tenor 13 cwt. All by Henry Penn of Peterborough, 1718.'

THE SANITARY INFLUENCE OF BELL-RINGING AND ITS MELODIES

A correspondent, George Gregory, M.D., of Great Lever, Bolton, Lancs, wrote on 4 May, 1778, 'Under the above heading in "Church Bells" of 1876 (I quoted from this in extracts I submitted several years ago, C.R.) I gave theoretical reasons why bell-ringing had a most beneficial effect upon the health. I had then no facts to support these opinions, but have since gleaned some from "Leisure Hour." My object was, and is, to induce young men—especially those who engage in sedentary occupations—to become good ringers; considering as I then did, and still do, that such persons should esteem the opportunity of becoming experts in this art as a privilege—perhaps a duty—to be thankful for, rather than an office of pleasure or profit.

Then "Leisure Hour" is quoted as follows: 'In 1784 a peal of 14,480 changes of Bob Major was rung by eight men at Oldham in Lancashire. One of the performers was a man, Daniel Mills, who was always ready to take in any extraordinary feat of ringing. He died in 1851, aged 91. In 1793 a party of Birmingham ringers surpassed the Oldham peal by ringing one of 15,360 changes in 9 hrs. 31 mins. at Aston Church, where the tenor weighs 21 cwt. In this peal the age of the oldest ringer was 28 and the youngest 20, and as showing that this feat did not entail any injurious effects on them, the former of these men, who rang the heaviest bell died in his 68th year, while the latter, who rang the next heaviest bell, lived until he completed his 81st year.

There are ringers who have the great ambition to assist in long peals. At no place has there been such an enterprising band of ringers as, some time ago, existed in Painswick, in Gloucestershire. At that place, at different times, they had held the lead for long-length ringing in several different systems; and, indeed, the lengths rung in Grandsire Caters and Treble Bob Maximus in 1817 and 1833 respectively have not yet (i.e., May, 1878) been surpassed. A few remarks concerning the first of these performances may be of interest. In 1816 the Painswick men rang 10,278 changes of Grandsire Caters, which length a rival society at Bristol soon after 'cut' by ringing a peal a few changes longer. Unwilling to be thus beaten, the Painswick men, in 1817, accomplished a peal of 12,312 changes in 7 hrs. 44 mins, which remains to the present date the longest length rung in this method by ten men only. The tenor at Painswick weighs 27 cwt.

Records of long peals at Painswick date back to 1735 when change-ringing must have been quite in its infancy. The Painswick men who rang these peals may therefore be said to have been born ringers. Their fathers before them were mostly ringers, and they themselves devoted much of their leisure time in practising this art.

It has been shown that Barham's comrades could muster in such an advanced stage of life that eight of them, who were able to ring, averaged 72 years; and, in the same manner, the ages to which the Painswick men who rang in the peal just described may be cited in favour of the beneficial effects of ringing. The only survivor of this band is Giles Mansfield, who now, at the age of 85 is alive and hearty; the other nine men died at the respective ages of 89, 87, 78, 80, 84, 50, 71, 70 and 85 years. These numbers, with the age of Mansfield, make an average of nearly 78 years for each man; and, if the age of the ringer who died at 50 be excepted, the average of the remaining 9 will be 82 years. As a warning to bachelors, it may be mentioned that the ringer who died at 50 was the only unmarried man amongst the band!

These examples will show that ringing may be classed as one of the most beneficial of

exercises and may fitly be concluded by adding that the oldest ringer in England is Jonathan Pavier, who was born at South Hincksey, near Oxford on 31 May, 1779. He rang his first 5,000 in 1807, and in 1815 rang a peal of 10,008 of Grandsire Caters at New College, Oxford. Although he has now been blind for many years, he is otherwise in full possession of his faculties. (Who is the oldest ringer alive in (a) England, (b) Britain today? C.R.)

IMMANUEL CHURCH, OSWALDTWISTLE, NEAR ACCRINGTON

Easter Day, 12 April, 1878, new ring of six dedicated, cast by Taylors. The first 720, Plain Bob, was rung by the Ribchester Parish Ringers, B. Walton Treble . . . B. Walton, jnr. Tenor 'being a son of the old man who rung the treble and conducted the peal.'

WEAR-GIFFORD, near BIDEFORD, DEVON

Easter Monday, 22 April, 1878. Bells reopened after augmentation to six and complete rehanging by Messrs. Abbott & Co., of Bideford.

HOLY TRINITY, PRIVETT, HANTS.

24 April 1878.—Eight members of Ancient Society of College Youths had the honour of opening a new ring of 8 by Mears and Stainbank—5,043 Grandsire Triples—with two doubles in the last four leads, 2 hrs. 59 mins.

REIGATE PARISH CHURCH

27 April, 1878.—Eight members of Royal Cumberland Youths (late London Scholars) rang 5,040 Grandsire Triples, 3 hrs. 12 mins. the first peal since rehanging of bells by Gillett and Bland, Croydon.

GUILD FUNDS AND PAYMENT OF RINGERS

Rev. R. H. D. Ackland Troyte, assistant Curate of Porlock, set out his suggestion for a scheme for the administration of the funds of Ringing Guilds. This brought a reply from Rev. Walter B. Money, Curate of Weybridge, Surrey, which included 'Rather more than three years ago (about 1875) we were presented with a ring of 8 bells, and we had to draw up rules for the bell-ringers among whom I am proud to number myself. Our ringers are nearly all working men. We decided that they should be 12 in number . . . steady character and regular attendants at church . . . All money, whether derived from weddings, or subscriptions, or fines, shall be paid into a fund to be held by the treasurer. At the yearly meeting (in August) any member may draw his share which must not exceed £2. Any surplus at the end of the year shall be put into a reserve fund to aid members of the Guild or their families in case of need . . .

'Liverpool College Youth' disagreed very strongly. He asks why ringers should not be paid as well as the organist, choir, sexton, vergier, and the woman cleaner. At his church, he says, exclusive of practice, ringers have to ring—

52 Sundays, 2 services	104
Queen's Birthday, 3 peals	3
Accession, 3 peals	9
Coronation, 3 peals	9
Prince of Wales' Birthday, 3 peals	3
Old Year out and New Year in	2
Total	188

'If a merchant, tradesman, etc., employs anyone, a salary is fixed with, perhaps a possible something at the year's end. By payment at a fixed rate you have control over those you employ . . . as to what ringers do with their salary, it does not concern anyone but themselves . . . If this idea of expecting gratuitous service goes on much longer, all ringing will soon cease and we shall no longer hear that "England is the ringing island."

The Editor put a footnote agreeing that ringers should be paid as well as other officials of the church and adds 'As for firing or clashing the bells as a token of rejoicing, we hold

it to be a barbarous custom and should not be allowed.'

Rev. Ackland Troyte comes back later saying that he thinks that ringers should be paid at once from the Guild funds for time lost from their work . . . 2s. 6d. or 3s. or whatever they like to those who give up their day's work for ringing. He also reminds 'Liverpool College Youth' that most of the church officials (organist, choir and ringers) in country parishes are volunteers. 'We get for them what we can by offertories and contributions . . . but if it was found impossible to get any funds at all . . . I do not believe that even then the services would be without music or the iron tongues of the steeple silent.'

'Treble Bob' wrote, 'It is quite impossible to pay for the time spent in learning to ring properly. Fifty pounds a man would not be too much to repay every member of a company for the time necessarily given to become a fair change-ringer. I believe change-ringing is nearly always done by volunteers. In old-fashioned places the introduction of half-pull ringing is looked upon with disfavour because it gives the bells a new sound . . . The children in this village (name not mentioned, C.R.) say the bells go "Ding, Dong, Alarum, Boom." So they do, rung by the village ringers. The treble is high-pitched, the second rung wide and the tenor too deep for the others . . . The best way to pay ringers is by kindness, instruction and lose nothing by it—no immediate pay-work, and thus helping them to better thoughts and better things. To pay men worth having to ring is nearly impossible . . .

Rev. Money returns with ' . . . ringers such as gardeners, etc., can get away from work and lose nothing by it.—no immediate payment for them.

W. Wigram asks: 'Do cricketers get their ground, their pavilion, bats, stumps, etc., for nothing? Is a cricketer paid unless he be a professional and acting under the orders of those who do pay him? . . . There are some ringers who look for what is aptly called "encouragement" . . . If in money, let it come in lump sums, not in dribbles. I think the proposal to help a ringer in illness out of a bell fund is a mistake. That is the work of a benefit club . . .

'Treble Bob' returns—'The only days on which ringers should be ordered to ring are wedding days, and for these they expect to, and do, receive payment. For church festivals they should ring without pay . . . I do not call a man a ringer who slashes a bell about and then goes begging. The true ringer is a clever man and a volunteer.'

'A well known ringer' writes, ' . . . Where ringers get the best pay most of the evils that we deplore are most rampant, where there is no week-night practice and no attempt to teach young ringers.'

'A country ringer' asks, 'At how many churches would there be ringing on a Queen's Birthday if there was no pay? Is there one ringer in London who would leave his work for 1s. 6d. (the 1s. 6d.=½ day's pay at 18s. per week)? How is it that there are so few peals of 5,000 rung on that day? Every man, if he leave his work to ring at the request of others, ought to receive not less than 5s., no matter whether 6 or 12 bells. Ringers in the West of England never think of pay for Easter, Whitsun, Harvest thanksgiving and other days, but for days called "State Days" let them receive 5s. a bell and for weddings what is usually given.'

OTLEY, SUFFOLK

A new treble, the wedding gift of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Woolmer, of Stoke-upon-Trent, has been added to the old ring of five, making a very musical six. The bell-opening took place 3 May, 1878. The new bell, by Warners, was hung by Days of Eye. It weighs 4 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs. Tenor G sharp. 11½ cwt., cast by Stephen Tonne, Bury St. Edmund's, 1576. There is probably no village in the country which has more rings of bells round it than Otley . . . Surely this ought to be an inducement for the resident gentry and clergy to encourage the art of change-ringing as much as possible. . . .

To be continued.

PINHOE, DEVON.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Colton 1, M. Lock 2, H. Crisp 3, P. Pavey 4, A. White (first of Minor as cond.) 5, D. Wills 6. First of Minor 3 and 4.



We are indebted to Mr. Christopher Dalton for this photograph of St. John the Baptist Church, King's Norton-by-Gaulby, Leics. This church has been prominent in our correspondence columns. The first peal rung here was on May 28th, 1776. A reader comments: 'Peals rung on these glorious toned bells are earned; they are not kids' stuff.'

MR. LEONARD DERRICK'S

100 PEALS

Mr. Leonard Derrick, the well known Nailsea ringer, has completed his 100 peals, his first being rung before the war at Barrow Gurney, Somerset. Of his 100, 76 were rung for the Bath and Wells Association, 15 the Gloucester and Bristol Association, six the Ancient Society of College Youths, two the Devon Guild and one Llandaff and Monmouth Associations. Details:

ALL ON TOWER BELLS

Stedmap: Cinques 4, Caters 16, Triples 11, Doubles 9 (conducted 4).

Grandsire: Cinques 1, Caters 11, Triples 15, Doubles 2.

Plain Bob: Royal 1, Major 7, Minor 5 (3), Doubles 1.

Kent T.B.: Major 1, Minor 1.

Minor in 7 methods 5, 2 methods 3.

Doubles in 11 methods 1, 8 methods 1.

6 methods J (1), 4 methods 1 (1), 3 methods 2 (1), 2 methods 1 (1).

Total: 100 (11).

AN EVENING OF QUARTERS

Sixteen ringers set out from Luppitt on Dec. 1st to cross the Blackdown Hills and ring quarter peals simultaneously in three adjoining villages in the Vale of Taunton. It nearly succeeded. A second attempt was necessary at Pitminster, where ropes slipping wheels caused an early breakdown. The reverberation of the heavy six at West Buckland caused the conductor's downfall and again a second attempt was necessary. A shaky start was made at Angersleigh, but ringing improved. Mr. E. Broom of Curry Rivel joined the party. Details of quarters:—

Pitminster.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. E. Thorne 1, A. W. Sage 2, Miss Barnard 3, E. W. Broom (cond.) 4, L. Marke 5, W. Broom 6. West Buckland.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Thorpe 1, I. Broom 2, A. Wright 3, H. Sage (cond.) 4, T. J. Thorne 5, T. E. Thorne 6. Angersleigh.—1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire): G. C. Crabbe (first in three methods) 1, A. J. Crabbe 2, J. Sage 3, C. Churchill 4, F. J. Sage (cond.) 5. First on five bells 1, 2 and 4.

LADIES' GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Beckington, Somerset, on December 12th. A very warm welcome was extended by the Rector, the Rev. W. T. H. B. Davies, and by Mr. Fear, the local tower captain, while the warmth of the church on a rather raw and damp day was also very welcome.

The Rector conducted a short choral service, which was followed by a sumptuous tea in the Church Hall, prepared by Mrs. Randall and some of the youthful lady members of the Beckington band.

At the business meeting it was decided to try and hold the annual meeting at Stapleton and to hold a practice meeting in the Bath area during February.

Two new members were elected—Miss Margaret Taylor and Miss Margaret Hayns, both from St. James', Bristol.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds and call changes to Cambridge Major. M. de J.

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PADBURY, BUCKS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Holland 1, C. Gough 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, C. Stopps 4, H. Stopps 5, W. H. Yates 6. In memoriam Horace Thatcher.

PETHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Myrtle Cook 1, Jane Hough 2, Rachel Sinden 3, Elizabeth Todd 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. P. Brotherton 6. Rung after peal attempt had broken down.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Shelagh R. Collins has accepted an appointment at King's Lynn Technical College and will be leaving Kettering early in January.

A quarter peal was rung at Cuddesdon on December 12th as a farewell to four ordinands, one of whom is going to Kimberley, South Africa. Few theological colleges have closer links with its Diocesan Guild than Cuddesdon.

Mr. John E. Metcalfe, of Shepton Mallet, steered four newcomers to our columns through their first quarter peal at Wanstrow, Somerset. It is a long time since a quarter peal was rung on this six with a 10 cwt. tenor.

Congratulations to Miss Vanessa C. A. Rodrigues, one of the bright stars of the Wimbleton towers' quarter peal enthusiasts, who has been awarded the Belby Scholarship at Somerville College, Oxford. Vanessa is a student at St. Paul's Girls' School.

We are asked to make a correction in the quarter peal rung at Easthampstead, Berks, for Sir Winston Churchill's 90th birthday. Sir Winston and others interested should know that there were 36 more changes of Cambridge Surprise Minor (1,296) rung than published on page 851.

The Editor is awaiting an inquiry from a reader concerning a line block of a church with a square tower. No name accompanied the block, and while a watchful eye has been kept on copy, in an endeavour to find a clue, the Editor is still baffled. Is there a story to go with the block?—the church certainly looks interesting.

Mr. W. J. Beeching, of Ruckinge, Ashford, Kent, writes that the bells of Newchurch Parish Church, Romney Marsh, have recently been inspected by a tower adviser with a view to making the five ringable. Four of the bells were cast by John Welmer and dated 1637. The expert informed us that in all his work among church bells he had never before come across any cast by John Welmer. Can any reader give an indication of the extent of his work and where his foundry was established?

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Three Half-Centuries From Frome

A peal of distinction was rung at Frome on December 12th to celebrate a total of 150 years of ringing service by the three senior members of the tower—Donald Flower, William Mills and Percy Bray (or Uncle Perce as he is affectionately called). Five of the local band participated in the peal but the whole band extend their heartfelt congratulations and thanks to the trio for their long period of faithful service and look forward to many more years of their company.

Survived Accident

The three are regular members of the Sunday service band and, although Don Flower has, only temporarily we hope, to avoid long legins owing to a back injury, both Bill Mills and Uncle Perce frequently ring in quarter peals on the rather heavy bells at Frome. It was feared at one time that Uncle Perce would have to retire from active ringing after a serious accident some years ago, which resulted in a broken hip bone. Despite his age, he made a marvellous recovery and is once again very active.

Never Too Late to Start

Mr. W. F. Gladinan, who learned to ring in 1910 at Studnam, has just rung his first peal—at Totternhoe, Bedfordshire. He owes his reintroduction to his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sinfield. The peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. R. J. Scott, who has completed 40 years as a ringer at Totternhoe.

The Right Spirit

Comments one of our faithful subscribers in sending 10s. to meet the increase in price operative from January 1st: 'I hasten to forward the forthcoming increase in price and postage. I have said many times it is cheap at twice the price. Our meetings, peals and correspondence: one can say almost what one likes, providing it is not nasty.' What more could anyone want?

Kept the Bells Ringing in 1914

Mrs. Marie Cross writes recalling that her mother learned to ring 50 years ago during World War I. A list of those who came forward to 'man' the bells during the 1914-18 war and are still ringing would make an interesting record for the Ladies' Guild.

Whose Greeting and Blessing?

The Editor is accustomed to having to deal with omissions from peal reports. It was a new experience to receive a Christmas card portraying the shepherds and the Holy Babe from a design by Clare Dawson, without the name of the sender. At any rate, the blessing conveyed by the card is much valued.

A New Field After 1,000 Peals

With a well known Spliced Surprise ringer standing behind him, the Ringing Master of the Leatherhead District and a 1,000th pealer rang his first course of Bristol at the recent meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. Is 'Cannon' Surprise at last losing ground?

Personal Peal Totals for 1964

The individual peal totals for 1964 are to be of a more comprehensive character than hitherto and are being compiled by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Taylor, of 15, Greenacre Road, Whitchurch, Bristol.

The following information relating to 1964 will be given:

- (a) Total number of peal ringers.
- (b) Number of composers whose compositions have been rung.
- (c) List of leading composers indicating the number of times their compositions have been rung.

- (d) List of leading peal ringers giving (1) Peals rung, (2) Peals conducted, (3) Tenors turned-in, (4) Handbell peals rung, (5) Tenors turned-in whilst conducting, (6) Handbell peals rung whilst conducting.

The list of leading ringers will be published separately for tower and handbells and not combined.

While Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have been meticulous about accuracy difficulties do arise when peals are withdrawn or duplicates are published, also when people allow their names to be published in non-standard forms, have duplicate names or change their names. They ask peal ringers to co-operate by sending totals of tower- and handbell peals rung to the above address.

In co-operation with the Editor, it has been agreed that only peals published by January 29th, 1965, will be included in the analysis.

In Quest of Duke's Award

A quarter peal in five months from scratch! Such is the promising start made by Sheila Gibbs, a young lady at Kingston-upon-Thames, who has 'trebled' a quarter of Bob Minor. Sheila, intent upon the comparatively difficult first hurdle of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, is showing just as much initiative and competence in handbell ringing too. Already she is ringing an 'inside' pair to Bob Major with a skill that belies her short apprenticeship.

Have Readers a Lack of Interest?

We cannot subscribe to the view expressed by 'Cornishman' that, a largish number of people take 'The Ringing World' to support the paper rather than for any general interest. Our experience is that few journals are so carefully scrutinised, as 'The Ringing World.' It is true that technical articles have only a limited appeal, but then we are a technical paper and have responsibilities in that direction.

Greeting

My first is in chime but not in ring,
My second in chant but not in sing,
My third is in clapper but not in flight,
My fourth in rope but not in sight,
My fifth is in belfry but not in steeple,
My sixth in parson but not in people,
My seventh's in headstock but not in crown,
My eighth in lower and also in down,
My ninth is in foundry but not in cast,
My tenth in cover but not in last,
My eleventh's in peal but not in touch,
My twelfth in grab but not in clutch.
**MY WHOLE IS A GREETING TO RICH
AND POOR,
A THREE-WORDED MESSAGE (FIVE,
THREE, FOUR), S. R. C.**

Leonard Derrick

The congratulations of a wide circle of friends will be extended to Mr. Leonard Derrick, who for many years has been in charge of Nailsea tower. He can truly be regarded as one of those constituting the salt of the Exercise—his enthusiasm inspires all and is infectious. One of his chief assets is his willingness to go anywhere and ring anything, and he is never happier than when joining in an outing amongst the fives and sixes of Somerset. His knowledge of the bells of his native county and the work of the various founders is most extensive.

Famous Tenors

His first peal was ringing the sixth to Holt's Original at Barrow Gurney, Somerset, conducted by Ernest Stitch. His pre-war peals include Stedman Caters at the blitzed Church of St. Nicholas, Bristol, and at SS. Philip and Jacob's for the 1937 Coronation. Both peals were conducted by Jack Brown, whose retirement as tower captain of SS. Philip and Jacob's was announced recently. When the ban was lifted after the war he took part in a number of peals—the first 12 bell peal for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association in 1948 and in ringing tenors at Wrington, St. Mary Redcliffe and Buckfast Abbey, and in sharing the job at Exeter and Wells Cathedral. Of his peals 76 have been rung for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association and six for the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Indomitable Spirit

Leonard had a serious illness in 1959, but a miracle of surgery and his indomitable spirit allowed him to ring again. His 100th peal was rung at Chew Magna, conducted by the Rev. R. O. Fry, and was an in memoriam peal to Major John H. B. Hesse. His friends wish him all success in the future in his efforts towards the next 100. His list appears on another page.

Staunton Harold Bells

Mr. Christopher Dalton, of Leigh, near Reigate, inquires who has banned the ringing of Staunton Harold, Leics, bells. The chapel, he states, unlike the hall, is in the unusual position of belonging to the National Trust, which fully restored it some years ago.

Bells—A Museum Feature

In Brighton museum, this year's December exhibition is called 'Christmas Bells.' Designed to mark the 80th anniversary of the Sussex County Association, it will remain open until January 30th. By means of models, it shows a foundry and a tower installation; the theory and practice of ringing is described, and the story of the spread of the art is vividly illustrated by large scale maps of the World, the British Isles, and the County. Further cases portray the national and regional organisations, ringing newspapers, etc. Books on show cover many different facets of the subjects, and some cartoons are happily included to attract the casual visitor. The whole has been made possible by loans from members of the Sussex Association. Mr. Victor Sheppard would be pleased to learn if any aspects of ringing have been the subject of a museum display before.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

OAKHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Arthur J. Stimson Treble	John H. Bluff 5
John Freeman 2	Geoffrey E. Watson 6
E. Alan Jacques 3	Brian Harris 7
Roland H. Cook 4	John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

FROME, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES

Tenor 31 cwt.

David G. Massey Treble	Ronald G. Beck 5
David T. H. Robertson 2	Raymond E. J. Baker 6
David A. Burt 3	George W. Massey 7
David J. Orledge 4	Hugh Vennell Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by George W. Massey.
First peal in the method on the bells, for the Association, and by all the band.

Rung to mark the completion of fifty years ringing service to the tower by each of the following: Donald H. Flower (tower captain), William H. Mills and Percy Bray.

MONTACUTE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 24 cwt.
Raymond P. Selway Treble	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 4
Gilbert W. Rendell 2	Albert W. Dyer 5
Derek S. Beaufoy 3	William E. Turner Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

First peal in the method on the bells.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

TOTTERHOE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Thurs., Dec. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's six-part.	Tenor 9½ cwt.
*Ian Knox Treble	R. John Scott 5
*Roy Stripp 2	John W. Sinfeld 6
*Christine Smith 3	Stephen Ivin 7
*Jeffrey Cloughton 4	†William F. Gladman Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal, learned to ring in 1910.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. J. Scott, who has now completed 40 years ringing in this tower.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

HYDE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb.

Malcolm A. Phillips Treble	John Robinson 5
John H. Fielden 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh 6
Richard S. Starkie 3	*Jeffrey J. Fox 7
*Christopher K. Cooper 4	Tudor P. Edwards Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by John H. Fielden.

* First peal of Bristol.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Frank Osaldiston Treble	William H. Dowse 5
David Vincent 2	Basil Jones 6
Harold C. Lanyon 3	Neil Bennett 7
Alan McFall 4	*Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by Sephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* 200th peal of Surprise Major. First in the method on the bells.

OLD GLOSSOP, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

Brian Schofield Treble	John Booth 5
David Vincent 2	Alan Sharples 6
Neil Lomas 3	John Robinson 7
Sidney Hough 4	Denis Mottershead Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

ALREWAS, Staffs.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 31, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 5 lb. in G.

*Judy A. Suffolk Treble	*F. Mark Robottom 5
Keith F. Gardener 2	Ian P. Unsworth 6
†John G. Webb 3	James Draycott 7
Christine L. Mason 4	David J. Allen Tenor

Conducted by David J. Allen.
* First of Plain Bob Major. † First of Major.

CLAYBROOKE, Leics.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Mrs. Pamela Wright Treble	Arthur R. Wright 5
*F. Mark Robottom 2	†Ian D. Thompson 6
†Peter S. Bennett 3	Geoffrey Pratt 7
Hubert E. Ashley 4	David J. Allen Tenor

Conducted by David J. Allen.
* First of Surprise Major 'inside.' † 50th peal for the Guild.
† First of Cambridge Surprise Major.

EXHALL-BY-COVENTRY, Works.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Mon. Nov. 2, 1964, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOURNE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B flat.

John G. Webb Treble	Ian P. Unsworth 4
George P. Hammond 2	David J. Allen 5
Keith F. Gardener 3	Ian C. Maycock Tenor

Conducted by David J. Allen.
First peal in the method by all the band on the bells, and thought to be for the Guild.

BERKSWELL, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. John Baptist.

On Fri., Nov. 13, 1964, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.

David J. Allen Treble	Ian P. Unsworth 4
*Raymond D. Hart 2	*Ian C. Maycock 5
*F. Mark Robottom 3	Geoffrey Pratt Tenor

Conducted by David J. Allen.

* First peal in the method.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Being 42 extents (ten callings).	
William C. Budd Treble	Peter J. Lock 4
Leslie A. Whewall 2	Aubrey G. Eveleigh 5
*Julian G. Edgson 3	Philip M. Edgson Tenor

Conducted by Aubrey G. Eveleigh.

* First peal 'inside.'
Rung to welcome the new Incumbent, the Rev. Robert Mighall, M.A., Mrs. Mighall and family.

EXHALL-BY-COVENTRY, Works.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Mon., Dec. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B flat.

Christine L. Mason Treble	Keith F. Gardener 4
*John G. Webb 2	Ian P. Unsworth 5
George P. Hammond 3	David J. Allen Tenor

Conducted by David J. Allen.
* First of Surprise 'inside.' First of Ipswich Surprise Minor on the bells and by all the band.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ALTON, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Dec. 10, 1964, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Johnson's variation.	
Alan Taylor Treble	Burley P. Morris 5
David Friend 2	*Douglas Derbyshire 6
Joseph C. Woolley 3	Harold Taylor 7
Gordon A. Halls 4	Michael R. Blore Tenor

Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Sir Winston Churchill.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

EAST BUDLEIGH, Devonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., Nov. 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 9 cwt.

Parker's One-Part.	
Sidney Skinner Treble	Brian Pidgeon 5
John Quick 2	Cyril Deem 6
*Michael Board 3	John Glanville 7
Cyril Savage 4	George Retter Tenor

Conducted by Sidney Skinner.

* First peal of Triples. First of Parker's One-Part for the Guild and in the county.

A compliment to Winston S. Churchill for his 90th birthday.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

EPPING, Essex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5152 LUTTERWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20½ cwt.

Joan Spreadbury Treble	Dennis A. Hewitt 5
Ian R. Panton 2	Frank B. Lufkin 6
Aidan St. J. Boyack 3	Andrew J. Salisbury 7
Frank V. Gant 4	Alfred J. House Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler.

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

Alice E. G. Lester Treble	Peter G. Brown 5
Robert E. Lester 2	Frank B. Lufkin 6
Lawrence E. Pizzey 3	Walter Arnold 7
Ian G. Campbell 4	Philip J. Rothera Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

GREAT EASTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

William Chapman Treble	Frank Roper 4
Alfred Little 2	Ronald Suckling 5
Ernest Brown 3	Peter Wood Tenor

Conducted by Ronald Suckling.

Rung to welcome the Rev. M. G. Newton as Rector of Great Easton.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SIRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret-of-Antioch.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 11 methods, comprising 576 each of Cambridge, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire and Bristol, and 384 each of London, Rutland, Uxbridge, Ashted, Lincolnshire and Cassiobury, with 126 changes of method.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Peter T. Hurcombe .. Treble	Anthony R. Peake 5
Cyril A. Wratten 2	Gordon W. Land 6
Brian Bladon 3	*Victor Griffin 7
Edward R. Venn 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* 150th peal. 150th peal as conductor and 200th peal for the Association. The most Major methods to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WATFORD, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. Treble	D. Kay Adkins' 6
Claudia A. Critchley 2	Roger Baldwin 7
G. William Critchley 3	Christopher W. Woolley 8
Vernon Green 4	Thomas J. Lock 9
*Peter F. Windley 5	Kenneth R. Dunstan Tenor

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal on the bells.

KIMPTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods, viz: (1) Cambridge, (2) Double Bob, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

Gerald Penney Treble	Julia A. Fellows 4
*Christina R. Folkes 2	Eric Edmondson 5
Roger D. R. Brown 3	Michael D. Frost Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First peal in six methods.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son, Simon Christopher, to Sheila and Roger Brown.

WALLINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising two 2,160's and one extent (C.C.C. Nos. 57, 54, 56 et var., and 31).

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

Robert D. Bellamy Treble	Bernard G. North 4
*George E. Bonham 2	Philip Mehew 5
David R. Saunderson 3	Terry R. Hatchett Tenor

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

* 25th peal. Mr. T. R. Hatchett has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Number 3 Version.

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Cyril S. Jarrett Treble	Colin A. Tester 6
Olive D. Tester 2	Trevor A. Cross 7
Robert W. Hinde 3	Martin L. Howe 8
*R. James Cook 4	Bernard F. L. Groves 9
Christopher T. Osenton .. 5	Frank E. Darby Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank E. Darby.

* First peal of London Surprise Royal. Trevor A. Cross has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. J. Norris, with the best wishes of the band, on their golden wedding anniversary.

BORDEN, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

Reginald E. Lambert .. Treble	David S. Osenton 5
Thomas E. Sone 2	John W. Coleman 6
*Terence Barton 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. 7
Cyril S. Jarrett 4	Bernard F. L. Groves Tenor

Composed by J. Topp.

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

David K. Putnam Treble	John R. Ketteringham .. 5
Christopher T. Osenton .. 2	David S. Osenton 6
Roger D. Bailey 3	John W. Coleman 7
Alexander Waddington .. 4	Bernard F. L. Groves Tenor

Composed by S. Jenner.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal in the method by all the band.

WESTERHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDESEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

John O. Weller Treble	*John W. Smith 5
Ann Jenner 2	Andrew J. Corby 6
*D. Paul Smith 3	Stanley Jenner 7
†Tony Lewis 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise.

A birthday peal for John W. Smith.

OSPRINGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Judith M. Corby Treble	Colin A. Tester 5
Lucile M. Corby 2	Andrew J. Corby 6
Ann Jenner 3	Stanley Jenner 7
Olive D. Tester 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

RAINHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb. in E flat.

Ann Jenner Treble	Stanley Jenner 5
Arthur S. Richards 2	Ian H. Oram 6
Doris E. Colgate 3	Thomas Cullingworth 7
Ralph Bird 4	Dennis A. Chapman Tenor

Composed by John L. Norris.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

First peal in the method by all the band.

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Norris, of Chatham, on their golden wedding anniversary.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-HYTHE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 19 lb. in A flat.

*Roger White Treble	†Vivienne Dye 4
*Margaret Mallinson 2	Peter Richardson 5
*Elizabeth John 3	Crawford T. Hillis Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Mary, George and Denys.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERES

Tenor 27 cwt.

Neil Bennett Treble	S. Michael J. Young 6
Frank Osbaldiston 2	Derek A. Ashton 7
Brian A. Tomlinson 3	Gordon Benfield 8
John Booth 4	Tudor P. Edwards 9
F. John Nelson 5	David Baker Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by F. John Nelson.

Rung as a welcome to the Dean.

Tenor 27 cwt.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LANCASTER.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 17, 1964, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 31½ cwt.

John Robinson	Treble	F. John Nelson	5
Sidney Hough	2	Neil D. Lomas	6
John A. Booth	3	John H. Fielden	7
Alan Sharples	4	Denis Mottershead	Tenor

Composed by P. J. K. Davies.

Conducted by F. John Nelson.

Rung to mark the opening of the University of Lancaster.

PENDLETON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Fri., Dec. 18, 1964, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Margaret Fort	Treble	Peter Watson	5
David Vincent	2	Geoff. Fearnough	6
*Brian Schofield	3	Denis Mottershead	7
*Michael Young	4	Neil Lomas	Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to mark the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to the Rev. Martin Luther King. Tenor 18 cwt.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

EDENHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

William B. Dawson	Treble	Gerald Reynolds	5
Roger D. Bailey	2	*David R. Baxter	6
Keith R. Davey	3	Frank Taylor	7
Edwin T. Chapman	4	Alan G. Payne	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

* First peal of Major in the method.

Tenor 16 cwt.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

PENARTH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Augustine.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-Part.		Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.	
Nicholas W. H. Simon ..	<i>Treble</i>	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland ..	5
*Ruth E. Havard	2	Thomas Yeomans	6
†Nicholas D. Evans	3	M. Jack Pryor	7
‡Stephen Fenwick	4	David J. Llewellyn	<i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

* First peal of Grandsire and of Triples. † First 'inside.' ‡ First on eight bells.

NEWTON-NOTTAGE, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John Baptist.

On Thurs., Dec. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 30 extents and six 240's (16 variations).		Tenor 8½ cwt.
Rev. Derek E. Ford ..	<i>Treble</i>	William T. Petty .. 4
Michael Larcher	2	D. Walford Davies .. 5
David R. Everett	3	*Trevor M. Roderick .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by Trevor M. Roderick.

* 175th peal and 140th for the Association.

THE GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

LANGLEYBURY, Herts.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.				
Kathleen Baker	.. ..	Treble	David Gullick	.. .. 4
*John Killick	.. ..	2	Denys Neal Smith	.. .. 5
Veronica Dupré	.. ..	3	Philip Chalk	.. .. Tenor

* First peal. Conducted by Philip Chalk.

In memory of Francis Stedman Poole (1882-1964), first president of the Guild, 1955-57.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

WINFARTHING, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Dec. 13, 1964, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, Double Oxford Bob, Thelwall Bob, Childwall Bob, St. Clement's Bob, and Plain Bob.				Tenor 9 cwt. in G.
*Desmond P. Mortlock	Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold	4	
William Clover	2	†Thomas E. Spight	5	
Henry Tooke	3	Leslie F. Bailey	Tenor	
Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.				

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

* First peal of Minor. † First in seven 'Plain' methods.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son, to Mr. and Mrs. David Cubitt, of Norwich.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BURFORD, Oxon.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 JEDBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr.

William J. Dixon	Treble	Gordon W. Land	5
Charles Coles	2	D. Kay Adkins	6
Peter D. Beedie	3	Brian W. Hall	7
Frederick W. Soden	4	Thomas J. Lock	Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.

First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Soden.

NEWTON LONGUEVILLE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Faith.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Robert E. J. Dennis	Treble	Michael W. Coleman	5
Frederick R. Scott	2	David P. Hilling	6
Timothy G. Pett	3	Robin G. Leale	7
Alan E. Bagworth	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

BLETCHLEY, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., Dec. 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's transposition of Thurstan's Four-Part.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

Roger Cadamy	Treble	James Linnell	5
William A. Yates	2	Albert E. Daniels	6
Charles E. Trueman	3	George W. Holland	7
Joseph Marks	4	Donald J. Meager	Tenor

Conducted by George W. Holland.

Rung half-muffled by the North Bucks Branch in memory of Harry Sear, for 65 years ringer and bellmaster of St. Mary's, Bletchley. Also for Herbert C. Edwards, of Stony Stratford. Truly two devoted servants of the Church.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

HAZELBEECH, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F. sharp.

William A. Yates	Treble	Barrie Hendry	5
Roger W. Smith	2	Graham C. Paul	6
William J. Chester	3	Charles E. Trueman	7
Alan A. Paul	4	George W. Holland	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major as conductor.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Oct. 22, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 IRCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

Susan Funnell	Treble	Norman J. Goodman	5
Muriel Reay	2	Roderick W. Pipe	6
George S. Deas	3	Michael J. Fellows	7
Peter Border	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by Peter Border.

ASTON, Birmingham.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Richard J. Tibbetts	Treble	Geoffrey Davies	5
William J. V. Conduct	2	*Robert E. Hardy	6
Philip G. K. Davies	3	David R. Ingram	7
Maurice G. Ingram	4	Clifford R. Barron	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Geoffrey Davies.

* 50th peal. First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD BLOXWICH (Walsall), Staffs.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Dec. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

*Terry J. Greaves Treble	David J. Bates 5
†Richard B. Dorrington .. 2	Michael W. Fairey 6
Lucy Smith 3	Clive M. Smith 7
Renni M. Hodister 4	Philip G. K. Davies Tenor

Composed by J. H. Barrett.

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

NUTFIELD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford T.B., two 720's of Kent T.B. and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

*Derek D. Atfield Treble	Eric Nixon 4
A. Patrick Cannon 2	†Keith G. Game 5
†Wilfred E. Dunn 3	Alan Streeter Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal. † First in four methods.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

FELPHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Dec. 10, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods, being five extents of Stedman, four each of St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob, three each of Winchendon and St. Remigius, and one extent and Morris's 240 Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G sharp.

*Felicity S. Pocock Treble	*Philip Stevens 4
†Diane M. Street 2	Robert Wake 5
*Michael J. Wake 3	William Bristow Tenor

Conducted by Robert J. Wake.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. Most methods by all except the treble ringer. First of Doubles and in more than one method as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. D. Manners, B.A., on completing 30 years as Vicar of this parish. Also to mark the 21st birthday of Michael J. Wake.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

WHITCHURCH Hampshire.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*Kay Winterbourne Treble	Michael S. Holbrook .. 5
Denby Murduck 2	Paul G. Holmes 6
Bradley Murduck 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
Philip Murduck 4	Reginald F. Crook Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Major.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION KIDDERMINSTER, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1964, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

Donald G. Clift Treble	Philip N. Tubbs 7
Jennifer M. Cook 2	Gwilym Salmon 8
Arthur H. Reed 3	John Hartless 9
Eric Naylor 4	Edward J. Chivers 10
R. Roger Savory 5	Robert C. Kippin 11
Frank L. Harris 6	Lewis F. Cobb Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

Rung for the consecration of the new church of St. Oswald, Broadwaters, Worcester.

PERSHORE, Worcestershire.—At the Abbey Church of the Holy Cross and SS. Mary and Edburgha.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

William B. Cartwright .. Treble	R. George Morris 5
Clifford Skidmore 2	Martin D. Fellows 6
*Arthur C. Berry 3	Michael J. Fellows 7
Sidney T. Holt 4	Thomas W. Lewis Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton.

Arranged by Henry Johnson. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.

* 50th peal.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Tues., Dec. 15, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Peter J. Brown Treble	M. Irene Ellsmore 5
A. Bryan Ellsmore 2	Michael J. Fellows 6
Yvonne Edwards 3	Martin D. Fellows 7
Peter L. Bill 4	John C. Eisel Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

Composition was Pritchard's Four-Part with bobs at 'In' instead of 'Before.'

HANDBELL PEALS

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 17, Queen Street.

On Tues., Dec. 8, 1964, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

Gerald Penney 1—2	Geoffrey Dodds 5—6
*Julia A. Fellows 3—4	Joyce Dodds 7—8

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First in the method. First in the method as conductor.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son, Simon Christopher, to Sheila and Roger Brown.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.

On Wed., Dec. 9, 1964, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 640 each of Bristol and Rutland, 576 each of Ealing, London, Watford and Wembley, 512 of Yorkshire and 480 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 157 changes of method.

Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1—2	*Roger Baldwin 5—6
John R. Mayne 3—4	†Gerald Penney 7—8

Composed by Ernest C. S. Turner. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* 100th peal on handbells † 50th peal for the Association during 1964.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.

On Fri., Dec. 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 14 methods:—(1) Cambridge, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich, Bourne, Huil, (2) Cuneacastle, London, Wells, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Lightfoot, (6) Wearmouth, (7) Netherseale.

Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1—2	Christopher W. Woolley .. 3—4
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Roger Baldwin (cond.) .. 5—6

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF, Glamorgan.—At Llys Esgob.

On Sun., Dec. 13, 1964, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 10 in A flat.

Penelope J. Welch 1—2	Rodney Yeates 3—4
Nicholas W. H. Simon 5—6	

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.

On Fri., Dec. 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Ilkeston Variation.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1—2	Joan Beresford 5—6
*Christopher W. Woolley .. 3—4	*Roger Baldwin 7—8
John R. Mayne 9—10	

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal of Kent and Oxford Royal.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LODDON, Norfolk.—At Fernhill, Bungay Road.

On Sun., Dec. 13, 1964, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 12 methods, being one extent each of Cassington Bob, St. Peter's Bob, Norfolk Bob, Old Doubles, April Day, St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Place Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, four extents of Grandsire and ten each of St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor size 6 in E flat.

H. William Barrett 1—2	Trevor N. J. Bailey (cond.) 3—4
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E. Charles Bailey 5—6

First peal in 12 Doubles methods on handbells by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

LONDON, E.C.3.—In the belfry of the Church of St. Olave.

On Sun., Dec. 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently called extents.

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Antony H. Smith 1—2	*Richard O. Humphries .. 3—4
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P. Gerald McIlhone (cond.) 5—6

* First peal 'in hand.'

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

All rung at SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycoch.

On Fri., Nov. 27, 1964, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods: (1) Reverse Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (2) St. Clement's College Bob, (3) St. Nicholas College Bob, (4) Aber-tawe Bob and Velindre Bob, (5) Double Plain Bob and Fulbeck Bob, (6) Double Plain Bob and Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob, with 83 changes of method.

Tenor size 14 in D.
Hazel Way 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6

On Sat., Nov. 28, 1964, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

In 13 methods: (1) Reverse Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (2) St. Clement's College Bob and Childwall College Bob, (3) St. Clement's College Bob and Buxton College Bob, (4) St. Nicholas College Bob and Gower College Bob, (5) Abertawe Bob and Velindre Bob, (6) Double Plain Bob and Fulbeck Bob, (7) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, with 148 changes of method.

Tenor size 14 in D.
Hazel Way 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6

On Sun., Nov. 29, 1964, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

In 14 methods: (1) Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's College Bob, (2) Buxton College Bob and Childwall College Bob, (3) St. Nicholas College Bob and Gower College Bob, (4) Abertawe Bob and Velindre Bob, (5) Double Plain Bob and Fulbeck Bob, (6) Reverse Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (7) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, with 126 changes of method.

Tenor size 14 in D.
Hazel Way 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6

On Sun., Nov. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

Hazel Way 1—2 | J. Arthur Hoare 5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe 3—4 | Edmund J. Morris 7—8
Composed by Wm. Harrison. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
A compliment to Sir Winston S. Churchill on his 90th birthday.

On Mon., Nov. 30, 1964, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LANGLAND COURT BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
Hazel Way 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6
First peal in the method.

On Fri., Dec. 4, 1964, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CUMBERLAND BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
*Hazel Way 1—2 | †Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
†J. Arthur Hoare 5—6
* 100th peal. † 100th peal together. First peal in the method on handbells.

On Sun., Dec. 6, 1964, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
*Penelope J. Welch 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6
* First peal on handbells.

On Sun., Dec. 6, 1964, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being four extents of Oxford and three extents of Kent, rung alternately. Tenor size 14 in D.
Hazel Way 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6

On Sun., Dec. 6, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 18 in G.
Edmund J. Morris 1—2 | J. Arthur Hoare 5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe 3—4 | Hazel Way 7—8
Richard T. Smith 9—10
Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal on ten handbells by all except the conductor. First peal of Royal for the Guild.

LANGLAND COURT BOB MINOR:

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ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Katharine M. Guy 1, Margaret C. Godfrey 2, E. G. Godfrey 3, Jennifer Brown, (first 'inside') 4, A. M. Macve 5, T. Lewis (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 20th, 1,440 Hathersnudge Surprise Minor: Wendy Wallace 1, Carol Cousins 2, Margaret E. Godfrey 3, E. Godfrey 4, Katharine M. Guy 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Wendy Morris 1, Stella G. Rice 2, Diana M. Gough (cond.) 3, Pamela R. Gough 4, Valerie Mephram 5, Derek H. Paine 6. Rung as a compliment to Sue Waterhouse (a ringer in this tower) and Ted Burton, on the occasion of their marriage.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. Hawkes 1, Anna Sadowska 2, Marilyn Jackson 3, D. Price (cond.) 4, P. S. Robertson 5, J. Smith 6, F. Hawkes 7, A. Halling 8. First in method for all except treble.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. L. Andrews 1, Mrs. E. Pannell 2, M. J. Hillier 3, D. B. Ellery 4, H. D. W. Bishop (cond.) 5, F. G. Knight 6, J. T. Barrett 7, A. D. Case 8. Rung prior to the dedication of the Emily Louise Sutton Memorial Chapel by the Bishop of Sherborne. (Miss Sutton was organist and choir-mistress for 51 years.)

BRADWELL, BUCKS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. E. Whitlock (cond.) 1, A. May 2, N. Gray 3, B. Eglesfield 4, A. Coley 5. Rung in memoriam Mr. Herbert Edwards and Mr. Harry Sear.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Simpson 1, L. North 2, T. Clark 3, Miss L. Simpson 4, C. Cook 5, J. D. Faircloth 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, Miss P. Norris 8. A compliment to Miss L. Simpson, upon her engagement to Mr. Roger Bedford, of Wolverhampton.

CORSHAM, WILTS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Southam 1, B. Ransom 2, R. Button 3, A. Baldwin 4, R. Lovelock 5, K. Hampton (cond.) 6. First quarter 2 and 4.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 1, A. W. Robinson (first on eighth) 2, Miss B. Look 3, H. J. Gaylard 4, Dr. L. E. Wear 5, S. A. Turner 6, G. Salmon (cond.) 7, K. E. Pinney 8. Rung for ordination service in this church by Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells.

QUARTER PEALS

CUDESSEDON, OXON.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): J. W. I. Trevelyan 1, Daphne J. Pollard 2, J. M. Elaine Dixon 3, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 4, C. J. Jones 5, R. S. Staunton (first quarter) 6. First in three methods 1 and 5. Rung as a farewell to Richard S. Staunton (Coventry), Brother Alban, S.S.F. (Salisbury), Russell Ingham (Glasgow) and Hugh Harris (Kimberley, S. Africa), who are to be ordained deacons on December 20th. Also for Peter G. Osborne, to be ordained priest in Portsmouth Cathedral on the same day.

ENHALL-BY-COVENTRY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Minor (four plain methods): H. D. Harrison 1, J. G. Webb 2, I. R. Unsworth 3, R. D. Hart 4, K. F. Gardener 5, A. J. Allen (cond.) 6. For family service.

FARNWORTH, LANCs.—On Dec. 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Elizabeth Mason 1, A. Greenhalgh 2, J. P. Partington 3, H. Worrall 4, Margaret E. Fort 5, D. Latham 6, P. Mason 7, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Dennis Latham.

FORD END, ESSEX.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Smith 1, Yvonne Murray (first quarter) 2, Rosemary Frith 3, Anne Edwards 4, P. Rothera 5, P. J. Eyes (cond.) 6. Rung for the induction of the Rev. H. C. Hughes.

HEADINGTON, OXON.—On St. Andrew's Day, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): 1. Ross 1, Janet Woodman 2, H. Badger 3, N. Deam 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, P. Lucas 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung on Sir Winston Churchill's 90th birthday, before the dedication of the Fish Window, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Janet Woodman.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. P. Yates 1, G. Skinner 2, Mr. E. Lock 3, Ann Fellows 4, D. Jewell 5, C. Bryant 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, P. Colton 8. Rung for marriage this day of Mr. T. G. Acland and Miss P. J. Willis.

HEREFORD.—On Dec. 7th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Preece 1, W. Kitson (cond.) 2, P. L. Hughes 3, H. Johnson 4, S. Bowyer 5, H. Wright 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. William Yates, ringer at this church for 30 years, interred this day.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 11th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. T. Lambert (cond.) 1, P. Bayes 2, M. R. T. Lambert 3, T. E. Sone 4, G. Waghorn 5, R. E. Lambert 6, A. V. Bromley 7, A. W. Durham 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Miss Gregory, for many years a member of the choir and the Church Council.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Norton 1, Mrs. Norton 2, H. Harris 3, R. Luxton 4, N. Neath (cond.) 5, T. Baker 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss N. Baker.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sheila Gibbs (first quarter) 1, B. Ann Swaby 2, D. Foddy 3, R. J. Coates 4, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 5, D. M. Wilkins 6. First 'inside' 2 and 3.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Campbell (first of Minor) 1, M. J. Wilson 2, G. K. Smith 3, A. B. Cooper 4, H. C. Palmer 5, F. C. Hobson (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): A. Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherton 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Matins. Also on the same day, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Elizabeth Todd 1, Myrtle Cook 2, R. P. Brotherton 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, T. C. Uden 6. For Evensong.

and as a 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Brotherton.

MARTIN, HANTS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): H. Jukhtental 1, J. Baverstock 2, P. King (first as cond.) 3, W. Perrins 4, R. N. Marlow 5, K. Owen (first quarter) 6.

MELDRETH, CAMBS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: P. Woolven 1, G. E. Bonham 2, G. W. Massey 3, B. G. North 4, J. G. Gipson 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6. Rung after losing a peal attempt.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. G. Edgson 1, Joan M. Cheney 2, P. M. Edgson 3, Carol Urry 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, A. J. Bellamy 6. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. R. Mighall as Vicar.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Dec. 13th, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mrs. D. G. Mayell 1, Miss V. Mathews 2, Mrs. J. E. M. Hills 3, S. D. Holdaway 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

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TABER.—On Thursday, December 17th, 1964, at Mayday Hospital, Croydon, to Pat and Kevin, a son, Sean Francis, a brother for Naomi Ann. 6015

ENGAGEMENT

JEFFREY-TESTER.—The engagement is announced between Brian Ernest, only son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Jeffrey, of Edenbridge, Kent, and Elizabeth Ann Mary (Betty), only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Tester, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 6005

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Bath Branch.—Annual meeting, January 2nd, St. Michael with St. Paul's (Broad Street) Bells (8) 3 p.m.: service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea please to Mr. J. Hobbs, 21, Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath, please. Abbey bells after tea.—Alan Lee, Sec. 5972

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Bedford District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, January 2nd, at Kempston. Bells (8) from 3 p.m., tea and business meeting at 5. Please make an effort to attend.—F. N. Rivett, Dis. Sec. 5990

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Claverdon on January 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. S. Bennett, College Farm, Bearley, Stratford-upon-Avon. Important business, please attend. 6001

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Chester-le-Street, Saturday, January 2nd. Ringing 2.30-5 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by social evening until 9 p.m.—D. A. Bayles. 6020

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Ely District.—Annual general meeting at Ely, Saturday, January 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting and ringing. Special methods: Little Bob and Yorkshire. 5957

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—S.E. District.—A.G.M. at Gt. Waltham, Sat., January 2nd. Bells 2.30, service 4.30. Names for tea to P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. No name no tea.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Northern District.—District annual meeting, Hitchin, January, 2nd. 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. A. Agg, 76, Wyndley Road, Hitchin.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5948

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, January 2nd. Bells available at 3 p.m., service 4.15 p.m., tea at 5 p.m. Shipbourne bells will be available after meeting.—W. H. D., Hon. Dis. Sec. 5948

LADIES GUILD—Sussex District.—A.G.M. at Southover, January 2nd. Bells (10) 3 p.m. service 4.30, tea 5 p.m. 5988

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting, Loughton, Saturday, January 2nd. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. 5999

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Gulthorpe Branch.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, January 2nd, at East Haddon.—J. E. Goddard. 6002

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Annual meeting January 2nd. Cathedral bells 3-4 p.m. Meeting St. Martin's Vestry 4.30. St. Martin's bells available after meeting. 5985

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting in Sheffield, Saturday January 2nd. St. Marie's bells 3 till 5.30. Tea at St. Marie's. Cathedral bells after tea. Names for tea please to M. H. Hurst, Carver Lane, Sheffield 1 (Tel. 22447)—J. Seager, Sec. 5943

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Northern Division.—Practice meeting at Danehill (6), Saturday, January 2nd. Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30, tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss L. Taylor, Highfields, Danehill near Haywards Heath. Special method: Double Court.—E. I. Hairs, Hon. Sec. 5933

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central District.—A.G.M. at St. Mary's, Brecon, on January 2nd. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells available after. Names for tea to M. R. Thomas, 'Ty Gorsaf' Brecon.—M. R. T. 5903

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, January 4th, at 7 p.m. 5997

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the 'Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, January 5th, at 8.15 p.m. Practices in January, all commencing 6.30 p.m.: 5th, St. Paul's Cathedral; 12th, St. Mary-le-Bow, Chapside; 19th, St. Olave's, Hart Street; 26th, Southwark Cathedral.—John Chilcott. 6018

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Annual meeting at Ripponden, Saturday, January 9th. Names for tea to Mr. J. Leaver, Jagger Green, Holywell Green, Halifax. 5963

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting to be held at Horbury, near Wakefield, Saturday, January 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring food. Methods: Cheviot and D.N.C.B. 6013

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Taunton, St. James's, Saturday, January 9th. Bells 3 p.m., service 4 p.m. Names for tea please. Holy Trinity (6), available 2.30 p.m.—3.30 p.m.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George St., Taunton. 5950

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Monthly practice meeting, Seavington (6), Saturday, January 9th, 6.30 p.m.—J. T. Locke, Branch Hon. Sec. 6008

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Rose, 6, Kingsland Road, Shepton Mallet.—E. Chivers, Chiltoncompton. 6028

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A.G.M. at Biggleswade on Saturday, January 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—M. Major, Dis. Sec. 5983

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Hessle, Saturday, January 9th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. In Scout Den, rear of Church Hall. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. R. Sharp, 4, Kirkham Close, Hessle. 6017

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting Saturday, Jan. 9th, St. Michael's (12). Bells 3 p.m.—4.30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea 5 p.m. Meeting St. Michael's Vestry 6 p.m. Bells Chrt Church (10) available after meeting. Own arrangements for tea.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesternfield District.—Monthly meeting at Dronfield (8) on Saturday, January 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. G. N. Goodall, 6, Elm Tree Crescent, Dronfield, Sheffield.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 6011

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 9th, in Cambridge. Bells: St. Andrew-the-Great (8) and St. Benet's (6), 3 p.m. Service, St. Andrew-the-Great, 4.30 p.m. Tea, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 4 Emmanuel Street. 5.15 p.m.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 5987

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—S.W. District.—A.G.M. at Leytonstone, on January 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. E. Williamson, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. 5949

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—N.W. District.—Annual District meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth, on Saturday, January 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 5993

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual District meeting at Bocking on January 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. E. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking. 5967

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Chertsey District.—Annual District meeting at Hersham on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m. approx. Names for tea to Mrs. K. King, The Hut, Thruppys Lane, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames, by previous Wednesday. 5986

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Eastern District.—Annual District meeting at Hertford, Saturday, January 9th. Details of arrangements next week. Names for tea to J. M. Kemp, 13, Nelson Street, Hertford. N.B.—A new District Secretary must be elected. 5994

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Ashford District.—Meeting at Wye, Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8, 20 cwt.) 3 p.m., service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss R. Gasson, Wye College, Wye, near Ashford, by previous Thursday. Good attendance (with subscriptions) specially requested.—C.T.H. 5989

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Preston Parish Church, Saturday, January 9th. Branch annual meeting. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 6th, to Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 14, Southern Avenue, Frenshwood, Preston.—L. Walmsley. 6021

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Liverpool/Wigan Branches.—Joint meeting at Liverpool Parish Church on Saturday, January 9th. Ringing 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Tea available only for those notifying Miss G. Howlett, 3, Belvidere Road, Liverpool 8. 6025

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Barnabas', Shore, on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. Lee, 12, Hodder Avenue, Shore, Littleborough. Regret no name no tea.—J. P. Partington. 6026

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting to be held on January 9th at All Saints', Loughborough (10). Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to M. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough. All welcome. 5955

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD—Central Branch.—Annual meeting, January 9th, Lincoln St. Giles' (8). Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to S. A. Chambers, 64, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln. 6012

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION—Monmouth Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Chepstow, January 9th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow. 6014

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION—North and East District.—Meeting, Saturday, January 9th, Stanmore. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 6003

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION—Meeting at Longton, Saturday, January 9th. (Please note change of date.) Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—D. J. Mideley, Acting Hon. Sec. 5983

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting, Norton Subcourse, Saturday, January 9th. Bells (6) from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—N. P. J. C., Branch Sec. 5983

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting at Pulham St. Mary, Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 5996

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Adderbury, January 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by January 6th to Mrs. Bennett, High Street, Adderbury, Banbury, Oxon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Aldermaston, January 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. Wilcox, The Bungalow, Deenham Hill, Deenham, Reading, by Wednesday, January 6th. 6023

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Daventry Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Lower Heyford, Saturday, January 9th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northampton.—F. W. Hancock. 6006

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Kettering Branch.—A.G.M., Desborough (8), January 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Wright, 11, Mayfield Road, Desborough, by Saturday previous. Special methods: London, Double Norwich. Plain Boh. 5998

SALISBURY GUILD—Caine Branch.—Annual meeting, January 9th, Wootton Bassett (8). Names for tea, please, to E. Brooks, 16, Morstone Road, Wootton Bassett, Wilts. 6032

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION—January 9th. An evening meeting will be held at Prees. Bells (6) available 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. January 30th. A.G.M. at Shrewsbury. Bells of St. Mary's (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Hall 5.15 p.m., with business meeting following. Bells of St. Chad's (12) available 7 p.m. onwards. Names for tea by January 16th (at the latest) to F. Owen, 20, Longden Green, Shrewsbury, Salop. September 25th. Lichfield Diocesan Festival at Oswestry when the preacher will be the Lord Bishop of Lichfield.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6022

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—Bingham District.—Annual District meeting, Bingham on January 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, 'St. Owen's', Whetton.—R. Blackshaw. 6033

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—North Notts District.—Annual meeting at Retford, January 9th. Ordsall (6) from 2.30-4.30, East Retford (10) and West Retford (6). 2.30. Service at West Retford 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bahworth (6), East and West Retford in evening. Names for tea by 5th to Miss M. Womack, 20, Trinity Road, Retford.—H. Denman. 5982

SUFFOLK GUILD—North West District.—Ringing meeting at Elveden (8), on Saturday, January 9th. Bells from 2.30-9 n.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m., meeting follows. Names for tea please to Mr. J. Paul, 127, Brandon Road, Elveden, near Thetford. 5854

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Bosham (6), Saturday, January 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. Tel. 325. 6034

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Whitechurch, January 9th. Bells 2.30 n.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 n.m. in Parish Hall. Names for tea to Mr. E. Dance, Bere Hill Farm, Whitechurch. Bells available after tea. 5984

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD—West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Saturday, January 16th. Bells available 2.5-3.30 p.m. only. Lea bells after meeting. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. Special methods: Gainsborough, Little Boh and Boh Triples.—Geo. L. A. Lunni, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 5995

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Hethersett, Saturday, January 16th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Essential to notify for tea Mr. R. Lofty, 7, Council Houses, Little Melton Road, Hethersett, Norwich NR4 2X.—C. B., Sec. 5992

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, January 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. at the Wessex Restaurant. Further ringing until 9 p.m. Fordington St. George (6) also available. Names for tea by Tuesday, January 12th, to R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec., 1, Came View Road, Dorchester, Dorset. Tel. Dorchester 158. 6010

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SURREY ASSOCIATION—Southern District.—Annual District meeting at St. John's, Redhill, January 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Meadvale Village Hall. Names for tea, please, by January 14th to H. Comber, 2, Woodlands Avenue.—G. A. W.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting at Halifax on January 16th. Bells available: Northowran (8), 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Elland (8), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; All Souls', Holey Hill (8), 2.30-4.30; the Parish Church (12) after the meeting. General Committee meet in the Sunday School, opposite 'All Souls', at 3.15 p.m. Service at 'All Souls' at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., at the Crown Hotel, near the railway station, followed by the general meeting. Special business: the election of two representatives to the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies. Names for tea essential to be sent to Mr. J. H. Fielden, 18, Chester Road, Akroydon, Halifax, by Wednesday, January 13th.—W. F. Moreton, Gen. Sec. 6029

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—N.E. District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 23rd, at Colchester. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. Leonard's at the Hythe, followed by tea at 5 p.m. Bells: St. Leonard's (6), 2.30-4.30 and 7-9; All Saints', Shrub End (6), 2-4 and 7-9; St. Peter's (8), 7-9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Oliver, 27, St. Andrew's Avenue, Colchester. 6000

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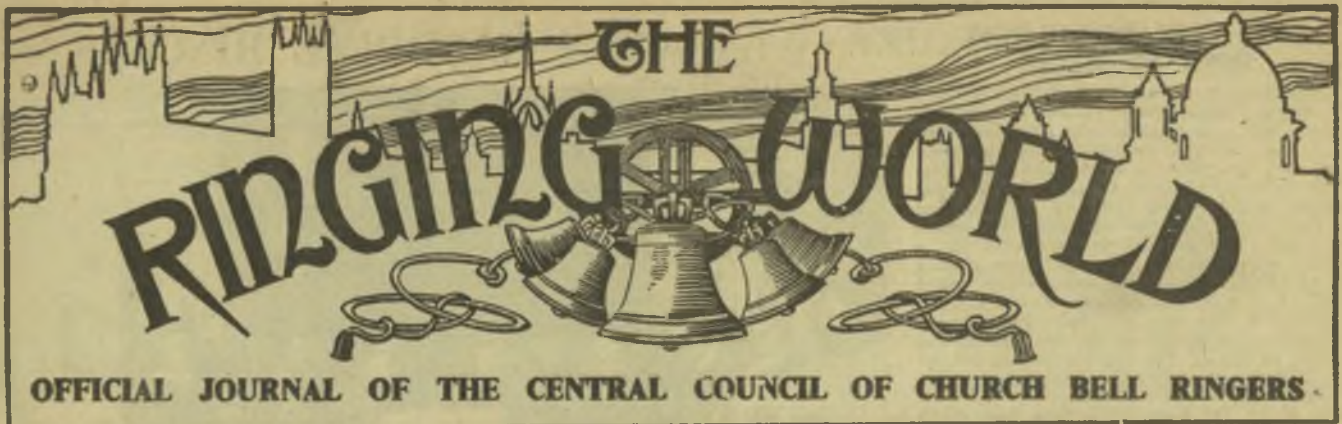
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THE RIGHT ATTITUDE

By T. A. BEVIS

SOMEONE once said, 'A clergyman rings the changes in oral fashion; but the ringer has the loudest voice.' This evangelistic merit is shared by the man who talks to an assembly and by the man who pulls a rope, both reminding those without and within the Church of their obedience to God. An incumbent voicing exhortations from a pulpit and bells ringing high above the aisles ought to be equally representative of harmony and well-being within the Church. It is to be expected that a majority of bellringing teams are on cordial terms with the clergy, yet it is a disturbing fact that there are instances where the two mediums of communication are poles apart.

Clergymen, of course, are able to influence their flock not merely with reasoning, but with appropriate deeds. Bells are partly traditional. Cold at heart they are nevertheless possessed with a mystical, vibratant appeal, able at distances to apply a finger to the conscience, to move to tears, to gladden hearts and to promote a sudden surge of memories. We are all aware how the spirit itself is affected by the music of bells. Of all the many arteries in the life of the Church the bell is the pace-maker and the voice of them all.

Recently a number of clergymen were confidentially invited to give their general feelings concerning Sunday service bellringing activities.

One, a Canon, wrote that the public on the whole liked the bells, but he felt that ringers should be part of Church life, not a group of people who use the tower for their own craft.

Another incumbent stated that the bells are appreciated on Sundays and tolerated on weekdays. He is pleased to have ringers of the right type and anxious that the bells be rung. Concluding, the Rector wrote: 'Recently I closed the tower for some weeks as it was obviously being used on weekdays for amusement and bells were rarely heard on Sundays. This policy had a good effect. Those who now ring—though less experienced—are all regular worshippers . . .

'It distresses me,' wrote another, 'to see one or two ringers leave the church just before the service begins. But I prefer to turn a blind eye to this. Young people are not easily recruited. One of our ringers is a sidesman and serves on the P.C.C., but the others show no interest in the church's commitments or its social activities.'

A Vicar wrote that he was unfortunate in having only one bell ' . . . but my father had a battle of wits over the departure of ringers before service time. He tried reasoning with them, but to no avail. Finally he had the exterior turret entrance bricked up hoping that the

proper and expected manner. Alas, it had the reverse effect. The bells were silent for many years. It was a great lesson to him.'

'The old office of blessing bells gives us the best conception of the ideal to set before ringers,' quoted one gentleman, who added that the Reformation brought about a complete change of purpose for the bell. 'It lost its intimate appeal. It was no longer a member of the ordinary family who came to rely upon it as we rely upon our clocks. Indeed the belfry by and by ceased to become part of the church. Practice night became club night. It has been known for some ringers of long ago to invite their friends into the ringing chamber and indulge in smoking and drinking.

'That sort of thing does not happen now,' wrote the Vicar, 'but I do feel that a lot of ringers tend to be stand-offish . . . unwilling to enter more fully into the life of the Church.'

'Of course, few people appreciate that a great many ringers attend church on Sundays for a period of between two and four hours, depending on whether they stay at all services. The greater part of their service to God is carried out an hour before a service begins,' explained a Rector, who wrote that he preferred them to stay, yet he considered that attending one service and ringing for another is fair enough.

A happier note is sounded by the clergyman who feels that ringers are 'polite, orderly, pleasant, fairly regular churchgoers (some very regular). They enjoy a pleasant, entertaining craft. Life would be less interesting without them and their craft.'

Other questionnaires contained similar expressions, the chief complaint it would seem being the tendency of some ringers to 'ring and run away.' Whether this practice is right or wrong according to the circumstances, is one thing. But it should be remembered that a ringer leaving church while the singing of the first hymn is in progress can very easily leave a bad impression with church officers and congregations; an impression which may well tarnish the well-meaning intentions of the rest of the team. It is really a matter of the conscience which is often ruled by extenuating circumstances.

Generally the clergy are happy to let ringers pursue their craft without too much interference—a term loosely applied. Yet often this attitude, this apparent lack of interest, is misinterpreted by ringers as indifferent.

The old refrain still remains: 'The parson is more concerned with his choir!' That attitude is the first step towards converting a tower into a fortress. Without the valued influence of a sympathetic clergyman, the belfry is the only organisation which can be almost completely isolated from Church life—and still survive. It loses its

THE WORLD'S COLDEST RING OF BELLS

RINGERS in general seem particularly prone to claiming records of various types. We read regularly in these columns of record peals, of quickest peals, of peals rung on the highest eight, and the like. Christ Church, Calgary, Canada, has not yet entered these contests, but we feel we can definitely establish claim to having (at times) the coldest ring of bells in the world. On a recent Sunday morning, when we were ringing for morning service, the thermometer stood at 24° F., or 56° F. of frost (-36° C.). At temperatures like this, the bells are virtually unringable, the grease in the bearings having become so thick. On these occasions all we can manage are very ill-struck rounds. The writer found that 5 minutes on a 3½ cwt. treble to be far more exhausting than much longer spells in a bell of ten times the size.

On December 20th last it was most unfortunate that we should be afflicted by this sub-zero weather, since before morning service on that day, the Rector, Archdeacon G. H. Dowker, dedicated a bronze plaque in the church listing the bells. This was unveiled by His Honour Judge E. R. Tavender, captain of the ringers. We had a full complement of ringers present but the bells themselves did not co-operate, and it was not the most joyful sound that was emitted from the tower. It was suggested that we should claim that we had been firing the bells to mark the occasion, but we did not think we should deceive anyone for very long.

This event marked the climax to what had proved to be a most active year in this tower. Our visitors' book shows that we were favoured with more visitors in 1964 than in all the previous years put together since the book was started. This influx was started on Easter Sunday by Bill Court of Liverpool, who was on a year's sabbatical leave at the University of Saskatoon. Bill's visit enabled us to score what was believed to be the first quarter peal on the bells. Also during the summer we were joined at various times by Miss Lynne Holmes of London, Miss Susan Jackson of Vancouver, and also Miss Jennifer Murphy of Melbourne, Australia. We were very sorry to miss another young lady from London, who was here during August at a time when there was no ringing. If only we had known she was around we should have been delighted to have laid on something. Our final visitor of the year was Jeff White of Vancouver, who was here early in December. The year also saw a party of eight ringers from Vancouver in our tower.

The band here now numbers 10 regular attenders, plus two learners (twin sisters from Sydney, Australia). We are now making good headway unravelling the mysteries of Plain Bob, and are hoping for yet more visitors during 1965 to assist us in this task.

We have big plans for 1965. In particular a Ringing Festival, dare we call it a North American Ringing Festival, over May 22nd-23rd week-end. Would anybody interested please get in touch with the undersigned?—J. M. Simpson, 921, 18th Avenue, S.W., Calgary, Alta., Canada.

THE PLAQUE

'O PRAISE GOD IN HIS HOLINESS.'

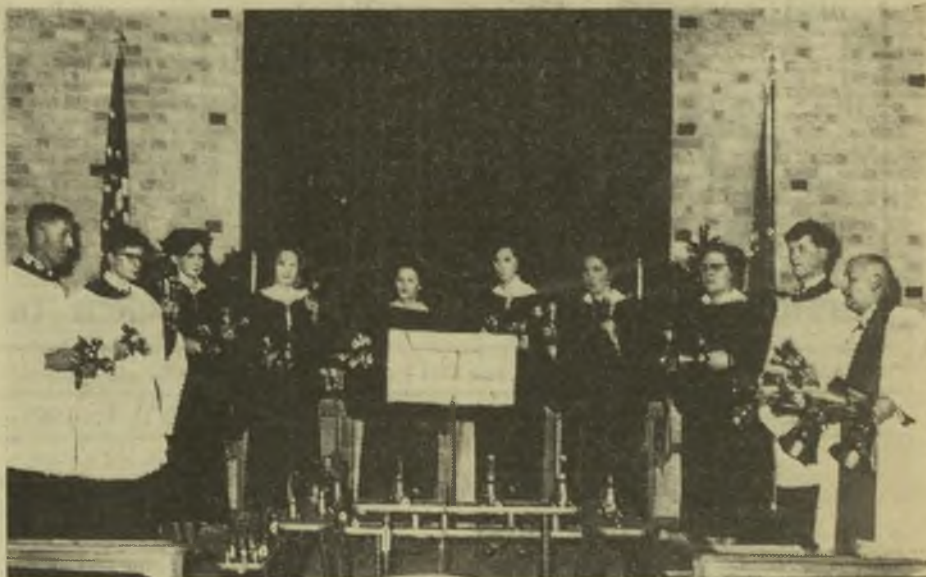
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LAUNTON HANDBELL RINGERS



The Launton handbell ringers have had their usual pre-Christmas quota of engagements, with recitals almost every night for the past three weeks. Our photograph shows them playing carols in the Church of the American Air Force Base at Heyford, where a recital of traditional and popular carols, mediæval and foreign carols, and traditional Christmas hymns was much appreciated by a crowded congregation. Some of the carols were sung to the accompaniment of the bells.

The ringers were (left to right): Richard Lee, descant bells; Edward Evans, 1st trebles; Margaret Winning, 2nd trebles; Susan Dodds, 3rd trebles; Elizabeth Sharpe, 1st altos; Janet Blackman, descant bells; Mary Lee, 2nd altos; Patrick Steeples, tenor bells; Peter Allen, bass bells; Frederick Sharpe, Bourdon bells. The photograph was taken at the end of the first bar of the third line of the well known carol 'Good King Wenceslas.'

Seventy-six bells dating from circa 1680 to the present day were used in the recital, and a tape recording of it was flown to America the following day and played the same evening to an American audience.

Enthusiasm and Grit get Bells Ringing Again

THE six bells at St. Margaret's, Norton Subcourse, Norfolk, were rededicated on December 12th at an impressive service attended by a congregation of 200, including over 60 ringers from Norfolk, Suffolk, Wisbech (Cams), Spalding (Lincs) and London.

The bells have been quarter turned, retuned and hung in a steel frame, with completely new fittings, the contract having been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who have made a first class job. Building work included a strengthening concrete ring beam for the frame to rest on and a new floor under the bells. The ringers themselves decorated and replastered a section of the ringing chamber.

Under the leadership of Mr. Godfrey Walpole, Ringing Master, the ringers have been intensively raising money for the work since 1958. Funds have been raised in all sorts of ways: bingo sessions produced £211; collecting waste paper £127; handbell ringing £154. The estimated cost was £1,170, but another £300 is required to meet additional expenditure.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Alan Glendining, Rector of the Raveningham Group, and the lessons were read by Mr. Nolan Golden, president of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and Mr. James Forder, a ringer of Norton, the second. The dedication of the bells was performed by the Rural Dean, the Rev. K. M. Lewis, and the opening rounds were rung by the local company—Messrs. A. I. Walpole T. J. W. Forder 2, B. Barber 3, N. P. J. Cossey 4, G. G. Walpole 5, A. E. Long 6. Two ringers' hymns were included in the service, and also the ringers' collect.

After rededicating the bells, the Rural Dean dedicated two gifts to the church—a visitors' book for the use of ringers given by Mr. Norman P. J. Cossey, and an oak table for the book presented by Mr. David Fenn, who

rang at Norton for half a century before retiring.

A DEDICATED HOBBY

In his address, the Rural Dean said ringers undertook a great work in the name of God and he exhorted them ever to regard it as such. Ringing might be a hobby, but it went beyond all that, for it was a dedicated hobby. Indeed, those taking part were ever seeking to prove and reach out for perfection.

In a reference to the two old bells, cast in 1620 and 1622 by William Brend, of Norwich, the Rural Dean said when these were cast men were nearer to God than today. Much of the work then was done to the glory of God. He hoped that the sound of Norton bells would not only call men to worship, as in the days gone by, but call them back to God.

After the service the bells were rung and tea served by the Mothers' Union. In a speech Mr. Albert Walpole referred to the £127 raised by the ringers by the sale of waste paper and said they were going to continue the drive to help to find the money still needed. For four years Mr. Douglas Lanham had been going round the district with his barrow collecting paper, and in appreciation Mr. Walpole presented him with vouchers for £7 for the purchase of premium bonds. Thanks were also accorded to Mr. L. Grice, of Raveningham, for giving new ladders for the tower.

The popular Friday night practices have now been resumed. Sunday ringing is from 6 to 6.30 p.m., when all visitors are most welcome.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 20th, 1,250 Little Grandsire Triples: Ann Goddard 1, M. Hallett 2, T. Jones 3, F. May 4, M. Carter 5, D. Belcham 6, A House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. Rung for Evening-song, to mark the 8th anniversary of the induction of the Rector (Rev. G. W. Hatch).

A TOUCH OF OLD ENGLAND AND ITS CHURCH

PLUCKLEY, 1552-1964

By Nicholas J. Davies

THROUGHOUT many parts of our country—side the adventurous traveller may often come across quiet corners of long lost old England, and well may he delight if he roams among the wooded Kentish country between Ashford and Maidstone. He will be especially lucky if he happens to visit the little village of Pluckley—lucky because unless he has a good map he stands little chance of finding it (there are precious few signposts), and equally lucky because he will be rewarded by a charming place with a fascinating history, that has happily avoided the hands of modernisers and developers.

Lying as it does near an ancient Saxon track, a mere six miles from the busy centre of Ashford, the parish is well endowed with steep, wooded approaches, attractive paths and twisty lanes. The view of the 13th century lichen-covered church, snugly embowered among oaks, a few old houses and an inn, contrasting with the lush greens and browns of the rich countryside, provides one of those increasingly rare sights to satisfy the aesthetic mind.

Until as recently as 1928 the names Pluckley and Dering were synonymous in these parts. The Dering family, which claimed descent from Saxon days, held their seat at Pluckley for nearly 900 years, the last 500 of which were at Surrenden, a magnificent, mellowed manor house about a mile from the village. As may be expected, the little church, with its low west tower and shingled spire, owes much of its present beauty to the loving care bestowed on it by countless generations of Derings, and boasts an impressive gallery of family brasses dating from 1405 to 1607. It is thus strange that the early history of the bells of Pluckley lies largely shrouded within the realms of obscurity and conjecture.

The first definite mention of bells is in 1552, when an Inventory of Church Goods records the presence of five bells and a sanctus bell. This seems an unusually large number for a small church, but they may well have been the gift of one of the Derings (e.g., Richard, who in 1475 erected new rood screens and supervised other unspecified work in the church).

JOSEPH HATCH

There is no further definite mention of bell work for three centuries, but it would be reasonable to suppose that major or minor repairs were undertaken during this time. Thus in 1634 more unspecified church repairs were carried out, some of which may have concerned the bells. In such circumstances the work would almost certainly have been entrusted to Joseph Hatch, the celebrated local bellfounder, whose bells still ring out from nearly 40 Kentish steeples, and who cast rings for the nearby towers of Egerton (1602), Hothfield (1607), Charing (1608) and Boughton Malherbie (1624): Hatch's foundry at Ulcombe was barely five miles west of Pluckley. This was in the days of Sir Edward Dering, a great Man of Kent, but a man of both sides, wanting reform but not quite a Puritan, seeking peace with the King but not quite a Royalist. It was soon after he rebuilt Surrenden that the House of Commons burnt his speeches and sent him to the Tower, where at last, after much poverty and suffering, he died craving for the peace that never came. His body, however, was brought back to the church that he loved, and he now sleeps in the Dering chapel.

RECAST

Late in 1852 it was decided that a complete restoration of the tower should be carried out, and the five bells were sent to the Whitechapel foundry, at that time under the management of C. and G. Mears, where their weights were found to be: Treble 7-0-25, 2nd 8-1-13, 3rd 11-1-2, 4th 13-1-16, Tenor 14-2-3. The tenor was apparently too thin and light for the other bells, and it was decided to recast the whole ring into six. The new ring (tenor 13-3-21 in F) arrived back at the church in June, 1853, where they were rehung in new fittings in the old frame, which was repaired and modified to accommodate the augmented ring. The sum of £145 for this work was met by subscription and rate, the chief donor being Sir Edward C. Dering, whose name appeared on the new bells.

We have to wait nearly another century before any further work was done to the bells. In the meantime, they had never gained the reputation of being an easy ring, and the writer has found no evidence of a regular local band at this period. Indeed, the fact that no peal had been attempted here (whereas nearly all the local towers had been pealed by 1947) reflects the difficult conditions that were present. In 1947 it was again proposed to restore the bells, but the affluent dynasty of the Derings was over and it was a hard task for a small village, still recovering from the ravages of war, to raise money. However, some funds were forthcoming, but only enough to pay for new fittings to the bells and a long-overdue rope guide.

There is no doubt that the go and handling of the bells was improved and a local band was trained, which later joined the K.C.A.C.R. However, it was not long after the institution of regular ringing that the old frame, which had probably seen the best part of two or three centuries, began to show signs that it was coming to the end of its useful days; this appeared to be due to insufficient bracing and unsatisfactory anchorage of the frame in the tower.

UNMELODIOUS

The writer's first experience of the bells was in 1959, shortly before ringing was stopped. Many ringers will, perhaps, remember the bells as they were then, an unmelodious ground-floor ring, which were too noisy outside, and, with the exception of the 4th, rather too quiet inside the tower. To ring the tenor, one had to climb over a pile of boiler fuel, while the treble ringer was wedged under the belfry staircase. The poor go of the bells, which were hung anti-clockwise, was accentuated by the long rope-draught, and the frightening cacophony of rumblings and groanings from above that accompanied ringing. It was thus remarkable that, under these conditions, Mr. A. Waddington, of Egerton, called a quarter peal of Minor, the only quarter ever recorded on the bells.

Expert opinion was again called in, and an examination of the frame while the bells were being rung showed that the movement was now so great that it was having a battering-ram effect upon the tower walls, which were cracking and crumbling under the strain.

Thus once again the bells were silenced, and the parish was faced with raising £3,500 for complete restoration of tower and bells. The villagers, under the inspiration and zeal of the then Rector, Rev. Mr. Luckhurst, himself a ringer, made a tremendous effort by organising dances, sales and other activities. Gradually the funds increased, and an order was placed with the Whitechapel Foundry, who removed the bells in January of this year.

Meanwhile the tower was strengthened, the interior restored and a new ringing floor erected: the bells came back in October, when they were rehung in a new metal framework by Mr. Harry Parkes. Some of the fittings supplied in 1947 were found suitable for further use, and were accordingly re-employed, at a beneficial saving to the parish.

DEDICATION

The day for the rededication was finally fixed for November 12th, and, in the presence of a large congregation of villagers and ringers, this was carried out by Dr. Alfred Rose (retired Bishop of Dover), the service being conducted by the Rector, Rev. J. L. Pittock. Ringing for the service was carried out by the newly-trained local band, and everyone had an opportunity to sample the bells afterwards.

The character of the ringing has now been completely changed. Careful retuning has produced an unexpectedly rich tone from the bells (the tenor now weighs 12-3-25), the 'go' is excellent now that new framework has been installed and the rope draught is perfect from the new floor. The bells are quieter and well balanced outside the tower, but the acoustics inside, although good, are marred by the 2nd bell sounding muffled at handstroke. It is hoped, however, that this minor defect will be rectified when the remainder of the work inside the tower is completed.

FIRST PEAL

On December 5th six members of the K.C.A. were privileged to attempt the first peal on the bells. Appropriately, the band included Messrs. A. Waddington and C. T. Hillis, both of whom took part in the original quarter peal on the bells, and was conducted by the latter, who is District Secretary of the Ashford District of the Association. Seven methods were rung, and, after one or two initial uncertainties in the Cambridge, the band settled down and enjoyed some very good ringing. An amusing diversion was caused when an electrical heater behind the conductor suddenly switched itself on and got extremely hot. Its involuntary action was later attributed to the off peak electricity supply, so future peal bands, please note!

Thus, we come to the end of the past history of Pluckley bells, but the story of Pluckley will continue regardless of time. The bells which summoned countless generations of Derings and villagers will once again summon ringers and non-ringers alike up the straggling hill to this enchanting place, and the church will once again be put on the map. N.J.D.

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Letters to the Editor

An Anarchist and His Peals

Dear Sir,—In reply to N. Mallet (page 848) may I say that during the year I have been pleased to witness the rising number of Non-Association peals and have been responsible for three, for reasons I hope to make clear.

These peals were rung at Whitsun—one in Essex and two in Cambridgeshire. In the first case there was but one member of the E.A. with us and he alone did not constitute the necessary number to 'vote in the remainder of the band previous to starting for the attempt' (as the usual phraseology has it). In the second case, three of us were members of the Hertford County Association, but did not feel like forking out tanners for the hooking fee, and being a long way out of Herts, and... anyway I don't want to read all my peals twice over. Finally, having already rung two N.-A. peals, we thought of following R. G. Leale's excellent (I.R.A.) precedent and forming a Cambridgeshire Guild or something of the sort; however, we decided to follow our own precedent of the previous day's and make all three N.-A.

When you come to think of it, we were kind to those Associations who do not levy a peal fee, since we were not filling up their reports for them, and if they don't, for some reasons, charge a fee who is Norman Mallet to demand they should? I am no enemy of any Guild or Association; on the contrary, at present I pay resident's subs to no less than five and am non-resident life in about a dozen others!

There are many good people in Associations and Guilds doing plenty of splendid work, and there are the others. This summer I wrote to a well known member of the C.C. and a high-up in 'his' Association asking (not very hopefully, I admit) for the use of 'his' bells for a peal attempt. The reply (I suppose I was fortunate to get even this) was in the form of my own letter returned with a line drawn through it and the following inscribed thereon: 'Not a hope—we need the bells rehanging,' and on the reverse, the legend: 'The local band is quite capable of ringing any peal required'—a fact of which I have no doubt, but does his eminence have to be downright ill-mannered? Such behaviour does not dispose of me favourably towards either the C.C. or the Association. However, it is lucky I have (still, I hope) many good friends in both who counter these ill-effects.

Here's to 1965 and a record number of N.-A. peals.—Yours, etc.,

ANARCHIST.

P.S.—I imagine Mr. Mallet means 'territorial' where he puts 'geographical'?—Anarchist.

Long Length Notice

Dear Sir,—I give notice of an attempt to ring 11,520 London Surprise Minor at Cadoxton-juxta-Neath, Glamorgan, on Saturday, January 16th, 1965, commencing at 2 p.m. The peal, if successful, will be credited to the Swansea and Brecon D.G.—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

Swansea, Glamorgan.

More about Mickleton

I was interested to see the note on Mickleton (Belfry Gossip, page 852). Mickleton is, in actual fact, listed in the current Gloucester Diocese Handbook, 1964-5, and is in the Rural Deanery of Campden, and so cannot be in the Coventry Diocese. The tower is in the area covered by the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, although, as your correspondent rightly says, affiliated to the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

Both the county and diocesan boundaries in this area are very confusing—the Cheltenham Branch extends as far as Clifford Chambers, which is literally on the doorstep of Stratford-on-Avon. Anyone can be forgiven for making a mistake.—Yours faithfully,

E. MARY BLISS.

Cheltenham.

Rules for Outings

Dear Sir,—As one connected with arranging one-day outings for nearly 30 years, I would like to reply to Mr. Maybrey's excellent letter.

(1.) This is very difficult when some towers are unknown and perhaps 60 miles away; local conditions often play havoc with well planned timetables.

I would add 4 and 5:—

(4.) If you arrive late at a tower be sure to leave on time.

(5.) A well planned outing can be spoiled by having more ringers than can be properly catered for. Ringing I mean.

As for a, b, c, d and e, I would like to point out that any ringer who has never heard of the C.C. can write for the use of bells and arrange outings at will; unfortunately however bad the ringing is they probably never wish to visit any tower again.

Next week the Wisbech District of the Ely Association will be arranging its 20th annual outing since the war, and except for augmentations and rehappings of nearly 150 towers visited, I only remember visiting one tower twice.

On an outing yesterday (Boxing Day), the weather did its best to make us break all the rules, meeting at the first church at the time we should have been leaving. However by shortening our ringing times we rang at all towers arranged.

We should have rung at Eye, in Suffolk, for 45 minutes. This was reduced to about 30 minutes. On descending the tower the Vicar was waiting at the foot of the stairs and was very disappointed we were leaving so soon. To quote his own words: 'Just when I get some experts to ring my bells you run away as we are enjoying them, and to think of all the bad ringing we have to put up with and can't get rid of them for an hour.'

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all ringers, known and unknown, a happy and prosperous New Year and good hunting.—Yours faithfully,

E. H. MASTIN.

Downham Market.

P.S.—By no means experts, our last touch was three leads of Kent Major at Eye, which sounded very nice, but what impressed the Vicar was the raise and fall in peal.—E. H. M.

Dear Sir,—I read with interest Mr. Maybrey's letter (R.W. Dec. 25th). Recently a party of ringers from Leeds asked at very short notice for permission to ring at Clapham Park. I waited 40 minutes and two ringers appeared. Since then I have not heard a word.

I write in the hope that those concerned may see this. I myself organise outings and if people behave in this manner there will soon be no towers open for ringing outings. Other bands of ringers visiting London are always most welcome—and the bells are very good. My address is 152, Brudenell Road, S.W.17.—Yours faithfully,

TONY CLAYTON.

A GREAT BADDOW 'FIRST'

As December 5th, according to the Ringers' Diary, appeared to have nothing to commemorate, it was decided to remedy this and arrange the first ever Great Baddow ringing afternoon.

The party consisted of the local band and ringers who regularly practise at the tower and was split up into four car loads, each to make its own way to the various towers.

Some very good ringing was enjoyed, together with some quite unusual compositions to Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tea was a source of some hilarity, the cause of which remained (we hope) blissfully unaware of her contribution.

Towers visited were Felstead, Great Dunmow, Great Easton, and Thaxted, and thanks are due to the incumbents and ringers.

Great Adventure II

Dear Sir,—The tour to Australia is now programmed so that the air-party will arrive in Perth in the early hours of either Tues., 7th, or Thurs., September 9th, 1965. After a stay for a few days, the next stop would be Adelaide. By the end of the first week the full complement would be in Melbourne. For part of the second week two days would be spent in Hobart, Tasmania, and on returning the tourists would join in a ringing day with the Victorian Branch of the A.N.Z.A.B. After visiting one or two 'local' or 'country' towers the party would proceed to Sydney, arriving mid-way through the third week.

A 'hop' to Maryborough and visits to the several towers on this eastern sea-board would fill in the time until Monday, October 4th—a public holiday in New South Wales—when the visitors may be afforded some 'additional' privileges. Over twenty towers could be visited and a larger number of peals attempted. After all this the party will have the following alternatives for the return journey—call at Melbourne, visit New Zealand, visit Groton, Mass., or home to England direct.

Our friends in Australia are doing everything possible to make the tour a success and they are eagerly awaiting our arrival. But it is regretted the party at the moment is smaller than hoped for and thus there is a shortage of talented, representative and experienced ringers. Full credit could not be given unless a more representative section of ringers from Great Britain made up the party. There is, however, an opportunity for everyone and every Society and Guild to take a share in this second Great Adventure.

Tangible appreciation must be shown by the party to its hosts and some memento offered to each tower visited, and this could be burdensome if left entirely to those who will be making the journey. Thus an appeal is made to ringing organisations and individuals to donate something in kind or in cash, to be used in accordance with donors' wishes, if stated. In many cases a few shillings or a few pounds would not be missed and it would mean such a lot to the Adventurers whose outlay will already be quite considerable. Please be as generous as possible, and if forwarded to the undersigned everything received will be acknowledged.—Yours sincerely,

T. J. LOCK.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD North Dorset Branch

The annual meeting of the North Dorset Branch at Gillingham on December 12th was attended by 34 ringers and full use was made of the fine rehung eight before and after the meeting. The Archdeacon of Dorset welcomed the Branch and in his address spoke of the place of bells and ringers in the worship of God. A touch of Plain Bob Minor was rung on handbells during the service.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Chairman, Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore; Vice-Chairman, Rev. R. A. Wells; Hon. Sec. Rev. R. N. Longridge; Ringing Masters Messrs. W. C. Shute, Ben Ridout, A. Woods and Mrs. M. Godley; committee members, Mr. E. Chant and Miss H. M. Julius.

In his report the hon. sec. gave details of one peal and four quarters rung during the year in Branch towers and all by Guild members; membership, 112 paid up, was dropping compared with previous years; financially the Branch was in a satisfactory condition. Mention was made that the Guild Festival in 1965 will be received by this Branch at Sherborne.

Meetings next year were fixed for Stalbridge, Maiden Bradley, Child Okeford and Sherborne (subject to consents), and it was hoped to arrange a joint meeting with the Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Association, possibly at Thornford. Finally an outing was suggested in the Hampshire direction on the first Saturday in September.

With a donation given in memory of the late S. J. Pound, a long-standing member of the Branch, it was decided to have a new attaché case to house the Branch records and papers.

R.N.L.

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT DINNER

DECEMBER 5th was a day all in the St. Albans District had been looking forward to for some time though for different reasons and with different feelings. The Browns, of Wheatthampstead, expected their first child. He came on the 6th; congratulations. Some were going for a peal of Stedman Cinques. Hard luck. Most of us were going to the first St. Albans District dinner for some years.

A few minutes before 8 o'clock Miss Christine Rimmer, the dinner organiser, was agitatedly running round the 'Private Banqueting Room' at the Red Lion Hotel, St. Albans, wondering why so few people were having pre-banquet drinks and fearing that her fifty names had melted away at the last minute. She need not have worried, the saloon bar downstairs was full to overflowing.

Suddenly it was announced with a deafening roar that if the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Hertford County Association of Change Ringers would like to take their seats, dinner would be served. After many ducks and peach melbas had been consumed with the customary ceremonies, Mr. Leslie Coburn, the toastmaster, rose to propose the loyal toast. Those who, not being used to such functions were already wreathed in smoke, should have been covered in confusion but they hid behind their smoke screens.

Reg Darvill, an ex-District Ringing Master, proposed the toast of 'The Church'. He reminded us that the Church consisted of her members, including ringers, and that we were therefore technically about to drink a toast to ourselves. On the subject of Church unity, he said that no divisions existed between ringers of different denominations. This he felt was due to their common purpose and wondered if the rest of Christendom could take a hint accordingly.

The Very Rev. Noel Kennedy, Dean of St. Albans, and the guest of honour, having drunk the toast himself, then replied. He said that he felt that if they were drinking a toast to themselves, he might as well drink one to himself. While they had obviously meant the whole of the Anglican Church they should include everyone—the Pope, the Eastern patriarchs, nonconformists and in fact all who confess and call themselves Christians. The toast was their pledge of loyalty to the Church and to Christ.

'RESPECTABLE AND SUITABLE'

The Dean, his duty done, was now able to lean back and light a Churchillian cigar, while listening to Mr. Alf Rushton, president of the Bedfordshire Association. Alf said how respectable and suitable an occupation ringing was for young people compared with such modern occupations as singing to a guitar which did not require the practice and concentration of ringing and yet which was over-rewarded in a pecuniary sense while stimulating those feelings in the hearers which in normal people, at any rate, needed no stimulation. He waxed quite lyrical on the beauties of old church architecture compared with modern office buildings and finally, in raising his glass, wished prosperity on the Hertford County Association and the St. Albans District.

Bill Critchley, the Hertfordshire president, apologised in advance as he said most societies

only asked him to speak once and he doubted if theirs would be an exception. He thanked Alf for his good wishes, which he said were much needed in some parts of the Association, though he was happy to be able to report a great improvement in the Watford District following a meeting at Rickmansworth. He said the St. Albans District, on the other hand, were most forward looking, and having listed all their extra-campanological activities, said they more deserved praise than needed good wishes.

John Cull, in welcoming the visitors, reminded us that 1964 was the eightieth anniversary of the founding of the Association when had come from as far afield as Great Hallingbury in Essex and without any motor transport either! He apologised for not being able to answer visitors' queries as to whether the paper bells decorating the room were Mears' or Taylor's.

The final speaker was Philip Mehew. He alarmed us by saying that when practising his speech he could not cut it down to less than three hours. After trying to define the word visitor with the help of a dictionary he told us the story of Molly McGuinness and so ended the formal part of the evening.

Martyn Jordan began a speech but found that he had brought the wrong card as this one only told him that his chest X-ray had been successful. As a penance he had to organise some of the entertainment which began with a mock hockey match between members and visitors. He then entertained quite brilliantly for a few minutes with jokes, songs and wisecracks. A guessing game followed and the evening was completed by tune ringing on handbells by Malcolm Pettitt, Trevor Hawkins and Fred Ellis. Thanks to all concerned for an unqualified success: may we have many more such evenings! J. D. C.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Dear Sir,—Can any ringer who may have recorded the Christmas Bells from the radio on Christmas morning please let me have a copy if I send a clear tape and postage. Recording at 3½ i.p.s. Please write: F. Fowler, Jnr., 9, High Street, Stourton, Warminster, Wilts.

QUARTER PEALS

PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. B. C. Sadler 1, Miss R. Carr 2, Miss J. Rowe 3, D. Salmon (first 'inside') 4, P. Sloman 5, L. Beal 6, P. A. Sadler (cond.) 7, B. C. Sadler 8. Rung for 'Blessing of the Crib' service.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 9th, in the five-bell tower, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. E. Barlowe 1, P. D. Howitt 2, Carol Urry 3, P. J. Lock 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Valerie Vincent (first of Stedman) 1, Joan Gray 2, Edith Brocklehurst 3, D. Bentley (first of Stedman) 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, B. Buckland 6. For Evensong.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. R. Huiley 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, H. Watts 3, F. Bird 4, T. Camp 5, M. Camp 6. For evening service.

OBITUARY

MR. SIDNEY BRIGGS

The death took place, on December 12th, of Mr. Sidney Briggs, a former ringer at Kotherham Parish Church. Although he had not rung for some 12 years, he maintained his interest in ringing.

Born at Braotord 67 years ago, he soon moved to Rotherham, where for many years he practised as a master painter and for a number of years was in charge of the sign writing and decorating section at the technical college. Kotherham ringers' room has a well known handsome set of peal boards and Sidney himself recorded the more important peal performances covering a period of a century, including the first peal on the new ring of ten in 1925. This was a peal of Grandsire Caters, conducted by himself, a method which he maintained was the best music available on 10 bells.

He was taught to ring, and was greatly influenced by Clem Glenn prior to World War 1, in which he served. He was an excellent striker on both tower bells and handbells, and rang a number of peals. On Sunday, December 20th, the Parish Church bells were rung to a quarter peal of 1,277 Grandsire Caters in his memory. May he rest in peace. N. C.

MR. WALTER SPARROW

We regret to report the death of Mr. Walter Sparrow on December 17th at Feltham. The funeral was on December 23rd. Walter had had a spell of bad health recently, although he never lost his good spirits. He collapsed and died suddenly, without suffering.

His old friend, Bill Morris (who can remember seeing Wally in a belfry without Bill somewhere around?), who had known him for about 30 years, says Wally started his ringing at Great Fimborough and graduated to Stowmarket later. Urged on by his brothers, Tom and Shelley, he became a keen handbell ringer. After moving to London, he was a regular Sunday service ringer, being attached to Heston and Feltham, each for about five years, and from about 1946 until about two years ago to Kingston-on-Thames.

His peal record is not available, but he rang a good many for the Middlesex Association, and also for the Guildford and Suffolk Guilds and the Norwich Association ranging from Minor to Royal. His striking was of the best.

Like many of us who learned our ringing in the twenties, Wally travelled many miles on his bicycle in search of ringing. Always cheerful, his smiling face and twinkling eyes remain a happy memory for us, his friends. F. G.

ROTHERHAM'S HANDBELL TRADITION

Once again, handbell ringing featured prominently in Christmas festivities in Rotherham town centre. On Christmas Eve, a team of girls from Kimberworth Secondary School and ringers at the Parish Church joined forces to provide a 2½-hour programme of Christmas Carols on handbells. The ten ringers played 30 bells in four part harmony in the Parish churchyard and appreciative listeners responded by donating £20 to church funds. Over £200 has been raised in recent years in this way, and Christmas handbells have become a tradition in the town.

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FARNBOROUGH SIX TO BE AUGMENTED

The illness of Mr. Sidney Joyce has necessitated two postponements of the dedication of the augmentation to eight of the six bells at St. Mary's, Farnborough, Hants. The ceremony is now fixed for Evensong on February 14th. All ringers are welcome, but they must notify in advance. The church, which holds over 500 people, is always full at both morning and evening services.

The two bells, which weigh 1½ and 1½ cwt., were cast on Oct. 23rd by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The Shell-B.P. Film Unit happened to be at the foundry that day and took a film of the event, and a special illustrated article is promised for the next issue of their House Journal.

The bells were delivered to the church complete with headstocks on Nov. 9th and dedication was planned for the following Sunday. Unfortunately Mr. Joyce was taken ill on the day the bells were delivered and was in hospital for over two weeks and underwent two operations. A new date was suggested—January 3rd, but as Mr. Joyce was still sick the ceremony was again postponed.

At the dedication the bells will be in a small frame which Mr. Joyce is making, and which will allow them to be struck at the altar. A ringers' hymn, composed by the Rector (Canon F. B. Hutchinson) will be sung at the service. The total cost is approximately £450; it would have been £40 more but for the fact that Mr. Joyce is taking leave for the hanging period, and assisting.

The treble bell is given by Mr. H. Holman and his family, in grateful thanks for the life of his father, and the second commemorates the silver wedding anniversary of the Rector and Mrs. Hutchinson and is their gift.

Other donations include Mr. D. M. Webster £210, Farnborough ringers £25, Mrs. I. M. Ratcliffe, in memory of her father, Mr. T. Joyce, for many years Rector's warden, £25, Anon. £20. The Church Guild has given a set of eight new ropes costing about £35.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
Chesterfield District

Over 25 members and friends from some 10 towers braved the downpour to attend the District's annual meeting held at Bolsover on December 12th. After a short ring in the afternoon on the pleasant 14 cwt. octave, the company adjourned to the nearby Church Hall where the wives and friends of the local company had prepared an excellent tea.

In his opening remarks as Chairman, Mr. D. Cooper (tower captain, Bolsover) apologised on behalf of the Vicar, who had pulled a muscle in his leg.

The District secretary (Mr. M. Phipps), in his report on the year's activities, welcomed the continued good attendances at meetings held during 1964 and paid tribute to the wives and friends of the local companies who had provided such excellent meals.

Congratulations were extended to Old Whittington, Dronfield and Bolsover towers for doing so well in both the District's heat and the final of the Association's striking competition.

The following officers were elected for 1965: Chairman, Mr. D. Cooper (Bolsover); Committee, Mr. G. N. Goodall (Dronfield) and Mr. A. Keller (Bolsover); Ringing Master, Mr. C. J. Hughes (Old Whittington) and Secretary, Mr. M. Phipps (Chesterfield). New members elected were: T. Bargh (Chesterfield), S. Pembleton (Scarcliffe), R. Hutton, B. Maycock, C. North (North Wingfield), Linda Shaw (Bolsover) and Rosemary Mather (Staveley). Members were urged to obtain their tickets without delay for the annual dinner to be held at the Odeon, Chesterfield, on February 20th. Following the votes of thanks, the meeting ended with a selection of Christmas carols on handbells rung by the local company. The Rev. J. W. L. Newton (Curate) afterwards conducted a short service in the church. Further ringing was enjoyed until 9 p.m.

Next meeting: January 9th (Dronfield).
M.P.P.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

South Cerney, Gloucestershire, put on a novelty this Christmas by members of the choir ringing a quarter peal for the Carol Service.

The 1,000th copy of 'The Sound of Bells,' by Edgar C. Shepherd was sold on Christmas Eve. Congratulations to the author and all concerned.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by the Clowne (Chesterfield) ringers and their families at their annual dinner on December 19th. Through 'The Ringing World' they desire to express many thanks to Mrs. Stanton, and the organiser.

Guildford ringers send their congratulations to Stephen R. Munday, the son of Mr. Frederick A. Munday, who was at one time conductor at Holy Trinity, Guildford. Stephen's mother was for a time assistant to the Editor of this journal.

What is the origin of Mewslade—that gives its name to Mewslade Court Bob Minor? The first in the method on tower bells was rung at Limsfield Chart on December 19th, conducted by Christopher F. Mew. Was the suffix a compliment to a well known Kent ringer?

Ringling for Bradfield Secondary Modern School's carol service in St. Nicholas' Church, Bradfield, was provided by a member of the staff, three scholars, the school secretary's husband and a father of one of the pupils.

CORRECTIONS

Peal at Londonderry, August 7th (page 869): Roger S. Havard 7, Robert E. Hardy 8, and not as printed.

In the peal rung at Northchurch on December 5th for the Hertford County Association (page 870), the method was 5.184 Oxford T.B. Major and the ringer of 7th Antony R. Kench.

In regard to the peal of Kent T.B. Major at Finedon on November 28th (page 856), the ringer of the fourth was Edward C. Buckby, and not as printed.

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Surprise Royal Band in Six Bell Tower

The six-bell tower at Farnborough can now claim to have the most advanced band in the Guildford Diocese. The ringers have a Surprise Royal band from their own members, and in 1964 rang all the Surprise Minor methods and many of the Double Surprise Minor methods. Apart from numerous quarters, they rang a peal of 14 Surprise Minor methods, believed to be the most rung to a peal in the South of England by a resident Sunday service band. (Sunday service ringing is a condition of membership.) The tower has several promising learners and they are given plenty of practice. The bells are to be augmented to eight and the new bells dedicated at Evensong on February 14th. We are asked to state that the first peal attempt on the eight will be by a Farnborough band, and all attempts for 1965 are already booked.

First Peal at 73

It was a case of age and youth intermingled with a difference of 60 years between them in the first pealers in a peal conducted by Mr. Crawford T. Hillis at Willesborough on December 19th. At the last minute 73-year-old Mr. Cecil Sharp kindly stood in to ring his first peal—the tenor to three Doubles methods. On the treble was James C. Hillis and on the second Philip R. Staples, who are both 13. Many listeners, both ringers and non-ringers, remarked on the excellence of the striking.

50 For Hereford Guild

Peals are not plentiful in the Hereford Diocesan Guild, although when Mr. Harry Poyner and his wife were resident it had many successes. This week we congratulate one of the country ringers, Mr. C. William ('Bill') Nutt on ringing his 50th for the Guild. These are spread over about 40 years. The failures are quite considerable, and so are the first pealers. Bill has called a number of Doubles peals. He has also rung peals for the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

Carollers Ditched

Wentworth (Yorks) handbell ringers raised £11 14s. in aid of Christian Aid and the Church's belfry fund, by carolling around the village. There was no lack of adventure. A handcart, used to carry the two card tables, bells and 'two drivers,' upturned into a ditch. This followed the drinking of sherry and cider, providing a moral—'Don't drink, drive and ring!' Fortunately it was not serious as no lives, bells or tables were lost.

Reconstruction at Riverside Church, New York

The Riverside Church belfry, New York, will be closed to visitors because of construction work involving girders and columns from after January 10th until February 20th. The carillon will be silent. From January 12th to January 31st Mr. James R. Lawson, the carillonneur, will play 12 concerts at the Bok Singing Tower carillon, at the Mountain Lake Sanctuary, Florida. During the reconstruction, tuning tests will be made on the upper 58 bells of the Riverside carillon by Arthur L. Bigelow, bell master, Princeton University.

Christmas Day Bells

A delightful tribute to the Christmas Day bells broadcast comes from R. H. Mansell, of Handsworth, Birmingham, who writes: 'I have no doubt that this year's Christmas bells were the best I have ever heard. Absolutely perfect striking from start to finish.

'What I would like to see and hear—and I think a good many more bellringers would—is Liverpool Cathedral bells from the massive tower overlooking the Mersey incorporated in Christmas bells, if this is at all possible for next year. Again expressing my delight and praise to the Christmas bellringers.'

Coming Back to the Fold

By ringing in the peal at Hornchurch on Christmas Eve, long absences from peal ringing were broken by John Stephenson—an interval of 12 years—and intervals of 11 years by Sid Penfold and Colin Wright. Their many friends will be pleased to know they all gave excellent performances and hope that such an interval from peal ringing will not reoccur.

Six Towers on Christmas Day

Ringers from Cam in Gloucestershire had a busy time over Christmas. As well as assisting at Dursley and Coaley for the mid-night services on Christmas Eve, they were aroused at 6.30 a.m. Christmas Day and transported to three more local towers in succession to assist the bands with service ringing, and finally returned to Cam to complete the morning's ringing. Thus of the 13 towers of the Wotton-under Edge Branch they helped to 'salute the happy morn' in six of them.

We Smirk

Renewing his subscription, Mr. S. E. Denby, of Mansfield, writes: 'Compared with other periodicals that come into my home, "The Motor," daily and Sunday papers which are 75 per cent advertising matter, I maintain "The Ringing World" is well worth its copy. It is absolutely full of reading matter.' A smirk from the Editor.

25 Years a Minister

Miss Ann M. Smith, 16-year-old daughter of the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, president of the Lancashire Association, had the pleasure of ringing in a complimentary quarter peal to commemorate her father's 25 years in the ministry. It was rung at Darley Dale, where he is Rector. Ann has rung in three quarter peals, all of them being Stedman Triples. Lancashire ringers will join in the congratulations from Derbyshire.

Canadian Bell Inscriptions

The following verses are inscribed on two bells at Christ Church, Elbow Park, Calgary, written by Mrs. Murry Hunter, a parishioner:

Bell No. 3.—In this foothill city
I peal my notes abroad,
That man may learn by listening,
To love this House of God.

Bell No. 5.—Here the prairies touch the mountains,
Here the Bow and Elbow meet.
For such beauty, Lord, we thank Thee,
Sung in bell notes clear and sweet.

Mr. E. Boumphrey Leaves Glasgow

At a meeting of the St. Mary's Cathedral (Glasgow) Society of Change Ringers on December 22nd the resignation was accepted with regret of Mr. E. Boumphrey, from the office of captain, caused by his retirement from business and return to England. Mr. Boumphrey joined the Society in 1938 and has held the office of captain since 1953. On behalf of the members, the Very Rev. Provost Laming presented Mr. Boumphrey with a card signed by all the members and a bellringers' car badge. Mr. T. Windram was then unanimously elected captain.

A Cathedral Completed

On December 20th, a thanksgiving service was held for the completion of the extensions of Salisbury Cathedral, Southern Rhodesia. The 10 bells were rung to rounds and call changes before and after the service. Although a Mashonaland Diocesan family gathering, the twin diocese of Matabeleland was represented by ringers from Que Que. The bell tower and hanging of the bells was completed in 1962. Now the nave has been completed and the Cathedral roofed throughout with copper.

Owing to the absence of several ringers, peal ringing was restricted to the first peal on the front six of these excellent ten from Whitechapel. The tower and bells are a fine piece of work, but the clock is a matter of concern.

A Derby Association Milestone

The more advanced method peal ringers in the Derby Diocesan Association have had the ambition for several years to ring a peal in the four standard Surprise methods with all resident members. Many attempts have failed. On December 12th this ambition was achieved and the band wish to thank and congratulate Gordon A. Halls, who, at short notice, had to learn and conduct the peal. This he did with competence and the achievement was one of which all the participants could feel proud both for accuracy of method ringing and for striking. D. R. C.

Veterans Honoured

In their Boxing Day quarter, Nailsea ringers paid a tribute to two veterans—Mr. E. J. Baker, a former captain of the tower who now resides at Congresbury, on reaching 70 years as a ringer, and Mr. H. Knight, who has completed 60 years as a member of the Bath and Wells Association. The quarter was also a silver wedding anniversary to an esteemed member of the tower—Mrs. D. Strong.

Delia of Vancouver

Among our New Year greetings for English ringers is one from Vancouver ringers sent by Miss Delia Barkworth, of 1480, Nelson Ave., West Vancouver. She tells of their ringers travelling 1,400 miles in one week-end to ring at Calgary. She adds that their thanks go to Pat and Mike Simpson for making both week-ends (Calgary also came to Westminster Abbey, Mission City and Vancouver in return) such a 'bash.' She hopes that any ringers passing through Vancouver will ring with them.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 5, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Stephen Ivins Treble	Robert L. Piron 5
Mary E. Edwards 2	Murray A. Coleman 6
Ronald J. Sharp 3	Geoffrey E. Watson 7
James H. Edwards 4	Arthur Gibbs Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

FELMERSHAM, Beds.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

Arthur Gibbs Treble	James H. Edwards 5
Christine A. Smith 2	John W. Sinfield 6
Mary E. Edwards 3	Stephen Ivins 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

CLIFTON, Beds.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 6 lb. in G.

Holt's Original Treble	Ronald J. Sharp 5
Geoffrey W. Mayes 2	Bernard G. North 6
Avril Ivins 3	Stephen Ivins 7
Anthony H. Smith 4	Thomas Dilley Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 ST. CLEMENTS BOB MAJOR

*Reg Wallis Treble	Jack Bailey 5
Francis R. Lowe 2	*Alan Bridges 6
*David Walklate 3	*Wm. Allsopp 7
*Kevin Betesta 4	*David Parkin Tenor

Composed by H. Wilde.

Conducted by D. Walklate.

* First in the method. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

OLD BASFORD, Nottingham.—At the Church of St. Leodegarius.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, containing 768 London, 1,824 Bristol, 1,056 Superlative, 1,440 Cambridge; with 96 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt.

Joseph C. Woolley Treble	*David J. Marshall 5
David W. Friend 2	Trevor Taylor 6
*John F. Murfin 3	Gordon A. Halls 7
*David W. Parkin 4	*Denis R. Carlisle Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

* First peal of Spliced Major in four methods.
First peal in four spliced Major methods for the Derby Diocesan Association by a resident band.

A 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Herbert Bates, verger and bellringer, and Grace Bates of Old Basford.

FAIRFIELD, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Dec. 23, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Gladys Richardson Treble	†F. Martin Stanway 5
*John E. Ellison 2	Alan G. Kirk 6
†Gillian M. Fanshaw 3	Alex Richardson 7
J. David Adams 4	Brian J. Woodruffe Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter.

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal away from treble. † First peal on eight bells.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

COWDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being twelve extents of Plain Bob and thirty of Grandsire.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

*James H. French Treble	Richard W. H. Hayes 4
David J. M. Cox 2	Brian E. Jeffrey 5
Graham S. E. Winter 3	J. Martin Hollyman Tenor

Composed by Brian E. Jeffrey.

* First peal. First of Doubles by all except the conductor.
Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

HORNCHURCH, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 19½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve Part Treble	John W. Stephenson 5
*John McDonald 2	Colin E. Wright 6
Sidney Penfold 3	Frank V. Gant 7
†Fredk. G. Richardson 4	Andrew J. Salisbury Tenor
†Antony Grainger 5	

Conducted by Frank V. Gant.

* First peal. † First of Triples.
Rung by the local band for the festival of Christmas.
Believed to be the 50th peal on the bells.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

MATHON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods and/or variations, being 3 extents of Windrush and Rev. St. Bartholomew, 4 of Clifford's Pleasure, and 8 of Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Bob Doubles and Grandsire.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

Charles Biggs Treble	Roland Lewis 4
James Ranford 2	James Ward 5
*C. William Nutt 3	George Gwyne Tenor

Conducted by James Ward.

* 50th peal for the Guild.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of

St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sun., Dec. 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

John W. Hope Treble	W. John Clayton 4
Colin A. Lewis 2	*Lyndon H. Hatfield 5
Gillian Graney 3	Robert A. Hatcher Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Olive Jones and David Newton.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

C. Valerie Mills Treble	D. Kay Adkins 5
H. George Hart 2	Robert E. Hardy 6
Christopher W. Woolley 3	Leonard J. North 7
Eric Edmondson 4	Kenneth R. Dunstan Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.

STEVENAGE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 STEVENAGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

J. Stuart Hutton Treble	Vernon Green 5
Claudia A. Critchley 2	Colin A. S. Harwood 6
G. William Critchley 3	J. Richard Castledine 7
David L. Gullick 4	Jack S. Dear Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler.

Conducted by G. William Critchley.

First peal in the method.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BROMLEY, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Maria E. Kirby Treble	Ian H. Oram 5
D. Paul Smith 2	Maxwell F. Oakshett 6
F. J. Hilda Oakshett 3	Percy J. Spice 7
R. Thomas Newman 4	John W. Smith Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker (C.C.C. 194). Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

WILLESBOROUGH, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being twelve extents each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's, and 18 of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*James C. Hillis (13) Treble	*Peter Bradford 4
*Philip R. Staples (13) 2	Crawford T. Hillis 5
Peter Richardson 3	*Cecil Sharp Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

* First peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

SCORTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

Pritchard's Treble	Alan Capstick 5
*Cliff Newby 2	John Bagnall 6
Wilfred Bolton 3	Stanley Anderton 7
Nicholas M. Newby Jun. 4	Thomas F. Metcalfe Tenor
James E. Burles 5	

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.

* First peal of Major.

Rung for Christmas.

WHITWORTH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sun., Dec. 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 4th's place bobs.

Derek Butterworth Treble	Philip Crossthwaite 5
Margaret E. Fort 2	Richard Parker 6
J. Colin Ashworth 3	Jeffrey Kershaw 7
John P. Partington 4	Cyril Crossthwaite Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

First peal in the method for all except the treble ringer. First in the method as conductor.

STEVENAGE SURPRISE MAJOR

x 58 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 34.12.38 x 14 x 78 L.E. 18674523. 4th Place bob.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TODMORDEN, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul, Cross Stone.
On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Bob, Plain Bob and two extents of Cambridge Surprise.

Judith H. Barlow Treble	*Geoffrey Cheetham .. 4
John P. Partington 2	Jeffrey Kershaw 5
Margaret E. Fort 3	Derek Butterworth Tenor

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

* First peal of Minor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

On Thurs., Dec. 17, 1964, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt.

Herrick B. Bowley Treble	Jack P. Kesterton 7
*Monica M. Jelley 2	Shirley Burton 8
John M. Jelley 3	Russell S. Morris 9
David Wilford 4	Peter J. Staniforth 10
†Malcolm Wade 5	William J. Root 11
Roland Cook 6	Brian S. Chapman Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter.

Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First of Stedman and on 12 bells.

Rung half-muffled to the honoured memory of Harry Broughton, 51 years a member of the St. Martin's and Leicester Cathedral Bellingring Societies.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

ELSHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Nov. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double B., Reverse B., Single Oxford, College.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

Harry Baldwin Treble	John Hall 4
William Bains 2	Richard Hall 5
John Underwood 3	Harold Judd Tenor

Conducted by John Hall.

Rung on the 70th birthday of the father of the 3rd.

MESSINGHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of The Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, College, Single Oxford, Plain B.

Tenor 10 cwt.

Rev P. M. Freeman Treble	John Hall 4
William Bains 2	Harold Judd 5
Maurice Lings 3	Richard Hall Tenor

Conducted by John Hall.

Rung for the golden jubilee of Messingham Mothers' Union.

BRANSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods:—(1) Oxford T.B., (2) Kent T.B., (3 and 4) Single Court, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Fred Ingall Treble	William R. Parker 4
*Vaughan P. Evans 2	Louis Willders 5
Amos Ingall 3	James H. Musson Tenor

Conducted by Louis Willders.

* First peal in four methods.

Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. John-the-Evangelist.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LLANGYNYD, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Cynwyd.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

A 2,160 and 4 extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*Penelope J. Welch Treble	*Ellis N. Thomas 4
J. Arthur Hoare 2	Edmund J. Morris 5
Hazel Way 3	Brian J. Woodruffe Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

THE MASHONALAND DIOCESAN GUILD

SALISBURY, Rhodesia.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary and All Saints.

On Sun., Dec. 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 2,520 Grandsire and 2,520 Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*Ken Cross Treble	*James R. Milford 4
Monica M. Blagrove 2	Frank T. Blagrove 5
Mrs. V. Grossmith 3	*Norman F. Mason Tenor

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

* First peal.

Rung to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the completion of the Cathedral extensions.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

ROCESTER, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*Geoffrey Alcock Treble	Harold Dowler 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Walter Sherratt 6
Paul J. Atkins 3	Roy Worrall 7
Dennis Latham 4	Charles A. S. Webb Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

* First peal.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NORWICH.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Thurs., Dec. 17, 1964, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 104 lb. in F.

H. William Barrett Treble	Nolan Golden 5
F. Charles Goodman 2	Clifford Bird 6
*A. Spencer Brothers 3	George Sayer 7
*John Knights 4	Christopher G. Sayer Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. T. Drury, formerly of Kessingland.

The composition in 8 equal parts contains the 6th the course-end extent in 5—6 in the minimum number of courses and changes.

HINGHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sun., Dec. 20, 1964, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

Johnson's variation.	
William Clover Treble	Thomas E. Spight 5
Martin Cubitt 2	Leslie F. Bailey 6
Henry Tooke 3	Peter M. Adcock 7
David Cubitt 4	Norman V. Harding Tenor

Conducted by Norman V. Harding.

Rung for the birth of a son (Paul) to David and Maureen Cubitt and a daughter (Margaret Lucy) to David and Bridget Heighton.

MULBARTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Dec. 22, 1964, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob.	
Leslie F. Bailey Treble	*Roger Lubbock 4
William Clover 2	Thomas E. Spight 5
Henry Tooke 3	Peter Adcock Tenor

Conducted by Peter Adcock.

* First peal.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

MUNDFORD, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 6 cwt. in B.

*William Clover Treble	*Thomas E. Spight 3
*Harry B. Fuller 2	Henry Tooke 4

*Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

* First peal of Doubles in the method.

Rung on St. Stephen's Day as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Pearson, of Thetford, on their golden wedding anniversary.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Patricia Lewington Treble	Frank W. Lewis 6
Albert Diserens 2	Cyril E. Lewington 7
Helen M. Diserens 3	John N. Diserens 8
Patricia Diserens 4	Noel J. Diserens 9
Edgar R. Rapley 5	Ronald F. Diserens Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

Robert H. Newton Treble	Anthony E. Cox 5
*Joyce I. Barton 2	*Derek Francis 6
Ivor H. Trueman 3	Dennis Knox 7
Sydney M. Bailey 4	David A. Cornwall Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker.

Conducted by Dennis Knox.

* First in the method 'inside.' † First in the method.

BLOXHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of Our Lady of Bloxham.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in C sharp.

James Linnell Treble	Ernest G. Jones 5
Herbert H. Alexander 2	Barry J. Davis 6
Anthony D. Sansom 3	Michael W. Coleman 7
Barry E. Saunders 4	Christopher C. Clarke Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.

The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

Rung for the birth of a granddaughter to the ringer of the fifth, and also for the birth of a daughter (Frances Helen) to Dennis and Christine Bowen.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.

On Tues., Dec. 22, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 WALKERVILLE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Roy H. Jones Treble	Brian W. Hall 5
Christopher C. Clarke .. 2	William Birmingham .. 6
Frederick W. Soden 3	Charles Coles 7
Sydney M. Bailey 4	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.
A 70th birthday compliment to Charles Coles.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

WEEDON BEC, Northants.—At the Royal Foundation Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Fri., Dec. 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Robert Danby Treble	Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 5
Charles E. Truman 2	Alan A. Paul 6
Patrick I. Chapman 3	Barrie Hendry 7
Roger W. Smith 4	Stephen Ivins Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

The first peal in the method by all.

ROTHWELL, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*James Coshy Treble	†Richard J. Cowley 5
†Mary R. Bloxam 2	†Denis G. Pearson 6
†Jean Marlow 3	Arthur Gibbs 7
†Frank E. Coales 4	Murray A. Coleman .. Tenor

Composed by S. H. Wood. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First peal. † First in the method.

Rung with best wishes to James Coshy and Brenda Richmond on their engagement.

GAYTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1964, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 15 methods, viz.: (1) and (7) Cambridge and Ipswich, (2) London, Wells and Cuneastre, (3) Carlisle, Chester and Munden, (4) York and Durham, (5) Surfleet, Cambridge, Hexham, Beverley, Primrose and Berwick, (6) Surfleet, Cambridge and Beverley, with 89 changes of method.

Shirley Ruddlesden .. Treble	*Barry E. Saunders .. 4
Alan A. Paul 2	Charles E. Truman .. 5
James Linnell 3	Graham C. Paul Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

* First of 15 Spliced 'inside'.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Dec. 10, 1964, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John C. Eisel Treble	Edward W. Colley 7
Frederick Shallcross .. 2	George E. Fearn 8
Susan Funnell 3	*Norman J. Goodman .. 9
Martin D. Fellows 4	Clifford A. Barron 10
Michael J. Fellows 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
Roderick W. Pipe 6	Peter Border Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

* 500th peal. First peal of Superlative Maximus by all the band, except Geo. E. Fearn.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Dec. 17, 1964, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Jennifer M. B. Cook .. Treble	Edward W. Colley 7
Martin D. Fellows 2	George E. Fearn 8
Susan Funnell 3	*Norman J. Goodman .. 9
Roderick W. Pipe 4	David J. Purnell 10
John C. Eisel 5	Clifford A. Barron 11
Michael J. Fellows 6	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Ann E. Fellows Treble	David J. Purnell 7
Jennifer M. B. Cook 2	Martin D. Fellows 8
Roderick W. Pipe 3	George E. Fearn 9
Norman J. Goodman 4	Clifford A. Barron 10
J. Alan Ainsworth 5	John A. Anderson 11
John C. Eisel 6	Peter Border Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.

*A. Felicity Dicken .. Treble	Colin W. Reed 5
Jack L. Millhouse 2	George H. Randles 6
Norah M. Randles 3	Geoffrey Paul 7
Anne E. Bateson 4	Geoffrey R. Parker Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Surprise.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

Ruth Blackshaw Treble	Maurice W. Harrison .. 4
Margaret E. Chilton .. 2	*Frederick Derry 5
*Philip C. Pitchford .. 3	John R. Pratchett Tenor

Conducted by John R. Pratchett.

* 25th peal together.

A compliment to Brian Mills and Christine Froggatt, married this day at SS. Peter and Paul, Shelford.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

BREWOOD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Chad.

On Sat., Dec. 13, 1964, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

*David R. Hawksworth .. Treble	John W. Taylor 5
Barnabas G. Key 2	Remi M. Hodister 6
Howard Howell 3	Ian Friend 7
Roy K. Mowforth 4	Roger L. Hawksworth .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

* First peal of Major.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

WENHASTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of London, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

Cecil W. Pipe Treble	Neville F. Whittell 4
Gillian B. Schotfield .. 2	Roderick W. Pipe 5
Richard C. L. Brown .. 3	Leslie N. Melton Tenor

Conducted by Leslie N. Melton.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

LIMPSFIELD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

Robert J. Cooles Treble	Michael J. Uphill 4
Christopher F. Mew 2	Alan E. Bagworth 5
Brian J. Bull 3	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

First of Minor on the bells for 34 years.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MEWSLADE COURT BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

Brian J. Bull Treble	Richard C. Stevens 4
Robert J. Cooles 2	Alan E. Bagworth 5
*Michael J. Uphill 3	*Christopher F. Mew Tenor

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

* 25th peal together. First peal in the method on tower bells. First in the method for all the band and for the Association.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., Dec. 20, 1964, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 15 cwt.
*Glenda Beckett .. Treble	*Roger Osbon .. 5
Douglas Divall .. 2	Frank I. Hairs .. 6
†Jean Osbon .. 3	Ernest Ladd .. 7
Arthur Lewry .. 4	Colin Osbon .. Tenor

Conducted by Ernest Ladd.

* First peal. † First in the method.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

CADOXTON, Neath, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.

On Tues., Dec. 15, 1964, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B.
Benjamin J. Williams .. Treble	J. Arthur Hoare .. 4
Penelope J. Welch .. 2	Gwyn I. Lewis .. 5
Hazel Way .. 3	Brian J. Woodruffe .. Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

COLN ST. ALDWYN, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of

St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.	
*Anthony D. Smith .. Treble	Denby Murduck .. 5
Bradley Murduck .. 2	Philip Murduck .. 6
Reginald W. Rex .. 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. 7
†Susan E. Burt .. 4	Reginald F. Crook .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal. † First on eight bells.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

GREAT COMBERTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of

St. Michael.

On Sun., Dec. 27, 1964, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.
Ian Lloyd .. Treble	James Attwood Jun. .. 4
Arthur C. Berry .. 2	C. Barrie Dove .. 5
*Richard Bateman .. 3	John E. Whittall .. Tenor

Conducted by John E. Whittall.

* First peal of Minor and first 'inside.' First as conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Dec. 17, 1964, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.	
Susan Jackson .. Treble	Barry Sullivan .. 6
A. William Kirkby .. 2	Harold B. Schofield .. 7
Iris Lemare .. 3	Robin Brown .. 8
John Weaver .. 4	Ronald H. Dove .. 9
*Adrian C. Boorman .. 5	C. Barrie Dove .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal on ten bells.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. in E.	
Jeanne E. Bottomley .. Treble	William Barton .. 5
*Stephen R. Munday .. 2	Gordon Benfield .. 6
Frederick A. Munday .. 3	Barry Sullivan .. 7
Roy Bettley-Cooke .. 4	Vernon Bottomley .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by William Barton.

* First peal.

(Beverley and District Society.)

HEMINGBROUGH, Selby, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In eight methods, seven extents, viz.: (1) London, (2) Wells, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Norwich, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.	
W. F. Moreton .. Treble	*R. Ducker .. 4
*G. K. Smith .. 2	Rev. F. Ross .. 5
*H. C. Palmer .. 3	*D. S. Johnson .. Tenor

Conducted by W. F. Moreton.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung to welcome a daughter to the ringer of the fourth.

OWSTON FERRY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B., Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.	
Frederick J. Jackson .. Treble	David Nichols .. 4
John F. Underwood .. 2	Stuart Armeson .. 5
Richard F. Price .. Tenor	

HANDBELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

SWANSEA, GLAMORGAN.—At Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycoc.

On Fri., Dec. 18, 1964, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Edmund J., Morris .. 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4

*J. Arthur Hoare .. 5—6

Umpire: Patricia A. Jenkins

* 100th peal on handbells.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SPONDON, Derbyshire.—At 105, Nottingham Road.

On Wed., Sept. 2, 1964, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

Kevin Betesta .. 1—2 | Jack Bailey .. 5—6

Alfred Mould .. 3—4 | David Walklate .. 7—8

Composed by H. Howlett. Conducted by Kevin Betesta.

First of Major as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 17, Queen Street.

On Tues., Dec. 22, 1964, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Coliege Bob, Reverse Bob, St. Clement's, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor size 11 in G.

Gerald Penney (cond.) .. 1—2 | Julia A. Fellows .. 3—4

Joyce Dodds .. 5—6

A birthday compliment to Miss Marion Penney.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Hawkshead Hill.

On Thurs., Dec. 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Tenor size 15 in A.

Robin Shuttleworth .. 1—2 | Mary Whalley .. 3—4

Joseph Whalley (cond.) .. 5—6

First peal in the method by all.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—All rung at Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycoc.

On Mon., Dec. 7, 1964, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 RAGSTONE BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way .. 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4

J. Arthur Hoare .. 5—6

First peal in the method.

On Fri., Dec. 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 18 in G.

Hazel Way .. 1—2 | J. Arthur Hoare .. 5—6

Brian J. Woodruffe .. 3—4 | *Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 7—8

Richard T. Smith .. 9—10

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal on ten handbells.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 11 methods: (1) Mewslade Court Bob, (2) Ullswater Bob, (3) Horsmonden Bob, (4) Buxton College Bob and Childwall College Bob, (5) Double Plain Bob and Fulbeck Bob, (6) Reverse Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (7) St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob.

with 102 changes of method. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way .. 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4

J. Arthur Hoare .. 5—6

On Sun., Dec. 13, 1964, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 BRENTFORD BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

*Hazel Way .. 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4

*J. Arthur Hoare .. 5—6

* 100th peal together. First in the method.

On Sun., Dec. 13, 1964, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Hazel Way .. 1—2 | J. Arthur Hoare .. 5—6

Brian J. Woodruffe .. 3—4 | Edmund J. Morris .. 7—8

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

On Mon., Dec. 14, 1964, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 HEREFORD BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

*Hazel Way .. 1—2 | *Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4

J. Arthur Hoare .. 5—6

* 100th peal together. First in the method on handbells.

On Wed., Dec. 16, 1964, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Penelope J. Welch .. 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4

J. Arthur Hoare .. 5—6

LONG LENGTH

BULKINGTON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 28th, 2,272 Kent Treble Bob Major: Hazel A. Arrowsmith 1, K. F. Gardner 2, N. A. Crowther 3, G. P. Hammond 4, R. D. Hart 5, I. P. Unsworth 6, A. R. Wright 7, D. J. Allen (cond.) 8.

DATE TOUCH

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 19th, 1,964 Doubles in 13 methods (44 Stedman and 16 120's): J. Fray 1, Rosemary Smith 2, R. Smith 3, M. Horseman (cond.) 4, A. Perry 5, A. Butt 6.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Christmas Eve, 1,440 Spliced 5. Minor (Cambridge and Ipswich): C. H. Macve 1, Carol E. Cousins 2, Wendy C. Wallace (first of spliced) 3, Margaret C. Godfrey 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. Also on Christmas Day, 1,440 York 5. Minor: J. Preston 1, Katharine M. Guy 2, Wendy C. Wallace 3, Fanny M. C. Godfrey 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. First in the method by all. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: A. M. Macve 1, R. Rayfield 2, Wendy C. Wallace 3, Margaret C. Godfrey 4, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. For Matins, and an engagement compliment to Mary S. Taylor, St. Peter's-in-Thane, and John D. Faircloth, West Wickham.

ALBURY, SURREY.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Theresa Upstone (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Weaf (first 'inside') 2, Diane Street (cond.) 3, T. Wellen 4, Elizabeth Stevinson 5, N. Smith 6.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, M. J. Howes (first 'inside') 2, R. E. Lester 3, J. Prentice 4, Alice E. J. Lester (cond.) 5, N. F. Whittell 6. For the carol service.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): 1. Andrews 1, Mary Galoway 2, Janet Atkey (first quarter) 3, D. Elley 4, M. Hiller 5, Edna Pannell 6, J. Barrett (cond.) 7, A. Case 8. Birthday compliment to the conductor.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss H. Coppertwaite 1, W. R. Chandler (cond.) 2, Miss B. Fisher 3, V. J. C. Dale 4, R. J. Brown 5. For Matins.

BILSTON, STAFFS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Minor (Kent, Plain Bob): T. J. Greaves 1, R. B. Dorrington 2, J. Wilkinson 3, R. M. Hodister 4, D. J. Bates 5, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 6. First quarter in two methods 1, 2, 3 and 4. First in two methods by a local band.

BOLTON, LANCS.—At All Souls' Church, on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Hobson 1, R. Parkinson 2, N. Tompkins 3, C. Brownlow 4, F. Brownlow 5, A. Critchley 6, P. Crook (cond.) 7, J. Thornley 8. For Confirmation service. Also on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): D. Russell (first quarter) 1, C. Burridge 2, Janice Penning (first on working bell) 3, D. F. Young 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, G. R. Shedden 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. For Confirmation service. Also on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): D. Russell 1, C. Burridge 2, Wenda R. Harris 3, G. Gibbs 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, R. Blewitt 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. In memory of Edna Rolls, beloved mother of Patricia Rolls and mother-in-law of Gladys Rolls, ringers at this tower.

BOLTON, LANCS.—At Holy Trinity, on Dec. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. Hobson 1, R. Parkinson 2, N. Tompkins 3, C. Brownlow 4, F. Brownlow 5, A. Critchley 6, P. Crook (cond.) 7, J. Thornley 8.

BRAY, BERKS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): D. Russell (first quarter) 1, C. Burridge 2, Janice Penning (first on working bell) 3, D. F. Young 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, G. R. Shedden 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. For Confirmation service. Also on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): D. Russell 1, C. Burridge 2, Wenda R. Harris 3, G. Gibbs 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, R. Blewitt 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. In memory of Edna Rolls, beloved mother of Patricia Rolls and mother-in-law of Gladys Rolls, ringers at this tower.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: A. R. Crowther 1, H. E. Ashley 2, N. A. Crowther 3, R. T. Liggins 4, B. Liggins 5, Miss S. James 6, A. J. Hinde 7, G. Pratt (cond.) 8. First quarter 1, 4, 5, 6.

CHURCHILL, OXON.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hovard 1, I. Harris (cond.) 2, C. Taplin 3, J. Bolton 4, Miss M. Hovard 5, F. Rix 6. In honour of the birthday of Miss M. Hovard, and of the marriage of Mr. K. Hovard and Miss J. Thomson, which took place at Chipperfield, Herts, the previous day.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Penny L. Howell 1, A. P. White 2, Gillian Richards 3, H. Homans 4, J. E. Whittall (cond.) 5, D. Gerrard 6. For midnight service.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Dec. 26th (St. Stephen's Day), 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: F. Benn (first away from cover) 1, R. Cooles 2, A. Clayton 3, D. Hopkins 4, M. Uphill (cond.) 5, A. Bishop 6. In Honour Sancti Stephani, Ecclesiae Praesidem.

CLITHEROE, LANCS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 cover): Miss E. Crabtree 1, Miss M. Kirkham 2, J. Pilkington 3, P. Norman 4, P. Jenkinson 5, F. Price 6, C. Balshaw 7, M. Corlett 8. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss R. Morgan 1, Mrs. D. Bennett 2, L. L. Willis 3, D. L. Hooper 4, E. H. Hill 5, D. L. Lloyd 6, K. Taylor (cond.) 7, H. Williams (first quarter) 8. Rung for the ordination of the Rev. C. Tietquet, and as a welcome to the parish.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 28th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 London, 576 Cambridge): P. England 1, E. Lee 2, J. Brain 3, M. Horseman 4, G. Pullin 5, J. Gilbert (cond.) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. W. Shore, former ringer at Farmborough, and Mrs. Shore.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: I. J. Keeble (first quarter) 1, P. M. Leech (first quarter) 2, S. T. Leech 3, R. J. Igar 4, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 5, G. H. Igar 6.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—At the Church of St. John, on Dec. 20th, 1,443 Stedman Cinques: Jeanne E. Bottomley 1, Marilyn C. Smith 2, S. C. Walters 3, J. M. H. Hunter (cond.) 4, K. J. Darvill 5, J. H. Fielden 6, A. W. Bond 7, E. W. Colley 8, V. Nutton 9, V. Bottomley 10, C. H. Rogers 11, A. Rogers 12. First of Cinques 1, 2, 7. A 21st birthday compliment to Vivian Nutton.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: A. Day 1, Mary A. Coburn 2, Diana Parrott (first 'inside') 3, Nina Thomas 4, L. G. Coburn 5, F. C. Jacklin 6, J. D. Painter 7, A. Wilby (first as cond.) 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

HULME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,272 Bob Minimus: R. Blackshaw 1, M. W. Harrison 2, J. Dowse 3, C. R. Larkin 4. Also on Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. J. Dowse 1, R. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, J. Heaps (cond.) 5, C. R. Larkin 6. Also on Dec. 20th, 1,272 Minimus: D. Barker 1, M. W. Harrison 2, R. Blackshaw 3, J. Heaps 4. All rung for Evensong.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 20th, at St. Clement's Church, 1,260 Kent and Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Howes 1, R. E. Lester 2, Alice E. J. Lester 3, A. Munnings 4, L. R. Pizey 5, N. F. Whittell 6.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. McDonald 1, F. G. Richardson 2, A. Gargrave 3, F. V. Gant (cond.) 4, J. Stephenson 5, A. J. Salisbury 6. Rung for the 91st birthdays of Mrs. E. M. A. Saunders, mother of the ringer of the second, and also of Mrs. M. J. Francis, of Tunstall, Kent, mother of the vergier at Hornchurch.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Parslow 1, A. Jeffs 2, Mary Farr 3, W. Insley 4, Valerie Willard 5, B. Whitney 6, P. G. Williams (cond.) 7, D. Siratt (first quarter) 8.

OSSINGTON, NOTTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,290 Grandsire Doubles: Grace Burchall (cond.) 1, D. Parsons 2, Katharine Burchall 3, Eleanor Rose 4, A. Wilson 5, H. Hawcroft 6. Rung for Sung Eucharist.

PENN, STAFFS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Griffiths (first of Major) 1, A. Elsmore 2, C. Griffiths (first of Major) 3, Mrs. E. M. Key 4, J. Roden 5, B. G. Key (cond.) 6, C. W. F. Eyre 7, H. Griffiths 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Arthur Eyre, son of the 7th ringer.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Hilary Coyle 1, B. H. Coatsworth 2, L. W. Allen 3, A. R. Millidge (cond.) 4, Julie S. Armstrong 5, B. J. Bull 6, D. C. Brookes 7, C. M. Cobb 8. For carol service.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: T. Douglas 1, Miss S. Chaddock 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, Mrs. M. Burns 4, N. Donovan 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, D. Nichols 8. S. Armeson 9, P. Walker 10. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Sidney Briggs, former ringer at this church.

SHREWTON, WILTS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: B. Smith 1, W. Alexander 2, C. Smith (cond.) 3, W. Cook 4, C. Hillier 5, T. Spencer 6.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Cook 1, Miss M. Fenion 2, B. Wakelield 3, M. J. Cook 4, P. Wakelield 5, R. T. Wakelield (first as cond.) 6. Rung by members of the choir for the carol service.

STAINES, MIDDX.—At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Pike (first quarter) 1, M. Loveday 2, R. I. Shepherd 3, M. Bartlett 4, E. Kipsley (cond.) 5, A. F. Petre 6, R. Wiggins 7, T. Christie 8.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Cooper 1, L. Cooper 2, S. Gullick (first quarter) 3, D. Taplin 4, W. Lawrence 5, D. Gullick (cond.) 6, W. Munson (cond.) 8.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Stacey 1, D. R. Bould 2, H. Hca 3, E. Nunn (first of Triples as cond.) 4, H. Trewin 5, B. G. D. Vince 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, L. Cundy (first of Triples) 8. Rung for James Tomsett, ordained Deacon at Southwark Cathedral this day.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Grace Burchall 1, Katharine Burchall 2, N. Moxon 3, Olive Moxon 4, Eleanor Rose 5, D. Parsons (cond.) 6, A. Wilson 7, H. Hawcroft 8. A tribute to Mr. J. Wilson, a valued member of this tower, whose funeral took place this day.

WALKINGTON, EAST YORKS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: J. A. Waterworth (first of Treble Bob) 1, Miss J. Gray 2, G. K. Smith 3, F. C. Hobson (cond.) 4, D. S. Johnson 5, N. W. Castle (first of Kent) 6.

WANSTROW, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Colwell 1, Miss Harney 2, J. E. Metcalfe (cond.) 3, T. Nicholls 4, H. Crabbe 5, T. Crabbe 6. First quarter 2, 4, 5 and 6.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Gibbs 1, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 2, B. W. Metcalfe 3, W. Lampard (first 'inside') 4, B. W. Lewis 5, D. M. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Ruth Downs, interred this day.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss I. Gocher 1, M. Turner 2, Miss D. M. Mullins 3, J. D. Nelson 4, R. Banner 5, I. Davey 6, G. Francis 7, D. D. Smith (first of Major as cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Lomas 1, Miss D. M. Mullins 2, R. Exler 3, P. Miles 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, T. Latham 6. For Evensong.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: R. G. Bell 1, Kathleen Baldwin 2, R. D. Bell (first in method) 3, W. G. Paul 4, B. H. Hullah 5, R. G. Smith 6, R. Baldwin 7, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 8. For Morning Prayer.

WESTBURY-ON-TRYM, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. O. Costella 1, R. Huddleston 2, R. Huddleston 3, G. Marchat 4, D. Huddleston (first as cond.) 5, A. Howard 6.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods) (7, 6, 8 covering): Mary White 1, Betty Daysh 2, R. A. Stone 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, P. Godman 6, D. J. White 7, T. White 8. Rung for the wedding of Susan Burt and Ray Revett.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Mills 1, Carole A. H. Patey (first quarter) 2, P. Wood 3, E. Webb 4, R. Threadgold 5, F. W. J. Roper (cond.) 6.

WHITTEBURY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): C. E. Truman (cond.) 1, Pauline Kingston 2, Daphne Webb 3, G. Kingston 4, J. Linnell 5. First in seven methods 2, 3, 4.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Minor (four methods): W. F. Eyden 1, J. Chance 2, B. Hendry 3, J. Linnell 4, C. E. Truman (cond.) 5, G. E. Green 6. In memoriam Frederick Cashmore.

WOUBURN, BEDS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Mrs. K. Spavins 1, A. Kershaw 2, H. B. Whitney 3, A. Jeffs 4, I. Pett 5, R. Churchill (cond.) 6, K. G. Spavins 7, A. 21st birthday compliment to Miss Ann Spavins.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. L. Walley 1, M. McCallan 2, L. Kinson 3, R. J. Ballard 4, A. Thompson 5, G. W. Biddulph 6, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 7, G. Perry 8. Rung on the occasion of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. M. Lewis.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,296 Minimus (Double, Reverse and Plain Bob): Sylvia Summers 1, J. F. West 2, D. Baker 3, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 4, J. Stockley 5. First of Minimus by all. Rung as a farewell to David Baker, who is leaving for Sussex. Also on Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. H. Tanner 1, Nora Barker (first of Doubles) 2, P. S. Bennett 3, J. F. West 4, A. J. Collings (cond.) 5, J. Stockley 6. For Evensong.

WORCESTER.—On Dec. 20th, at the Cathedral, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Adams 1, A. C. Berry 2, P. Cattermole 3, M. R. Ashmore 4, J. J. Stanier 5, P. D. Warren 6, J. C. Slater 7, D. Beacham (cond.) 8. Rung on the back eight for the carol service.

WORCESTER.—On Dec. 24th, at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. D. Warren 1, A. P. White 2, D. Franklin (first on eight) 3, R. Adams 4, M. R. Ashmore 5, J. J. Stanier 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, J. C. Slater 8.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Kingcott (first quarter) 1, H. W. Knight 2, H. Bird 3, Hilda Kingcott 4, E. T. Leo 5, M. M. Collins 6, W. H. Kingcott (cond.) 7, D. Breen (first quarter) 8. For Evensong by Sunday service band.

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HEIGHTON.—On Dec. 16th, 1964, at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, to Bridget and David, of Saxlingham Nethergate, a daughter, Margaret Lucy. A sister for Fiona Mary. 6077
WHITE.—On Friday, December 18th, 1964, at Hersham, Walton-on-Thames, to Mary and Basil, a daughter, Anne, a sister for Ian. 6066

ENGAGEMENTS

COOK—FOX.—The engagement is announced between Colin Harvey, only son of the late Mr. E. J. Cook and Mrs. Cook, of Mersham, Surrey, and Sarah Lesley Vanessa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Fox, of Edenbridge, Kent. 6078

FAIRCLOTH—TAYLOR.—The engagement is announced between John Faircloth, younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. C. H. Faircloth, of West Wickham, and Mary Taylor, only daughter of Mrs. T. Taylor and the late Mr. T. Taylor, of Broadstairs. 6043
NEWING—GRAINGER.—The engagement is announced between Peter Newing, of Littlebourne, Canterbury, Kent, and Angela Grainger, of Brighton, Sussex. 6065

ROTHERA—FUNNELL.—The engagement is announced between Philip, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Rothera, 100, Tetley Road, Birmingham 16, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Funnell, 7, Lanchester Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham 30. 6050

DEATHS

BRYANT.—On January 2nd, 1965, at Glenmore, Old Roar Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, James Paterson, beloved father of Joan, John, Robert, David, and Edward. 6091

HISCOTT, WILLIAM GEORGE.—On December 27th, 1964, at Liskeard, Cornwall, after a brief illness, aged 83. Funeral private. No flowers, letters or messages please. 6040

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BURT.—The address of David A. Burt is now 29, Marlborough Buildings, Bath, Somerset. 6054

DAVIES.—The address of Geoffrey and Elizabeth Davies is now 18, Wake Green Road, Moseley, Birmingham 13. 6086

MASON.—Christine L. Mason, Church of All Saints, Chilvers Coton with Astley, Nuneaton, Warwickshire. New address: Nurses' Home, Royal South Hants Hospital, Fanshawe Street, Southampton. Taking previous happy memories of and leaving much love and gratitude to all ringers at Coton (particularly Mr. and Mrs. Beamish) and others in Coventry Diocesan Guild for help, encouragement, and wonderful friendship and fellowship. Fondly anticipating more opportunity for ringing experience and progress.

YOUNG.—As from January 5th, the address of S. M. J. Young will be c/o Rhodesia Railways, P.O. Box 703, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia. 6047

TELEPHONE NUMBER

BEACHAM.—The telephone number of David Beacham, Gen. Sec. Worcestershire and Districts Association, is now Hallow 457.

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PERSONAL

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Behold God is my salvation: I will trust and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song: He also is become my salvation.—Isaiah xii, 2.

MISCELLANEOUS

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES.—A meeting will be held at towers in Rotherham and Sheffield on Saturday, February 6th. Details to be announced later.—Ruth M. Cayton. 6048

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL.—Tickets for the dinner on January 23rd are available, price 25s. from D. B. Williams, 4, Edward Street, Oswestry, Shropshire. Ringing details will accompany tickets. 6035

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Annual meeting at Shenton Mallet on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Name for tea, please, to Mr. J. Rose, 6, Kingsland Road, Shepton Mallet.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 6028

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A.G.M. at Biggleswade on Saturday, January 9th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—M. Major, Dis. Sec. 5983

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting Saturday, Jan. 9th, St. Michael's (12). Bells 3 p.m.—4.30 p.m. Service 4.30, tea 5 p.m. Meeting St. Michael's, 6 p.m. Bells Christ Church (10) available after meeting. Own arrangements for tea.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Dronfield (8) on Saturday, January 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. G. N. Goodall, 6, Elm Tree Crescent, Dronfield, Sheffield.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 6011

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 9th, in Cambridge. Bells: St. Andrew-the-Great (8) and St. Bene't's (6), 3 p.m. Service, St. Andrew-the-Great, 4.30 p.m. Tea, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 4 Emmanuel Street. 5.15 p.m.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 5987

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—A.G.M. at Leytonstone, on January 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. E. Willington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. 5949

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual District meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth, on Saturday, January 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 5993

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual District meeting at Bocking on January 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. E. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking. 5967

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting January 9th, Rodbourne Cheney, 6-8 p.m. only. 6072

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual District meeting at Hersham on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m. approx. Names for tea to Mrs. K. King, The Hut, Thrupps Lane, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames. 5986

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Annual meeting at Ross on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m., service 4 p.m., tea and meeting at Central Cafe—J. J. Webb. 6056

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meetings Bushey, January 9th, 6.30 p.m. Special method Bristol S.M.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 6052

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual District meeting, Hertford (All Saints), January 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing after business until 8 p.m. N.B.—A new District Secretary must be elected. 6055

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Linton on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m., service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea please to Mr. P. M. Town, Zenphyr, Heath Road, Linton, near Maidstone.—M. L. Howe, Dis. Sec. 5966

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Wye, Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8, 20 cwt.) 3 p.m., service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss R. Gisson, Wye College, Wye, near Ashford. Good attendance (with subscriptions) specially requested—C. T. H. 5989

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Barnabas', Shore, on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Lee, 12, Hodder Avenue, Shore, Littleborough. Regret no name no tea—I. P. Partington. 6026

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lancaster Branches.—Joint meeting at Milnthorpe on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (6), 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to the Rev. W. E. Walsh, The Vicarage, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—T. F. Metcalfe, P. Handley, Branch Secs. 6039

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Annual meeting to be held on January 9th at All Saints', Loughborough (10). Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to M. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough. All welcome. 5955

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Annual general meeting at Syston on January 9th. Bells 3 p.m., service 4.15, tea and meeting in Red Cross Hall. Names for tea as soon as possible to Mr. E. F. Payne, The Green, Syston—R. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 6051

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Annual meeting, January 9th, Lincoln St. Giles' (8). Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to S. A. Chambers, 64, Goldsmith Walk, Lincoln. 6012

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Chepstow, January 9th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Names for tea, please.—J. S. King, The Cedar Tiles, High Beech Lane, Chepstow. 6014

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, January 9th. Ringing at Southwark Cathedral 4.15-4.55 p.m., followed by Evensong. Evening ringing and place of meeting to be announced at Southwark. Nominations.—Veronica Dupré, Hon. Sec. 6064

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Meeting, Saturday, January 9th, Stanmore. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 6003

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting, Norton Subcourse, Saturday, January 9th. Bells (6) from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—N. P. J. C., Branch Sec. 5883

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Practice meeting at Pulham St. Mary, Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) 6.30 to 9 p.m.—C. F. W. Phillippo, Hon. Sec. 5996

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Aldermaston, January 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. Wilcox, The Bungalow, Deenham Hill, Deenham, Reading. 6023

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A.G.M., Desborough (8), January 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Wright, 11, Mayfield Road, Desborough. Special methods: London. Double Norwich. Plain Bob. 5998

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Annual District meeting, Bingham on January 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton. 'St. Ouen's', Whatton.—R. Blackshaw, 6033

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Bosham (6), Saturday, January 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for tea R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. Tel. 325. 6034

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Whitechurch, January 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Names for tea to Mr. E. Dance, Bere Hill Farm, Whitechurch. Bells available after tea. 5984

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Annual meeting, Street, Saturday, January 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m., service 4.30. Names for tea please.—P. Hull, Dinder. 6037

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Tickenham (6), Saturday, January 16th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 6087

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting Crewe January 16th. Bells (10) 3 p.m., service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea must be received by January 13th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 6059

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting on January 16th at Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry. Bells 3 p.m. service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Parish Room, Brays Lane. Numbers for tea very important to: J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick, before January 14th please. 6074

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Annual meeting Saturday, January 16th, at Huntingdon. Ringing arrangements: Godmanchester (8) 3-4 p.m. All Saints', Huntingdon (6) 3.45-4.30 p.m., service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All Saints' and St. Mary's bells available after tea. 6063

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Walsoken, Saturday January 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6081

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Grittleton, Saturday, January 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please. names for tea to A. Gough, The Cottage, Sevington, Grittleton.—H. Heath. 6071

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual District meeting, January 16th. Cathedral (12) 2.30-4 p.m. S.M.: Erin. Service 4.30 at St. Stephen's (6). Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Miss C. Rimmer, 182, Tippetdell Lane, Park Street, St. Albans. St. Stephen's bells available in evening.—Mary A. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 6076

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishops Stortford District.—Annual District meeting Saturday, January 16th. Ringing at Little Hadham 3.4-4.15 p.m. Bishops Stortford for service at 4.30, tea, meeting and ringing in the evening. Names for tea to D. Kingston, 33, Proctors Way, Bishops Stortford, Herts., Dis. Sec. 6095

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (North-Western District).—Joint annual meetings in Manchester on Saturday, January 16th. Town Hall bells (13) available from 2.30 p.m. Ladies' Guild annual meeting in Committee Room No. 3 at 3.30 p.m. Manchester Branch business meeting 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Bells again after meeting. 6069

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Market Harborough, on Sat., Jan. 16th. Bells 3 p.m., service 4.15, tea 5 p.m., in the Old Grammar School. Names for tea to R. Bindley, 32a, Coventry Road, Market Harborough by Wednesday, January 13th.—L. W. Allen. 6088

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, January 16th. Spalding. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mrs. R. C. Noon, 13, Pennygate, Spalding, Lincs. 6042

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Saturday, January 16th. Bells available 2-5.30 p.m. only. Lea bells after meeting. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. Special methods: Gainsborough, Little Bob and Bob Triples.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 5995

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—S. and W. District.—Annual meeting, January 16th, St. Mary's, Twickenham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea with business to follow 5 p.m. in Church Hall, All Hallows', Chertsey Road (10), in evening. Future meetings on first Saturday—Heston, February 6th; Hillingdon, joint meeting, October 23rd—please note.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. 6062

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—The next meeting will be at Newhall, Saturday, January 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 6041

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting, Hethersett, Saturday, January 16th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Essential to notify for tea Mr. R. Loft, 7, Council Houses, Little Melton Road, Hethersett, Norwich NR4 2X.—C. B. Sec. 5992

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Annual meeting, Weldon, January 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. Webster, 17, Church Street, Weldon. Corby, by 13th instant. 6010

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, January 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 p.m. at the Wessex Restaurant. Further ringing until 9 p.m. Fordington St. George (6) also available. Names for tea by Tuesday, January 12th, to R. H. Duke, Hon. Sec., 1, Came View Road, Dorchester, Dorset. Tel. Dorchester 158. 6010

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, January 16th. Ringing, St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 1.45 to 3 p.m. Further ringing to be announced. Tea 5.30 p.m. at St. Martin's. Meeting in Vestry Hall.—J. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 6079

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, West Overton and East Kennett, January 16th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 6092

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 16th, Newark. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark.—B. N. Reed. 6010

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, Saturday, January 16th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, January 13th, latest, to Miss M. Stallard, 14, Bamford Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 6085

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual District meeting at St. John's, Redhill, January 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Meadvale Village Hall. Names for tea, please, by January 14th to H. Comber, 2, Woodlands Avenue.—G. A. W. 6085

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—80th anniversary dinner at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Saturday, January 16th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. A few tickets left (one guinea each).—Apply: W. L. Weller, Flagstones, Andrew's Hill, Billingshurst, Tel. 2412. 6085

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's, Southampton, January 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., business to follow. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 13th, to Canon K. W. H. Felstead, St. Michael's Vicarage, Southampton. 6080

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Oldswinford on Saturday, January 16th, 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mr. A. Roden, 19, Castle Grove, Oldswinford, by Wednesday, January 13th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge. 6029

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting at Halifax on January 16th. Bells available: Northowran (8), 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Elland (8), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; All Souls', Haley Hill (8), 2.30-4.30; the Parish Church (12) after the meeting. General Committee meet in the Sunday School, opposite All Souls', at 3.15 p.m. Service at All Souls' at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., at the Crown Hotel, near the railway station, followed by the general meeting. Special business: the election of two representatives to the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies. Names for tea essential to be sent to Mr. J. H. Fielden, 18, Chester Road, Akroydon, Halifax, by Wednesday, January 13th.—W. F. Moreton, Gen. Sec. 6029

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Dersingham on Wednesday, January 20th. Bells available from 6.30.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 6089

BATH AND WELLS DIOCEAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 23rd, at Locking. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 6058

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting, Luton, Saturday, January 23rd. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea at 5. Business in heltry 6 p.m. Names for tea not later than 23rd to Mr. Basil Hullat, 87, St. Monica's Avenue, Luton. 6032

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Annual meeting, Chester Cathedral, Saturday, January 23rd (not 16th as previously notified). Bells of St. Mary-within-the-Walls (8) available 2.30-3.45 p.m. Service, Cathedral choir, 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea, please, by Wednesday, January 20th, to R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec., 35, Anpleywards Lane, Chester. 6000

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 23rd, at Colchester. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. Leonard's at the Hythe followed by tea at 5 p.m. Bells: St. Leonard's (6), 2.30-4.30 and 7-9; All Saints', Shrub End (6), 2-4 and 7-9; St. Peter's (8), 7-9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Oliver, 27, St. Andrew's Avenue, Colchester. 6000

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Farnham on January 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham, Surrey.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 6094

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, January 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Reservations by 21st, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard (2260).

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Annual District meeting, Asfordby, January 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. H. Cook, 18, New Street, Asfordby, near Melton Mowbray. 6073

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A.G.M., Wellingborough (8), January 23rd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Monday to Mr. A. Elliott, 5, St. Crispin Avenue, Wellingborough. 6084

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting at St. Mary's Nottingham (10), on Saturday, January 23rd, at 2.45 p.m. Business meeting in tower, prior to tea. Own arrangements for tea.—Sec. 6038

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual general meeting, January 23rd at St. Peter's, South Croydon. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Address to be given by the Bishop of Croydon. Tea and meeting to follow in Church Hall. Names for tea to Miss V. Potter, 9, Waverley Road, London, S.E.25, by previous Wednesday. South Croydon bells in evening. Advance Notice.—February 13th: Social evening at St. John-the-Baptist, Croydon, Church Hall. Further details later. 6049

DEVONSHIRE GUILD—S.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Plymouth St. Maurice, Saturday, January 30th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by January 24th to Mr. David Farnham, 31, Reynolds Road, Plympton, Devon. 6024

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M., January 30th at Shrewsbury. Bells, St. Mary's (10), available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Mary's Hall 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by January 16th (latest) to F. Owen, Longden Green, Shrewsbury, Salop.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6082

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A TRANSCENDENT EXPERIENCE

By George Cockman

THERE is an element in ringing which I would term transcendent, and it's on that I want to dwell. This experience may be hid from some ringers, and if it is I'm sorry, for I would say that they have missed one of the greatest experiences in ringing.

The experience I speak of is not in fact unique to ringing. You could find it in the best music, orchestral or group; you could find it in a boat of eight good oars or in a line of three quarters moving across the Twickenham turf. But few of us can enjoy these from the inside, we can only enjoy them passively by listening or watching, whereas in ringing we can enter into the experience actively and in ringing we have perhaps the purest example of this experience.

I am referring to the experience we have when we hit a perfect rhythm with perfect striking in a course or a touch or a peal, and in some real sense we are lifted above ourselves. Consider the situation carefully: we are each dependent, absolutely dependent, upon each other; none of us is doing exactly the same thing at the same time and yet we are in complete harmony and perfect rhythm. Our differences in personality, in age and experience, in social standing, in profession and intelligence, all have disappeared. We have subjugated them for the sake of the corporate effort, they are unimportant now.

Now I call this a transcendent experience, because I believe it is in way of being a vision, a vision of what life could and should be, and in particular what the Church could and should be: a number of people with different personality, background, age, social standing and so on, joining together and, in the pursuit of a common objective, playing their part with responsibility and at the same time being absolutely reliant upon each other; no one doing exactly the same thing at the same time and yet remaining in perfect harmony and rhythm. We should all experience this in ringing and we could all experience this in being the Church.

Of course, the basic work has to be done. We've got to know how to handle the rope and we've got to know the method, any attempt without by even one member would throw the whole issue into confusion; remember we are all absolutely reliant upon each other. We have got to do some basic work on our lives before we can become useful members of society and this truth seems to be hidden from some members of the Church. But it is as true of the Church as it is of ringing — we are all dependent upon each other. One bolshie man who in-

sists on being in 6/7 when he should be in the slow, or someone who thinks that striking doesn't matter, neither will be playing his part in a band that takes its ringing seriously.

Well then, how many are doing their basic work for the Church? I don't mean mowing lawns or cleaning vestries, they're important but I'm thinking of the Church in its real meaning—the Body of Christ, the community of God's people. How many are playing their part; doing the basic work of prayer and Bible study and reading, bearing one another's burdens? We know how one person in a band can spoil things by not treating the ringing seriously—just think of that in terms of the Church, which St. Paul described like this: 'Now you are Christ's body and each of you a limb or organ of it.'

It's no good hoping that a touch will go well, you've got to get down to it and work for it.

We do work for it in ringing, this perfection in striking, in rhythm and when we get it we know that it is infinitely worthwhile. Is it that we have lost the vision of it in the Church, have we given up all hope, given it up as a bad job? It's a sad business if we have for, as in ringing, it is infinitely worthwhile working for it.

Analogies are dangerous, and I believe they are, but I also believe that we ringers have something here in our experience which should lead us to a new vision of, and a new activity in, the Church. It's so worthwhile to get that rhythm in any course or touch or peal; let's have it in our ringing, let's have it in our minds, and let's have it in our Church.

From an address given to the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Epsom on December 12th, preached by an Ordination candidate.

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Bishop Tries Out New Bells after Rededication



The Bishop of Chester (the Rt. Rev. Gerald Ellison) ringing after the dedication of the recast bells at Bowdon, Cheshire. By his side is the well known one-armed ringer, Mr. Basil Jones, of Hazel Grove.
[By courtesy of Warrington Guardian Series.]

IN the presence of a large congregation the Rt. Rev. Gerald Ellison, D.D., Lord Bishop of Chester, dedicated on December 12th the recast ring of eight bells at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Bowdon, Cheshire. After the Lessons (Numbers x, verses 1 to 10), the procession, consisting of the vergers, wardens, ringing master, the bellfounder's representative, the architect and the local ringers, proceeded to the chancel where the wardens asked the Bishop to accept the bells and to dedicate them. The procession then returned to the west end of the church where the Bishop and the ringers ascended to the newly-formed ringing balcony and the Bishop dedicated the bells. As the procession returned to its places the local band rang the dedicatory rounds.

The Bishop in his sermon, which was an excellent example of what should be done on such occasions, explained the origins and uses of bells in such a manner that the laymen in church were able to apprehend the significance of their use and of their attraction. That the Bishop was able to do this was undoubtedly due to the fact that he is a practical ringer and takes a real interest in the bells of the churches of the Diocese. Towards the end of his address he turned to the lessons which might be learned from the art of ringing.

He instanced the need for self discipline, persistence, study etc., and then said that these qualities were also those needed in all branches of church and national life. Then there was the need for co-operation with others and the cultivation of a team spirit. He told his listeners that the musical sounds based on mathematical patterns which came from the belfry depended upon every member of the band carrying out his part conscientiously and efficiently and urged them as laymen to listen to the ringing which would undoubtedly take place on the new bells and try to distinguish between the different types of methods and become informed listeners.

At the close of the service the procession of clergy, choir etc., moved to the west door to the sound of a course of Double Norwich rung by past and present members of Bowdon tower. Following that a course of Bristol Surprise Major was rung by a representative band and by this time the Lord Bishop had disrobed and came to the belfry where he took part in ringing rounds and spent some time in informal conversation with the large number of ringers who were present.

Tea was served in the Schools and after the customary short speeches on such occasions good use was made of the bells.

ORIGINAL BELLS CAST IN 1714

Originally the bells at Bowdon were a ring of six by Rudhall, cast in 1714, but in 1923 these were recast and augmented to eight by Gillett and Johnston. These eight left much to be desired and when the tower needed considerable repair two years ago the opportunity was seized to have the bells replaced by a more suitable ring. At the same time in order to reduce the movement in the tower the bells were brought down to where the ringing room was and a balcony, which was rarely used, was refurbished as the new ringing room, open to the church. The overall result has been excellent, the bells are clearly audible outside the tower and yet are not oppressive, and they can also be heard clearly inside. Being open to the church the ringing room is warmer though there is the disadvantage of the ringers being seen and heard in the church.

The new bells (tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb.) from the Loughborough Foundry are a first-class example of the founders' skill and craftsmanship and the new frame together with the lowering of the bells has effectively reduced the tower movement. All present at the dedication were very impressed and the authorities at Bowdon and the ringers are to be congratulated on possessing a fine new ring of bells which we are assured will be put to good use.

C.K.L.

M.U.G.S. WEDDING

Yet another marriage has occurred between members of Manchester University Guild. On January 2nd, Miss Mary Browne, of Topsham, Devon, and Philip Jones, of Hampton, Middlesex, were married at St. Margaret's Church, Topsham. The bride is the present secretary of the Guild and the bridegroom an ex-steeplekeeper. Two Guild members were bridesmaids.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Scowen 1, Miss J. Davidge 2, W. W. T. Daniell 3, Miss S. Little 4, P. Minchin 5, E. Sutton 6, M. Stanley 7, P. Spackman (first of Cater 'inside') 8, A. G. Wells (cond.) 9, L. Picknell 10. Rung prior to Nine Lessons service, and to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mrs. Wells, mother of the conductor.

M.U.G.S. WEEK-END AROUND INGLETON

It was with distinct feelings of uneasiness that members of the Manchester University Guild left Manchester on October 30th. The Dormobile we had hired was in such a bad state that we seriously considered showing it to the police. However we pressed on and thanks to the courageous handling of the driver we reached Lancaster intact, if a little late. However, we did not manage the heavy eight very well and the feelings of most were well summed up when the lights went out in the middle of the cease. Having toured Lancaster three times, we eventually found a fish and chip shop and then made for Ingleton, where we stayed the night.

Next morning, abandoning the vehicles, we walked to Lower Benthams, with the heaviest 6 in Yorkshire (by a short head from Kirk Ella). Lunching on route, we crossed into Lancashire and rang at Melling in the afternoon. A short bus journey took us to Kirkby Lonsdale's very nice six, which made the third county we had rung in that day.

Sunday dawned a fine day which made our walk round Ingleton falls even more pleasurable. The Ringing Master was pleased that it was warm for another reason. While he was standing on a stone in the river, a small boulder just happened to fall immediately behind him, soaking him completely. After lunching in a transport cafe we travelled to Hornby to ring on the light eight.

The last tower of the day was at Whittington, a tricky six because of the long draught. Staying to the service, we received the shortest sermon known—three minutes flat. As there was fog about we were glad to get on our way as soon as possible and Manchester was reached in good time for last buses.

It was very pleasing to see so many Guild members supporting the week-end—eighteen in all—and thereby making it all the more successful. Thanks must also go to the drivers and to the incumbents. D. J. B.

SUFFOLK CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Howard and Margaret Egglestone, their young band of ringers and some very generous and hardworking ladies provided the S.E. District of the Suffolk Guild with a really splendid social at Henley on December 19th. This was something of an experiment and was purposely not made a whole Guild affair. However, amongst the 70 or so present were friends from other Districts and even, some 'furriners' from Essex! The whole evening had an air of relaxation and thorough enjoyment at being able to get together to eat, drink and be merry. And the cosy village hall, gaily decorated, small bar at one end and informal chairs and tables provided just the right atmosphere for the entertainment.

The Offton handbell ringers gave eight carols and this was followed by George Pipe's colour slides of Washington and Groton. Tall, fair, debonaire Stanley Bloomfield sang some good owd songs and we were treated to very fine tune ringing by Andrew Hudson, Jeremy Branden and Howard Egglestone.

It's always good to have a laugh at oneself and there was plenty of opportunity this evening. Alice Lester and Lawrence Pizzey took the part of editor and secretary of 'The Ringing World' in a humorous sketch dealing with local problems and the company rocked with mirth at the silhouette taking off various people's handling. The evening concluded with a song by the Henley ringers—one of those carefully calculated to bring in controversial towers, much to the delight of the listeners!

Altogether, a social that put us in good spirit for the Christmas season and something that we all hope will be a permanent date in Suffolk. Well done, Henley!

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. A. Haynes (first of Minor) 1, G. E. Drew (cond.) 2, E. M. Haynes 3, P. A. Teal 4, C. A. R. Hunt 5, N. W. Castle 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. T. Haynes (11 years, first quarter) 1, E. M. Haynes 2, J. A. Waterworth 3, J. Gray 4, G. E. Drew (cond.) 5, N. W. Castle 6. For Harvest Festival.

JONATHAN PAVIER AND HIS SON-IN-LAW

Dear Sir.—Mr. Claude Rush, delving into 'Church Bells,' has brought back to our minds many interesting facts from the past, and his latest article, page 7, Vol. LVI, has recalled an event in which I had a personal interest.

I quote, 'The oldest ringer in England is Jonathan Pavier, who was born at South Hinksey, near Oxford, on May 31st, 1779.' In the autumn of 1932, by an amazing coincidence, I had a conversation with Jonathan Pavier's son-in-law. In that year these two men had already bridged a span of 153 years.

I believe there is now only one ringer besides myself who also met Pavier's son-in-law in that year, namely, Mr. W. G. E. Collett, of Oxford, and as such I think that the events leading up to the meeting are worth recording.

Early in 1932 the verger of St. Martin and All Saints' Church, Oxford (where I was then captain of ringers), handed to me some records of early Oxford peals, which he stated were found on the font cover with a note addressed 'To the Ringers.' These records were beautifully written in pen and ink on parchment paper in the manner of peal tablets including drawings of the tower concerned and figures of the compositions. I handed these records over to the Oxford Society who had them framed and hung in the Society's meeting room.

In Sept. 1392, W. H. Fussell, of Slough, organised one of his peal tours in the Oxford area and on the 8th of that month I had the privilege of ringing the treble at St. Martin and All Saints' to a peal of Superlative S. Major in the distinguished company of George Martin, George Pye and Gabriel Lindoff, etc.

After the peal I took the band to the Oxford Society's meeting room where they inspected these old records and took part in double handed ringing on the Society's handbells.

On leaving the meeting room and while walking down Broad Street the conversation turned to the old records, and Fussell said to me: 'What a pity you cannot find out who left them in the church.' At that precise moment a very old man, whom we were slowly overtaking, turned to us and said, 'I left them there, gentlemen.' A few hurried questions proved that the old man was the son-in-law of Jonathan Pavier, an Oxford ringer in the early 1800's.

I took the old man's name and address with a promise to visit him as soon as I could contact the President, Mr. Collett, and the Society's secretary Vic Bennett. If I remember correctly, Mr. Collett with Mr. Bennett and myself visited the old man, whose name I have now forgotten, very soon after, when we learnt that he had many other papers and note books that belonged to Jonathan Pavier.

We were also shown during the visit the title deeds to a very ancient estate in Berkshire which the old man said should rightly be his by inheritance but to which he had been unable to prove his descent. Those deeds carried the seal in wax of either King Charles I or II.

There is no doubt that the old man, then nearing his 90th birthday, was a man of high breeding and education but being reduced to poor circumstances, was eking out a living by guiding visitors round the Cathedral and colleges of Oxford. He was a familiar figure to me at that time as I often saw him trying to attach himself to visiting parties in the hope of earning a few shillings as a guide.

Jonathan Pavier was employed for many years at Pembroke College, Oxford, where I believed he worked in the College Library.

SINE NOMINE IN DEVON



Millborne Port, Somerset, last stop on 1964 Sine Nomine tour.

The 1964 tour was held in South Devon, with headquarters at Totnes. About 45 churches were visited. Highlights of the tour were the octaves at Tiverton, Plympton St. Maurice, Tavistock, St. Saviour, Dartmouth, Broadclyst, Buckfastleigh, and Ottery St. Mary, Dartington proved to have a delightful six. Ringing was on Devon's two tens and two twelves—Cullompton and Plymouth and Exeter and Buckfast, being very impressed with the latter. Strangest towers were St. Petrock, Exeter, jammed in between shops—St. Petrox, Dartmouth, almost in the sea at the mouth of the Dart—and above all Brent Tor perched on a lovely rock outcrop. Thanks go to everybody who made this tour possible.

His name also appears, if my memory serves me rightly, on peal boards in St. Ebbe's tower, Oxford, in peals of Major rung on the ring of 8 bells which were then in this tower. (The trebles of the ring were later sold and these places in the tower are now occupied by the 'Washbrook Memorial' bells.)

I have not had the pleasure of meeting my old friends of the Oxford Society in their meeting room since 1934, and as I left Oxford as a resident in 1933 I would be keenly interested to know if other records of Jonathan Pavier eventually found a home in the Society's keeping.—Yours, etc.

WILLIAM SIMMONDS.

100, Hartop Road, Torquay.

BALDOCK RINGERS' DINNER

The traditional dinner of the Baldock Guild of Ringers and their friends was enjoyed at Norton, on December 12th. Mr. G. W. Critchley, this year's President of the County Association, proposed the health of the Guild, and said that he was very impressed by the ringing at Baldock, which was a tremendous contribution to the Northern District, and congratulated the Guild on their peal that afternoon. Cambridge Surprise Major was rung in 3 hours 17 minutes, and there were some very sore hands to prove it.

Mr. E. G. Buck replied and reported that, of 17 quarters rung in the District, 12 had been at Baldock, and reminded all that the outing would be on June 19th. Mr. H. S. Bonnett welcomed the ladies, and recalled the dinners which had been held after the war in the Three Horseshoes. Mrs. J. Orme made the shortest and sweetest reply possible. The sounds of bells were heard from both record player and handbells to finish a very pleasant evening. J.S.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

To all Secretaries of Affiliated Societies

Affiliation fees for 1965 are now due and should be forwarded without delay. Cheques and Postal Orders (ten shillings per representative) made payable to 'The Central Council of Bell Ringers' and not to me personally please.

E. A. BARNETT.

Hon. Secretary.

26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford, Dartford, Kent.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION St. Albans District

The youngest member present at the St. Albans District meeting at Harpenden on the Saturday before Christmas was Simon Brown, whom everybody wanted to meet. He was not quite two weeks old!

Mr. Walter Ayre, who presided, and Mr. Gerald Penny both expressed their pleasure at seeing Mr. Arthur Day, of Harpenden, ringing again after his recent illness. Mr. Desmond Painter, an ex-District Ringing Master, was re-elected a member after a stay of nearly four years in Rhodesia. An intended hockey match between the girls of the St. Albans and Western Districts was mentioned, and also a football match between the men. No District outing is to be held in March.

The Rector conducted Evensong, and local ringers and wives served tea on tables decorated with candles and holly.

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Letters to the Editor

Campanalogia, 1702

Dear Sir.—In reply to Mr. Roger Savory's interesting article on *Campanalogia—1702*, I can offer some definite information.

J. D. and C. M. were members of the Society of London Scholars, and the full title of the book is:

'Campanalogia improved, or the art of ringing made easier by plain and methodical rules.'

It was printed in London for George Sawbridge in 1702, and seems to be a substantial revision of an earlier book by one W.S.: 'Campanalogia, or the art of ringing improved with plain and easie rules to guide the practitioner in the ringing of all kinds of changes. To which is added, great variety of New Peals.' This was printed in London by W. Godbid for W.S. in 1677 and, though similar in height, contained eight preliminary pages and 231 of text, whereas the book by J.D. and C.M. had 14 preliminaries and 189 text pages, with advertisements to page 192.

This was very popular as five editions were produced, dated 1705, 1733, 1753 and 1766. This fifth edition was corrected by J. Monk. All were printed in London. In 1887 Hervey Reeves reprinted it in a larger format, and with appropriate Victorian ornaments and type face.

I am compiling a detailed bibliography of books on bells and campanology, and am indebted to those who have already allowed me to work with their collections, as mine is not yet as comprehensive as I would like.—Yours sincerely,

J. SANDERSON (Miss).

Melbourn, Cambs.

A Horrible Suggestion

Dear Sir.—On what grounds, I wonder, does Mr. Maybrey suppose that if there should be an increase in the number of outings, as the result of publication of a Tower Grabbers' List (which I doubt), the learner-organisers will necessarily generate ill-feeling and bring about the closure of towers to others?

The procedure he outlines is only bare courtesy such as any outing organiser would follow as a matter of course without any prompting either from Mr. Maybrey or from the Central Council. His suggestion that all organisers of outings should be registered is surely the most fantastic idea ever put forward in your columns.

The payment of a deposit, levy, protection money or blackmail, call it what you will, is as objectionable as the idea of a disciplinary board which would be involved and, of course, the whole plan is quite unworkable.

I may, with good cause, be no great admirer of the Council, but in fairness even I am certain that with all its faults, it would not sink so low as to try that one on.—Yours, etc.,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

Staunton Harold Bells

Dear Sir.—The architect to the National Trust has condemned the frame at Staunton Harold Church as unsafe for the bells to be rung. When the church was restored the bells were not included although I believe an estimate was obtained. These are the only eight in the county on which I have not rung although I have been up and had a look at them.—Yours, etc.,

MICHAEL E. BROWN.

Sapcote, Leics.

Christianity and Ringing

Dear Sir.—Further to my letter on Christianity and Ringing in R.W., page 848, I wish to correct a statement which is either due to a misprint or my muddle-headedness.

The fourth sentence in the third paragraph should read, 'I feel that our atheist brother is NOT correct in making such a general statement as he does, re bickering and defaulting in the belfry.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID L. CAWLEY.

Whitstable.

Non-Association Peals

Dear Sir.—I found the letter from Mr. Threlfall most encouraging as the views therein are similar to those which I have expressed on the subject of peal records. He states valid objections to Mr. Mallett's suggestion that peals should be rung by non-territorial societies for territorial ones and it is up to Mr. Mallett to put forward arguments, other than outworn tradition, in support of his suggestion.

I feel that the terms 'Association' and 'Non-Association' often may seem to be almost equivalent to 'U' and 'Non-U.' This is clearly not so for no one would suggest that the Stedman Caters at Washington was a 'Non-U' peal because it had no society label attached to it. I would renew my plea that 'Non-Association' should be omitted from the reports of peals without a society label.

1964 saw a step forward with the decision of the Washington peal band and I applaud the courage and commonsense of that decision. Will 1965 see a touring band with sufficient courage and commonsense to follow this lead?—Yours sincerely,

Chester-le-Street, DENIS A. BAYLES.
Co. Durham.

All News to Reader Buck

Dear Sir.—I feel some reply is warranted to the letter by Cornishman of Jan. 1st.

I disagree that our paper is of little interest to the average ringer. I class myself as such, and find all of it of interest whether it be peals, quarter peals, outings or District meetings, not to mention such articles that come from the pen of Edgar Shepherd.

Peals and quarter peals are news and give some idea of what our friends are doing; thus I see no reason why those ringers should be asked to pay for such.

As the paper has for many years been helped by the donations from peals and quarter peals. I enclose our band's contribution for quarters rung during 1964.—Yours sincerely,

Baldock, Herts.

EDWIN G. BUCK.

Reading and Newbury Doubles

Dear Sir.—I am in the process of checking some Doubles methods. Two of these methods appear to be Reading and Newbury. These methods, I understand, were published in or about 1939 in a collection entitled 'A collection of Doubles and Minor Methods.'

I would appreciate if any ringer, knowing the composition of these methods, would contact me, or if anyone has a copy of the above collection would kindly lend it to me.—Yours sincerely,

ROY H. JONES.

118 Oxford Road,
Marston, Oxford.

Newchurch Bells

Dear Sir.—With reference to the bells of Newchurch, Kent (R.W., Jan. 1st, p. 7), Stahlschmidt's 'Church Bells of Kent' states that they were cast by John Wilnar (not Welmer). His foundry was at Borden in Kent, and Stahlschmidt states that he was buried there in 1640. I would refer Mr. Beeching to the above book, p. 82, which gives a full account of the foundry. H. B. Walters' 'Church Bells of England' calls him Wilner and says that he was founding between 1618-39. He was followed by Henry Wilner. It seems to have been a flourishing foundry.—Yours sincerely,

JAY CLAYTON.

London, S.W.

Hunslet and Itchen

Dear Sir.—Unless I have overlooked it, the figures of Itchen Court Bob Royal have not been published. Also, there was something wrong with either the notation or the lead-end row of Hunslet Bob Major. I shall be glad of these details for the record.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Cambridge U.G. Memories

Dear Sir.—I was very interested in V. Nutton's article on Cambridge University Guild's 600 peals.

In September, 1914, the Guild's ringing week came to Surfleet Vicarage, I being then a page-boy to the Rev. H. Law James. I will remember those handbell peals sometimes going well into the night and occasionally coming to grief, with E.B.J. and H.L.J. (brothers) storming at each other as to who was at fault.

The band at that time addressed each other by their initials, with the exception of the president, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey. They included E. M. Atkins, C. P. Woolley, H. S. T. Richardson, J. B. Williamson and the James brothers. In appreciation of their visit they presented the Vicar with an altar book suitably signed by the president (Rev. A. H. F. Boughey). Incidentally, I found that the book was still in use by the Vicar.

But more interesting still is that I have a small silver medal with the Guild's crest on one side and the dates of those first peals on the other side. It was not until I read the article in 'The Ringing World' that I found out what they were about.

Finally it is with great pleasure to remember that I was able to ring and attend church on the Sunday morning following with such a great band of 50 years ago.—Yours faithfully,

C. RAWDING.

Surfleet.

Wilnar of Borden

Dear Sir.—Apropos of the inquiry from Mr. W. J. Beeching concerning Newchurch bells, Stahlschmidt's 'Church Bells of Kent,' 1st Edition 1887, pages 81-82, gives the founder's name as Wilnar, of Borden, Kent.

Apparently, the foundry was established about 1618 by John Wilnar, who ran it until 1639 and was buried at Borden, May 5th, 1640. There were, in Stahlschmidt's time, 72 bells of his extant in Kent.

He was succeeded by Henry Wilnar, who was, himself, buried at Borden, January 30th, 1644. Only two bells in Kent and two in Sussex were extant of his work.

It could well be that Newchurch bells were, originally, a Wilnar five as the-treble has, or had, the words '...recast mdcccxlvi' in the inscription.—Yours sincerely,

W. E. BOX.

Harborne.

Stoulton's Bells

Dear Sir.—Whilst appreciating your correspondent's article regarding our small ring of bells at Stoulton, I would like to remark on a few points that may be a little misleading.

Firstly, the comparison with Frank Mack's miniature peal. I understand Frank's tenor to be 1 lb. 10½ ozs. and his total weight to be 7 lbs. 6 ozs, whereas our tenor is 107 lbs. and total weight 268 lbs.

Secondly, the frame is made from angle iron, a small portion of which was the angle of a bedstead. Lastly, with regard to the wheels the soles are formed from Endrick type rims but the rest is woodwork to conventional pattern.—Yours sincerely,

A. A. JOPP.

Stoulton, Worcs.

Peal Questioned

Dear Sir.—In connection with the peal of Mewslade Court Bob Minor rung at Limpsfield Chart on Dec. 19th, and duly published in 'The Ringing World' on January 8th (page 27) I want to say that I don't want my name associated with the peal, and for the following reason. During one extent, two bells changed course, and before they were changed back to their true positions rounds had occurred. To my mind therefore, this extent—and the peal—is not of a true nature.

I apologise to all those concerned for taking this action, but I feel that it is the right thing to do.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD C. STEVENS.

Croydon, Surrey.

OBITUARY

MR. GEOFFREY EVERETT

Mr. Geoffrey Everett, an unassuming ringer of Coggeshall, Essex, died suddenly, at his home on December 10th, aged 50.

Mr. Ron Suckling, District Ringing Master, writes:

I had known Geoffrey since 1938 when I had the pleasure of calling his first peal at Stisted. He was one of our band of young ringers who were ringing a large number of peals in this part of Essex prior to the War. Quiet and well-liked, he contributed to our many happy afternoon and evening outings.

He seemed to be lost to ringing for a time after the War, but when the church at Coggeshall was restored and the bells rehung he returned, and was making very good progress in Surprise Major methods (he had been a Minor ringer before the War) and I had rung with him only a fortnight before his death. We shall miss him for a long time among our ringing circles. May he rest in peace.

MR. H. W. HAYNES

It is with regret that we have to report the death on December 27th, of Mr. Henry William Haynes, captain of St. Mary's, Charlton-on-Otmoor, Oxon, for many years, at the early age of 54. He was one of whom it could be said that he was always ready to give a helping hand to any who needed it, and one who was always cheerful and had a ready welcome for his friends.

The following quarter peals were rung half-muffled as a token of our respect:

Piddington, Oxon.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Mrs. E. G. Jones 1, E. G. Jones (cond.) 2, C. East 3, L. Busby 4, J. Eustace 5.

Charlton-on-Otmoor, Oxon.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): J. Eustace 1, C. H. Kinch (cond.) 2, C. East 3, L. Busby 4, E. G. Jones 5. C. H. K.

MR. W. G. HISCOTT

Older members of the S.W. Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers regret the passing on December 30th of Mr. William G. Hiscott, aged 83, at Liskeard, where he went to reside in 1941 after being 'bombed' out of his own home at Plymouth. He was by profession an engraver.

From a young man he had been a very keen ringer and had rung in about 52 peals for the Devonshire Guild and also for the Truro Diocesan Guild. Owing to failing health, he had been unable to ring for several years; when he went to Liskeard he was a very welcome addition to the local band. His last ringing outing was to attend the dedication of two bells at Carbis Bay, although he did not ring. The writer had a long talk with 'Bill' on that occasion, and know how much he enjoyed meeting so many old friends. We mourn the passing of this grand old campanologist, one who always had a ready smile and cheerful word. H.H.T.

CROPWELL, BISHOP, NOTTS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,920 Antelope Doubles: Miss E. J. Foster 1, Miss S. Popleston 2, R. A. G. Inglis 3, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 4, S. Humphrey 5. A peal attempt called round. First in method by all.

MR. ERNEST MANN

The death on December 21st, at the age of 72, of Mr. Ernest Mann removes one who for a brief spell achieved some prominence in the world of change ringing, at a time when young ringers did not receive much encouragement.

Ernest Mann, when 18, was the conductor on Whit Monday, June 5th, 1911, of Irollope's 13,440 Bob Major, the extent with the tenors together, in 7 hrs. and 7 mins. He rang 5—6, Frederick Jones 3—4, Ernest Hoyle the tenors and Frederick Thorpe, then 16, the trebles. They were self-taught and had already rung two peals of Bob Major. Their triumph was short lived, however, for in the following June the Guildford men, with Alfred Pulling as conductor, rang 14,031 Stedman Caters and wrested the record from them.

Had Ernest Mann continued in ringing he would undoubtedly have made a name for himself in ringing circles but he had a passion for music which he retained throughout his life and when he was appointed organist and choirmaster at St. Matthew's Church, Holbeck, Leeds, ringing had to be put aside. Nevertheless, even it at the early age of 20 he rang his last peal which, incidentally, he composed and conducted, he did not lose interest in change-ringing. Until he joined the army in the First World War he was president of the Leeds and District Society, and a very able president too, but, after the war, his visits to the tower were few. Church music was his main interest and, in the last two years of his life, he was deputy organist at Pudsey Parish Church, the church where he learned to ring and where he had been a choirboy before he started to ring. His last visit to the tower was some ten or twelve years ago when he helped to ring in the New Year. W.B.

SOUTH MIMMS GUILD

On December 17th the Bishop of Willesden (the Rt. Rev. Graham Leonard) and Mrs. Leonard were the guests of honour at the second annual dinner of the St. Giles', South Mimms, Guild of Ringers, at the Wagon and Horses public house, South Mimms.

The visitors were welcomed by Mr. G. W. Sillis, secretary of the Guild, and the Bishop then replied with details of his own ringing career, which was abruptly ended at the rounds stage, by the sight of an experienced ringer, of his local band, landing in the church font.

The Bishop proposed the toast to the ringers, in the George I silver tankard, in accordance with the wishes of the late Mr. Bruce Robinson, that a toast should be drunk and passed round the assembled company.

Mr. R. Owen, tower captain, replied and thanked the Bishop for coming.

After a most acceptable meal of roast goose, vegetables and fruit and ice cream, our instructors from St. Albans, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dodds and Miss B. Goodspeed, rang touches of Grandville Doubles and Plain Bob Minor on handbells, coupled with Christmas carols from the local band. G. W. S.

PEALS OF CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

Mr. Vivian Nutton desires to make the following corrections and additions to his article on the peals of Cambridge University: High Wycombe, 1964, was the Guild's first silent tower bell peal, but not the first silent peal. Having only the duplicate peal books in my possession, I must be careful about the difference between silent and non-conducted, but the facts appear to be as follows: First silent peal No. 301, 1946, 5,040 Plain Bob Major, comp. by E. M. Atkins, rung by K. F. B. Speed, K. S. B. Croft, S. E. Darmon and E. J. Lindley.

Non-conducted peals were: No. 225, 1929, 5,040 P.B. Royal 'in hand'; No. 433, 1956, 5,040 P.B. Major at Long Stanton; No. 502, 1959, 5,040 P.B. Royal 'in hand'.

The total for the Surprise methods includes peals or Spiced Surprise, but the list does not. However, the total is as follows: Spiced Surprise.—two methods 1, four methods 5, six methods 1, seven methods 1, eight methods 3, ten methods 1=12.

Total Surprise peals 85.

The Plain Bob peal total is 156 (107 'in hand') and the Plain Major total 225.

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ELLAND, YORKS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: Miss R. Mortimer 1, A. W. Bond 2, J. Hartley 3, P. Birkett 4, A. Rogers 5, V. Nutton (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge 3 and 4.

FILTON, GLOS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Marchant 1, H. Taysom, sen. 2, K. T. Baker 3, R. J. Stubbs 4, H. J. Taysom 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Worley 1, E. Chapman 3, K. Chapman (first 'inside') 4, E. Buckley 5, C. Richardson 6, D. Pearson (cond.) 7, R. Cowley (covering) 8.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Barber 1, Vivienne Dye 2, Jane Hough 3, Rachel Sinden 4, Eleanor Hough 5, J. R. Hough (cond.) 6, A. P. S. Berry 7, J. Wellard 8.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: L. F. Cobb 1, R. N. Marlow 2, P. King 3, D. Wilson 4, W. Perrins 5, J. Hartless 6, A. W. Fry (cond.) 7, J. O. Coleman 8.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Valerie Rushforth (first quarter) 1, Lesley Read 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, B. S. Gambrill 4, D. M. Hughes (100th quarter) 5, R. R. Walton 6. A compliment to B. S. Gambrill, on his engagement to Miss S. Knox.

HERTINGFORD, HERTS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. N. H. White 1, J. W. Thorp (cond.) 2, C. J. Francis (first quarter) 3, T. Beere (first 'inside') 4, Lt.-Cdr. A. M. Cole-Hamilton (first quarter) 5, R. E. Rayment 6. By Sunday service ringers.

HESTON, MIDD.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Butcher 1, Miss C. Andrews 2, A. Butcher 3, D. Fowles (cond.) 4, P. Golding 5, J. Sansom 6, D. Sumner 7, S. Porter 8. Rung to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Mills, grandmother of the tower captain, Peter Ruch. Also for the christening of the Vicar's son.

QUARTER PEALS

HEREFORD.—On Dec. 19th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Gillian Sims 1, Julie Caligari 2, Gillian E. Graney 3, A. T. Wingate 4, J. F. Turney 5, M. C. W. Sherwood 6, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, G. T. Cousins 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDD.—On Dec. 20th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. C. Knights 1, June Creak 2, Patricia Rogers 3, Kathleen Parr 4, M. P. Thomas 5, Olive Rogers 6, P. N. Felton 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8. For carol service.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Spicer 1, A. A. Peters 2, B. J. Harris 3, P. J. Crane 4, F. J. Robinson 5, C. A. Critchley (cond.) 6, G. W. Critchley 7, A. W. Childs 8.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): A. Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherton 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Harmen 6. For midnight service.

MUNKEN HADLEY, MIDD.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Price 1, C. King 2, M. J. Soper 3, R. Fraser 4, C. Ward 5, W. Bradbrook 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, W. Langley 8.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Boxing Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Yeates 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, C. Kortwright 3, J. Lott 4, H. Hardwidge 5, L. Childs 6.

NEWTON HALL, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Dec. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Taylor 1, N. H. Hewett 2, K. Arthur (cond.) 3, K. W. Cheeseman 4, W. Davidson 5, J. Crowther 6. For the service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Drury 1, Nora Carlisle 2, Julie Lethbridge 3, Reuben Carlisle 4, H. Seagrave 5, Ralph Carlisle 6, H. Bates 7, D. R. Carlisle (cond.) 8. A 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Bates.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Pudsey Surprise Major: W. F. Moreton (cond.) 1, Iris Lemare 2, R. Ducker 3, H. C. Palmer 4, C. Reeves 5, R. D. Gibson 6, D. S. Johnson 7, M. W. Crowther 8. First in the method for 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

PRESTON, RUTLAND.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss M. Reynolds 1, D. Macdonald 2, A. Naylor 3, L. Atton (first quarter) 4, J. C. Hudson (cond.) 5, R. Sparrow 6. For Evensong.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Dunstan 1, A. Locke 2, G. F. Dunstan 3, C. W. Jose 4, Helen A. Hobbins (first as cond.) 5, H. J. Pascoe 6. For Christmas. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Dunstan 1, C. W. Jose 2, Helen A. Hobbins 3, A. Locke 4, G. F. Dunstan (cond.) 5, H. J. Pascoe 6. For those ringers home from college. Also on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Dunstan 1, A. Locke 2, Helen A. Hobbins (cond.) 3, G. F. Dunstan 4, C. W. Jose 5, H. J. Pascoe 6. For the New Year.

SALTER ST., WARWICKS.—On Nov. 25th, 1963, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. F. Bissell 1, R. H. Hicken 2, A. Upton 3, J. H. Upton 4, A. J. Collins (cond.) 5. In memory President Kennedy. Also on March 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Barton 1, M. F. Bissell 2, B. Jessop 3, J. H. Upton 4, A. J. Collins (cond.) 5. First 'inside' of method 2 and 3. Also on May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Upton 1, R. Hicken 2, M. Bissell 3, J. Upton 4, A. J. Collins (cond.) 5. Also on May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bissell 1, R. Hicken 2, B. Jessop 3, J. H. Upton 4, A. J. Collins (cond.) 5. Four more quarters of Grandsire Doubles were rung on July 15th (J. H. Upton's first as cond.), July 22nd (cond. A. J. Collins), Aug. 30th (cond. J. Upton), treble rung by H. Seig. Oct. 11th (cond. J. Upton).

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 31st, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Jackie F. Morgan 1, F. E. Hawthorne 2, R. L. Caporn 3, Elizabeth K. Leach (first in method) 4, D. W. Lambert 5, A. D. Leach (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled before midnight.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Dec. 13th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. W. Elmes 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, C. T. Brown 3, M. J. Young (first of Surprise) 4, J. W. Blackwood 5, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 6. First of Surprise by a local band. 100th quarter together for 2 and 6. For Evensong.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On Dec. 13th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Ellis 1, C. Williams 2, A. Mills (cond.) 3, J. Sheldon 4, H. Morton 5, F. Pickering 6, F. Barraclough 7, J. R. Cotterill 8. Rung half-muffled for the memorial service for the Ven. Percy Harill.

WILTON, WILTS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Siedman Doubles: C. P. Haines 1, Helen A. Hobbins 2, A. C. A. Newman 3, H. Roper 4, R. Haines (cond.) 5, J. Kiddle 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Great Glenn handbell ringers collected £130 for charity by ringing Christmas selections.

The quarter at Bradpole, Dorset, on December 13th (page 13) was 1,260 Grandsire Triples.

Who is the champion rope breaker in the Bingham District and who left the 4th at Cropwell Bishop ropeless?

The time for the peal at Grundisburgh on December 9th should read 2 hours and 55 minutes, and not as printed in issue of December 25th.

Mr. Robin H. Rogers, of Bury St. Edmunds, is concerned about the weight of Oakham tenor, given as 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in 'The Ringing World,' but by Mr. Dove as 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

With reference to Mr. A. W. Froggatt's 'Carols on handbells' (page 848) the manuscript of tunes written out in this style may be borrowed from the Editor. Send stamped addressed envelope.

Mr. Barnabas G. Key recalls with the peal he rang for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford at Sedgley on Boxing Day that he rang his first peal in this tower for 'the Staffords' on Boxing Day, 1934.

Mr. K. Paul Olliver, of Higham-on-the-Hill, sends a correction to the weight of the tenor at Swanmore, Hants, in a peal published on page 873. He states the weight is 8½ cwt. and not 12 cwt.

Readers may be interested to know that the Gnosall St. Lawrence junior handbell ringers appeared on the Midland Programme of the BBC on three nights, culminating on Christmas Eve, playing carols. The children, accompanied by Mrs. E. M. Key, had visited the television studios at Birmingham to be recorded.

The band who rang in the peal at Holywell on December 28th would like to thank David Papworth for standing in at 10 minutes' notice. He took the place of a North Herts ringer: when the conductor went to call for him he was told that he was still asleep.

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Doctorate for Alan J. Collins

Plymouth ringers extend their sincere and hearty congratulations to Dr. Alan J. Collins, on being awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the Department of Chemistry at Birmingham University. He is continuing his research in medical bio-chemistry and pharmacology at Birmingham University, where he is a research fellow. Dr. Collins started ringing at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, at the age of 16, and was for a time honorary secretary of the Birmingham University Guild, and is still an active ringer. This Christmas holiday he took part in a quarter of Grandsire Caters at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, on December 22nd, which was for him a first performance.

Handbell Carolling

The Dulwich Handbell Ringers have again exceeded their record of last year by raising the sum of £338 on behalf of 'The Greater London Fund for the Blind' by ringing carols in the streets of Dulwich for the 18 evenings prior to Christmas. Their contributions by this means now total over £3,400 in the past 18 years, writes Arthur H. Coombs, the leader, of 210, Barry Road, East Dulwich, S.E.

St. Peter's, Staines, New Boy

St. Peter's, Staines, had a surprise on Christmas morning, when Mr. A. F. Petre presented himself for ringing and this was the first time he had rung for 21 years. He enjoyed it so much that he offered to stand in a quarter on Boxing Day. He rang the sixth to Grandsire Triples—his last quarter was 30 years ago.

Tough at 80

Congratulations to Jim Marriott, of Launton, on ringing a 720 half muffled and a 720 open on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, after recovering from a serious operation at the age of 80, and on climbing Launton's outside iron ladder just before midnight on this occasion.

Award Candidate's Progress

From Kingston-upon-Thames recently came news of Duke of Edinburgh Award candidate Miss Sheila Gibbs' first quarter peal (Bob Minor) after only five months' ringing. Now Sheila has passed the first stage of the award and has launched herself on the second leg by 'trebling' a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. Congratulations, Sheila!

Childwall for Ringing

'Liverpool Weekly News' carried for their December 30th issue a good story concerning Childwall bells and its ringers, who range in age from 10 to 22 years. The Master is Michael E. Dodd, and his deputy R. Fraser Mack, a university student, whose home is in Leeds. Four of the ringers have devoted much time to redecoration and improvements to the ringing room and belfry. Childwall has enjoyed a good reputation over the centuries, an old rhyme reading:

Prescot, Huyton and Merry Childow,
Three parish churches all in a row,
Prescot for poverty, Huyton for pride,
And Childwall for ringing and singing beside.

A Devon Accident

Having rung the old year out at her own tower, Lympstone, Miss Valerie Mellish, a Roving Ringer, assisted in removing the muffles from the bells. As the clock was striking midnight Valerie slipped from the bell-frame and badly sprained her right ankle. The injury was at first thought to be of a more serious nature, but examination at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital revealed otherwise. Nevertheless, Valerie is now 'thumping' around with her leg in plaster and her friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Miss Mellish expresses her sincere thanks to all who assisted in getting her to hospital, especially those who carried her down the spiral tower stairs, step by step, before the ambulance arrived.

Vicar's Outspoken Defence

The Rev. M. Ware, Vicar of All Saints', Maidenhead, gives this reply to an anonymous letter he received after a recent peal of Double Norwich on the bells. We quote from his parish magazine: 'At infrequent intervals our bellringers or visiting ringers celebrate events in the national life by ringing peals from our tower. Whenever such efforts are made to do this, it is a usual occurrence for the Vicar to receive abusive letters from anonymous correspondents. These are, of course, treated with the contempt that all anonymous letters deserve. Nevertheless, it is a disquieting feature in modern life that amidst the contigual blare of radio sets, transistors and others, TV sets, traffic noises both on the roads and in the air, certain individuals complain when bells are rung. Needless to say, such complaints invariably emanate from non-churchgoers! All Saints' is the only church in Maidenhead with a ring of bells and the Vicar can assure the grumblers that these bells will continue to ring out joyfully while a faithful band of ringers is available to carry out their labour of love.'

A Royal Marine Remembers

Among the many congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Norris, of Chatham, on the occasion of their golden wedding, was one he particularly treasures from Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O., of Pengswedham, Helford, Cornwall. Mr. Norris first met the Colonel in 1914, when the latter was commissioned to H.M.S. Euraylus, as Captain, R.M. He then rang with Mr. Norris at Chatham and again in 1921, when he came to collect the R.M. detachment for H.M.S. Raleigh. This ship was wrecked off Labrador the same year and became a total loss. Mr. Norris concludes: 'He had a fine service record, and, although 85, is still teaching youngsters to ring rounds and call changes.' A service-ringing friendship of 50 years makes fine reading.

'Church Bells'

The extract of 'Church Bells' published on page 6 is from Yol. xiii, Advent 1877 to Advent 1878.

Mr. Claude Rush, our esteemed contributor, asks for a correction on page 6, column 3, line 32. This should read: 'The best way to pay ringers is by kindness, instruction and love, by the parson joining them in their work and thus helping them to better thoughts and better things.'

A Suffolk Tower's Record

St. Mary's, Rougham, have had another successful year in Minor ringing as their bells have been rung for all Sunday services—occasionally with the help of friends. Their eight quarter peals include one for Sir Winston's 90th birthday, which was acknowledged by a telegram expressing Sir Winston's grateful thanks and best wishes.

There have also been rung fifty 720's mainly for Sunday service in no less than 24 different methods, viz.: Cambridge, Ipswich, Norwich, Netherseal and Hull Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Double Court, Spliced St. Clement's and Plain B., Plain B., Grandsire Minor, Oxford B., St. Clement's, College Exercise, Single Court, Woodbine T.B., London Bob, Hereward Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, College Single Reverse, and Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Doubles. In addition, the extent of Little Bob was rung which has only 480 changes.

This, writes Mr. L. Wright, the tower secretary, is, we feel, a record for Suffolk as so many bells are now silent owing to the lack of young people taking up campanology.

Kemerton's Young Ringers

The young handbell ringers of St. Nicholas', Kemerton, Glos, formed during Christmas, 1963, when they raised £15 in support of the 'Save the Children Fund', have been most successful this year, collecting over £36 in aid of the blind. Their progress has been most marked and their rendering of carols at the Evesham Council of Youth Festival gained for them warm congratulations. They have been greeted with much interest and hospitality wherever they ring.

A Double Loss

On the morning of December 5th, the village of Saxlingham Nethergate, Norfolk, suffered the tragic loss of its Rector, Rev. C. M. T. Hearn. Within 24 hours, his senior housekeeper, Miss Maud Rose, also died in hospital after an illness.

A double funeral followed on December 9th, conducted by the Bishop of Thetford, and after this a half-muffled peal of Plain Bob Major was attempted. However, this came to an abrupt halt owing to one of the ringers suffering from an attack of vertigo, which caused him to fall to the floor letting go of his rope. Fortunately neither he nor anyone else in the belfry was injured.

Saxlingham Nethergate has got a full local company once again and the band were pleased to ring out the old year and welcome the new for the first time for many years.

Bath Abbey Bells and the Old Year

Bath Spa Committee at their meeting on January 4th deplored the fact that the old year was not rung out on the Abbey bells. When told that many of the ringers lived some distance from the Abbey, the chairman (Ald. A. Hopkins) suggested a free taxi fare and another member a 'canned' New Year. 'Let's be up to date and have a recording,' he said. The committee finally agreed to write to the Rector (Preb. G. Lester) suggesting a Corporation contribution to the New Year peals. Only a few weeks ago the Abbey ringers were asked to forgo their practice as it was interfering with a function.

THREE DAYS IN FOUR COUNTIES

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

KIBWORTH BEAUCHAMP, Leics.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in G.

Audrey M. Taylor Treble	Shelagh R. Collins 5
Diana M. Frost 2	Arthur Gibbs 6
Alan J. Frost 3	J. Martin Thorley 7
*Graham C. Paul 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal of D.N.C.B. The conductor has now called this composition 100 times in 99 different towers.

OAKHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Ronald L. Hills Treble	Geoffrey E. Watson 5
*Diana M. Frost 2	Alan J. Frost 6
Shelagh R. Collins 3	J. Martin Thorley 7
Graham C. Paul 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal of Superlative.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, Bucks.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

Graham C. Paul Treble	Anthony H. Smith 5
David J. Marshall 2	Alan J. Frost 6
Roger W. Smith 3	Barrie Hendry 7
Alan A. Paul 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

First peal of Lincolnshire on the bells.

OLNEY, Bucks.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1964, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Graham C. Paul Treble	Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 5
*Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	Alan A. Paul 6
Geoffrey E. Watson 3	Barrie Hendry 7
Roger W. Smith 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' The conductor's 600th peal of Major.

EASTON NESTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

Graham C. Paul Treble	Roger W. Smith 5
*Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	*Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 6
Barrie Hendry 3	Alan J. Frost 7
Shelagh R. Collins 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal of Yorkshire, and on the bells. 525th peal as conductor.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

CIRENCESTER, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of

St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 29 cwt.

William A. Theobald .. Treble	Anthony R. Kench 7
George W. Massey 2	Michael J. Fellows 8
John C. Eisel 3	George E. Thoday 9
Tudor P. Edwards 4	Brian Harris 10
Martin D. Fellows 5	Rev. Roger O. Fry 11
David J. Llewellyn 6	Wilfred Williams Tenor

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

First peal in the method on the bells.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MERRIOTT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

Being one extent Cambridge Surprise, one Kent T.B., and five Plain Boh.	
*H. Turner Treble	R. Selway 4
G. W. Rendell 2	*A. W. D. Robinson 5
*A. Best 3	W. E. Turner Tenor

Conducted by W. E. Turner.

* First peal in three methods.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

EATON SOCON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Dec. 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

George E. Bonham Treble	Peter Woolven 5
Jane K. A. Cook 2	C. Martin Press 6
Kenneth J. Hesketh 3	Philip Mehew 7
Bernard G. North 4	Brian D. Threlfall Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

DUNSTABLE, Beds.—At the Priory Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in E flat.

Jennifer M. Taylor .. Treble	C. Edward Jeffries 5
Alfred E. Rushton 2	James R. Taylor 6
Anthony H. Smith 3	Philip Mehew 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Stephen Ivins Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

MAULDEN, Beds.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

Kathleen A. Rivett .. Treble	*Marty J. Marriott 5
Jennifer M. Taylor 2	Robert L. Piron 6
Anthony H. Smith 3	James R. Taylor 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Stephen Ivins Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

* First Surprise peal 'inside.'

In memoriam Charles J. Ball.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MACCESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

Frank Osbaldiston .. Treble	Alan McFall 7
Derek Yates 2	Basil Jones 8
William H. Dowse 3	Ernest Bennett 9
Harold C. Lonyon 4	Brian Woodruffe 10
C. Kenneth Lewis 5	A. Peter Whitehead 11
John Worth 6	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being a 2,160 and 4 different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*Gillian M. Fanshaw .. Treble	*Alan G. Kirk 4
*F. Martin Stanway 2	Alex Richardson 5
Gladys Richardson 3	Brian J. Woodruffe Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor on the bells.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Mary the Great.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 27 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.

Frank E. Haynes .. Treble	Edwin R. Goate 7
*Patricia Rogers 2	†Paul J. Bergdahl 8
Hadley Hunter 3	C. Martin Press 9
Mrs. Olive L. Rogers 4	†Henry C. Foster 10
Christopher H. Rogers .. 5	Harold W. Rogers 11
†Harold J. Muncy 6	Dennis A. Hewitt Tenor

Arranged by Hadley Hunter. Conducted by Christopher H. Rogers.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First on twelve bells. First on twelve as conductor.

HUNTINGDON, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Dec. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 21 lb. in F sharp.

Dennis E. Pepper .. Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh 5
Jane K. A. Cook 2	Geoffrey Pearson 6
Donald F. Murfet 3	C. Martin Press 7
Philip Mehew 4	Brian D. Threlfall Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker.

Conducted by Brian D. Threlfall.

OVER, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

Dennis E. Pepper .. Treble	Geoffrey Pearson 5
Donald F. Murfet 2	George E. Thoday 6
Jane K. A. Cook 3	Kenneth J. Hesketh 7
C. Martin Press 4	Brian D. Threlfall Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Brian D. Threlfall.

A compliment to Dennis E. Pepper on his birthday.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MELBOURN, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, York, Beverley, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

Dennis E. Pepper Treble	Geoffrey Pearson 4
Kenneth J. Hesketh 2	Geoffrey A. Lucas 5
John G. Gipson 3	Donald F. Murfet Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey A. Lucas.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Rev. P. McNiece, on the 25th anniversary of his ordination; also to his father on the 60th anniversary of his ordination.

KIMBOLTON, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 2 extents of April Day, 16 of St. Martin's Bob, and 24 of Plain Bob.

Robert D. Bellamy Treble	R. Frank Baker 3
Harold S. Peacock 2	George E. Bonham 4
Peter Woollven Tenor	

Conducted by Peter Woollven.

First peal on the bells.

Rung for the Festival of Christmas.

HOLYWELL, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of

St. John-the-Baptist.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising two 2.160's and one extent (C.C.C. Nos. 57, 54, 56 et var. and 32).

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Peter Woollven Treble	George E. Bonham 4
David G. Papworth 2	Terry R. Hatchett 5
Mary E. Edwards 3	Philip Mehew Tenor

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

CHELMSFORD, Essex.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin, Peter and Cedd.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C.

Peter G. Brown Treble	Ian R. Panton 6
Joe E. G. Roast 2	Peter J. Eves 7
Claire Dillamore 3	James L. Towler 8
Andrew S. Hudson 4	Dennis A. S. Symonds 9
Patrick W. Saltmarsh 5	Howard W. Egglestone Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Joe E. Roast.

First of Royal in the method as conductor.

ARDLEIGH, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Adrian G. Semken Treble	Felix H. Erith 5
*Mark A. Hughes 2	*John H. Gould 6
Jennifer M. Andrews 3	Alan R. Andrews 7
*Susan Wenden 4	Philip G. Erith Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

* First peal of Major.

FELSTED, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 FALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

Michael J. Cowling Treble	Patrick W. Saltmarsh 5
Philip J. Rothera 2	Andrew S. Hudson 6
Joe E. G. Roast 3	James L. Towler 7
Peter G. Brown 4	Ian R. Panton Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

First in the method by all the band.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

ASH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent London, and two each of Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge.

*Angela Hawes Treble	*Peter G. Sherwood 4
Stanley T. A. Russell 2	*Colin J. Champion 5
†Peter G. Smart 3	Tom Page Tenor

Conducted by Tom Page.

* First peal. † First of Surprise Minor. ‡ Has 'circled the tower.' First peal of Surprise on the bells.

Rung to welcome the Rector, the Rev. Stanley Zeal, who was inducted the previous day.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BENINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 TWICKENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

John R. Mayne Treble	Eric Edmondson 5
Joan Beresford 2	G. William Critchley 6
Claudia A. Critchley 3	Colin A. S. Harwood 7
J. Richard Castledine 4	Jack S. Dear Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed.

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

RADLETT, Hertfordshire.—At Christ Church.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.

Tenor 3 cwt. 16 lb.

Joyce Dodds Treble	Gerald Penney 4
Julia A. Fellows 2	*Ranald W. M. Clouston 5
Rev. John H. L. Blick 3	Walter Ayre Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

Rung to celebrate Christmas and the centenary of the church. The bells were installed as one of the centenary objectives.

WALLINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising two 2.160's and one extent (C.C.C. Nos. 57, 54, 56 et var.).

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

Robert O. Bellamy Treble	George E. Bonham 4
Margaret M. Roden 2	C. Martin Press 5
Mary E. Edwards 3	Philip Meyhew Tenor

Conducted by Philip Meyhew.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

FRITTENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Hilary F. Martin Treble	Colin A. Tester 5
Judith M. Corby 2	Edward J. Jenner 6
Lucile M. Corby 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
Ann Jenner 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitaw. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

BIDDENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ikeston Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*Martin Ostler Treble	*Rev. Stanley M. Evans 5
*David L. Cawley 2	Nicholas J. Davies 6
Alexander Waddington 3	Crawford T. Hillis 7
Peter M. Wilkinson 4	Dennis A. Chapman Tenor

Composed by F. N. Golden. Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Thurs., Dec. 17, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Ann Jenner Treble	Robert W. Hinde 4
Olive D. Tester 2	Stanley Jenner 5
Hilary F. Martin 3	Colin A. Tester Tenor

Conducted by Colin A. Tester.

EGERTON, Kent.—At the Church of St. James.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of York, Wells, London, Beverley, Surfleet, Norwich and Cambridge.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Martin L. Howe Treble	David S. Osenton 4
Christopher T. Osenton 2	John W. Coleman 5
*Alexander Waddington 3	Bernard F. L. Groves Tenor

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of seven Surprise Minor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

WIGAN, Lancashire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 29 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

Cyril Crossthwaite Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh 6
Susan Funnell 2	*Philip J. Rothera 7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite 3	*Neil Bennett 8
*Philip J. Crossthwaite 4	*John H. Fielden 9
*Richard J. Parker 5	Peter Border Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.

* First peal of Pudsey Royal.

Rung with the best wishes of the rest of the band to Susan Funnell and Philip J. Rothera on their engagement.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

PRESTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sun., Dec. 27, 1964, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

V. David Jenner Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite 6
Susan Funnell 2	J. Barry Pickup 7
*Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 3	*Philip J. Rothera 8
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 4	Kenneth Hesketh 9
*Richard J. Parker 5	Peter Border Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.

* First peal of London Royal. Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Norman Smith Treble	Richard Starkey 5
Margaret E. Fort 2	Cyril Crossthwaite 6
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 3	Jeffrey Kershaw 7
Richard J. Parker 4	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

PACKINGTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of the Holy Rood.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent T.B. and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B flat.

J. Christopher Rigg Treble	Joseph W. Cotton 4
Brian G. Warwick 2	Arthur E. Rowley 5
Edwin Deakin 3	Richard J. Clifton Tenor

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

A farewell to the Rev. J. E. Rigg, who retired on December 27th after being Vicar for 12 years.

BURTON HASTINGS, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten callings.	Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in C.
*Robin A. Gilliver Treble	Valerie Watts 3
†Cynthia M. Wells 2	K. Paul Gilliver 4
John Watkins Tenor	

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.

* First peal attempt. † First 'inside.'

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Anne E. Bateson Treble	Geoffrey Paul 5
Joyce M. Gurnhill 2	Geoffrey R. Parker 6
*David D. Parsons 3	*John R. Pratchett 7
Jack L. Millhouse 4	Peter A. Sharp Tenor

Composed by F. Dench.

Conducted by Peter A. Sharp.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LLANDAFF, Glamorgan.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Wed., Dec. 23, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Magnus Peterson Treble	Trevor M. Roderick 6
Donald G. Clift 2	*Roger King 7
*Penelope J. Welch 3	M. Jack Pryor 8
*Thomas Yeomans 4	Tudor P. Edwards 9
†Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 5	William T. Petty Tenor

Composed by A. Tyler.

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † 25th together. First of Caters as conductor.

Rung to enhance the festive spirit of Christmas.

PONTYPRIDD, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Tues., Dec. 22, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Stephen Fenwick Treble	*Geoffrey J. B. Stickland .. 5
†Ruth Havard 2	David J. Llewellyn 6
Donald G. Clift 3	Nicholas W. H. Simon 7
Magnus M. Peterson 4	Tudor P. Edwards Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Yorkshire 'inside.'

First of Yorkshire on the bells.

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.

On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores.	Tenor 16 cwt.
Trevor J. Frole Treble	Thomas E. Hiddins 4
D. R. Lynn Jones 2	D. Walford Davies 5
William T. Petty 3	Harold Preece Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

SULLY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 8 cwt. in A.
Magnus M. Peterson Treble	Stephen Fenwick 4
Penelope J. Welch 2	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 5
Ruth E. Havard 3	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland .. Tenor

Conducted by Magnus M. Peterson.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

*Jeannette Felton Treble	David W. Struckett 6
Michael Hatchett 2	Dennis A. Hewitt 7
†Patricia Rogers 3	Wilfrid G. Wilson 8
Mrs. Olive L. Rogers .. 4	Harold W. Rogers 9
William Birmingham jun. 5	William Birmingham .. Tenor

Composed by Edgar Shepherd.

Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.

* First peal. † 25th peal.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Eric Hayward, father of the Vicar of Isleworth. Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

CHISWICK, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.

On Mon., Nov. 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative, and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey, with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

Anthony H. Smith Treble	Alan J. Frost 5
Yvonne Edwards 2	Edward F. P. Bryant .. 6
Diana M. Frost 3	Anthony G. Tyers 7
Nicholas J. Davies 4	Derek E. Sibson Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

Rung on the 90th birthday of Sir Winston S. Churchill.

LEYTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Mon., Dec. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, with 127 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

Andrew J. Strathdee .. Treble	Edward F. P. Bryant .. 5
*E. Jane Sibson 2	Nicholas J. Davies 6
Diana M. Frost 3	Alan J. Frost 7
Mary S. Taylor 4	*Derek E. Sibson Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* 150th peal together.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

TOTTENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	Bernard E. Matthews .. 5
Rosemary Rich 2	Anthony R. Kench 6
Martin Press 3	Robert E. Hardy 7
Laurence Smith 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

NETHERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., Dec. 1, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (7th observation).

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Brian G. Warwick Treble	Joseph W. Cotton 5
George Roobottom 2	William F. Woodward .. 6
*Edwin Deakin 3	Percival W. Grice 7
Richard J. Clifton 4	William H. Curzon Tenor

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

Sidney Marshall Treble	Bert Gogle 5
Timothy G. Pett 2	George P. Adams 6
H. William Barnett 3	John S. Barnes 7
*Kevin S. Hohl 4	Nolan Golden Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley.

Conducted by Nolan Golden.

* First peal in the method.

INTWOOD, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in four variations of calling. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B flat.

*Richard A. J. Bower .. Treble	†Andrew J. Harrison .. 3
*Peter N. Mackley 2	‡Roger B. Lubbock 4

Paul Cattermole

Conducted by Paul Cattermole.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal. ‡ First of Doubles. The ringers of 1 and 2 also rang their first peal (on handbells) on this day, thus ringing their first two peals on the same day.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

SLOUGH, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*Peter J. Heritage Treble	William Birmingham 6
Anthony D. Sansom 2	J. Keith Ward 7
Robin G. Leale 3	Edward R. Venn 8
Gillian A. Leale 4	Alan E. Bagworth 9
David P. Hilling 5	Frederick R. Scott Tenor

Composed by William Pye.

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

* First peal on ten bells. First of Royal as conductor. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Peter J. Heritage.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

SEDGLEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation). Tenor 16 cwt. 4 lb.

E. Marion Key Treble	*Margaret Marson 5
David R. Hawksworth .. 2	Remi M. Hodister 6
Barnabas G. Key 3	Maurice G. Turner 7
Charles F. W. Eyre 4	Arthur J. Allsop Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

* First peal.

A compliment to Mr. Chris Wallater, of Willenhall (82 years old on December 25th).

THE SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of Holy Trinity.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven methods in the following extents: Bourne, Beverley, York, Norwich, London, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Florence Chester Treble	Roland H. Cook 4
William R. Parker 2	R. Kingsley Mason 5
John F. Pearson 3	John E. Cook Tenor

Conducted by John E. Cook.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—All rung at the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Mon., Nov. 16, 1964, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Peter Humphrey Treble	Simon Humphrey 5
*John C. Shonfield 2	*George A. Dawson 6
Raymond Benfield 3	Michael Poppleston 7
*Susanna Poppleston .. 4	G. Ronald Edwards Tenor

Conducted by Raymond Benfield.

On Mon., Dec. 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Simon Humphrey Treble *Peter Humphrey 5 |

Michael Poppleston 2	*Susanna Poppleston 6
Raymond Benfield 3	*George A. Dawson 7
*John C. Shonfield 4	G. Ronald Edwards Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin.

Conducted by Raymond Benfield.

* First peal in the method.

On Mon., Dec. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Elizabeth Foster Treble | *Peter Humphrey 5 |

*Simon Humphrey 2	*Michael Poppleston 6
Raymond Benfield 3	*George A. Dawson 7
*Susanna Poppleston .. 4	G. Ronald Edwards Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

Conducted by Raymond Benfield.

* First peal in the method.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Mon., Dec. 21, 1964, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

*Elizabeth Foster Treble	*Peter Humphrey 5
*Simon Humphrey 2	*George A. Dawson 6
Raymond Benfield 3	*Michael Poppleston 7
*Susanna Poppleston .. 4	G. Ronald Edwards Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by Raymond Benfield.

* First peal in the method.

SOUTHWELL, Nottinghamshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of Marchington, two each of Rushall and All Saints, four each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Northrepps, and eight of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in A.

*S. Jane Dowse Treble	Maurice W. Harrison 4
F. William Midwinter .. 2	C. Raymond Larkin 5
Ruth Blackshaw 3	John R. Pratchett Tenor

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.

* 25th peal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, being 1,280 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lindum and Wembley, with 129 changes of method.

B. Gillian Schofield Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe 5
George W. Pipe 2	George E. Thoday 6
Roderick W. Pipe 3	Leslie G. Brett 7
Howard W. Egglestone .. 4	Cecil W. Pipe Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

Most Major methods to a peal for the Guild, and by all the band except the ringers of 1 and 3. Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, being 960 London, 640 each of Bristol and Rutland and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire, Eastcote, Lindum, Watford and Wembley, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

Alice E. J. Lester Treble	Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 5
Howard W. Egglestone .. 2	George E. Thoday 6
B. Gillian Schofield 3	Cecil W. Pipe 7
Roderick W. Pipe 4	Leslie G. Brett Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

Most Major methods to a peal for the Guild, and by all the band.

IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Clement.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

Robert E. Lester Treble	†Alan Munnings 4
*Michael J. Howes 2	Lawrence R. Pizzey 5
Keith Whittell 3	Alan R. Bridges Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. Lester.

* First peal. † First of Minor and 'inside.'

BRAMFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and 12 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Michael J. Howes Treble	Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 3
Alan J. Munnings 2	Lawrence R. Pizzey 4

Neville F. Whittell Tenor

Conducted by Neville F. Whittell.

First peal as conductor. First of Doubles by all except the conductor.

RAVENINGHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents April Day, eight different extents and one 240 (Morris' arrangement) Grandsire and 30 Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Thomas J. Brock Treble	Ralph W. Bickers 3
Richard C. L. Brown 2	Trevor N. J. Bailey 4

Leslie N. Melton Tenor

Conducted jointly by the ringers of the second, fourth and tenor.

The fourth ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church.

On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1964, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Lucile M. Corby Treble	Christopher T. Osenton .. 5
Robert W. Hinde 2	*D. Paul Smith 6
*Judith M. Corby 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
*Tony Lewis 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by A. Knights (103).

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
UPPER BEEDING, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

Valerie J. Howard Treble	Herbert W. Woolven 5
Catherine M. Powell 2	John A. Howard 6
John R. Norris 3	W. Arthur Riddington 7
Bernard J. Stone 4	Frank H. Hicks Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge (C.C.C. 99).
Conducted by W. Arthur Riddington.

Rung as a farewell to Rev. E. Streete, O.C.F., who retired on this day after 14 years as Vicar of Beeding and Bramber and 50 years as a Minister.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.
*Margaret Smith Treble	Michael J. Thomas 5
†Kay Hollingsworth 2	Maurice J. Butler 6
David E. House 3	David J. Forder 7
Arthur G. Butler 4	Tom Chapman Tenor

Conducted by David J. Forder.

* First peal. † First 'inside'.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
PERSHORE, Worcestershire.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Edburgha and the Holy Cross.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

Geoffrey J. Hemming Treble	Ian Lloyd 5
*Ann E. Collett 2	Peter D. Warren 6
James Attwood, jun. 3	Arthur C. Berry 7
John E. Whittall 4	Gerald C. Hemming Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.

* First peal on eight bells. First on eight as conductor.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5069 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

Richard E. Price Treble	*Michael Meadows 6
*David Nichols 2	Norman Chaddock 7
Elsie Chaddock 3	*John S. Seager 8
*Neil Donovan 4	*Stuart Armeson 9
John N. D. Chaddock 5	Philip Walker Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff

Conducted by Norman Chaddock.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

† First on ten bells. The treble

ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Harry Green, former churchwarden at this church.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

All rung at Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycoch.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DORNEY COURT MINOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6	

First peal in the method. 100th handbell peal for the Guild.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 NICHOLASTON BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.

Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6	

First peal in the method.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5004 SPICED MAJOR

In three methods, being 200 Little Bob, 420 Gainsborough Little Bob, and 4,384 Plain Bob, with 120 changes of method.

Tenor size 18 in G.

Hazel Way 1—2	J. Arthur Hoare 5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe 3—4	Edmund J. Morris 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal of Major in three methods on handbells by all and for the Guild. 100th peal at Mor-Awelon.

On Sun., Dec. 20, 1964, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED MINOR

In 20 methods: (1) Double Oxford Bob, Thelwall Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Childwall College Bob, (2) Pinchurst Bob and Buxton College Bob, (3) Ullswater Bob and Mewslade Bob, (4) Horsmonden Bob and Cumberland Bob, (5) St. Nicholas College Bob, Heatherslade College Bob and Gower College Bob, (6) Abertawe Bob and Velindre Bob, (7) Fulbeck Bob, Double Plain Bob, Reverse Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob, with 110 changes of method.

Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6	

First peal in 20 Minor methods on handbells by all and for the Guild.

On Sun., Dec. 20, 1964, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5004 SPICED MAJOR

In three methods, being 4,384 Plain Bob, 200 Little Plain Bob and 420 Gainsborough Little Bob, with 120 changes of method.

Tenor size 18 in G.

Hazel Way 1—2	J. Arthur Hoare 5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe 3—4	*Richard T. Smith 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal in three methods.

DORNEY COURT MINOR:
x 14 x 16.34.16. l.h.=16-34625.

NICHOLASTON BOB MINOR:
x1456 x 16 x 16. l.h.=12-65324.

QUARTER PEALS

BECKLEY, OXON.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): D. G. Oliver 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, G. A. Porter 3, J. S. Walker 4, N. D. Deam 5.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, 1,385 Stedman Caters: M. V. Chilcott 1, H. N. Piastow 2, R. Stevens 3, Jean Lavender 4, F. Darby (cond.) 5, K. Taber 6, R. J. Cook 7, R. J. Talbot 8, S. Kimber 9, R. Finch 10. The annual quarter peal.

BRISTOL.—At SS. Philip and Jacob's, on Dec. 13th, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: Diana M. Chapman 1, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2, Gillian M. Hussey 3, R. J. Bowden 4, M. J. Hobbs 5, P. Bridle 6, D. J. Hunt 7, D. C. Exell (cond.) 8. Also on Jan. 3rd, 1,280 London Surprise Major: D. C. Exell 1, A. J. Griffin 2, Avril Ivin 3, Jennifer M. Taylor 4, R. G. Edwards 5, R. J. Bowden 6, J. R. Taylor 7, S. Ivin (cond.) 8.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,296 Surprise Minor (Surfleet, Beverley): D. L. Parker 1, Jennifer Payne 2, Hilary Martin 3, R. W. Hinde 4, N. J. Martin 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jillian Outhwaite 1, Jennifer Wright 2, Jennifer Payne 3, D. L. Parker 4, D. C. Manger (cond.) 5, N. J. Martin 6.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Nov. 1st, at St. Peter's, 1,256 Little Bob Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, E. P. Duffield 3, D. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, E. E. Davey 8. For Evensong.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Saviour's, on Dec. 24th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Rosemary Earl 1, Christine Fuller 2, Janet Percy 3, Mrs. B. Percy 4, I. Smith 5, H. Reynolds 6, T. Barlow 7, A. Baldock (first of Surprise Major as cond.) 8. First Surprise Major 1, 2 and 3. First of Yorkshire by all.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Scar 1, Christine Smith 2, J. Sinfield 3, I. Knox 4, A. G. Stripp 5, J. L. Cloughton (cond.) 6. For Holy Innocent's Day.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss C. Lawrence 1, G. Clarke (first in method as cond.) 2, Mrs. E. J. Coope 3, E. J. Coope 4, P. Clarke 5, K. Small 6, R. Clarke 7, F. Hurrell 8. For Midnight Mass.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: G. Boyd 1, R. Sturgess 2, J. M. Tyack 3, J. Hunt 4, G. F. Miles 5, J. Gunstone 6, R. K. Hawkins 7, S. A. Scott 8, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 9, J. W. Stevenson 10. For Midnight Mass. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: G. Jupe 1, G. M. Boyd 2, J. M. Tyack 3, F. Mitchell 4, R. K. Hawkins 5, S. A. Scott 6, J. Gunstone 7, G. F. Miles 8, A. H. Sturgess 9, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain and Little Bob Minor: B. Huddleston 1, R. Huddleston 2, C. Abbott 3, G. Locke 4, D. Huddleston 5, J. A. Bennett (cond.) 6. First in method by all. For Evensong.

KILNDOWN, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Waghorn 1, F. Pattenden 2, R. T. Lambert (cond.) 3, R. E. Lambert 4, M. R. T. Lambert 5, R. Dengate 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Pattenden, on their 80th and 85th respectively.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NUTTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,320 Doubles (nine methods/variations): Maureen Green 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, M. Kirk (cond.) 3, J. A. Harrison 4, E. A. Harrison 5. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods/variations): G. Alcock 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, J. A. Harrison 3, M. Kirk 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Quickest quarter for the band and on the bells, rung in 33 minutes.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): Maureen White 1, Mary White 2, K. G. Waller 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Basset (cond.) 5, T. White 6.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,430 Plain Bob Minor: D. Hunton 1, Margaret-Ann Whyte (first quarter) 2, A. King 3, M. King 4, M. A. Beaumont 5, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Dec. 25th, 1,320 Doubles (ten methods): D. Hunton 1, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 2, A. King 3, M. A. Beaumont 4, M. King 5, A. Beaumont 6. 50th quarter together 3 and 5, and 3 and 4. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): D. Hunton 1, A. King 2, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 3, M. A. Beaumont 4, M. King 5, A. Beaumont 6. 50th quarter on the bells 2, 3 and 5. For carol service.

WHEATHAMSTEAD, HERTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): F. W. Ellis 1, R. D. R. Brown 2, Gillian M. Brearley 3, A. Wilby 4, G. Ridgway 5, K. J. Walpole (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss Gillian M. Brearley.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,280 Five Spliced Surprise Major: P. D. Taylor 1, W. J. Jester 2, T. E. Roberts 3, C. E. Trueman 4, B. E. Saunders 5, G. E. Green (cond.) 6, B. R. Egglefield 7, J. Linnell 8. For New Year's Eve.

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MEREDITH.—On Monday, December 21st, 1964, at 6, Strathmore Court, Hitchin, Herts to June and John, a son—David John. 6098

DEATH

FENTON.—On January 5th, 1965, at 157, Manor Road, Verwood, Dorset, Mabel Annie, beloved wife of Joseph A. Fenton. 6120

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SURPRISE MAJOR PRACTICE at Holy Trinity, Guildford on Thursday, January 21st. Methods: Ealing, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Rutland, and as requested. 6116

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY.—Rag week tour, Friday, February 12th, to Sunday, February 14th, in Cardiff area. Names of those interested to Miss K. Maylott, Alexandra Hall, Aberystwyth, by January 25th.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—There will be no practices during the week commencing January 18th. — H. Stocks, Hon. Sec., Winchester Cathedral Band. 6099

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Annual meeting, Street, Saturday, January 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m., service 4.30. Names for tea please.—P. Hull, Dinder. 6037

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting on January 16th at Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry. Bells 3 p.m. service 4.30, tea 5.15 in Parish Room, Brays Lane. Numbers for tea very important to: J. L. Garner-Hayward, Lowfold, Ashborne, Warwick. 6074

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Hunts District.—Annual meeting Saturday, January 16th, at Huntingdon. Ringing arrangements: Godmanchester (8) 3-4 p.m., All Saints', Huntingdon (6) 3.45-4.30 p.m., service 4.30, tea 5 p.m. All Saints' and St. Mary's bells available after tea. 6063

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Annual meeting, Walsoken, Saturday, January 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual District meeting at Bocking on January 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. E. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking. 5967

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting Saturday, January 16th. St. Leonards, Shoreditch, 1.45 to 3 p.m.; St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 2.45 to 4 p.m.; St. Clement's, Danes 3.15 to 5, Tea 5.30 p.m. St. Martin's; meeting in the Vestry Hall.—F. Matthews, Hon. Sec. 6124

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Wadhurst, Saturday, January 16th. Ringing at 3.30 to 4.30, and again at 5.30 p.m. Make your own arrangements for tea.—D. J. West, Sec. 6110

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Annual District meeting, January 16th. Cathedral (12) 2.30-4 p.m. S.M.: Erin. Service 4.30 at St. Stephen's (6). Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Miss C. Rimmer, 182, Tippetdell Lane, Park Street, St. Albans. St. Stephen's bells available in evening.—Mary A. Coburn, Dis. Sec. 6076

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishops Stortford District.—Annual District meeting Saturday, January 16th. Ringing at Little Hadham 3-4.15 p.m. Bishops Stortford for service at 4.30, tea, meeting and ringing in the evening. Names for tea to D. Kingston, 33, Proctors Way, Bishops Stortford, Herts., Dis. Sec. 6095

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (North-Western District).—Joint annual meetings in Manchester on Saturday, January 16th. Town Hall bells (13) available from 2.30 p.m. Ladies' Guild annual meeting in Committee Room No. 3 at 3.30 p.m. Manchester Branch business meeting 6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Bells again after meeting. 6069

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Annual meeting at Christ Church, Bacup, Saturday, January 16th. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Meeting in tower 6 p.m. for election of new Branch Secretary.—H. Parkinson. 6121

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, January 16th. Spalding. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. R. C. Noon, 13, Pennygate, Spalding, Lincs. 6042

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—S. and W. District.—Annual meeting, January 16th, St. Mary's, Twickenham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea with business to follow 5 p.m. in Church Hall. All Hallows', Chertsey Road (10), in evening. Future meetings on first Saturday—Heston. February 6th: Hillingdon. joint meeting. October 23rd—please note.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath Bucks. 6062

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—The next meeting will be at Newhall, Saturday, January 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 n.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 6041

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Arborfield on January 16th, at 6 p.m. Special methods: Double Court and St. Clement's Minor. 6115

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Annual general meeting at Uppingham, January 16th. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Berridge, Rockleigh, Leicester Road, Uppingham. 6101

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 16th, Newark. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea to Mr. F. W. Midwinter, 19, Clarke Avenue, Newark.—B. N. Reed. 6068

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—Annual meeting, St. Michael's, Southampton, January 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., business to follow. Names for tea to Canon K. W. H. Felstead, St. Michael's Vicarage, Southampton. 6080

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Oldswinford on Saturday, January 16th, 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to Mr. A. Roden, 19, Castle Grove, Oldswinford, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next general meeting at Halifax on January 16th. Bells available: Northowran (8), 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Elland (8), 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.; All Souls', Halesy Hill (8), 2.30-4.30; the Parish Church (12) after the meeting. General Committee meet in the Sunday School, opposite All Souls', at 3.15 p.m. Service at All Souls' at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m., at the Crown Hotel, near the railway station, followed by the general meeting. Special business: the election of two representatives to the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies. Names for tea essential to be sent to Mr. J. H. Felden, 18, Chester Road, Akroydon, Halifax.—W. F. Moreton, Gen. Sec. 6029

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening meeting at Sibley (6) on Wednesday, January 20th, at 7.30 p.m.—M. D. Barsby, Dis. Sec. 6128

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Evening practice meeting at Dersingham on Wednesday, January 20th. Bells available from 6.30.—C. Tovell, Branch Sec. 6089

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Etwell (6), Friday evening, January 22nd, 7.45 p.m.—M. A. Willis, Dis. Sec. 6114

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Ditchat (8), January 23rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 23rd, at Locking. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 6058

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Annual meeting, Luton, Saturday, January 23rd. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea at 5. Business in belfry 6 n.m. Names for tea not later than 23rd to Mr. Basil Hullat, 87, St. Monica's Avenue, Luton. 6032

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting held at St. Peter's, Fairfield, Saturday, January 23rd, 3 n.m. till 9 p.m. Tea 5 n.m. For teas please notify Mrs. S. Ellison, 70, Kines Road, Fairfield, Buxton.—G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 6108

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District joint with Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—Meeting at Stockton, Saturday, January 23rd. Ringing 3-9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6.40 n.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. P. Rock, 513, Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe, Co. Durham. 6126

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 23rd, at Colchester. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. Leonard's at the Hythe followed by tea at 5 p.m. Bells: St. Leonard's (6), 2.30-4.30 and 7-9; All Saints', Shrub End (6), 2-4 and 7-9; St. Peter's (8), 7-9 n.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Oliver, 27, St. Andrew's Avenue, Colchester. 6000

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Monthly practice and quarterly meeting, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbs for tea (5 n.m.) before 18th. E. Cribbley, Winter's Fold, France Lynch, Stroud Glos. 6119

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Farnham on January 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham, Surrey.—D. P. Fismore, Dis. Sec. 6094

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clun District.—Annual general meeting, Clun, on Saturday, January 23rd. Bells (8) 3.15. Service 4.15. Meeting 5.30. All welcome.—J. H. Croxton, Dis. Sec., Purslaw, Clunbury, Craven Arms.

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, January 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Reservations by 21st, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard (2260).

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewis-ham District.—Quarterly meeting, Bexley, Sat., January 23rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, the 20th, to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Hinckley, Saturday, January 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by the Wednesday previous to Mrs. C. Davenport, 27, Trafford Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire. Tel. Hinckley 437.—M. Vernon, Dis. Sec. 6106

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Branch committee meeting at the Scout Hut, Almond Road, Burnham, 3.30 p.m., Saturday, January 23rd. Ringing at Hitcham, 6 p.m.—Miss Hague, 6070

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting, Green's Norton, January 30th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. A. Mansfield, 3, Duncote, Towcester. 6118

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Paul's, Salisbury, January 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, 19th, to G. A. Trimby, Hon. Sec., 24, West Street, Wilton. 6102

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Annual general meeting at Wimborne, January 23rd. Bells 2.30 and 6.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, 21st, to Mr. C. Bishop, Denhom, Wimborne Road West, Wimborne. 6112

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting at St. Mary's Nottingham (10), on Saturday, January 23rd, at 2.45 p.m. Business meeting in tower, prior to tea. Own arrangements for tea.—Sec. 6038

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, January 23rd. Bells 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea approx. 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Bells after meeting to approx. 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell, South-end-on-Sea. 6113

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual general meeting, January 23rd at St. Peter's, South Croydon. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Address to be given by the Bishop of Croydon. Tea and meeting to follow in Church Hall. Names for tea to Miss V. Potter, 9, Waverley Road, London, S.E.25, by previous Wednesday. South Croydon bells in evening. Advance Notice.—February 13th: Social evening at St. John-the-Baptist, Croydon, Church Hall. Further details later. 6049

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Plympton St. Maurice, Saturday, January 30th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by January 24th to Mr. David Farnham, 31, Reypolds Road, Plympton, Devon. 6024

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual meeting, January 30th. St. Mary's and Holy Trinity bells 3 p.m. Service at Holy Trinity 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. G. Ponting, Highdown, Milford, Godalming. St. Nicolas' bells afterwards. 6097

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual district meeting, Wood Green, January 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing till approx. 8.30 p.m. 6104

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual meeting, Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, January 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Roderick, 26, Hookland Road, Porthcawl, Glamorgan.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Barrow-on-Humber, Saturday, January 30th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting 5 p.m. Please be considerate and send names for tea by January 27th, to Mr. A. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber, C. A. H. 6096

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual general meeting, All Saints, Northampton, Saturday, January 30th. Ringing at St. Peter's 2.30-3.45 p.m., All Saints 3.45-4.15 p.m., and after meeting. Service 4.15 p.m. All Saints'. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton. 6105

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of members of the Guild Executive Committee and members of the Central District will be held at Palgrave, January 30th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. District quarterly meeting in church at 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in schoolroom 5 p.m. for those applying by January 27th. Guild executive meeting to follow tea.—L. E. Last, Central Dis. Sec. 6057

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD WIRRAL BRANCH

The annual dinner-dance will be held at Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, on Saturday, February 13th, 5.30 p.m. till midnight. Tickets (22s. each) from Mr. A. J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtion, Birkenhead. 6129

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL DINNER at Odeon Cinema Restaurant, CHESTERFIELD

on Saturday, February 20th, 1965 from 6.15 to 11 p.m. Tickets 17s. 6d. from G. A. Halls, 54, Willson Avenue, Littleover, Derby. Chesterfield bells available 4-6 p.m. 6122

LATE NOTICES

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Birkenhead St. Mary's, January 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying, by Thursday previous, Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtion, Birkenhead.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Hailsham (8) on January 23rd. Bells 3 till 5 and 6 till 8 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to I. Smith, Sec., 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle. 6127

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldington (6), Saturday, January 23rd (not 16th). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Norwich Surprise Minor. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 6130

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Newton 1, A. Newton 2, Joyce Barton 3, Meryl Newton 4, R. H. Newton 5, D. Cornwall 6, R. Briggs (cond.) 7, K. Gould 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HALF PEAL

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.—On Jan. 1st, 2,520 Grandsire Triples: W. Wall 1, W. Bolton 2, J. E. Burles 3, S. Anderson 4, J. Bagnall 5, N. Newby, jun. 6, A. Capstick (cond.) 7, T. Metcalfe 8.

DATE TOUCH

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Jan. 1st, 1,965 Doubles (7 methods): Janet Fawcett 1, Sandra Pitman (age 12) 2, C. E. Bishop 3, W. J. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman 5, M. Jenkins 6. First in seven methods by all and first date touch 1, 2, 3 and 6.

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDFORDSHIRE.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. C. Kershaw 1, R. Battams 2, P. Stone 3, B. Elliott 4, A. Kershaw 5, R. Cadamy (cond.) 6. First quarter 2, 3 and 4. Rung half-muffled New Year's Eve.

BLACKBURN, LANCs.—In the Cathedral Tower on January 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. T. Parsons (cond.) 1—2, J. L. Riley 3—4, P. S. Woods 5—6. First quarter on handbells by all.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Norfolk Doubles: Janet Fawcett 1, Sandra Pitman (aged 12) 2, Joanna Wigg 3, W. J. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, G. Finnemore 6. First in method for all. Rung for the ordination of Rev. Paul Kelly.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Emery 1, M. Stone 2, F. Sweet 3, C. Clarke 4, B. Wyld (cond.) 5, E. Chapman 6, R. Short 7, G. Burge 8. A farewell to the Rev. C. A. Saralle, who is leaving for Berrow.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet E. Cluet (first quarter) 1, L. H. Bennett (first quarter) 2, K. I. Davis 3, D. W. Standing 4, R. H. Glover (first as cond.) 5, A. Eldridge (first quarter) 6. First quarter by a parish team.

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. G. Richards 1, L. Evans 2, A. Hughes 3, H. E. Green 4, P. R. Johnson (first as cond.) 5, S. W. Illidge 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At St. John the Baptist Church on Jan. 3rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. Brown 1, Juliet Stoy (first of Caters 'Inside') 2, Mrs. O. Collins 3, R. Davies (cond.) 4, F. E. Collins 5, N. Brown 6, K. Taber 7, R. Abbott 8, R. Stevens 9, N. Steere 10. A tribute to K. Taber and Pat on the birth of their son.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Single Oxford Bob): Miss S. Y. Fowkes 1, Miss M. F. Pettitt 2, Mrs. S. M. Law 3, Miss M. J. Clarke 4, R. F. Law 5, M. J. Marjott (cond.) 6. For Morning Service.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. R. Field 1, Miss M. F. Pettitt 2, C. M. Payne 3, R. F. Law 4, D. A. Hammond 5, R. L. Piron 6, R. Chapman 7, M. J. Marjott (comp. and cond.) 8.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Boarder 1, R. E. Dean 2, Mrs. E. Mead 3, J. Young 4, L. J. Young 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, P. R. Dean 7, A. Boarder 8.

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PULHAM ST. MARY, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. G. Harrison 1, W. Flatt 2, C. R. Catchpole 3, C. Thompson 4, R. Churchill 5, L. Minns 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, H. Hines 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Rosalind Victoria Whiting, wife of Ernest Whiting, of Pulham St. Mary.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. B. F. Coles (first quarter attempt) 1, G. C. Woodley 2, Mrs. R. C. Woodley 3, R. C. Woodley 4, A. Chown 5, K. Clarke 6, B. F. Coles 7, A. Clarke 8. For New Year's Eve.

SOUTHMINSTER, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: R. A. Bower (first quarter) 1, C. Robinson 2, D. Robinson 3, E. Potter 4, G. Sandwell (cond.) 5, S. Ward 6. Rung half-muffled.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Allison Brown (first quarter) 1, Joan Gray 2, Edith Brocklehurst 3, J. Brocklehurst 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, R. Williams 6. For Evensong.

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Whiting 1, E. Shouler 2, R. Warren 3, W. Mawby 4, O. Warren 5, P. D. Taylor (cond.) 6.

STOTFOLD, BEDS.—On Dec. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Ellison (first quarter) 1, Marybelle J. Nissly (first quarter 'inside') 2, Audrey Alexander 3, S. J. Hutton 4, D. R. Saunderson 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

STURRY, KENT.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara Bouldin 1, P. A. Harrison 2, Christina Bouldin 3, R. H. Glover 4, R. Button (cond.) 5, K. I. Davis 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Geoffrey Maile.

THANINGTON, KENT.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Nita Bailey 1, K. I. Davis 2, Christina Bouldin 3, R. H. Glover 4, R. Button (cond.) 5.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Slade (first quarter) 1, Sally Cobb 2, I. L. Dear 3, D. E. Cobb 4, M. C. Austin 5, H. Duncan 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, D. S. Billimore 8. For Confirmation. Also on Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Laura Grindrod (first quarter) 1, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 2, I. L. Dear 3, June Whitcher 4, P. D. Chapman 5, H. Duncan 6, R. J. Chapman 7, E. Newnham 8. For Mothers' Union service. Also on Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Vivian Pain 1, Jane Chapman 2, I. L. Dear 3, June Whitcher 4, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 5, H. Duncan 6, M. C. Austin 7, R. Durrant 8. For carol service.

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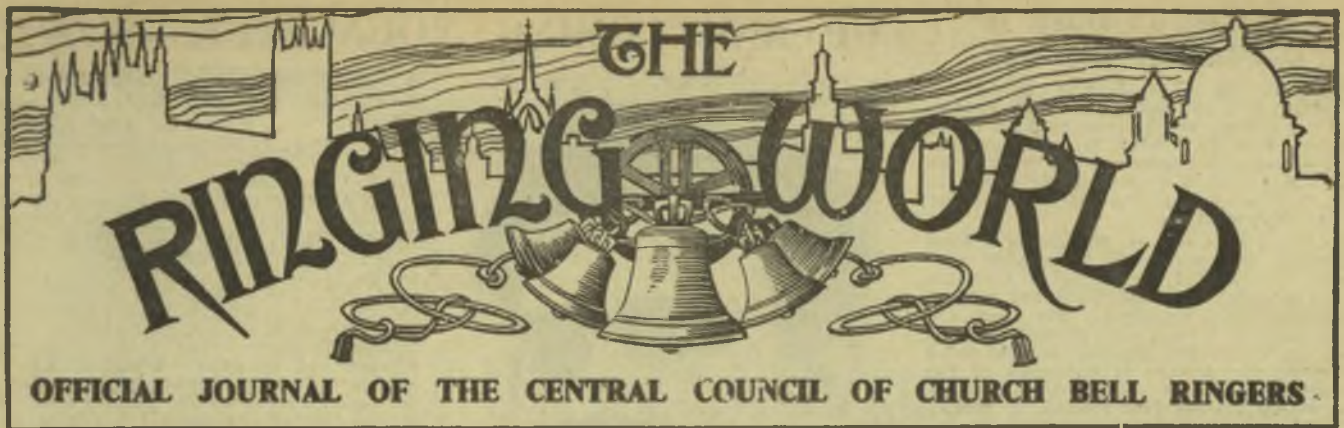
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RESIDENTS AND ALIENS

A personal view

RECENT comments in 'The Ringing World' suggest that there are some in the Exercise who are keenly interested in the functions of peal and Sunday service ringing. I am led to express an opinion, for as a beginner I was undoubtedly fortunate, living halfway between two branches of a Guild. One of them possessed half a dozen dedicated good ringers who went nightly from tower to tower implanting the fundamentals of method ringing for Sunday service. The other started me on peals almost as soon as I could hunt. The combination of these two built up our Sunday band.

The peal ringing must, however, be good. Bad peals are the worst enemy of the art for, apart from the anti-pathetic feelings induced in the public, a bad long length produces in the participants a satisfaction with poor work and a contentment with second-best. Such sentiments are not good for their ringing and will lead ultimately to personal conflict.

Many ringers differentiate between the acceptable qualities of ringing for public and private records, and it is a rare person who can truthfully say that the peals he has rung are devoid of parts which he would prefer to forget. I have lost count of my peals, but at least this saves my deciding doubtful ones, such as the 'peal' I rang with no calls in the last three courses and a couple of which one could only say that they started and finished with rounds and were of the right length.

Such performances are rung for a Guild or Association affiliated to the Central Council and, failing enlivened letters to 'The Ringing World,' are accepted as true achievements. The Association, however, sometimes knows little about them or the ringers taking part. I have been in attempts where ringers were proposed as non-Resident Life Members of the local Guild on a 'No peal, no membership' basis. This is as hypocritical as protest peals against booking fees. I have heard ringing (subsequently published for another Guild) which, had it been for my Association, I should have contested with all my power. What if I had not heard it and we had later been asked to ratify the election of most of the band and to accept their 'peal'?

Why, in any case, should it be held that all peals in a territory ought to be for the local Association? Is it not better to have a peal rung by full members for 'The Trollope Diocesan Guild and The Barsetshire Association'?

Is not any other course just as misguided as the wedding compliment (discovered in 'The Ringing World' a month later) to persons unknown or the boast of being 'the first to turn the Tsar Kolokol in to Tovaritch Imperial Bob'?' How can peals rung in Barset by the Ranting Ringers on their summer tour possibly be to the credit of the Trollope Diocesan Guild, which elects them non-Resident Life Members, never sees or thinks of them again, and does not in fact know whether they are still alive six months later? What nonsense it is to judge the health of a Guild solely by its peals!

It is difficult to accept the proposal that full membership of one Guild should extend automatically to a member of another, even if both are affiliated to the Central Council. Yet non-Resident Life Membership, as currently practised, is bad for ringing and should be abolished. Peals for a Guild should be rung only by its ringing members who pay annual subscriptions, and affiliated (not non-Association) peals by ringing members of two or more Guilds should be welcomed.

I can visualise the hands raised in horror that this might rob an Association of peals and income. The former might give an incentive to Ringing Masters. As for the latter, it is important that members of an Association should be full and active, and if a Guild is relying on casual subscriptions to keep it solvent it is on its last legs and must reorganise to avoid death. It must go out to teach and to advance and encourage the art. It must aim at the best possible ringing in its own churches and by its own ringers. This means a continual willingness to teach all who wish to learn and a continual seeking of new blood. For its good ringers, it means long and regular journeys to Association meetings so that learners who go there will find competent people to help them. It means touches of the most advanced method possible with the available ringers and it means mundane methods so that the learners may have the opportunity and joy of ringing with a good band. It means catching hold for rounds as well as for London. It means unselfishness and hard work.

The inescapable point, of course, is that most of us are ringing primarily for the Church—it is not for nothing that the Central Council has that word in its title. Sunday service ringing and peal ringing are separable but are both so much better for being used as complements. For both of them ringers are always welcomed, be they young, old, resident, alien, yellow, brown, or pinko-grey.

What scope there is for fruitful discussion at Whitsuntide!

R. B. M.

LATITUDE IN DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of November 13th you published a request from me for comments on the remarks made by an instructor that the standard set in the syllabus for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award was too high and placed at a disadvantage people in areas where ringing was not of a very advanced standard.

To this I have had six replies, three from instructors and one from a candidate supporting this view. I am grateful to them for writing, although no one offered any positive suggestions for amendment. But from the letters generally I think some misunderstanding exists on the subject, possibly because those concerned may not be in possession of the Handbook issued by the Award Office. I have before me the 1963 Edition, in para 1 of the Introduction to which is the following reference to the various syllabuses for approved subjects:

'These should be regarded solely as guidance to tutors and assessors; they must NOT be regarded as set standards.'

Further on occur these two paragraphs:

(16) The particular feature of this section is that the candidate is assessed on interest, progress and genuine sustained effort shown during the stipulated minimum period, and not on the attainment of any fixed standard. This sets a premium on the candidate's ability: it also enables the late starter and the less gifted to be assessed on level terms with those who have already progressed in a leisure pursuit, or who are quicker or more skilful than himself.

(17) Thus, a good deal of latitude is necessarily given to Operating Authorities in evaluating the effort devoted by the candidate. In practice, the onus must mainly lie with the adult tutor in the particular subject, who should be closely in touch with the candidate throughout the stipulated period. In many cases it will be appropriate for the tutor to act as assessor.

And the Introduction ends with:

'The basic principle of assessment is genuine maintained effort.'

From the foregoing it is, I think, clear that local circumstances need not affect a candidate's chances of qualifying for any of the stages of the Award, so long as he shows the necessary enthusiasm and application over the required period. I hope this will be of encouragement to those who were good enough to write.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT,
Honorary Secretary.

Central Council of Church Bellringers.

RAVING RINGERS' REUNION 1965

The 1965 reunion saw the Ravers in Hertfordshire, and on the evening of January 1st members were due to assemble at 28, Jennings Road, St. Albans. Those who reached the rendezvous early had a ring at North Mymps.

The sharp frost on Saturday morning did not deter proceedings. Codicote was followed by Stevenage, where some good ringing took place, including Stedman, four Spliced Surprise Major and Plain Bob. At Baldock the Master and his fiancée were presented by the Wotton Wonder with a church pamphlet on marriage! Hitchin was visited before lunch, but, alas! in a touch of Norwich the fifth rope broke.

Some good towers were arranged for the afternoon, including Luton (10), where Stedman, Grandsire, Cambridge and Little Bob were rung. At Redbourn the Ravers were united with their 'tenor king' and his wife, who are now living in Ireland. The reunion supper, as usual, was very lively, the highlight being a taped message from Past Master Ron Russ, who is now in Australia.

Ringing on Sunday morning was on the 10 and 12 in St. Albans. In the afternoon everybody was delighted with the light six at Radlett, to be followed by South Mymps and Wheathamstead, where goodbyes were said. Our special thanks are due to Ken Darvill, Mr. and Mrs. Darvill and Clare. The reunion was one of the best we have had. B. J. D.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 19



DAVID J. HERSCHELL,
The Guildford Diocesan Guild.

At the present time the Guildford Diocesan Guild is enjoying good fortune for, as well as a new Cathedral and handsome gifts of money enabling it to install a ring of ten bells early this year, it has a number of 'Up and Coming Youngsters' who, it is hoped, will continue to maintain the Guild's excellent standard of ringing and Guild administration created by such well known members, past and present, as John S. Goldsmith, A. H. Pulling, William Melville, Robert Whittington, Charles N. Burdock, Charles Hazelden, William J. Robinson, Frederick

Bennett, William Day, George L. Grover, William Beeson, Charles Denyer and a host of others.

One such youngster, presented to the Exercise by the Guild's Ringing Master, Mr. Douglas A. R. May, is David J. Herschell.

David was born at North Finchley, London, on October 26th, 1944, and has lived at Epsom, Surrey, since 1952. He passed the 13-plus exam to Kingston Technical School, leaving at the age of sixteen having obtained his G.C.E. For a career he has chosen banking and is at present employed by the Trustee Savings Bank at the Sutton Branch as cashier, having previously served in the branches at Morden and Kingston. Whilst at Kingston he was able to take part in the ringing at the Parish Church for the Tuesday lunch-time services. He shortly leaves the Trustee Bank to take up an appointment at the Westminster Bank Ltd.

David started ringing at the age of fourteen and so became the second Herschell to join the Guildford Guild. The first was the Rev. Sir John C. W. Herschel (spelt with one 'l'), ringing parson and astronomer, and Rector of West Clandon from 1919 to 1934.

David was taught to ring at Christ Church, Epsom Common, by Mr. William Parrott and the late Mr. Frank Oakshott. His first peal was when he rang the fifth to Bob Mignor at the Church of St. Mary, Buckland, Surrey, and was conducted by Mr. Nick Webb. His total of some sixteen peals range from Minor to Caters, and includes his first as conductor. This was Plain Bob Minor consisting of seven different extents rung at Christ Church, Mitcham, on August 25th, 1962. It is not surprising that this youngster's chief ambition as a ringer is to become an efficient conductor. His keen interest in the Guild's administration has gained for him a place on the Executive Committee. David pays tribute to that widely known ringer—thousand pealer and tenor king—Pat Cannon, who has helped him with his ringing during the last two years, and with whom he has rung his best peals.

Other ringing Associations with which he is connected are the Surrey Association and Ancient Society of College Youths, and he has other interests in the Church besides ringing. He is a server at Christ Church, Epsom, and a short time ago became a member of the Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary.

Well done, David! The Guildford Guild should be proud of you. NORVING.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Chertsey District

There was a good turn out for the Chertsey District A.G.M. at Hersham on January 9th, when ringing was under the direction of Mr. F. E. Hawthorne and included Double Norwich. The Guild office was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. F. Hargroves, who gave the District a hearty welcome.

Following an excellent tea, the Guild Master, Mr. D. A. R. May, took the chair for the business meeting. The following officers were elected for 1965: District Master, Mr. C. Webb (Hersham); Assistant District Master, Mr. D. G. Blows; District secretary, Mr. R. Collins. Mr. May thanked the retiring officers for their hard work, and congratulated David Leach on his recent marriage.

The secretary reported an increase in membership and an average of 40 at the meetings held the previous year, which compared well with 1963. All towers were manned on Sundays except Weybridge, where a special effort was needed to get the bells going again.

Mr. Hawthorne stressed the need for better striking at all times, especially for those who aspired to ring on the new Cathedral bells.

Ten new junior and four new ringers were elected from Horsell, Chertsey, East Molesey and Thames Ditton.

Guild officers nominated were: Master, D. A. R. May; general secretary, C. W. Munday; treasurer, C. Kippin; auditor, P. Sherwood. Sixty ringers attended the meeting. Further ringing up to Cambridge Major completed the day. R. C.

A FULL DAY IN LONDON

In order to have the maximum benefit of their day's ringing in London, six Worcestershire ringers and one from Somerset arrived on Friday, January 8th.

The programme started with the light eight at St. Olave's, Hart Street, followed by St. Lawrence Jewry, where a slight accident occurred. After the seventh was raised, a slider was found to have 'jumped' out. This did not prevent an excellent ring, St. George's, Borough, and lunch near London Bridge station followed.

The highlight of the day was Southwark Cathedral and ringing of Stedman Cinques and Plain Bob Maximus. Other churches in the afternoon were St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and the R.C. Church at Clapham Common. Two excellent rings came after tea—St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, and Holy Trinity, Wandsworth. Visits were also paid to All Saints', Wandsworth, and St. Mary's, Putney.

Methods rung were Plain Bob Maximus, Stedman Cinques, Grandsire Caters, London Surprise Major, Putney Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Single Oxford and Plain Bob Major. Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples. A very good standard of ringing was maintained throughout the day.

Our thanks are accorded to Mr. M. J. Uphill for arranging the tour, Ann Horsford, Tony Clayton and Mrs. Uphill for finding accommodation for the night, John Maybrey and John Weaver for coping with the transport, and all incumbents, tower secretaries and tower masters, who made the tour possible. J. E. W.

UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION'S WEEK-END AT BRISTOL

ON January 2nd Bristol produced blue skies and sunshine to welcome the Universities Association, making its first visit there for its annual dinner.

Bells available for ringing were Holy Nativity, Knowle, St. Mary Redcliffe, the Cathedral and Christ Church. St. James' was omitted, as it lacked one clapper, and it was unfortunate that not enough ringers turned up at Redcliffe to ring the 12. Some members were able to make up for this when they joined the service band on Sunday morning. At Christ Church it was once again demonstrated that these bells repay good striking even more than most.

After the service at Christ Church, the party dispersed to prepare for dinner at the Grosvenor. This was preceded by one of the Association's two annual meetings (the other always being held on the summer tour). The U.A. is fortunately blessed with very able officers, and the president, Mr. Paul Taylor, dealt with all business with great expedition. The arrangements for the 1965 tour at Lumley Castle, Chester-le-Street (including, it is hoped, a raid over the border to Edinburgh), and and for next year's dinner, at Nottingham, received unanimous approval. The auditor could find no fault with the accounts, this being one of the years when he had seen them!

Just over 40 people sat down to dinner. Speeches were kept to a minimum—an old U.A. tradition—and therefore were more appreciated, especially the toast of 'The Church' by our member from Pudsey. A fairly recently joined member was sent to bed happy in the knowledge that once he had paid a subscription of 1s, he was a member for life—another of the U.A.'s little peculiarities.

Some of the keener members rang at four towers for service on Sunday morning, which is a tribute to the staggered hours of church services in Bristol. (Contrary to widespread belief, service times are not fixed by the local ringers.)

Thanks for organising the ringing and dinner are due to our efficient secretary Don Excell, who also gave the necessary information to enable motorists to venture into this city of parking meters without falling foul of the law. (At least, so far as is known.)

Members left Bristol promising to meet again either 'on tour' or 'at the next dinner,' feeling once again that this is a useful Association, which through its hundreds of members is a link between the different University Associations, many of which it helped to create. J.G.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

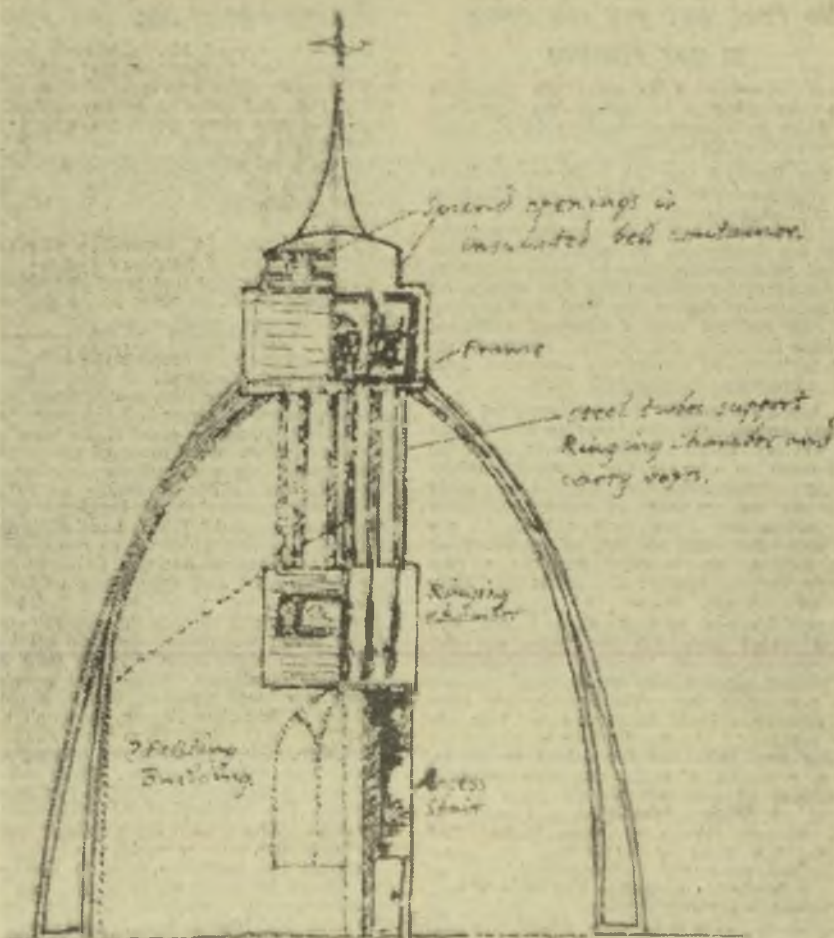
A very successful year was reviewed at the annual meeting of the Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild, held at Ripponden Parish Church on January 9th. Comments of officers were: Honorary secretary: Warm thanks to incumbents, tower captains and members for general help; honorary treasurer: Best financial year during his periods of office; Ringing Master: Improved quality of ringing at meetings.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. P. Birkett; Ringing Master, Mr. R. Senior; secretary, Miss W. Mortimer; treasurer, Mr. A. W. Bond; auditor, Mr. A. Rogers; committee, Messrs. W. Holroyd, H. Quarmby and D. Smith.

In thanking the local company, Mr. A. Armitage mentioned the excellent arrangements, tea and well-cared for bells. Ringing was enjoyed to 9 o'clock.

Next meeting: Shelley. Special method: London Surprise Minor.

A NEW TECHNIQUE FOR TOWERS



Dear Sir.—I was interested in your article on tower design in the issue of October 23rd as this was a subject which came up after a meeting and I am further prompted by Mr. Chaddock's article on sound control.

Just as modern architecture has broken away from traditional building methods by virtue of new techniques, so should the concept of a church tower be liberated from stone and mortar. A 'tower' as such is no longer a necessity. The basic problem is to support a bell frame adequately at a suitable height from the ground, to provide somewhere from which to handle the ropes, and to enclose the bells so that the sound can be suitably directed, and preferably also shut in at will. This is an engineering rather than an architectural problem though of course there is no reason why the architect should not concern himself with the appearance of the resulting structure and its integration into the whole building. I enclose a sketch of one possible form which a bell 'tower' may take.

The main supports could be steel or reinforced concrete, set at an angle to withstand the lateral stresses of the bells without being unduly massive, which become one unit with the bell frame. The bells are enclosed in a light metal or wooden box, lined with insulat-

ing material or perhaps a double glass sphere would be more interesting for spectators, and variable openings are provided to let out the sound, preferably from near the top, for Sunday ringing or on other suitable occasions. Suspended from the frame is the ringing chamber which can take any form at all. There are no lateral stresses on this except for wind (or unruly ringers).

The whole thing could be free-standing if added to an existing church or it could stand over a low church building with the ringing chamber being provided on the roof of the church. Alternatively the supporting girders could be within the structure of the church either concealed or visible. Wells cathedral provides a good Gothic precedent for the latter if any is needed. What about a metal spire on top? The possibilities are legion provided that it is 'always borne in mind that the supported bell frame is the one central reason for the existence of the whole structure.'

Perhaps those better qualified than I would comment on such matters as cost and practical limitations. I am sure that the provision of new belfries with new churches is an important matter if the art of bell-ringing is to remain a part of living Christianity.—Yours truly,

GEORGE FUTERS

West Hallam, Derby.

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Letters to the Editor

No Peal, but you can come to our Practice

Dear Sir,—Having in mind the notorious Penn controversy, it is perhaps not surprising that Giles B. Thompson should sign his letter on page 20 as 'Anarchist.'

I am flattered that he finds me to be a well known member of the C.C. and a high-up in 'my' Association. My manners I know to be deplorable, but in making his complaint about my discourtesy, he might perhaps have advised your readers that he wrote direct to the Rector of Sevenoaks for a peal attempt on a Monday—the day of the local weekly practice. He did not send a stamped, addressed envelope for reply and he was, therefore, indeed fortunate to receive my somewhat terse (and admittedly ill-tempered) reply.

It has subsequently become apparent that he was arranging a peal tour in the district and whereas, as an anarchist, he is under no compulsion to observe the courtesies, others making arrangements of this kind quite frequently make a point of seeking assistance and information from local ringers. I am sure they often have no need of the assistance they receive, but it does promote a nice friendly feeling, whether the locals be 'high-ups' or 'low-ups.'

Except for peal attempts there is not, and during recent years has not been, any bar at Sevenoaks or any 'strings' to permission for visiting ringers who make their requests in a reasonable way. We have a very keen and competent local band and we ring the bells regularly. We would love to ring peals on our own bells and for others to do so, but as a matter of policy we have refrained from peal attempts for several years as we wanted to persuade the Church Council to have the bells rehung in a new frame. Our patience has been rewarded and an order placed for the work. I may add that we made a particular exception and rang a peal in December as a courtesy to our Rector, of whom we are very fond, on a special personal occasion.

I write as captain of the Sevenoaks ringers rather than as general secretary of the Kent County Association, but I am, of course, aware that 'my' Association has received sufficient financial benefit from Mr. Thompson's tour to solve our money problems for years to come. In addition of course we are suitably uplifted and encouraged that Mr. Thompson was able to ring various peals on 'our' bells, thereby suitably reducing our opportunities for our amateurish and stumbling performances.

Now that Mr. Thompson knows we ring at Sevenoaks on Monday evenings we shall be very pleased to see him at any time provided he is tough enough to withstand the hectoring and bullying methods we adopt in asserting our authority over those who have the temerity to ring 'our' bells.—Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY.

Sevenoaks.

Previous Museum Exhibitions

Dear Sir.—Mr. Victor Sheppard may like to know that at the 1926 meeting of the Central Council the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Alexander Young, reported on behalf of the Science Museum Exhibit Committee that 'they had now in the National Science Museum a small section illustrating their Art and that it included the famous ringing machine invented by Mr. John Carter.'

I seem to remember that this was still on display in the early 1930s (certainly the machine itself was) but that it wasn't very comprehensive — nothing like the one Mr. Sheppard's enthusiasm has produced at Brighton. But I suppose it was quite an achievement to be recognised at 'South Ken'.—Yours faithfully,

F. A. BARNETT.

Outings—good and bad points

Dear Sir,—I read Mr. Maybrey's letter on the subject of ringing outings with interest and I heartily agree with most of what he says. Whilst I do not claim to be any authority on ringing outings there are a few points which I feel should be added.

Let me start with three questions:

(1) Would Mr. Maybrey's idea of a Central Council committee really be a workable proposition?

(2) Would such a committee, if formed, really serve a useful purpose? and

(3) Is it really best that procedure should be standardised at all, let alone to the degree suggested?

Many visiting bands already perform the valuable service of "keeping the bells going" in towers with no bands of their own. Such towers in a county like, say, Dorset are all too numerous—well over half the total I would say—and it would be good if we were all to give such towers much more of our attention. How many ringers contribute to the towers that they visit, either financially or by doing a little elementary 'steeple-keeping' where it is obviously needed? Whilst I am all in favour of the C.C. giving guidance to those inexperienced in arranging outings, I think the responsibility must and should rest with the individual.

I don't know if this is the general attitude, but at Leigh we always welcome all visitors who care to come (now that the bells are in reasonable condition). While most people, including our local residents, find it a pleasure to listen to first-class ringing, we don't always expect to hear such from the bands that visit Leigh. Most of these are Sunday service bands, from other churches, whose standards of ringing naturally depend upon circumstances at home. The standard of our own band isn't very high as we started from scratch less than two years ago.

Damage can easily be done in more sensitive towers by bands such as the one which recently sought permission to ring between 4.30 and 5.15 on Saturday afternoon. They eventually turned up after 5.20, without giving any reason for the delay, and proceeded to fire the bells for ten minutes!

What would really strengthen the Exercise, surely, would be the elimination of "tower grabbing" purely for the sake of scoring: something which the publication of lists in the R.W. is bound to encourage. Let the aim of those ringers who like to visit different towers instead be:—

(1) To try to choose for their outings those towers where the bells need ringing

(2) To support service ringing and practices in the many towers where outside help is really needed and

(3) To strive to improve the standard of their own ringing.

For those who belong to struggling bands, or whose towers have no band at all, visiting other towers is of course the only way of progressing. Here I speak from personal experience and I should like to say how kind and helpful I have found so many ringers and how grateful I am to them.

May I make a final plea that we stop using the horrid term 'the use of your bells'? Bells are rung, not used and this seems to strike at the heart of the matter.—Yours faithfully,

CHRISTOPHER DUTTON.

Leigh, Surrey.

Campanologia, 1702

Dear Sir,—If Mr. Savory is ever in this area I shall be happy to show him my copy of Campanologia Improved (1702), which was the subject of a letter to 'The Ringing World' about Whitson, 1952.

Photostat copies of pages to complete his copy are probably available from the Cambridge University Library, which supplied a couple for the Cambridge University Guild in 1954.—Yours faithfully,

ROGER B. MORRIS.

Oswestry, Salop.

'A Delightful Tribute'

Dear Sir,—R.W. p. 24 Belfry Gossip repeats part of a letter by R. H. Mansell, of Birmingham, describing the Christmas Day bells as 'absolutely perfect striking from start to finish,' but I trust that he doesn't really mean this. It is indeed a 'delightful tribute'—but it isn't true, and whilst it is appreciated that Christmas is the time for goodwill we mustn't let our superlatives run away with us.

Some of the striking was very good, some of it was nearly perfect but none of it was absolutely perfect. Listen again to the recording of the bells of Drumo, N.I., and Alloa, Mr. Mansell, and if you still think that this striking is even good, then I will be most surprised—especially as you come from Birmingham, where I am given to understand they do a little fairly good ringing from time to time.

Perfection, in all walks of life, is a difficult thing to obtain. There are no degrees thereof: it is either perfect or it is not, and if we use the word where it is not justified there is always the danger that standards will fall. So let's have it right shall we, and amend Mr. Mansell's remarks to read 'the striking, for the most part, was very good'—and that is still a 'delightful tribute'.—Yours faithfully,

Chilcompton, Bath.

M. HEYMANN.

Friesland's View

Dear Sir,—As soon as I knew that 'The Sound of Bells' by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd was affirmed and acknowledged I had hoped that the message of the bells and in respect to him, that Christmas Day would have been just it.

Anyhow I do hope that the authority who holds the broadcasting will some day put in an effort towards such a day.—Yours fraternally,

JOSEPH BURGESS.

Friesland.

First Quarter at Pluckley

Dear Sir,—With reference to the interesting article by Mr. N. J. Davis re Pluckley, Kent, and the claim to a quarter peal of Minor rung in 1959 being the first recorded on the bells I would like to mention that I had the pleasure of calling a quarter peal of Doubles there on May 18th, 1935. This was rung on the back 5 and rung after meeting short for the peal attempt, caused through putting the wrong post town on a letter, thereby causing it to be delayed in the post.—Yours sincerely,

Dorking.

A. PAT CANNON.

'Cowardly and poor spirited'

Dear Sir,—I am prompted to write after the publication of the letter from 'Anarchist' (page 20), whoever he may be.

It is particularly nauseating to read the letters every week in the 'R.W.' only to find that the writer does not possess the manliness and courtesy to sign his own name, but has to use a nom-de-plume to avoid recognition. In my opinion it is thoroughly deplorable, and shows the writer to be very cowardly and poor-spirited. He certainly cannot be a popular member of society if he is so chicken-hearted that he dare not let everyone know that it is he who holds a particular opinion. So, Mr. Anarchist, don't have cold feet, but pluck up courage and let us all know who you are.

Finally, I would like to suggest to 'Anarchist' that, when he next writes a letter, he should keep to the point and not pass on to trivialities about when he applies to towers for peals. What connection that has with Norman Mallett's question of non-Association peals is anybody's guess: I suppose he wanted to save the 3d. stamp!—Yours faithfully,

M. F. LOCK.

Exeter, Devon.

The Origin of 'Mewslade'

Dear Sir,—'Mewslade,' the name given to Court Bob Minor, first rung on handbells on October 10th, 1964, originates from one of the bays in Gower, named Mewslade.—Yours faithfully,

J. ARTHUR HOAR.

Swansea.

LETTERS—Continued

108 Stedman Triples

Dear Sir.—With reference to the 108 of Stedman Triples. I would say that such a length is unobtainable. My reasoning is as follows:—

If rounds is to occur after 108 changes the row 2314567 must occur after 110 changes, assuming the touch is allowed to continue. So row 2314567, the second change of the touch, must occur exactly 18 sixes later for there to be a touch of 108 changes.

Define a 'block' to be a Slow six and the following Quick six. Then the 18 sixes form 9 blocks. Let us take note of the last rows of the blocks only. Also, for simplicity, instead of 2314567 (the last row of the first block) let us begin with 1234567 and endeavour to produce row 1234567 nine blocks later.

From 1234567 there are nine possibilities for the row of the next block, seven of which are different (B.S. produces the same row as S.B. and S.S. the same row as B.B.). These seven rows are:

2467153 2456173 2457163
2463175 2453167
2463157 2453176

Two important points to note are:—

(I) that 4ths place bell always becomes 2nds place bell, 2nds place bell becomes 1st place bell and 1st place bell becomes 5ths place bell. One deduction is that the bell in 4ths place of a block will always be in 5ths place three blocks later.

(II) 5ths place bell cannot be 4ths place bell of the next block.

On a large piece of paper draw a rectangle, seven squares along by ten squares down. In the first and tenth rows enter 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Each row will represent the end change of a block. Fill in the definite entries as shown.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	4			1		
4				2		
				4		
				5		
	5		1			
5	1		2			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This follows because of I. Now, starting with row two, write in all the possibilities for each square. For example, bells in 5ths or 6ths place could move to 3rds place in the next row. So in row 2, col. 3 write 5, 6; in row 2, col. 4 write 3, 6, 7, etc. Do the same for row 3. In col. 4 bells 3, 5, 6, 7 should appear. The 5th can be crossed out since, by I, it will

appear in row 6, col. 5. This is impossible since we've already fixed the 5th in row 7, col. 4 (see II).

Continue the process for row 4. Bells 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 should occupy col. 4. Using I and II notice that 1, 5 can be crossed out. This leaves bells 3, 6, 7 only, in columns 1, 2, 4. Therefore these bells must share these columns (in row 4) between them. And, as a result 3, 6, 7 can be crossed out in col. 3 (the only other place they occur in row 4).

In row 5 you'll be pleased to read that we need only consider col. 4. This position can only be occupied by bells 1, 2, 5. Using I and II we see that this is incompatible with the positions already fixed; therefore there is no solution.—Yours sincerely,

R. BLACKLER.

Nottingham.

Tower Vibrations

Dear Sir.—In the November 6th issue of 'The Engineer,' there appears an article dealing with the vibration of buildings, written by Dr. Josef Geiger, a German consulting engineer from Augsburg. Much of Dr. Geiger's article is devoted to church steeples which he claims can vibrate dangerously due to the ringing of the bells.

After describing simple methods for measuring the oscillations of towers and discussing the forces which create them, Dr. Geiger goes on to discuss possible methods for eliminating the vibrations.

His favourite treatment, among others, is to attach a weight to the headstock of the bell with the object of lowering its frequency of swing by a small amount and so avoid resonance.

My own view on this treatment is that it may very well work admirably for continental bells which are rung by mechanical means, but certainly not for English bells which are rung to changes. The frequency of swing of bells rung to changes is continuously altering; thus the avoidance of the resonance condition is not so necessary and moreover is almost impossible. Also imagine what the ringer's reaction would be if he arrived one Sunday to find that Dr. Geiger had made his bell abominably slow at both backstroke and handstroke.

Dr. Geiger writes of an experience at St. George's Cathedral, Perth, New South Wales, and the implication that he eliminated vibrations by treating two bells; he also implies he has operated in England. Does anyone know more details of his activities and what was the result from the ringers' point of view? —Yours sincerely,

G. A. HALLS.

Derby.

Tape Recordings

Dear Sir.—I feel that out of 55,000 odd ringers in the British Isles some must own a tape recorder, a few might even use it to record bells. If so I should be very pleased to contact them.

My recorder will accept all size spools up to 7" two or four track, and at speeds from 15/16 i.p.s. to 7½ i.p.s.

If space in your paper and enough people are interested we might even have a tapespondence column.—Yours sincerely,

G. R. ASHCROFT.

Speke, Liverpool.

The Marbury Peal

Dear Sir.—I find other ringers, like myself, are somewhat puzzled by Mr. F. R. Morton's withdrawal of the peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Marbury on November 14th.

If, as is presumably the case, rounds was clearly struck at the 5,040th row, surely this must be rated as true a peal as one where the bells are immediately 'stood' or dropped (a frequent practice which I, personally, deplore), unless of course there is some rule governing the number of rounds to be rung at the end of a peal?

I am under the impression—one which, however, is open to correction—that in the past I have seen one or two isolated reports of peals of Doubles in excess of 42 six-scores at, for instance, the fifteen possible six-scores of Stedman Doubles each called thrice (5,040 changes).—Yours sincerely,

T. R. BUTLER.

Liverpool.

Aggrieved

Dear Sir.—Whilst we have come to accept the misreporting in the lay press of technical terms used in ringing, a recent article in the London 'Evening Standard' which quoted my name contained such ludicrous inaccuracies that I must seek the courtesy of your columns to deny responsibility for the gross misrepresentation of the simple facts of ringing which were explained to the reporter, who arrived without notice during service ringing.

Bizarre phrases such as '1,260 changes of tone and chord' are possibly the reporter's revenge for my refusal to give the right answers to his many leading questions: I can only ask those who wasted their time reading the article to treat it with the hilarity it deserved.—Yours faithfully,

A. BOYACK.

Westcliff-on-Sea.

Clocks by J. G. H. Hoch

Dear Sir.—I have recently written the story of the Danesfield Clock at the Officers' Mess, Royal Air Force, Danesfield, Medmenham, Marlow, Bucks, made in 1900 by John George Henry Hoch (1836-1918), of 311, Brixton Road, London.

I know of two further clocks made by him, but I believe there are others and if any of your readers know of any such clocks I should be glad if they would let me know.—Yours faithfully,

H. B. JEFFERIES,

Squadron Leader (Retd.).

Crestwood Cottage,
Bowers Lane,
Radnage, High Wycombe, Bucks.

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Dear Sir.—As from last week I am discontinuing the advertisement for Vol. II of H. & M. As I have only some dozen copies left it is no longer economic to advertise, and I shall therefore be very pleased to receive any further orders as soon as possible.—Yours faithfully,

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EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD DINNER

As usual the Guild Dinner proved very popular and the 60 tickets available were all well and truly booked by the end of 1964.

On January 9th we met in high spirits at the Castle Hotel, Tunbridge Wells, even though two peals had been lost earlier in the day. Once again we were honoured with the presence of our President, Rev. J. R. Missen. There were two toasts apart from 'The Queen': the first 'The Church' proposed by Mr. L. Fox with our President replying and keeping us in 'stitches' with his funny jokes.

Mr. E. J. Ladd proposed 'The East Grinstead and District Guild' and gave some facts for the benefit of our many young members, on the beginning of the Guild and its aims. He finished by congratulating the two couples who had recently become engaged. Mr. B. E. Jeffrey replied and said how pleased he was with the enthusiastic attendance and hoped members would attend forthcoming meetings. The President thanked Mr. E. J. Ladd and his daughter for making the dinner arrangements. A course of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells by Margaret A. Ladd, Mrs. F. I. Hairs, F. I. Hairs and E. J. Ladd.

Tables were then removed and we sat back for the raffle and entertainment provided by members of the Guild ranging from songs by R. A. Large, impersonation by C. Osborn, short sketches and the Edenbridge Echoes. The evening was voted by many to be 'the best.'

M.A.L.

PRESENTATION TO MISS C. L. MASON

During an interval between touches of ringing for Evensong on her last Sunday as vice-captain of the Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire, ringers, 18-year-old Christine Lesley Mason was presented with a copy of Mr. E. C. Shepherd's 'The Sound of Bells' as a parting gift from her fellow ringers. Mr. A. H. Beamish in making the presentation said that the good wishes of all the ringers went with her together with thanks for her loyalty and friendship. He wished her Godspeed in her new sphere of activities and assured her a warm welcome whenever she visited us. She had forged a valuable link between the over forties and the under twenties and welded them into a complete band.

In accepting the gift Christine thanked all who had helped her to reach the standard she had attained and hoped that her successor as vice-captain would be selected from the younger age group.

D.E.B.

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STILETTO HEELS BARRED

No major decorating work has taken place for over 30 years in the ringing chamber of St. John's, Leicester. Consequently, last September the ringers set about the gigantic task of renovation, devoting one evening a week for this purpose.

Many weeks of preparation passed before any visible signs of progress became apparent: a considerable amount of repair work was necessary on the walls, making good damaged plaster and restoring perished surfaces to a suitable condition for receiving the 'new look.' Apart from one or two minor items, the work was completed just before Christmas with the laying of new floor covering.

The colour scheme is of pleasing shades of pale lemon and silver grey on the walls, the two sections of colour being separated by a black rail. Entrance door and cupboard are ice blue. A pleasant contrast is in the warm red floor covering.

The ringers have installed new lighting (one is an electrician by trade). Two large opal spheres have been fitted, each carrying a 150 watt lamp.

With regret, it has been found necessary to strictly prohibit the wearing of stiletto or any kind of sharp heeled footwear in the ringing chamber as it has been discovered that this will cause serious damage to the floor covering. Visitors accordingly are respectfully reminded of this as the ringers do not wish to disappoint anyone visiting their tower.

S.H.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Some 30 ringers were present from 10 towers when the Association's winter quarterly meeting was held at Heanor on January 2nd. After a short ring in the afternoon on the medium 15 cwt. octave, the company gratefully adjourned to the warmth and comfort of the Church Hall, where the wives and friends of the local company had prepared an excellent meal.

The start of the business meeting, with Dr. G. Futers in the chair, was marked by a moment's silence for Provost H. Ham, a former Association president, who died on December 2nd, aged 95.

Following the re-election of Mrs. G. Halls and Mrs. D. Carlisle as auditors for the current year, the general secretary, Mr. B. P. Morris, announced that the new Association badges—in the shape of a bell and headstock—would shortly be available. He also gave preliminary notice of the A.G.M. in Derby on April 24th.

Although more tickets than ever are available for the annual dinner—to be held at the Odeon, Chesterfield, on February 20th—members were urged to obtain theirs without delay as they were likely to be in great demand. Both the Derby and Ilkeston Districts are hoping to arrange coaches, starting from Derby and Sawley respectively.

New members elected were Mr. J. Frear (Heanor), Mr. and Mrs. C. Thrower (Derby) and Mr. J. C. Bradshaw (unattached). A special welcome was paid to the Rev. St. John Smith, Rector of Darley Dale and president of the Lancashire Association. In reply the Rector said he had very deep roots in Derbyshire as not only was he born in Ripley but his father had been Rector of Heanor for 13 years, and his grandfather Rector of Sandiacre for 30 years.

A collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised nearly £3. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, the local company and the ladies for providing tea. Further ringing was then enjoyed.

M. P. P.

MR. DOVE WAS RIGHT

Concerning Oakham tenor, Mr. T. G. Briggs, of Melton Mowbray, writes: 'To put Mr. Rogers' mind at rest, its weight is as quoted by Mr. Dove, as witness the peal reported in "The Ringing World" on page 41. The bells "go" well and I have enjoyed several quarters there.'

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Ashford District

About 45 members were present at the Ashford District annual meeting at Wye on January 9th. The service was conducted by the Rev. P. T. Robbins, and tea in the new Village Hall was kindly provided and served by the Wye ringers.

The honorary District secretary's report and balance sheet for 1964 showed a successful year. Membership had increased by 48 practising members to 225 (192 adults and 33 juniors). Honorary members numbered 32, an increase of 10. Thirty-five towers showed subscribers. Average attendance at the eight meetings was 36. Service ringing was on the whole well maintained. Biddenden, Lympe and Willesborough had rung for every service. Thirty-two peals had been rung, and these included 12 resident first pealers. Notable among the peals were one at Cheriton by ladies from Folkestone and Lympe, and the first on the bells at Pluckley. Ashford and Mersham are now undergoing restoration.

Among the distinguished visitors was Mr. Bert May, honorary treasurer of the Association, who congratulated the District on a successful year, during which they had received over £63 to him.

Pluckley was announced to be the next place of meeting on February 20th. Eight new members joined the Association.

The thanks of the visitors was expressed by Mr. Alan Berry (Ringing Master) to the Rev. P. T. Robbins for taking the service and acting as chairman, and Mr. Eric Weston (captain of the Wye band) and his ringers, for their hospitality.

C. T. H.

Tonbridge District

It was a pleasure for members of the Tonbridge District to visit Leigh, on the occasion of their first meeting of the New Year on January 2nd. As usual, Mr. B. Pankhurst had kindly made the arrangements, and for many of the members it was their first ascent into the belfry by means of the new iron staircase replacing the old wooden ladder.

The six bells were rung before the service, which was conducted by Rev. J. H. Bounds who welcomed the members and said he was pleased that Leigh had been chosen when it had been found that Hadlow bells were not available.

Tea was enjoyed at 'The Fleur de Lis' before the District meeting, with Mr. P. A. Corby in the chair. After the meeting members were able to ring at Leigh, and also at Shipbourne.

M. A. L.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Forty-two members and friends attended the Biggleswade District A.G.M. held at Biggleswade on January 9th.

The Rev. J. H. Dominey conducted a short and most fitting service, which was followed by tea in the Memorial Hall, kindly prepared by the local ladies. The meeting elected the following officers: chairman, Mr. P. Mehew; secretary, Mr. K. Fleming; committee, Miss S. Percival, Mr. R. J. Sharp, Mr. M. J. Lockey and Mr. D. Saunderson; organist, Mr. M. J. Lockey; press secretary, Miss A. Alexander.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds for the learners to Surprise Major for the more experienced.

Next meeting: Clifton (8), February 13th.

A.R.A.

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Andover District

Most encouraging reports were presented by the secretary and treasurer at the annual meeting of the Andover District, at Whitechurch on January 9th, with Mr. A. W. Alliston in the chair. Membership was up on the previous year and good attendances were forthcoming for the 12 monthly practices and at the quarterly meetings.

Canon K. W. H. Felstead, Master of the Guild, congratulated the District on its successful year and again emphasised the need to strike well, whatever methods were attempted.

Further ringing followed after tea at Whitechurch and Laverstoke in methods ranging from Grandfire to Cambridge Surprise Major.

OBITUARY

MR. R. N. ELLIOTT

Finchampstead, Berks, has lost its tower foreman by the death on January 6th of Mr. Robert N. Elliott, at his Eversley home. He was 59.

'Bob,' who learned to ring in the Bradfield district, was not a peal ringer, but his infectious smile and quiet manner endeared him to all who knew him.

Local ringers and a Ringing Master of the Sonning Branch of the Oxford Guild attended the funeral service at Eversley Church on Saturday, January 9th. W. J. H. P.

MR. CHARLES J. BALL

The Bedfordshire Association deeply regret the passing of Mr. Charles J. Ball on December 23rd, in his 79th year.

He learned to ring at Tempsford just before the 1914 war. On moving to Sandy in 1919 he joined the Association. In 1922 he was elected as Secretary to the Biggleswade District and carried this office from strength to strength, with his forceful personality, until retiring in 1952. He continued ringing until four years ago but attended the meetings at Sandy until his death.

The bells were rung half-muffled, by members of the Biggleswade District, both before and after the funeral service on December 29th at St. Swithin's, Sandy. A peal of Bristol rung at Maulden and a quarter peal at Sandy by local District ringers were attributed in memoriam. A.S.

MR. R. V. EVANS

With the passing of Mr. Robert Victor Evans on January 5th, at the age of 68, Hughenden has lost its oldest ringer, the last of the old band. He was a nephew of the late John Evans, who is renowned, having conducted the first peal of London in the Oxford Diocesan Guild in 1892, and with other Hughenden ringers rang a number of peals with J. W. Washbrook and the Rev. F. E. Robinson. Vic was an ardent churchman, having served his church as churchwarden and sidesman over a number of years. He was elected a member of the Oxford Guild in 1914. His ringing was confined mostly to the tenor behind, as he could always be relied upon to maintain an excellent beat. He rang in only 40 peals, all but three at Hughenden.

The interment was at Hughenden on January 9th and the large congregation paid their last respects. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by A. Newton 1-2, D. A. Cornwall 3-4, R. Biggs 5-6, P. Newton 7-8. This was followed by half-muffled ringing on the tower bells. In the evening an in memoriam peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled. May he rest in peace. R. B.

MR. GEORGE MONK

It is with regret that we have to report the death of Mr. George Monk on January 1st, who on December 29th, 1964, celebrated his 90th birthday.

He had up to two years ago been a regular Sunday service ringer at St. Mellons Parish Church, Cardiff, from 1914. The ringers of St. Mellons rang a quarter peal for evening service on Sunday, December 27th, to celebrate his birthday.

He was buried in St. Mellons churchyard on January 5th. After the service the St. Mellons bellringers rang the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to a long and faithful ringer. R. H. A.

MR. HARRY SEAR

AN APPRECIATION

Mr. G. S. Valentine, of Duston, Northants, writes:

I would like to pay a tribute to my old friend, Mr. Harry Sear, of Blechley. A very warm welcome always awaited me when I visited that way. He was a fine ringer and loved good ringing, but anyone who tried his best was very welcome where Harry was. I have many happy memories of times spent in his company. All North Bucks ringers leave a gap when they pass on to higher service, particularly with us older ringers.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

North Notts District

The District A.G.M. was held at Retford on January 9th, East and West Retford and Babworth towers being open, but Ordsall, unfortunately, was not available because of weddings. The service, tea and business meeting were held at West Retford, 21 District members attending.

Mr. H. Denman, the retiring secretary and new chairman, reported that membership had dropped, and attendances at meetings were poor, though the Babworth meeting in December was well attended by District members. We had acquired three new Vicars during the course of the year and two of them seemed to be the sort we like.

In reply to a question, he said he had been secretary for 20 years, since 1945, when the old North Notts Association merged with the newly-formed Southwell Guild. The meeting expressed its sincere thanks for his services over this long period. Replying, Mr. Denman said he expected another twenty years would see him in his box!

Other officers elected: H. Poyner (secretary), J. Gow (Ringing Master), D. Whetton (committee). New members elected were: Christine Wright (East Retford) and Susan Hart (Babworth).

After the usual votes of thanks, further ringing took place. H. P.

SUFFOLK GUILD

Wisbech Visitors at Elveden

A well attended quarterly meeting of the N.W. District was held at Elveden on January 9th when a contingent of ringers from the Wisbech District, Ely Diocese, joined the Suffolk ringers. Many methods were enjoyed including Cambridge, Stedman, St. Clement's, Little Bob, Oxford, Double Bob, Norwich Kent, Plain Bob, Grandsire and rounds for two youngsters. Conductors were Messrs. J. Paul, E. Mastin, R. Rose, M. Rose, H. Fuller and A. Balham.

The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Newton Gates) and tea was served in the Village Hall by Mrs. Paul, Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Fuller. A short meeting followed when Mr. Wright, the Chairman, thanked the friends from 'over the border' for making this such a good meeting. Mr. Boker, of Newmarket, was elected a new member.

It was proposed that the February evening meeting be held at Brandon, the March evening meeting at Lakenheath, the April quarterly at Newmarket, the July quarterly at Mildenhall and the annual in October at West Stow. Miss G. Reeve proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, to Mr. Paul for arranging the tea and to Mesdames Paul, Rose and Fuller for providing such an excellent meal.

Ringing was then resumed in the tower until 9 o'clock. G.R.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

An extremely successful A.G.M. of the Northern District was held at Hitchin on January 2nd. The meeting was preceded by ringing at St. Mary's under the guidance of the Ringing Master (Mr. C. A. S. Harwood), methods ranging from rounds to Cambridge.

The service was conducted by the Rev. R. E. Meredith, who also gave a short but appropriate address. An excellent tea was prepared by Mrs. Agg and several willing helpers.

At the business meeting the following District officers were elected: Secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. G. Buck; Ringing Master, Mr. C. A. S. Harwood; Press representative, Mrs. J. K. Orme; General Committee, Messrs. J. R. Castledine and G. W. Critchley; District Committee, Mrs. A. G. Agg, Messrs. A. R. Agg, T. Hatchett, D. Taplin, C. Worboys.

The finances of the Association were closely scrutinised, and several excellent suggestions were put forward for improving the same, and for further discussion at the County's A.G.M.

Ringing afterwards included two extremely good courses—one Bristol and the other Yorkshire—and was followed by an harmonious lowering of the eight bells, in peal of course! J. K. O.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Bath Branch

The annual meeting of the Bath Branch was held on January 2nd at St. Michael's (Broad Street), with the Abbey bells being available in the evening. The service was conducted by the Rector of Freshford, the Rev. Francis Pollard, and the lesson read by the Master of the Association, the Rev. Henry Warren.

The meeting, at which 72 ringers were present, was held after the usual good tea and was under the chairmanship of the Rev. F. Pollard. The secretary (Mr. A. Lee), in his report, stated that the year had been one of average progress. Monthly Surprise practices had been promising, peals in the Branch numbered twelve (four less than 1963), but several members had rung their first peals which was encouraging. A fund has been started for the restoration of St. Matthew's, Widcombe, where the bells have been rough going for a few years. Also he wished to thank three officers who were not seeking re-election, viz.: Chairman, the Rev. L. A. B. White, now Rector of Shepton Mallet; vice-chairman, the Rev. E. Sargent; and the treasurer, Mr. T. Milsom, who reported a Branch membership of 147.

Officers elected for 1965 were: Chairman, The Rev. F. Pollard (Freshford); vice-chairmen, Rev. E. Rowe (Weston) and Mr. L. R. G. Taylor (Corston); secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. F. Lee (Twerton); Ringing Masters, Mr. J. Owen (Keynsham) and Mr. H. Parfrey (Corston).

It was hoped to arrange meetings at Bathford, Priston and Keynsham for 1965. Seven new members were elected. Dunkerton and Weston have appealed for help with beginners in change ringing so the Branch instructors look in for a busy year. A. F. L.

Bridgwater Branch

The annual meeting of the Bridgwater Branch was held on the heavy but fine toned six at Cannington, on January 2nd. A celebration of Holy Communion was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. R. Moss) who, in his address, spoke of the recent broadcast from Cannington, and of the hundreds of letters he later received from people who had found delight in the sound of the bells. This had impressed him immensely. He also mentioned his hope of completing the octave at Cannington in the future with the addition of two more bells.

A company of about 50 later sat down to tea and at the business meeting Mr. G. Duckham and Mr. K. Prime were elected again as chairman and secretary respectively. Mr. F. Sweet, of Wembdon, was elected Ringing Master. Some discussion took place on the form Holy Communion should take as a corporate service, the view being expressed in some instances that that this should take place on a Sunday and not at the normal quarterly meeting. A new venture this year will be a Branch outing to be held in the summer.

The report of the 'Silent Towers' Committee was received from Mr. G. Marchant, who said that all the incumbents circulated as to whether they had sufficient ringers for their bells had welcomed the offer of assistance to ring their bells over Christmas with the exception of one who had misread the letter. In fact all the silent towers were visited and the bells rung at least once over Christmas. This had started hope of reviving the bands in at least three towers and in one other case the Ringing Master had been asked to lecture to the village youth fellowship.

After the meeting the bells were kept going until 9 p.m.

WANSTROW, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. E. King 1, W. Colwell 2, D. J. Withers (cond.) 3, T. Nicholls 4, H. Crabbe 5, A. Crabbe 6.

DATE TOUCH

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 20th, 1,964 Siedman Triples: P. H. Hull 1, A. T. Harris 2, H. A. Usher 3, S. A. Read 4, E. J. Chivers 5, R. D. Short 6, E. Naylor (cond.) 7, G. Salmon 8. Composed by J. Topp. For Evensong.

ABERGAUENNY, MON.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): R. J. Ward 1, G. Ward (cond.) 2, G. Lewis 3, Rev. I. J. Richards 4, N. G. Ward 5, R. Jones 6, R. Horsington 7, M. O. Roberts 8. Rung in honour of the presentation of the Freedom of the Borough to Mr. W. Horsington.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Bob Major: R. C. Ingram 1, R. Liggins (first quarter) 2, Miss C. Jennings (first quarter) 3, B. Downie 4, D. Finnemore 5, M. Ingram 6, A. Short 7, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BARRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Welch 1, G. Norcliffe (first quarter) 2, J. Corneilus (cond., 80th quarter) 3, A. C. Drayton 4, R. C. Beale 5, F. I. Welch (first quarter) 8. A birthday compliment to G. Norcliffe.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. I. Dear 1, C. Harwood 2, D. Salisbury 3, S. Hutton (first in method) 4, R. Castle-dine 5, J. S. Dear 6, E. Buck 7, M. Orme (cond.) 8. Rung for Parish Communion.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Leslie Rundle (13, first quarter) 1, Penny Kift (12, first 'inside') 2, Mrs. D. Williamson 3, R. C. Kift 4, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 5, Kendal Rundle 6.

BURTON, OXFORD.—On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Linda Westmacott (first in method) 1, K. Hall (first 'inside' in method) 2, B. Hall 3, Brenda Hall 4, F. Soden 5, J. J. Westmacott 6, W. J. Dixon 7, T. W. Timms (cond.) 8.

CARDIGAN.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Griffiths 1, Sian Evans 2, A. F. Walters 3, S. Thomas 4, R. Pateman (cond.) 5, B. Griffiths 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Tom Williams, bell-ringer and for many years chorister and faithful member of the church, who died on Christmas Day.

CHENIES, BUCKS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): I. J. Goodman 1, Miss M. Barratt 2, W. J. Atkins 3, C. Alvan 4, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 5, C. J. Harpley 6. For morning service and an engagement compliment to Monica.

CHIRTON, WILTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods/variations): B. Smith 1, R. Fisher 2, Pamela Osborne (cond.) 3, C. Smith 4, B. Osborne 5, C. Hillier 6.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Dec. 23rd, at All Saints', Shrub End, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Cobb 1, Lesley Ward (first of Doubles) 2, D. Whent 3, B. Vaughan 4, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 5, F. C. Coulson 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Also 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Gillian Bushell 1, Lesley Ward 2, B. Vaughan 3, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 4, Peter Pitt 5, P. A. Schaffe 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7 and 8 covering in turn, changing over at the call): W. J. Lewis Groom 1, Miss A. J. Thomas 2, Miss E. B. Thomas 3, W. G. Morgan 4, H. G. Blich (cond.) 5, J. H. Thomas 6, A. Charles 7, A. W. Thomas 8. Rung for the 64th birthday, 42nd wedding anniversary and 44th year as tower captain of Mr H. G. Blich, ringer of the 5th, and conductor.

DEREHAM, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hilary Webb (first quarter) 1, Janet Hohl 2, P. J. Pease 3, S. Marshall 4, K. S. Hohl 5, T. G. Pett (first as cond.) 6, G. Bunning (cover bell) 7. Rung for the wedding of Paul Anema and Janice Negas.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Dec. 24th at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods/variations): C. Hillier 1, R. Fisher (first in 11 methods) 2, Pamela Osborne 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On Dec. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Sally Parrott 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, D. J. K. Paul 3, G. A. Cockman 4, W. Parrott 5, R. E. Fentiman 6, W. J. Munton 7, D. J. Herschell (cond.) 8. For the Festival of the Nine Lessons and Carols.

FOBBING, ESSEX.—On Dec. 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Anne Goddard (first of Treble Bob) 1, F. B. Lufkin 2, M. J. Hallett 3, A. J. House 4, D. E. Belcham 5, F. V. Gani 6, A. J. Salisbury 7, P. J. Rothera (cond.) 8.

GUTHAM, NOTTS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain and Grandsire): J. Dawson 1, Elizabeth J. Foster 2, G. A. Dawson (25th as cond.) 3, Miss S. Poppleston 4, S. Humphrey 5.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods/variations): A. Sturges 1, Pamela Osborne 2, B. Osborne 3, R. Whiting (first in 4 methods) 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, R. Bailey 6.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Silvey 1, E. D. Poole 2, D. Wight 3, G. Lister 4, J. Young 5, P. Maskrey 6, J. Blackwood (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8. Rung prior to the Sir William Borlase School carol service.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Barnard 1, Miss M. Bean (first quarter) 2, B. D. Threlfall 3, B. Howe 1 (cond.) 4, A. E. Ling 5. For Carol Service.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,349 Grandsire Caters: P. D. Chapman 1, M. C. Austin 2, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 3, L. L. Dear 4, K. Warner 5, H. Duncan 6, C. G. Wright 7, F. W. Ellis 8, R. J. Chapman 9, D. S. Billimore 10.

BERNHILL, KENT.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. I. Davis (first of Minor) 1, P. A. Harrison 2, R. C. Button 3, A. E. Davies (first as cond.) 4, M. E. Harrison 5, G. W. J. Beeching 6.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss J. Carling 1, Miss J. Harris 2, Mrs. A. R. Arr 3, A. R. Arr 4, M. Trigg 5, J. Meredith (cond.) 6, W. Todd 7 (cover). In honour of the birth of a son, David John, to June and John Meredith.

HOLBEACH, Lincs.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): A. K. Twaite (first of T.B.) 1, G. Johnson 2, Julie A. Vellam 3, A. D. Marshall 4, K. R. Davey 5, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Armstrong (first quarter) 1, Jennifer Pearce 2, Susan E. Thompson 3, A. C. Banton (cond.) 4, G. J. Groome 5. For Evensong.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Templeman 1, R. J. Sharp 2, Barbara Butterworth 3, Christine Templeman 4, K. Fleming 5, R. Churchill (cond.) 6. A 13th birthday compliment to Linda Templeman.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, YORKS.—On Dec. 26th, at 431, Willerby Road, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: O. K. Smith 1—2, H. C. Palmer 3—4, F. C. Hobson (cond.) 5—6.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (1, 2 leading): W. Jackson 1, A. J. Screombe 2, Sheila M. Gibbs (first of Triples) 3, Pamela Brown (first quarter) 4, Rosamund Rawlings 5, M. Uphill 6, Deborah Hopkins 7, P. Brand 8, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 9, D. Wilkins 10. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. M. Wilkins 1, P. A. Brand 2, Rosamund M. Rawlings 3, Deborah Hopkins 4, R. J. Cooles 5, N. R. Waite 6, G. Jackson 7, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 8, A. E. Bagworth 9, A. S. Bishop 10.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.—On Christmas Day, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Clark 1, G. Gartell 2, C. D. Vere Hodge 3, C. R. Balcumb 4, A. G. Clark 5, R. A. Vere Hodge (cond.) 6. First quarter 2. A 21st birthday compliment to R. A. Vere Hodge.

KIRKBRISTON, YORKS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Claire Skelle 1 (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Peace 2, Susan Peace 3, Roger V. Clarke (cond.) 4, Hedley Burton 5.

KIRKELLA, E. YORKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss L. Dalton 1, Miss P. Samuel (first of Cambridge) 2, G. K. Smith 3, H. C. Palmer 4, F. C. Hobson 5, I. G. Campbell (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LANCHESTER, CO. DURHAM.—On Nov. 29th, 1,440 Doubles (six methods): J. Tonks 1, J. Thomson 2, A. Walker 3, D. Appleton 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, R. S. Jackson 6. First in six methods by the band. Also on Dec. 6th, 1,440 Doubles (three methods): J. Tonks 1, J. Thomson 2, A. Walker 3, D. Appleton 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, R. S. Jackson 6. Also on Dec. 27th, 1,560 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Tonks 1, H. P. Thompson 2, Miss L. Moore 3, J. Thomson 4, A. Walker (cond.) 5, R. S. Jackson 6. All for Evensong.

LAVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Fay Wiltshire (first quarter) 1, Christine Hassell 2, Kay Winterbourne (first of Grandsire) 3, P. G. Holmes 4, M. S. Holbrook (first as cond.) 5, R. Hassell 6.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.—On Dec. 31st, 1,835 Grandsire Caters: Susan Harber 1, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 2, Ruth E. Havard 3, Susan Jones 4, Penelope J. Welch 5, M. Pilgrim 6, N. Evans 7, S. Fenwick 8, G. Stiekland 9, A. W. Smith 10. Longest length of Caters 1, 3, 4, 7, 10. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Siedman Doubles: G. Prescott (cond.) 1, Marjorie Legg 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, R. Venn 5, A. Skinner 6. For early Communion service.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, Rachel Sinden 3, R. P. Brotherton 4, G. Neilson 5, J. R. Hough (cond.) 6. For Mains. Also, 1,260 Doubles (7 methods): A. Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, Myrtle Cook 3, R. P. Brotherton 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Evensong.

MAGDALEN, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Bridges 1, W. W. Cousins 2, M. Bryan 3, P. J. Gagen 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jane Bridges.

MARDEN, WILTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): R. Fisher 1, D. Bailey (cond.) 2, Pamela Osborne 3, B. Osborne 4, W. Alexander 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

MARSHFIELD, GLOS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Orledge 1, Mrs. C. Purnell 2, W. H. Hurford 3, D. C. Hawkins (first of Triples) 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, H. L. Parfrey 6, R. J. Purnell 7, J. E. Newman 8.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles in 2 methods: R. H. Jones 1, S. D. Edwards 2, L. R. Porter (first in 2 methods as cond.) 3, N. D. Deam 4, A. Gammon 5.

MILTON LILBOURNE, WILTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Pamela Osborne 1, B. Osborne 2, W. Alexander 3, J. Abbott 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6.

NETHERBURY, DORSET.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Tilher 1, John Davis 2, M. Hiller 3, D. Elery 4, Jesse Davis (cond.) 5, W. Lewis 6. For Christmas Festival.

N. FERRIBY, EAST YORKS.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss E. Johnston (first quarter) 1, Miss V. Kirk 2, G. K. Smith 3, F. C. Hobson (cond.) 4, H. C. Palmer 5, Miss P. Samuel 6.

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): G. A. Porter 1, J. List 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, P. Holden 4, N. D. Deam 5, M. D. Morgan 6.

NORTON FITZWARRREN, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Brenda Binden 1, F. Arcott 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, R. J. Dean 4, R. F. Arcott 5, C. Gratton 6. For the Feast of St. Stephen.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): D. G. Oliver 1, L. R. Porter 2, R. H. Jones (cond.) 3, G. A. Porter 4, N. D. Deam 5, I. Ross 6.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. J. Duguid 1, A. Page 2, W. Riddle 3, A. Burbridge 4, T. R. Taylor 5, N. Haile 6, L. D. Duguid (cond.) 7, M. Siddons 8. For Watchnight service.

PRESTWICH, MANCHESTER.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Bob Triples: J. D. B. Leyland 1, Mrs. J. Leyland 2, Miss J. Reynolds 3, F. Maude 4, A. E. Reeves 5, P. Reeves 6, F. Reynolds (cond.) 7, A. Leighton 8. Rung for the dedication of a new organ, on the 25th anniversary of Canon Paton-Williams as Rector, also to celebrate his 50 years in the ministry.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Griffith 1, D. Belcham 2, Miss S. Goodship 3, F. May 4, R. Goodship 5, G. Blower 6, G. Sandwell 7, A. House 8. First of Major 3 and 5. For Evensong.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Sams 1, C. W. Sams 2, W. P. Sams 3, W. J. Aley 4, A. A. Livings 5, B. G. Burton (cond.) 6. For carol service.

RUSHDEN, HERTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Sheldrick 1, Miss M. Roden 2, Mrs. A. Worboys 3, L. Hatchett 4, T. R. Hatchett (cond.) 5. For Midnight Communion.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Wilce 1, Ann Whitworth 2, Ann Chettle 3, B. Whitworth 4, R. Coley 5, L. Priestley (cond.) 6, A. Gibbs 7, C. Whitworth 8. Rung on Christmas Eve for Midnight Communion.

SHRAWLEY, WORCS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: P. Cattermole 1, M. Powell 2, W. Raxter 3, R. Adams 4, A. P. White 5, J. E. Whittall (cond.) 6. First in the method for all.

SOUTH WIGSON, LEICS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: M. G. Wood 1, K. H. Mildred 2, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 3, Carol I. V. Corton 4, R. K. Sireton 5, A. R. Mildred 6, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 7, M. P. Brown 8. For service of Nine Lessons.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,320 Spiced Sandal. London Scholars, Kingston and Capel Treble Bob Minor: E. Short 1, C. Toyne 2, H. Scott 3, E. Dalingwater 4, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 5, F. J. Jackson 6.

QUARTER PEALS

TOLLAR PORCUM, DORSET.—On Jan. 10th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: J. Sawtell 1, M. Hiller (cond.) 2, K. Jones 3, D. Ellery 4. First of Minimus 2, 3, 4. Believed to be first quarter on bells.

TOTTERNHUE, BEDS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. Sear 1, Christine Smith 2, June Sinfield 3, A. G. Stripp 4, R. J. Scott 5, J. W. V. Sinfield 6, J. L. Claughton (cond.) 7, W. Gladman 8.

TRING, HERTS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rosemary Hamikon 1, Sarah Slemack 2, H. Collings 3, T. J. Grace 4, C. J. Badrick (cond.) 5, Katharine Hulme 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Rosemary Hamilton and birthday compliment to Katharine Hulme.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.—At 41, Cross Deep Gardens on Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on handbells): Anne Horsford (first on handbells) 1—2, N. E. Edwards (first on handbells) 3—4, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 5—6. Rung for the 11th anniversary of these bells, tenor size 19 in F, cast by C. & G. Mears.

UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Bob Minor: F. Blown 1, L. Smith 2, W. Jones 3, K. Tyler (first of Minor) 4, R. Chew 5, J. J. Webb (cond.) 6.

WARSUP, NOTTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,320 Double Oxford Bob Minor: B. Moran 1, J. T. Rooke 2, D. Whetton 3, R. Lucas 4, F. Cooke 5, T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Rung for the Midnight Eucharist. Also on Christmas Day for early morning Eucharist, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Spencer 1, Miss Iris Cooke 2, A. Catherine Rooke 3, J. T. Rooke 4, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 5, F. Cooke 6. Also on Dec. 25th, 1,320 Norwich Surprise Minor for Parish Communion: R. Spencer 1, Miss A. C. Rooke 2, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 3, R. Lucas 4, M. Foster 5, Frederick Flint 6.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Francis 1, Miss P. Brookshaw (first 'inside') 2, Miss I. Gocher 3, M. Turner 4, D. D. Smith (cond.) 5, T. Latham 6.

WHATELEY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 27th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. W. Massey 1, N. T. Abbott (first in method) 2, Eunice D. Overend 3, Frances M. Massey 4, D. G. Massey (first in method as cond.) 5, D. T. H. Robertson 6. For Christmas.

WENTWORTH, W. YORKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): I. Johnson 1, D. Hunton (first 'inside') 2, A. King 3, M. A. Beaumont 4, M. King (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Juliet Stamper 1, R. Blackler (cond.) 2, Jane Blackler 3, W. L. Ratcliffe 4, J. W. D. Miller 5, P. K. Eke 6. For the service of Nine Lessons.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Bath 1, Sylvia Tate-Mitchell 2, Gwendolen Marshall 3, M. Church 4, R. Clist 5, T. Page (cond.) 6.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch Entertained

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch was held on January 2nd and the town of Devizes was full of the 'sound of bells' as nearly 70 members manned the towers of the three churches. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. W. C. Williams in St. John's Church. Afterwards members were the guests at tea of Mr. A. Weeks, who is celebrating his 50th year as a ringer at St. James', Devizes. He was congratulated by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. Longridge) and by the chairman of the Branch (Mr. M. Knepe).

At the meeting which followed, the honorary secretary (Mr. A. Knight) reported that the membership of the Branch stood at 240, 15 peals had been rung in the Branch and 38 quarter peals, in 20 different towers. The accounts showed a good balance in the bank.

All the retiring officers were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. D. Bailey, who was appointed assistant secretary, with an eye to improving the liaison between outlying towers and the Branch officers. Any tower requiring help in teaching learners or in raising a band for special ringing is asked to get in touch with Mr. Bailey. The meeting concluded with votes of thanks and the chairman congratulating the young members who had rung a peal that morning at North Bradley.

Ring continued in all three towers during the evening. A. K.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS

Mid-Devon Branch Annual

The Mid-Devon Branch held its annual meeting at Totnes on January 9th, when it was well attended. Afternoon ringing preceded the service, conducted by the Rev. G. H. Samuel, Vicar of Totnes, the lesson being read by Preb J. H. B. Andrews, President of the Guild.

After tea at the Corner House Cafe, the meeting was held in the schoolroom at which Mrs. D. E. Hood, Branch chairman, presided. At the outset members stood in silence as a token of respect to the late Rev. Father Anthony de Guingand, of Buckfast Abbey, who recently met his death tragically. The Branch account and the Secretary's report were adopted. The latter gave a very comprehensive review of events during the past year. This referred to a drop in membership of eight, a tribute to the late Mr. E. M. Atkins, and the beautiful service at Buckfast Abbey last autumn, as well as the tragic death of Father Anthony.

Officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows: Chairman, Mrs. D. E. Hood; secretary and treasurer, Mr. B. Shingler (in place of Mr. D. J. Rozerts now general secretary); ringing master, Mr. W. Simmonds; general committee, Miss M. Russell and Messrs. B. E. Bartlett and A. C. Goss.

Certificates were presented to Miss B. Keland (Dartmouth) and Messrs. M. and R. Whittingham (Blackawton) whilst the following new members were elected: Mrs. B. Shingler (Teignmouth), Miss P. Johnson (Babbacombe), Messrs. S. French (Totnes), A. Peel (Dartmouth) and C. Wheeler (Torre), Mr. G. Langworthy, of Paignton, was also elected an honorary life member.

It was recommended that on Thursday, January 21st, peals or quarter peals should be rung in various towers, this being the anniversary of the first six score of Grandsire Doubles rung in Devon many years ago. Evening ringing took place at Dartington.

Next meeting Blackawton, with Dittisham as alternative, May 1st (subject to permission).

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Central Branch was held at Lincoln St. Giles on January 9th. The bells were kept ringing during the afternoon and evening to a variety of methods ranging from rounds to Spliced Surprise Major.

The secretary (Mr. S. Chambers), in his report for 1964, hoped for a better attendance at meetings for the coming year. Donations to towers in the Branch had been made for the purchase of new bell ropes, also a contribution to the Cathedral Restoration Fund. Officers elected included Mr. J. Walden, president; Mr. J. Freeman, chairman, Mr. J. Millhouse, Ringing Master; Mr. S. A. Chambers, secretary.

Tribute was paid to Mr. J. Walden, for his work as a ringer in the Lincoln Guild over a good many years. Members felt he deserved the honour of being elected their president.

The annual meeting for 1965 was arranged for Sleaford.

Ring continued in the tower to around 8.30 p.m. S. C.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

A Bristol correspondent writes: 'The first peal of London Royal in the city of Bristol was rung on January 11th at Christ Church with St. Ewen, by an all resident Bristol band at the first attempt. Watch out Williams! Wales, here we come.'

The band which rang the peal at Dereham on January 9th were very grateful to Rosemary Kemp, who stood in at the last minute when they met one short. This was her first peal of Major, but she struck her bell perfectly all the way through and made no more than two slips at the most. A truly commendable effort!—T.P.

The Rev. W. A. Peel, Rector of Tortworth, Glos., has accepted the living of Adbaston, in the Diocese of Lichfield, and will be instituted there on January 23rd. Mr. Peel has been at Tortworth for 33 years, is a vice-president of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and was for some year chairman of its Wotton Branch.

COMPOSITIONS

5,067 STEDMAN CATERS

By JOHN R. KETERINGHAM

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5,024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By A. R. KENCH

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5,152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. B.66)

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		2	42356
—	—	2	36524
—	X		62345
—			46325
—			53624
—			63425
—	X		32654
2	—	2	43526
—			52436
—			34625
—			64523
—	X		42635
—	X		23456

First rung at Hugglescote, Leics, on October 20th, 1964, conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

SUPERLATIVE MAXIMUS

Superlative Surprise Maximus is one of the infrequent Maximus peals. St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, have rung two of these peals in seven days. In the first of these attempts at St. Philip's Cathedral, only Mr. George E. Fearn had rung it before. The peal was Norman J. Goodman's 500th.

MR. CLAUDE RUSH DELVES INTO 'CHURCH BELLS'

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RUNCORN PARISH CHURCH, CHESHIRE

4 May, 1878. Chester Cathedral Society of change ringers rang 4,200 Grandsire Triples in 2 hrs. 24 mins. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F. 'It may appear strange to ringers why 5,040 was not obtained, but owing to darkness intervening, which made it impossible to see the ropes, the bells had to be set . . .'

NEW CATHEDRAL AND BELLS AT GRAHAMSTOWN, CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

The tower and spire 200 ft. high. The Roman Catholic Bishop provately subscribed £5. 'A ring of 8 bells is earnestly coveted. When secured it will be the only ring in South Africa. About £700 would be required to complete the bells. . . ' Subscriptions asked for.

RUISLIP, near UXBRIDGE

Sunday, 12 May, 1878.—New ring of 8 opened.

MOTTRAM PARISH CHURCH, CHESHIRE

15 May, 1878.—Ringers of the parish church rang 5,120 Kent T.B. Major, 3 hours 2 minutes. Tenor 14 cwt. 'Seven of the ringers had never tried to ring a full peal before.'

ST. MARY'S, ASHFORD, KENT

Bells reopened 20 May, 1878.—At 5 o'clock about thirty dined at the Saracen's Head Hotel. During the evening several tunes were rung upon the handbells and fairly bells. . . (What are 'fairly bells'?—C.R.)

FRAMLAND DEANERY, LEICESTERSHIRE

Annual meeting at Buckminster, 31 May, 1878.—Ringing began at 10 a.m. 'At 1 o'clock the Vicar's electric bell fixed on the roof of his house sounded the invitation to dinner which was provided in a tent in the vicarage grounds. When dinner was over the men had the pleasure of listening to Mr. J. Truman, of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, the veteran ringer of England. . . he spoke to the men of their training, their duties and their privileges. At 5 o'clock a business meeting was held and the men had tea . . . ringing till 8 . . . supper . . . and 'all left for their distant homes at 9.30 p.m.'

DURHAM ASSOCIATION—BARNARD CASTLE

General meeting, Whit Monday, 10 June, 1878.—The ring consists of eight bells in good order, tenor 17 cwt. A dinner will be provided at 1s. per head, members only, at the Turk's Head. . .

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Annual meeting, Exeter, June, 1878.—The president, Major C. A. W. Trovte, present part of the time. The report included, 'The science of change ringing has at present made very little progress in Cornwall while so-called prize ringing is rife. . . The committee believe that a Guild might be formed in Cornwall which would do much to promote scientific ringing. . .'

Mr. Aggett, of Chagford, had repaired the cage of the four at Gidleigh, had added two new trebles (cast by Taylors) to the six at Chagford and rehung the third at Woodland. Messrs. Hooper and Stokes of Woodbury have hung the new eight at St. Mary's Church and rehung the six at St. Petrock's, Exeter, and the five at Feniton, added two trebles to the six at Aveston Gifford and executed repairs at St. Thomas the Apostle and Rockbeare. Messrs. Taylor, Loughborough, have cast a treble, recast the fourth and sixth and hung the six at Loddiswell. Warners have cast a treble for Buckland and completely rehung the six at Staverton.

GORTON, LANCASHIRE

15 June, 1878.—A peal of Holt's ten-part in 3 hours 9 minutes, conducted by W. H. Albinson, 'who is only 16 years of age and, so far as is known, the youngest person that ever conducted a peal.' J. Holt rang the treble.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK

The anniversary of these eight bells took place 21 June, 1878. . . Dinner was served in a marquee close by the church. Squire Proctor wrote, '...from the excellence of the ringing it makes the meeting to be poted as the best ever known at Lavenham or ever before in the County of Suffolk. The Bennington Change Ringing Society rang 4,240 of Double Norwich C.B. Major, Superlative and Stedman; and the next day, at Bury St. Edmunds, 2,298 of Superlative Surprise Major, and Stedman Triples and Caters.

NOTICE.—The Editor would be glad to receive the names of clergymen who are able to ring and the methods in which they can take part, that their names and residences may appear in 'Church Bells,' so that, possibly, enough may be found within easy reach of each other to take part in a clerical peal, or that new rings might occasionally be opened by clergymen who had already taken part in the service.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL—NEW RING

'It has been decided to place a ring of bells in Llandaff Cathedral, to take the form of a memorial to the late Dean, and to which £823 is already (July, 1878) subscribed. . . Messrs. Mears and Stainbark entrusted with the casting. . .'

A TREATISE ON TREBLE BOB

Jasper W. Snowdon, Old Bank Chambers, Leeds, reports (13 July, 1878) that Part I of his book is now ready. He will supply copies 1s. 1½d. each post free.

NOTICE—TO YOUNG COMPOSERS

We shall always be glad to answer any questions or to render any assistance in our power in connection with the art of composition. Those young members of the Exercise who may not possess the advantage of having friendly advice near at hand, we shall always be ready, as far as we are able, to assist in obtaining some degree of proficiency in the theoretical part of the science. All correspondence in this direction must be legibly written, and each question plainly put. When necessary and convenient we will send replies direct, but it may take time.

SOME REFLECTIONS BY 'PEEPING TOM'

On the 1878 anniversary of Queen Victoria's Coronation he walked from Fleet Street to Fulham—bells and bunting everywhere.

'At St. Martin-in-the-Fields the bells were ringing grandly and when, some time after, I got into the vicinity of Westminster, the bells of the Abbey of St. Peter were holding forth. But what a falling-off was there. After hearing ten or twelve bells ring in peal, six bells produced anything but a lively impression. Why should not the ancient pile of Westminster boast of a good ring of bells? The present ring of six must evidently be in had order to judge from the striking. . . From what I heard I could not help sympathizing with the ringer of the 5th bell, who seemed to be powerless to keep her in her place long together. . . After a time the ring of ten at St. Margaret's, close at hand, struck out in a charming manner. It was hardly possible to believe that some of those who were ringing at this church had just been performing at the Abbey. . . and it was amid the rounds of firing that I made my way up the river. . .'

ST. ANDREWS, PLYMOUTH, DEVON

This church has been furnished with a set of carillon bells and new Westminster chimes by Gillett and Bland, of Croydon, the gift of Mr. C. Norrington, as a memorial to his son, who was a member of the Devonshire Guild and the College Youths. . . total cost, some £400. An opening service was held 6 June, 1878. These carillons are the only ones in Devon and Cornwall, with the exception of Holworthy. There are 10 bells, on which are played 14 tunes, one each day every four hours. At midnight a self-shifting apparatus changes the tune. The old tenor bell weights 25 cwt. 14 lb. Similar mechanism has been erected at Sligo and Worcester Cathedrals and at Rochdale and Bradford Town Halls, and elsewhere.

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE

'Treble Bell,' of Bromsgrove, writes, 'Why has not Worcestershire its association of change ringers? The county boasts of some of the finest rings in the land (some authorities give the palm to Pershore as the finest), while its ringers are equal to any.'

HASKETON, SUFFOLK

4 July, 1878.—Bells opened after rehanging by Bowell, of Ipswich, reflecting great credit on him. Several good touches on handbells at the Turk's Head during the evening. 'We hear it is the intention of Mr. Newson, Churchwarden, to increase the ring to 6. . .'

'Peeping Tom' suggests to Mr. Newson that this would be a fitting memento of the period when he filled the office of churchwarden, 'and if he could induce a couple of his wealthy neighbours to perform a similar action, thus securing a ring of eight, he would earn the gratitude of posterity.' (I think they still have six at Hasketon—either Mr. Newson could not find any co-operators or did not try to—or the small tower would not conveniently hold eight!—C.R.)

NEW RING OF SIX AT ST. MICHAEL'S, COWESBY, THIRSK, YORKSHIRE

4 July, 1878.—Bells given by Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Lloyd, cast by Warners, hung by T. Mallaby. Tenor B flat about 9 cwt.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK

13 July, 1844.—10,080 Plain Bob Major.
13 July, 1878.—Six of the seven survivors of that company met in the same tower and rang a peal of Oxford T.B. Minor. 'The above is thought to be a fair proof that ringing is conducive to health and longevity.'

ST. NICHOLAS', NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE

Easter Sunday, 27 March, 1842.—5,040 Grandsire Triples, 2 hours 59 minutes. Tenor 36 cwt. 'The harmony produced by the skill and talent employed on this occasion displayed to the science unequalled specimen of the sublime, beautiful and intricate art of change ringing.'

ANNUAL MEETING OF RINGERS

'Peeping Tom' writes, 'A young man from the country' advocates an annual meeting (congress, he calls it) of ringers from all parts of England in order to afford an opportunity of interchange of ideas upon ringing matters, on something of the same plan as now adopted by various scientific and learned bodies, friendly societies, etc., and he prophesies that incalculable benefits and advantages would accrue to the Exercise at large by holding of these yearly assemblies.

'I submit this proposition to the savants of the ringing world.'

CHURCH BELL WANTED

Rev. Francis Knowles of All Saints', Gladstone, New Zealand, wrote August, 1878, saying that his church had many pressing needs, including a bell, but they were then unable to purchase. 'A very small one would be of little use, the population being scattered. If any church in the mother country has a spare or disused bell, say from 18 inches upwards, it would be a great boon to us in this distant cure. Our Bishop now in England would, I am certain, readily take charge of it. . .'

TUNSTEAD, NORFOLK

These bells have been augmented from six to eight by Rev. G. H. Harris. Opened 30 July, 1878. Ringing took place till 1 p.m. when 90 guests of the Vicar dined in a tent in the vicarage grounds. The church service was at 3 p.m. New bells cast by Warners and hung by Mr. Skinner, of Norwich.

PEAL TABLET DEFACED

'Godiva' writes, 'The tablet recording the performance of the 12,000 at Shoreditch has been much defaced: an endeavour has evidently been made to obliterate the name of the conductor and other of the prominent writing concerning the peal. Again, the brass tablet recording the peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Clement's has received something on its face and just where the composer and conductor's names appear, placed there with an intention, it seems, of obliterating his name therefrom. . .'

HINTON PARISH CHURCH, near TEWKESBURY

'The ring of five bells at this picturesque spot, after being silent for fifteen years, have recently (i.e. to Aug., 1878) been reopened. They have been rehung at a cost of £100 by Mr. White, of Besselsleigh, Abingdon. W. Laslett, Esq., formerly M.P. for the city of Worcester, generously gave £50 towards this object, the remainder being supplied by local and other subscribers. In celebration of the reopening a luncheon was given by the Rector (Rev. R. J. Baker) on the Rectory lawn to subscribers and friends who interested themselves in the movement.'

'Church Bells' adds a note as follows: 'We should like to hear more frequently of an increase of power to those rings which are weak numerically. A ring of five seems a kind of hybrid—and it is to be deplored that the authorities at Hinton did not entertain the idea... of augmenting their bells to six at least.'

THE GENTRY RING

'Huntsham, near Bampton, N. Devon.' On 15 Aug., 1878, a party of gentlemen assembled at Huntsham Court, the seat of Charles A. W. Troyte, Esq., and during the following week rang on the rings of eight at Oakford, Dunster, Taunton, Tiverton and St. Sidwell's. Exeter, and also amongst other performances, at All Saints', Huntsham. Tenor 13 cwt., on 21 Aug., 1878, 1876 Grandsire Triples in 1 hour 2½ minutes—G. H. Phillott, Esq. (Staunton-on-Wye, Herefordshire) 1; Rev. R. H. D. Ackland-Troyte (Porlock, Somersetshire) 2; L. Proctor, Esq. (Bennington, Hertfordshire) 3; C. D. P. Davies, Esq. (Cheltenham) 4; Rev. A. Du B. Hill (St. Winnow, Cornwall) 5; W. B. Fulford, Esq. (Exeter) 6; C. A. W. Troyte, Esq. (Huntsham) 7; J. W. Snowdon, Esq. (Leeds, Yorks) 8. The touch was composed by W. Gordon, of Stockport, and conducted by C. D. P. Davies, Esq.

'Church Bells' adds, 'From a rough "score" kept by one of the ringers, we gather that more than 50,000 changes were rung during the week... this would prove that the ringers' hearts were in their work, their hands were hard and their heads clear. We wish them every success...'

LANE END, BUCKS

The church has been entirely rebuilt and was consecrated by the Bishop of Oxford 1 Aug., 1878. It is furnished with a new ring of six bells, tenor 8 cwt., by Mears, at the sole expense of H. W. Cripps, Esq., Q.C.

THE ROYAL HANDBELL RINGERS

The Royal Handbell Ringers (Poland Street, London)—Messrs. Duncan S. Miller (conductor), H. Havart, W. J. Havart, J. H. Williams and A. G. Pritchard—were honoured by command of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to give a campanological and musical entertainment on board the Royal Yacht 'Osborne' lying in Cowes Roads, Isle of Wight, on 19 Aug., 1878. The company included their majesties the King and Queen of Denmark and the Princess Thyra, with their suite, T.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales and suite, Prince Albert Victor and Prince George of Wales, the Princess Victoria of Hesse, etc., who, with guests from other yachts, made a numerous and distinguished audience. By means of awnings the bridge and quarter deck of the magnificent steamer were converted into an apartment excellently adapted for the purpose of a concert... the whole vessel was brilliantly lighted by lamps and lanterns. The audience was located on the bridge while the just beneath, on the quarter deck... By special desire of the Prince the whole crew (120 hands) were permitted to be present... The entertainment commenced at 10.30 and continued until midnight, the programme including renderings on the bells of compositions by Handel, Weber, Costa, Strauss, Godfrey Lecca, etc., and selections of old English glees of a humorous character which were much appreciated. The pianoforte accompaniments of the vocal performances were by Messrs. Pritchard and Williams. The

Prince sent for Mr. Miller and requested him to explain to the King and Queen of Denmark the peculiarities of the bells... The night was beautifully calm and moonlit. It was remarked by the Prince that, on this occasion, the tones of the bells appeared peculiarly sweet and mellow, attributable to the surrounding water. The Danish and English national anthems were played... This is the ninth occasion on which the Poland Street handbell ringers have been honoured with Royal command.

DURHAM CATHEDRAL

26 Aug., 1878.—First annual meeting of the Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers at Durham. The condition of the Cathedral bells is such that it is extremely difficult to ring changes on them, the seventh and tenor each requiring two men. The St. Oswald bells are also in very bad going order.

BOW BELLS, LONDON

'The Big Bell of Bow' puts in a letter which includes 'I and my colleagues, on whose behalf I now speak, are historical traditions in the annals of England... Our glory has, for some years, been on the wane. The behaviour of our old friends, the ringers, is not what it was... we are out of order... we want rehanging. At an estimated expense of £5,000 the sanctuary with which we are connected is to be rehabilitated, restored and reorganised. Could not they spare a few hundred pounds to reorganise us—the mightiest ring of ten bells in the whole metropolis? Do what you can for us, Mr. Editor...'

HEDDINGTON, WILTS

5 Oct., 1878. Harvest Thanksgiving and reopening of 5 bells, rehung by Mr. Alfred Yorke of Bristol. Three clergymen were among the first ringers.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WILTON ROAD

2 Oct., 1878. Ring dedicated by Bishop Piers Claughton. 'Immediately after the blessing a peal of silvery music burst forth under the experienced hands of eight members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.' Bells cast by Warners, Tenor 10½ cwt. 'The Rev. Wharton Smith, to whose exertions the work of raising the bells from first to last is due, sets a good example which others of the clergy might well follow, by taking a bell himself, and so drawing priest and ringers together. "Pulling together" in all things is one of the mottoes of this parish. Its newest illustration is from the belfry.'

HOLY TRINITY, HULL, YORKS

12 Oct., 1878. Annual General Meeting of the Yorkshire Association. The bells have been undergoing repairs. A reopening service was held. At the meeting in Hunter Street Schoolroom the President Jasper W. Snowdon Esq., took the chair.

KAFFRARIA

11 and 22 March, 1878. St. Mark's suffered severe gales. St. Andrew's Chapel unroofed and the Archdeacon's own church grievously damaged. 'It carried away the bell-tower and cracked the bell... it could be heard distinctly for 6 miles around. It was by Warners, B flat, and weighed 224 lbs. A larger one is to be ordered.'

ST. MARY'S, HITCHIN, HERTS.

4 Oct., 1878. Ringing by Squire Procter and his company from Bennington. Bells recently put in order by Warners. Tenor 28 cwt.

CASSINGTON, OXON

4 Oct., 1878. The Appleton Society of Change ringers visited the tower under Mr. F. White 'who has lately rehung these bells, tenor 13 cwt.'

CHRIST CHURCH, AUGHTON, YORKSHIRE

5 Oct., 1878. First peal on new bells by Warners—5,040 Grandsire Triples, 2 hrs. 41 min. Tenor 16 cwt.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Chiddingfold, Surrey, ringers went handbell carolling at Christmas and raised £13 for Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

The time taken in the peal at Ash, Surrey (page 42), was 2 hours 35 minutes and not as printed.

The quarter peal at Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, on January 10th was the first quarter on eight bells by an all local band since 1893.

The peal on the steel bells at Bootle on January 2nd was the first for over five years. These bells are now very odd struck, and the 'go' is not all it might be.

The band that attempted a peal at Cropwell Bishop, Notts, on December 29th would like to thank Mr. H. Shelton for entertaining them afterwards.

Mr. A. P. Cannon writes that the last peal of Minor on the bells at Limsfield, Surrey, was rung on September 12th, 1953. This is certainly not 34 years as claimed in the footnote.

Hughenden, Bucks, has lost a very faithful ringer by the death of Mr. R. Victor Evans, who had been a member of the tower for 51 years. To his memory his fellow members rang a half muffled peal on January 9th.

Wiveliscombe, Somerset, bells are being removed on January 25th by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for retuning at the White-chapel Foundry. A farewell quarter was rung on January 11th. This was also a golden wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Norris, of Chatham.

In the band that rang a peal as a welcome to the new curate at Stoke Bishop, Bristol, was the former curate, Rev. David Sansum, who is now Vicar of Stechford, Birmingham. He was visiting Bristol for the Universities Association annual dinner.

The band for the Swindon peal was to have been made up of members of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association but unfortunately Mr. W. B. Kynaston went down with a cold. Mr. Brian Hall, of Great Barrington, kindly stood in at short notice.

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3,500 Peal Ringers

Peal ringers in 1964 exceeded 3,500. Mr. James R. Taylor, of 15, Greenacre Road, Whitechurch, Bristol, who with his wife is relieving the Editor of the personal analysis, asks for those who desire to check their figures to send details to them without delay. 'It is no use being critical afterwards if advantage is not taken of the facilities provided,' is Jim's special message.

First Two Peals on the Same Day

Congratulations to Peter Mackley and Richard Bower, both boys of Gresham's School, Holt, on scoring their first two peals. On the morning of December 29th they rang 1—2 and 5—6 respectively to a peal of Bob Doubles on handbells, in the Church of St. Peter, Parmentergate, Norwich, where J. Armiger Trollope did some of his early ringing and, in fact, rang in the last peal at the church in 1893. In the afternoon they rang their first tower bell peal on the five at All Saints' Church, Intwood. Again the method was Bob Doubles. Also ringing was 14 years old Andrew Harrison, of Wroxham, who scored his first peal. Has any other ringer rung his first 'in hand' and on tower bells on the same day?

Gresham School's Bell Hangers

After rehanging the tenor bell at Bale, Norfolk, last March, the Gresham's School ringers rang regularly on the bells during the summer term. At the beginning of the autumn term, however, the clapper of the 15th century No. 4 bell, 'Gabriel,' fell out, breaking the crown staple. The term was spent in fitting a new crown staple and repairing the clapper. They should be able to start ringing on the five again this spring term, and look forward to the first tower bell quarter by the Society.

Tyneside Restorations

An appeal has been made for the restoration of the tower and bells of St. Andrew's Church, Newcastle. These bells, now silent, were rung in defiance in 1644 to keep the Scots out, and an attempt was made at this spot to breach the city wall. Another restoration is at Winlaton, where the Rector and Church Council are having the bells rehung, quarter turned and retuned. A good start towards the £800 or more needed was £500 from a sale of work opened by the chairman of Blaydon U.D.C.

Highclere's 50th Peal

The peal of Putney Surprise was not only the 50th peal on the bells of St. Michael and All Angels, Highclere, but also the 50th peal for the ringer of the treble (Philip Murduck). The first peal, Cambridge Surprise Major, was rung in 1929 conducted by George Williams: since then there have been ten different Surprise methods, five different Major methods and a number of peals of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Triples. With the present rate of peal ringing Geoffrey Dodd does not expect it to be 36 years before the century is reached.

Watch Night at the Watch Tower

The ringers of the peal at Morpeth on New Year's Eve claim one of the last peals in 1964. When they finished at 11.50 p.m. they received the Mayor and Mayoress in the belfry who were very enthusiastic about the ringing and said how much it had been appreciated by everyone and the hundreds outside.

After a toast, followed by twelve blows of the tenor, Stedman Triples was rung to welcome in the New Year.

Christchurch Priory

The repair of the floor of Christchurch Priory ringing chamber has proved to be a much bigger job than was at first anticipated. The Priory architect, Mr. Ian Jessop, discovered serious deterioration, through wood worm and dry rot, to the floor and to the timber work beneath.

The 18 ft. oak beams supporting the whole floor were found to be in a very bad condition and it has been decided to remove the whole of the woodwork to the floor. This will be replaced with specially treated timber and the vaulting beneath the floor repaired at an estimated cost of £1,000. The work, necessitating the suspension of ringing at the Priory, will take from eight to ten weeks to complete from January 11th.

A Devizes Captaincy

Mr. Harry Sturgess, a ringer at St. John's, Devizes, for 40 years, and captain of the tower for 20 years, found that in the new church diary he had been replaced as captain by Mr. W. Davison. According to the columns about the incident in the local press, Mr. Sturgess, who is 67, has left St. John's tower and joined St. James' team under Mr. Alec Weeks.

Mr. Davison said it was Harry who first approached him and asked him if he would like to be captain when he retired. Mr. Davison agreed. The Rector (the Rev. W. C. Williams) stated that at the last annual meeting in February it was decided that Harry would continue for another year and would be followed by Mr. Davison. The appointment of a captain, he maintained, was the incumbent's responsibility. A different view is taken by Mr. C. Barber, deputy surveyor to Devizes Borough Council, who is a ringer at St. John's. 'In my opinion,' he is quoted as saying, 'the captain of bellringers is chosen by the ringers and not the Rector.'

Secretary Retires

We should like to add a tribute to Mr. H. Denman, of Rockley, Retford, who has been secretary of the North Notts District for the past 20 years when the North Notts Association merged with the new Southwell Guild. A friendship develops over the years between the Editor and the District Secretaries, many of whom he has never met, but familiarity of their names, with reports and notices, provides a link which we do not like to see broken. Mr. Denman is not retiring—it is a case of 'Friend, go up higher.' As chairman he will be able to advise his secretary of local eccentricities as Southwell might do things differently than Shropshire!

A Memory of 40 Years

Mr. C. W. Denyer, the Immediate Past Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Aldershot on New Year's Eve, to mark the 40th anniversary of his first peal, which was rung from the same position (treble) and in the same tower in 1924. Charlie was then a lad of 13, and his father had promised him all sorts of good things if he should succeed—there had been other attempts. Of the band of 40 years ago, there are three other survivors—Miss Hilda Mills, Miss Fisher and his sister, Mrs. Whitford. Four of those taking part in the anniversary peal were his pupils. The peal concluded, Charlie motored over to ring out 1964 in his own tower, Farnham.

30 Years Secretary

The peal of Cambridge S. Royal rung at Stroud, Glos. was arranged specially as a compliment to Mr. S. T. Price, of Stonehouse, who for 30 years was secretary of the Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, but has now retired. The tower captain made a request to the band to add a further footnote—a farewell to Rev. Clive C. Cooper, Rector, who left Stroud on the previous Thursday to become Rector of Woodmansterne, Surrey.

A Bell From Nazareth

On returning from a visit over Christmas to the Holy Land, a young member of the Harpenden band very thoughtfully brought a bell from Nazareth and presented it to the tower. The very charming gesture is very much appreciated by the band who say 'Thank you very much' to Nina Thomas for this happy thought.

His Golden Jubilee

Mr. Alec Weeks, of St. James', Devizes, marked his 50 years as a bell-ringer by entertaining the Devizes Branch to tea on the occasion of their recent meeting at Devizes. Nearly 60 ringers were present. The service was held at St. John's Church and all three Devizes towers were open.

Great-Grandad's Ambition

On Nov. 7th, Mr. William Rogers, of The Lodge, Mountains, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent, became a great-grandfather. He inquires if there are sufficient regular ringers, who are great-grandfathers, interested enough to attempt a great-grandfathers' peal? His inquiries so far have not been encouraging, but he asks those qualified and able to get in touch with him and so fulfil this ambition.

'Sounding the Bell for Tea'

Quoted from 'Home and Country' (the W.I. magazine) for January:

When Ufford (E. Suffolk) provided tea for visiting bell ringers, the news must have been rung out, as many more thirsty ringers arrived than were expected.

Further, the rumour in the Bingham District that the next meeting notice will read, 'Don't bother to send your name for tea, we can make a better guess,' is not true.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

CROYDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

David E. Parsons Treble	Richard C. Stevens 7
Roger F. Overington 2	Anthony R. Kench 8
David P. Hilling 3	Dennis Randall 9
Michael V. Chilcott 4	Rodney B. Meadows 10
Raymond E. Finch 5	Frederick E. Collins 11
John D. Rock 6	James Phillips Tenor

Composed by David E. Parsons (No. 6).

Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Kevin and Pat Taber, members of the local band, on the birth of a son, Sean Francis.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

COMPTON BISHOP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 240 Stedman, 2,400 Plain Bob and 2,400 Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*P. John Hall Treble	Harold Hooper 4
Stanley Lewis 2	John S. Walton 5
Gilbert G. Davies 3	Kenneth Gatehouse Tenor

Conducted by John S. Walton.

* First peal. First of Doubles as conductor.

EAST COKER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*Harold Turner Treble	H. Dennis W. Bishop 5
Gilbert W. Rendell 2	Harry J. Gaylard 6
Raymond P. Selway 3	Albert W. Dyer 7
*Derek S. Beaufoy 4	William E. Turner Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by William E. Turner.

* First peal on eight bells.

ILMINSTER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in C sharp.

Ronald G. Beck Treble	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5
Frances M. Massey 2	Anthony W. T. Cleaver 6
Arthur H. Reed 3	George W. Massey 7
David T. H. Robertson 4	Edward J. Chivers Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

Conducted by George W. Massey.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

SHARNBROOK, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Oxford T.B., and two extents each of St. Clement's College Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

Margaret R. Field Treble	†Derek A. Hammond 4
Frank W. Rivett 2	Robert L. Piron 5
*Colin M. Payne 3	Martyn J. Marriott Tenor

Conducted by Martyn J. Marriott.

* First peal in more than one method 'inside.' † First peal. First as conductor in more than one method.

WOOTTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1 and 2) Cambridge Surprise, (3, 5 and 7) Plain Bob, (4) Single Oxford, (6) St. Clement's College Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

*Janis B. Whiting Treble	Stephen J. Wooler 4
Susan M. Law 2	R. Howard French 5
Anthony H. Smith 3	John W. Thorp Tenor

Conducted by John W. Thorp.

* First peal.

OLD WARDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent T.B., (4) Plain Bob, (5) St. Clement's College Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

Kevin Barnes Treble	Anthony H. Smith 4
Kathleen A. Rivett 2	Rodney H. French 5
*Derek A. Hammond 3	Martyn J. Marriott Tenor

Conducted by Martyn J. Marriott.

* First peal in six methods. First as conductor of six methods.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

David Vincent Treble	Brian Gibson 5
Barbara Bangham 2	Michael Freeman 6
John O. Freeman 3	Allen Twyman 7
David Hogg 4	Alan J. Brown Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Alan J. Brown.

First peal on the bells, which were dedicated on December 12th. Rung by the local band.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

Alec Osbaldiston Treble	William H. Dowse 4
Derek F. Yates 2	Alan McFall 5
Frank Osbaldiston 3	Basil Jones Tenor

Conducted by Basil Jones.

Derek F. Yates has now completed the Cambridge 'family.'

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. Treble	*Ian D. Thompson 5
L. Michael Callow 2	Peter Border 6
Geoffrey W. Randall 3	David J. Allen 7
Edward Holdsworth 4	Frederick Shallcross .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Peter Border.

* First peal in the method.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

BRADSTONE, Devon.—At the Church of St. Non.

On Tues., Dec. 22, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 7 cwt.

*Ernest J. Cann Treble	*George E. Mudge 4
†Doris A. Bray 2	Wilfred C. Boucher 5
*John C. Mitchelmore .. 3	Leslie R. Cundy Tenor

Conducted by Wilfred C. Boucher.

* First peal † First of Doubles. First as conductor.

Rung for the Christmas Festival

EXETER, Devon.—At the Church of St. Petrock.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 5½ cwt.

*Nigel Shepherd Treble	David A. Wills 4
Norman Mallett 2	*Philip H. D. Jones 5
Mary Browne 3	Frank D. Mack Tenor

Conducted by Frank D. Mack.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a compliment to Mary Browne and Philip Jones, before their marriage at Topsham on January 2nd.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SUNDERLAND, Co. Durham.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Wed., Dec. 23, 1964, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

*M. Elaine Murcott Treble	James Crowther 5
†Rodney A. Yeates 2	Eric N. Harrison 6
‡William Davidson 3	Alan R. Patterson 7

‡Andrew G. Craddock .. 4 Michael Maughan Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde.

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* 50th peal for the Association. † First in the method. ‡ First of Surprise Major.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, Northumberland.—At the Church of SS. James and Basil, Fenham.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

Rodney A. Yeates Treble	*William Davidson 5
*Andrew G. Craddock 2	Eric N. Harrison 6
M. Elaine Murcott 3	†Rev. Frederick Ross 7

‡James Crowther 4 Michael Maughan Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. † 100th for the Association.

SUNDERLAND, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Michael.

Bishopwearmouth.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

M. Elaine Murcott Treble	*Andrew G. Craddock 5
*Rodney A. Yeates 2	Eric N. Harrison 6
William Davidson 3	Michael Maughan 7
*James Crowther 4	Rev. Frederick Ross Tenor

Composed by A. Knights.

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal in the method.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
MORPETH, Northumberland.—At the Watch Tower.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

Iris Thomson Treble	James Crowther 5
William Davidson 2	Michael Maughan 6
M. Elaine Murcott 3	Rev. Frederick Ross 7
John E. Anderson 4	Eric N. Harrison Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Eric N. Harrison.

CRAMLINGTON, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: (1, 2) Surfleet Surprise, (3, 4) Beverley Surprise, (5, 6, 7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E.

William Davidson Treble	Rodney A. Yeates 4
*Gillian Douglas 2	Rev. Frederick Ross 5
James Crowther 3	Michael Maughan Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal 'inside.'

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KING'S LYNN, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 29½ cwt

Leslie W. Houghton .. Treble	Tom Bush 6
Henry Tooke 2	Rowland M. Reed 7
Fredk. Wigmore 3	*Leslie F. Bailey 8
Ernest H. Mastin 4	*Michael E. Stacey 9
*Robin Shipp 5	Norman V. Harding .. Tenor

Composed by John S. Goldsmith.

Conducted by Norman V. Harding.

* First peal of Plain Bob Royal.

Specially arranged to ring out the 'Old Year' and rung for the Ely Diocesan Association as an appreciation of a number of its members for their support at St. Margaret's over the years.

BUCKDEN, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 15½ cwt.

*Francis J. Hughes .. Treble	Robert O. Bellamy 3
†David J. Prescott 2	George E. Bonham 4

Philip Mehew Tenor

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

* First peal at first attempt. † First 'inside.' The fastest peal on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

STISTED, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Jan. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of York, London, Ipswich, Bourne, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A flat.

Josephine A. Quilter .. Treble	John A. Warner 4
*Jennifer M. Syder 2	Alan R. Syder 5
Philip J. Rothera 3	Robert J. Lindsell Tenor

Conducted by Robert J. Lindsell.

* First peal in seven methods. First as conductor.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

STROUD, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Cliff Richards Treble	John C. Slater 6
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Brynley A. Shackleton .. 7
Jennifer M. Taylor 3	James R. Taylor 8
*Alan Tubb 4	D. John Hunt 9
Michael J. Hobbs 5	Stephen J. Ivin Tenor

Composed by H. Dains.

Conducted by Stephen J. Ivin.

* First of Surprise Royal 'inside.'

A compliment to Mr. S. T. Price, of Stonehouse, who recently retired after holding the post of Stroud Branch Secretary for 30 years. Also a farewell to Rev. C. C. Cooper, former rector.

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

Michael D. Penney .. Treble	Brian W. Hall 5
Walter H. Trueman .. 2	Brian Bladon 6
Michael J. Stanley .. 3	Anthony R. Peake 7
*E. William Ford 4	Eric Sutton Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox.

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First in the method.

Rung as a token of appreciation and thankoffering by the Swindon Branch for the work of Mr. Tom Price, secretary of the Stroud Branch for 30 years, who retired from office at the end of 1964.

LECKHAMPTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 416 Lincoln, 448 each of Superlative and Pudsey, 512 Dorchester, 672 Cambridge, 896 Bristol, 928 Watford, 960 London, with 121 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

Ivor Goulter Treble	Cyril A. Wratten 5
*Rev. Roger Keeley 2	Gordon W. Land 6
Bruce Wakefield 3	Anthony R. Peake 7
Victor Griffin 4	Brian Bladon Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal of eight-spiced.

A farewell to the Rev. J. B. T. Homfray, former Curate, who has been inducted to the combined benefices of Staverton and Boddington.

STOKE BISHOP, Bristol.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.

Roger S. Algate .. Treble	†Rev. David H. Sansum .. 4
*Valerie C. Vincent .. 2	†Philip M. J. Gray 5
†Janthia C. Vincent .. 3	*A. J. Donald Bentley .. Tenor

Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' ‡ First of Doubles.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Alan Dowsett as Curate.

GREAT WITCOMBE, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of

St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Fri., Jan. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one extent. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

Henry Lewis Treble	*Peter Clarkson 4
*Anna K. Sadowska .. 2	Brian Bladon 5
*John P. Parsons 3	Peter T. Hurcombe Tenor

Conducted by Brian Bladon.

* First peal of Surprise.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

ALDERSHOT, Hampshire.—At the Church of

St. Michael-the-Archangel.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

E. Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Charles W. Denyer .. Treble	Edward J. Bragg 5
Dudley P. Elsmore .. 2	Tom Page 6
William H. Viggers .. 3	G. Kenneth Williamson .. 7
Rex J. Corke 4	†William Siggery Tenor

Conducted by G. Kenneth Williamson.

* 40th anniversary of first peal. † First peal.

Rung half-muffled to let the Old Year out.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CLIFFORD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Jan. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

George T. Cousins .. Treble	Lyndon H. Hatfield 5
John W. Hope 2	Robert A. Hatcher 6
Gillian E. Graney 3	Colin A. Lewis 7
John F. I. Turney 4	Danzey Watkins Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard.

Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.

First peal of Plain Bob Triples for all, and first of Triples as conductor.

PENCOMBE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Arthur F. Wall .. Treble	James Ward 4
R. George Morris .. 2	John Clements 5
C. William Nutt 3	Thomas Cooper Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung as a silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. James Ward.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

*†Walter Ayre .. Treble	†Gentfrey Dodds 6
†Ruth M. Foreman .. 2	†Martin Press 7
†Julia A. Fellows .. 3	†George W. Debenham .. 8
†Eric Edmondson .. 4	Thomas J. Lock 9

†Joyce Dodds 5

†Gerald Penney Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* 500th peal for the Association. † First of Royal in the method.

† First in the method. § 100th peal. First peal of Royal in the method in the county, and for the Association.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BENGEO, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of Holy Trinity.
On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in A.

Brian M. Barker Treble	Geoffrey Dodds 5
Julia A. Fellows 2	Kenneth J. Darvill 6
*Roger D. R. Brown 3	Michael D. Frost 7
Joyce Dodds 4	Gerald Penney Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First peal in the method.

THORLEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A.

*Douglas R. Hutley Treble	Frederick Bird 4
Peter Warboys 2	Thomas Camp 5
*Albert Richardson 3	*Michael Camp Tenor

Conducted by Peter Warboys.

* First peal. First as conductor.

A compliment to the ringer of the fifth, on the 21st anniversary of his wedding day.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BROMLEY COMMON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising 576 Rutland, 574 each Chesterfield and Pudsey, 512 each Adelaide, Cambridge and Lindum, 480 each Brighton and London, 448 Superlative and 416 Bristol: with 135 changes of method, and with all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Mary S. Taylor Treble	*Richard G. Crosland .. 5
*John Faircloth 2	Arthur S. Richards 6
Ian H. Oram 3	*Andrew M. Macve 7
Ralph Bird 4	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Composed by Richard G. Crosland.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* First peal of 10-Spiced Surprise Major. * 400th peal. First of 10-Spiced as conductor. First of Spiced on the bells. This is the first peal of 10-Spiced Surprise Major in which all the bells do all the work of each method.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Fri., Jan. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative: with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Judith M. Corby Treble	Herbert E. Audsley 5
*Lucile M. Corby 2	Frederick J. Cullum 6
Ann Jenner 3	Stanley Jenner 7
Andrew J. Corby 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman (C.C.C. 13)

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First peal of Spiced 'inside.'

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Jan. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

David K. Putnam Treble	*Norman R. Mattingley .. 5
Thomas E. Sone 2	David S. Osenton 6
John W. Gander 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Reginald F. Lambert .. 4	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by Martin L. Howe.

* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise Major 'inside.'

SWANSCOMBE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 ASHWTE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 5 lb. in F.

Tony Lewis Treble	Andrew M. Macve 5
Mary S. Taylor 2	*† Ian H. Oram 6
John Faircloth 3	Thomas Cullingworth .. 7
Ralph Bird 4	*A. Patrick Cannon .. Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* First peal in the method. † 200th peal of Surprise Major.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., Dec. 9, 1964, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

John A. Booth Treble	S. Michael J. Young .. 5
*Margaret P. Booth 2	Derek Butterworth 6
Neil Bennett 3	Dennis Latham 7
†Christine Andrew 4	John Robinson Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivins.

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

* First of Surprise. † First of Surprise 'inside.'

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the seventh.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sun., Dec. 13, 1964, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 42 lb. in G.

Richard J. Parker Treble	Philip Crossthwaite 5
Cyril Crossthwaite 2	Derek Butterworth 6
Frank Reynolds 3	Jeffrey Kershaw 7
John P. Partington 4	Neil Bennett Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde.

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

In memoriam Laurence J. Williams and Charles Sharples, former Vice-Presidents of the Lancashire Association.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Dec. 16, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Christine Andrew Treble	Dennis Latham 5
Robert B. Smith 2	Derek A. Ashton 6
Neil Bennett 3	Derek Butterworth 7
*S. Michael J. Young .. 4	Frank Osbaldiston .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivins.

Conducted by Derek A. Ashton.

* First peal of Bristol. First in the method as conductor.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mike Young before his departure for Rhodesia.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 21 methods, comprising 480 London, 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Cray, Eastcote, Lincolnshire, New Gloucester, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, and 160 each of Claybrooke, Edinburgh, Heathcote, Hitchin, Langley, Lindum, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge and Watford, with 149 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Anthony D. Sansom Treble	Frederick Shallcross 5
Derek A. Ashton 2	John H. Fielden 6
F. John Nelson 3	Derek Butterworth 7
Neil Bennett 4	John Robinson Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

HINDLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 FARNWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Chris A. Lomax Treble	Philip Crossthwaite 5
Margaret E. Fort 2	John P. Partington 6
Richard Starkie 3	Cyril Crossthwaite 7
Maryl Crossthwaite .. 4	John Ashcroft Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

First peal in the method.

PENDLEBURY.—At Christ Church.

On Fri., Jan. 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

David Vincent Treble	Albert Greenhalgh 5
Pauline Turner 2	Bernard Moss 6
*Norman Tompkins 3	*Joseph Thornley 7
Chris A. Lomax 4	John Ashcroft Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett.

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

* 100th peal together.

Rung in honour of the Feasts of The Circumcision and St. John the Evangelist.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancashire.—At the Church of
 St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

Nicholas M. Newby .. Treble	Alan Capstick 5
James E. Burles 2	†§Stanley Anderton 6
Wilfred Bolton 3	John Bagrall 7
*†Nicholas M. Newby jun. 4	†Thomas F. Metcalfe .. Tenor

Composed by J. Thorp. Conducted by Thomas R. Metcalfe.

* First in the method 'inside.' † 25th peal together. ‡ First in the method. § 50th peal for the Association.

Rung for the New Year.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sun., March 1, 1964, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Gayle V. Ryan Treble	Anthony J. Helliwell .. 4
Judith P. Winterbottom .. 2	Richard J. Parker 5
Roger Leigh 3	Robert A. Bolt Tenor

Conducted by R. A. Bolt.

BOOTLE, Lancs.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Thomas R. Butler .. Treble	Edwin C. Birkett 4
Anthony P. Foster 2	Robert E. J. Dennis .. 5
G. Robert Mordaunte .. 3	Jack N. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Jack N. Brown.

ECCLESTON, (Chorley).—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Jan. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Thomas W. Smith .. Treble	†William O. Farrimond .. 4
Walter H. Hunter 2	Frank Bentham 5
*Bernard Lee 3	John Ashcroft Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

* First peal. † 50th peal.

BOOTLE, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, being 32 extents of Grandsire and 10 of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Peter D. S. Dennis .. Treble	Terence M. Fitzgerald .. 4
†Robert E. J. Dennis .. 2	Thomas S. Horridge .. 5
Roger J. Shea 3	*Godfrey R. F. Dennis .. Tenor

Conducted by Thomas S. Horridge.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

COLESHILL, Warwickshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

J. Edward Cawser .. Treble	William A. Lacey 5
Beryl E. Cawser 2	A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 6
Roland H. Cook 3	R. Kingsley Mason 7
W. Ernest Rawson 4	E. Alan Jacques Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

SKEFFINGTON, Leics.—At the Church of St. Thomas à Becket.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 9½ cwt.

*James H. Wadkin .. Treble	J. Geoffrey Geary 3
Ronald Russell 2	J. Julian Pawley 4

A. Norman Geary Tenor.

Conducted by J. Julian Pawley.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

First peal on bells after rededication after rehanging.

HATHERN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: two each of Single Oxford Bob and one each of Norwich Surprise, Kent T.B. and St. Clement's. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Celia Harris Treble	David Swift 4
Valerie Carter 2	Ron Carter 5
*Jim Lacey 3	Tom Harris Tenor

Conducted by Tom Harris.

* First peal.

OAKS-IN-CHARNWOOD, Leics.—At the Church of
 St. James-the-Greater.

On Wed., Jan. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 7 extents in 4 methods: (1) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (2) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (3) Kent T.B., (4-7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A.

*John Wright Treble	Michael J. Roberts 4
Mary Barrass 2	Brian G. Warwick 5
Stephen Hall 3	Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. Tenor

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

* First peal.

Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1964, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 24 cwt.

Joyce M. Gurnhill .. Treble	*Harold Gibson 7
John Freeman 2	Walter Tomlinson 8
Norah M. Randles 3	George H. Randles 9
Ann Bateson 4	John Walden 10
Geoffrey R. Parker 5	Jack L. Millhouse 11
Peter A. Sharp 6	Geoffrey Paul Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by John Freeman.

* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Rochester Maximus by all the band and for the Guild.

PINCHBECK, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1964, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 2,560 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

Brian Harris .. Treble	Edwin T. Chapman 5
Roger D. Bailey 2	Ronald C. Noon 6
John E. Allen 3	Raymond H. Daw 7
Denis Woods 4	Cyril R. Burrell Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.

First peal of 2 spliced for all the band.

A compliment to Antony Roy Withyman, captain of this tower, and Judith Bagley, married at this church this day.

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5136 ASHBOURNE COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

Alan G. Payne .. Treble	Denis R. Woods 5
Keith R. Davey 2	J. Martin Thorley 6
Roger D. Bailey 3	Raymond H. Daw 7
Derek J. Jones 4	Brian Harris Tenor

Arranged and conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

CAYTHORPE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Vincent.

On Sun., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

W. A. Cave's var. of J. W. Washbrook's. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

*Paul Raithby .. Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker 5
Anne E. Bateson 2	Edward W. Colley 6
Joyce M. Gurnhill 3	Jack L. Millhouse 7
*C. Anthony Parsons .. 4	Peter A. Sharp Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Stedman.

A wedding compliment to Mr. Emyr Williams and Miss Moongreen Randles, whose wedding took place at All Saints', Gresford, this day.

EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

*G. J. N. Colborne .. Treble	P. A. Hill (1951-57) 5
(1963-65) 2	J. R. Holmes (Captain) .. 6
C. S. M. Nokes (1955-62) 2	C. McCartney (1955-62) .. 7
F. W. Pinchbeck (1925-30) 3	
*D. J. Hopkinson (1958-65) 4	D. R. Baxter (1958-65) .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by David R. Baxter.

* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

Rung by the King's School, Grantham, Society and believed to be the first of Major by a school society in the county.

HOLBEACH, Lincs.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., Jan. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 PRIMROSE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

Ronald C. Noon .. Treble	Edwin T. Chapman 5
Denis R. Woods 2	Raymond H. Daw 6
Roger D. Bailey 3	Cyril R. Burrell 7
George W. Massey 4	Brian Harris Tenor

Composed by H. Law James.

Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.

First peal in the method by all.

HORBLING, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Jan. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 4 extents of Kent T.B., and 3 of Plain Bob (two different callings).
June Bird Treble
Patricia F. Rooney 2
David J. Hopkinson 3
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in B flat.
Michael R. Rooney 4
*Graham J. N. Colborne 5
*David R. Baxter Tenor

Conducted by Graham J. N. Colborne.

* First peal attempt. † First of Minor 'inside.' ‡ First in two methods.

Average age of the ringers was 16½ years.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Wed., Jan. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 7 extents in 22 methods: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne Surprise. (2) Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham and Berwick Surprise. (3) Oxford and Hereward Bob. (4) Double Oxford. (5) Thelwall, Pinehurst, St. Clement's, Childwall and Buxton College Bob. (6) Fulbeck and Double Bob. (7) Kent Treble Bob. (8) Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb. in B.
Frank Taylor Treble
Keith R. Davey 2
Edwin T. Chapman 3
Alan G. Payne 4
Derek J. Jones 5
Roger D. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

The conductor has now 'circled the tower' twice.

HELPRINGHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Thurs., Jan. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 5 methods: 1-3. Grandsire; 4-6. P. Bob; 7-9. Winchester; 10-12. P. Bob; 13-15. St. Martin's; 16-18. P. Bob; 19-24. Rev. Canterbury; 25-28. P. Bob; 29-30. St. Martin's; 31-40. P. Bob; 41-42. Grandsire.

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F.
*Patricia F. Rooney Treble
*Graham J. N. Colborne 2
David J. Hopkinson 3
*Michael R. Rooney 4
David R. Baxter Tenor

Conducted by David R. Baxter.

* First of Doubles.

Average age of the ringers: 17 years.

BASSINGHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., Jan. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in G.
Jack L. Millhouse Treble
Christopher J. Sharp 2
Joyce M. Gurnhill 3
Geoffrey R. Parker 4
A. Robin Heppenstall 5
Peter A. Sharp Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

Rung-half muffled in memoriam Rev. Theodore Innes Pocock, M.A., Rector of this parish for over 40 years. R.I.P.

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.
Malcolm A. Phillips Treble
David J. Wilford 2
*Hazel A. Arrowsmith 3
† Michael Pilgrim 4
John H. Felden 5
Christopher K. Cooper 6
Richard S. Starkie 7
Jeffrey J. Fox Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Richard S. Starkie.

* 25th peal. † First of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor. First of Yorkshire Surprise for the Society.

A wedding compliment to Michael J. Branigan and Patricia Rawlinson, married this day at Our Lady and All Saints', Parbold.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD

FELTHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Number 3 version. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.
*Olive L. Rogers Treble
*Patricia Rogers 2
*Hadley Hunter 3
*Claire Millmore 4
Andrew S. Hudson 5
*Martin Press 6
*Harold W. Rogers 7
*Christopher H. Rogers 8
John Hill 9
Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Conducted by Hadley Hunter.

* First of London Royal. First of London Royal for the Association.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BEDDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.
G. William Critchley Treble
Joan Beresford 2
Claudia A. Critchley 3
Alick Cutler 4
Dennis Knox 5
John Hill 6
Thomas J. Lock 7
John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry, Campanile.

On Tues., Jan. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.
G. Ronald Edwards Treble
Gordon H. Lane 2
Richard J. Clifton 3
John K. Smith 4
Rev. M. C. C. Melville 5
Joseph W. Cotton 6
Arthur E. Rowley 7
R. Kingsley Mason 8
Derek P. Jones 9
David Eames Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

A 67th birthday compliment to Mr. C. B. Jones, father of the conductor, and a farewell to Rev. M. C. C. Melville on his departure for Norfolk.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.

On Mon., Jan. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's Four-Part. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.
William Clover Treble
Robin Churchill 2
C. Frank W. Phillippo 3
Charles R. Catchpole 4
Clive R. Calton 5
Frank C. J. Arnold 6
Henry Tooke 7
Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

First in the method as conductor.

EAST DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.
Timothy G. Pett Treble
*Rosemary J. Kemp 2
Roger D. Bailey 3
Keith R. Davey 4
Kevin S. Hohl 5
Sidney Marshall 6
Alan G. Payne 7
David R. Baxter Tenor

Arranged and conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

* First peal of Major.

NEW BUCKENHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Wed., Nov. 11, 1964, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. on G.
C. Frank W. Phillippo Treble
Wilfred G. Saunders 2
Henry Tooke 3
Thomas E. Spight 4
Leslie F. Bailey 5
Frank C. J. Arnold Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LONG STRATTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Dec. 24, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.
Charles H. Blake Treble
Miss Betty Syrett 2
C. Frank W. Phillippo 3
Wilfred G. Saunders 4
Frank C. J. Arnold 5
H. William Barrett Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

BUNWELL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Court, one extent of Double Oxford, two extents of St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.
Charles H. Blake Treble
Frank C. J. Arnold 2
Robin Churchill 3
Wilfred G. Saunders 4
Frank Pearson 5
C. Frank W. Phillippo Tenor

Conducted by C. Frank W. Phillippo.

GRESSENHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Wed., Jan. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., and St. Clement's Bob, and four of Plain Bob called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.
Kevin S. Hohl Treble
*Rosemary J. Kemp 2
Sidney Marshall 3
George Bunning 4
George P. Adams 5
Timothy G. Pett Tenor

Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

* First peal. First as conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 REGINA BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.
*Daphne J. Pollard Treble
J. M. Elaine Dixon 2
*William Birmingham, junr. 3
William Birmingham 4
Reginald W. Rex 5
Eric Sutton 6
Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
Sydney M. Bailey 8
Wilfrid G. Wilson 9
Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by D. A. Bayles. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal of Royal. The first peal of Royal in the method.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

HUGHENDEN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Roland Biggs Treble	*David A. Cornwall 5
*Robert H. Newton 2	*Arthur Newton 6
*Joyce I. Barton 3	*Percy Newton 7
Joan Beresford 4	John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal in the method.

BURNHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Six-Part. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Gordon W. Limmer .. Treble	Howard Oglesby 5
*Ronald Snack 2	Geoffrey Riglar 6
*Anthony K. Fortin 3	Jennifer Sceeny 7
*Frances Proctor 4	E. Russell Gotham Tenor

Conducted by Howard Oglesby.

* First peal in the method.

HUGHENDEN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Roland Biggs Treble	Arthur Newton 5
Joyce I. Barton 2	Robert H. Newton 6
*Keith H. Gould 3	David A. Cornwall 7
†Gillian N. Smith 4	Percy Newton Tenor

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

* First 'inside.' † First peal.

Rung half-muffled, by members of the tower, to the honoured memory of R. Victor Evans, 51 years a member of the tower.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

FINEDON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 FINEDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

Alan A. Paul Treble	James Linnell 5
John R. Ketteringham .. 2	Graham C. Paul 6
Roger W. Smith 3	Charles E. Truman 7
*Barry E. Saunders 4	Patrick I. Chapman Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves.

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

* 50th peal. First peal in the method.

COLD HIGHAM, Northants.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	Graham C. Paul 4
Shirley Ruddlesden 2	Roger W. Smith 5
Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 3	Alan A. Paul Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

EDITH WESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, C.C.C. nos. 1, 2, 7, 9, 10, 23 and 25. Tenor 7 cwt.

J. Martin Thorley Treble	Brian Harris 4
*Geoffrey T. Norris 2	Gerald W. Reynolds 5
Christopher Groome 3	Raymond H. Daw Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* First peal.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTH BRADLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' variation of Parker's 12-Part. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*Peter Beaven Treble	†Geoffrey A. Carter 5
†Brian Carter 2	Richard O. Humphries 6
Jonathan H. Nibbs 3	*Robert D. Quartley 7
†Charles P. Quartley 4	Frederick Box Tenor

Conducted by Robert D. Quartley.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

SHREWSBURY.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

Alfred E. G. Owen Treble	Frederick A. H. Cattell .. 4
Bessie A. Carter 2	Edward W. Colley 5
Michael R. Wycherley .. 3	Philip J. Evans Tenor

Conducted by Philip J. Evans.

Rung on the 250th anniversary of the founding of the Union Society.

FINEDON S.M.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, and Plain Bob, and two extents Kennington.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

S. Jane Dowse Treble	Robert D. Marsh 3
Ruth Blackshaw 2	Maurice W. Harrison .. 4

C. Raymond Larkin Tenor

Conducted by Robert D. Marsh.

First peal as conductor.

A farewell to 1964, and a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Marsh, the conductor's mother.

WILFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.

On Wed., Jan. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 12 methods: being 3 extents each of Marchington, Rushall, All Saints, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Little Aston, Cliffords Pleasure, Southrepps, Kennington, Seighford, and April Day, and 6 extents Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

Robert D. Marsh Treble	Ruth Blackshaw 3
S. Jane Dowse 2	Maurice W. Harrison .. 4

C. Raymond Larkin Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

ELSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents of 720. Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb. in G sharp.

*M. 'Baz' Smedley Treble	†David T. Williamson .. 4
Margaret E. Chilton 2	Simon Humphries 5
George A. Dawson 3	John R. Pratchett Tenor

Conducted by John R. Pratchett.

* First peal. † First of Minor 'inside.'

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 26 methods/var. viz. Three extents Little Aston, two each Stedman, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Litchurch, Seighford, Southrepps, Rev. Canterbury Pl., Clifford's Pl., St. David, Winchendon, St. Simon, Grandsire and St. Philip; one each St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Martin, St. Paul, Newborough, St. Helen, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Rushall, All Saints and St. Matthias.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

*Margaret E. Chilton .. Treble	*†Peter Humphrey 3
George A. Dawson 2	*†Simon Humphrey 4

†Richard A. G. Ingles .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

* Most methods to a peal. † First of Doubles. ‡ First of Doubles 'inside.'

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

LICHFIELD, Staffordshire.—At the Cathedral Church of

SS. Mary and Chad.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Richard C. Ingram .. Treble	Maurice G. Ingram .. 6
*Lucy Smith 2	*Clive M. Smith 7
†Marlene E. Townsend .. 3	††Michael W. Fairey .. 8
Philip G. K. Davies .. 4	Edmund Malin 9
Richard J. Warrilow .. 5	J. Alan Ainsworth .. Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* First of Royal in the method. † First in the method. ‡ First on ten bells.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

BECCLES, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

Edwin R. Goate Treble	Richard C. L. Brown .. 6
*Michael Utton 2	H. William Barrett .. 7
Norman P. J. Cossey .. 3	Terence G. Page 8
†Ian Margetts 4	Ralph W. Bickers 9
Thomas Brock 5	Trevor N. J. Bailey .. Tenor

Arranged and conducted by Edwin R. Goate.

* First in the method. † First on ten bells.

Rung to honour Dr. Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin, recent winner of the 'Nobel' prize for chemistry, after the civic reception on the occasion of her visit to her native town.

FRAMLINGHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 60 lb. in F.

Robert E. Lester Treble	*Lawrence R. Pizzeby .. 5
B. Gillian Schofield .. 2	Roderick W. Pipe 6
Cecil W. Pipe 3	Andrew T. Beckwith .. 7
Neville F. Whittell .. 4	George W. Pipe Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by George W. Pipe.

* First peal of London.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

EYE, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Dudley H. P. Buxton Treble	Lawrence R. Pizzev 5
Albert G. Harrison 2	Leslie G. Brett 6
Leonard E. Last 3	George W. Pipe 7
Harold W. H. Leather 4	Andrew T. Beckwith Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by Andrew T. Beckwith.

Rung following the wedding of Mr. Gerald Cooper, of Stradbroke, to Miss Lucy Nunn, of Bedford.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

Robert W. Hinde Treble	R. James Cook 6
Hilary F. Martin 2	Andrew J. Corby 7
Raymond E. Finch 3	W. Arthur Riddington 8
John A. Howard 4	*Stewart F. Kimber 9
Jean L. Lavender 5	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

Conducted by Stewart F. Kimber.

* 50th peal for the Association.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 56 lb.

John C. Baldwin Treble	† Catherine M. Powell 6
Angela Grainger 2	‡ Michael J. Bew 7
* Angela M. Wright 3	Albert W. Bond 8
† D. Paul Treble 4	† Raymond J. Talbot 9
* John R. Norris 5	Bernard G. North Tenor

Conducted by John C. Baldwin.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Royal. ‡ First of Surprise and of Royal.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Angela Grainger and Peter Newing.

CUCKFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Fri., Dec. 18, 1964, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising 768 each of Bristol and London, 576 each of Ealing, Rutland and Watford, 384 each of Cambridge, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, and 288 Lincolnshire, with 137 changes of method.

E. Jane Sibson Treble	* Ronald F. Diserens 5
* Patricia Diserens 2	* George Francis 6
* Edgar R. Rapley 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
Edward F. P. Bryant 4	* W. Leslie Weller Tenor

Composed by Edwin A. Barrett.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal of ten-Spliced. † First of ten-Spliced for the Association.

WARBLETON, Sussex.—At the Church of the St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 19, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 9 lb. in A flat.

Robert W. R. Percy Treble	Frederick J. Lambert 4
* Janet M. Percy 2	† Rosemary Earl 5
* Betty Percy 3	Alan R. Baldock Tenor

Arranged by Rev. E. Banks James.

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. † First of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor. Miss Rosemary Earl has now 'circled the tower' to peals.

COWFOLD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of, London, Bourne, Neatherseale, Beverley, Surfleet, Norwich and Cambridge.

Edgar R. Rapley Treble	George Francis 4
Jennifer M. Taylor 2	James R. Taylor 5
Stanley G. Ponting 3	W. Leslie Weller Tenor

Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

Rung for the appointment as Rector of St Stephen's, Kimberley, S.A., of the Rev. Bernard G. More.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

NEATH, Glam.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Seven different extents, being three of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.

John Locke Treble	Ellis N. Thomas 4
Harry Boyce 2	* John M. Hughes 5
Raymond J. Hosking 3	Gwyn I. Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

* First peal 'inside.'

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

CURY, Helston, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Corantyn.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Two extents of Stedman, eight of Reverse Canterbury, eight Plain Bob, four April Day, 20 Grand sire.

Alan Carveth Treble	Anthony Locke 4
Revd. A. S. Roberts 2	Anthony J. Davidson 5
* Arthur F. Burley 3	George W. Riddy Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

* 50th peal. First peal on the bells.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Riddy, and 4 thanksgiving for the life of Mr. W. G. Hiscott, of Liskeard, a Vice-president of the Guild.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of The Ascension, Bitterne Park.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 41 lb. in A flat.

Robert C. Kippin Treble	* Arthur W. J. Butler 5
David J. Forder 2	Maurice J. Butler 6
David E. House 3	Thomas H. Francis 7
Michael J. Thomas 4	R. Roger Savory Tenor

Composed by Frederick W. Rogers.

Conducted by R. Roger Savory.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

Rung for the Feast of St. Stephen.

HAWKLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Anne M. Smith Treble	Michael J. Wake 5
* Andrew G. Stevens 2	William H. Riddle 6
Philip Stevens 3	E. Winifred Keys 7
William F. J. Cope 4	Stanley G. Ponting Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton.

Conducted by E. Winifred Keys.

* First peal of Major 'inside.'

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 43 lb. in F.

Malcolm M. Powell Treble	Maurice J. Butler 5
* Derek C. Jackson 2	Thomas H. Francis 6
Michael J. Thomas 3	Tom Chapman 7
David J. Forder 4	R. Roger Savory Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by R. Roger Savory.

* First peal of London. First of London as conductor.

HIGHCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Thurs., Jan. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb. in G

* Philip Murdock Treble	Peter J. Shipton 5
Eunice A. Lewis 2	Brian J. Luff 6
Felicity T. Webber 3	Frank W. Lewis 7
Reginald W. Rex 4	Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pittow.

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* 50th peal. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

The 50th peal on the bells.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

CLAINES, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

F. Mark Robottom Treble	John H. Fielden 6
David J. Allen 2	Ian C. Maycock 7
Pamela M. Turner 3	Malcolm A. Phillips 8
Susan Funnell 4	Kenneth J. Hesketh 9
Maryl R. Crossthwaite 5	Peter S. Bennett Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler.

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

Rung prior to the wedding of David French and Gillian Watkins.

STOURBRIDGE, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol, and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Norman J. Goodman Treble	Michael J. Fellows 5
Susan Funnell 2	Barrie Hendry 6
John C. Eisel 3	Martin D. Fellows 7
Roderick W. Pipe 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

EARLS CROOME, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford and St. Clement's and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 14 lb.
Ronald J. Stephens .. Treble .. Arthur C. Berry .. 4
John E. Whittall .. 2 .. Anthony J. Brazier .. 5
James Attwood, jun. .. 3 .. C. Barrie Dove .. Tenor
Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

STOULTON, Worcestershire.—At the Stoulton Campanile.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 107 lb.
Arthur C. Berry .. Treble .. John E. Whittall .. 4
C. Barrie Dove .. 2 .. James Attwood, jun. .. 5
*Rosalind Porter .. 3 .. Arthur A. Jopp .. Tenor
Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
* First peal of Minor and *inside. The conductor's 75th peal.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

RIPPONDEN, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Tues., Dec. 22, 1964, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. in G flat.

*B. Gillian Schofield .. Treble .. Peter A. Kirkby .. 5
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 2 .. *Harold B. Schofield .. 6
Iris Lemare .. 3 .. Roger T. Lumley .. 7
A. Barry Sullivan .. 4 .. S. Barry Schofield .. Tenor
Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by B. Gillian Schofield.
* 50th peal together.

PUDSEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 13 lb. in F.

Roger J. Lumley .. Treble .. William Barton .. 5
Edna M. Poulter .. 2 .. Alexander E. Marsh .. 6
John W. Gibson .. 3 .. John Ambler .. 7
Gordon Benfield .. 4 .. Barry Sullivan .. Tenor
Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by William Barton.
In memoriam Ernest Mann.

BATLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Barry Sullivan .. Treble .. William A. Kirkby .. 5
Jane Thurmott .. 2 .. Harold B. Schofield .. 6
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 3 .. Maurice J. Thurmott .. 7
Frederick A. Munday .. 4 .. Roger J. Lumley .. Tenor
Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Frederick A. Munday.

BIRSTALL, W. Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Maurice J. Thurmott .. Treble .. Frederick A. Munday .. 5
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 2 .. Harold B. Schofield .. 6
Peter A. Kirkby .. 3 .. Gordon Benfield .. 7
Roy Bettley-Cooke .. 4 .. S. Barry Schofield .. Tenor
Composed and Conducted by Maurice J. Thurmott.

(Beverley and District Society.)

BURSTWICK, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of London, Norwich and Surfleet, and two each of Beverley and Cambridge.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

David S. Johnson .. Treble .. Richard D. Gibson .. 4
Howard C. Palmer .. 2 .. Ian G. Campbell .. 5
Graham K. Smith .. 3 .. F. Charles Hobson .. Tenor
Conducted by F. Charles Hobson.
First peal of five Surprise Minor for all. First as conductor.

THORNHURST, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of College Exercise T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob and two each of Kent and Oxford T.B.

Tenor 104 cwt.

Harold B. Schofield .. Treble .. Michael Staniforth .. 4
Peter Dawson .. 2 .. Alan E. Hartley .. 5
Roger J. Lumley .. 3 .. Frederick A. Munday .. Tenor
Conducted by Frederick A. Munday.

The last peal on the bells, before being augmented, and in the same methods as the first peal on June 20th, 1931.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

HOUGHTON CONQUEST, Bedfordshire.—At 28, High Street.

On Sun., Dec. 27, 1964, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C sharp.

Jennifer M. Taylor .. 1—2 .. Stephen Ivins .. 5—6
James R. Taylor .. 3—4 .. *Avril Ivins .. 7—8
Arranged and Conducted by Stephen Ivins.
* First peal on handbells. First peal on the bells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, Hertfordshire.—In the School.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 16 in B.

Gerald Penney .. 1—2 .. Kenneth J. Darvill .. 5—6
Julia A. Fellows .. 3—4 .. Walter Ayre .. 7—8
Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Walter Ayre.
With best wishes to Mr. E. Garbutt (headmaster), who is leaving to take over another headship in Lancashire.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Worcester Variation. Tenor size 19 in F.

*Alan McFall .. 1—2 .. Brian J. Woodruffe .. 5—6
Robert B. Smith .. 3—4 .. Giles B. Thompson .. 7—8
Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of Treble Bob on handbells. First of Kent and Oxford T.B. Major on handbells by all.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 20 methods, comprising 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Leatherhead, Lindum, London, Rutland, Uxbridge, Watford and Wembley, and 160 each of Aldenham, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, Painswick, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 134 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Thomas J. Lock .. 1—2 .. Roger Baldwin .. 5—6
John R. Mayne .. 3—4 .. *Frank C. Price .. 7—8
Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of 20 Spliced Surprise Major on handbells. † First of 20 Spliced and 50th handbell peal.

HARROW, Middle ex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.

On Fri., Jan. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 24 in D sharp.

Thomas J. Lock .. 1—2 .. John R. Mayne .. 5—6
*Joan Beresford .. 3—4 .. Frank C. Price .. 7—8
Composed by Stephen Ivins. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal of London on handbells.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NORWICH.—In the Church of St. Peter, Parmentergate.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1964, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in four variations of calling. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Peter N. Mackley .. 1—2 .. Paul Cattermole (cond.) .. 3—4
*Richard A. J. Bower .. 5—6

* First peal.

Rung by an honorary member and two members of the Gresham's School Society of Changeringers.

REEPHAM, Norfolk.—At Ollands, Road.

On Wed., Jan. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Herbert F. Laskey .. 1—2 .. John R. Smith (Cond.) .. 3—4
*Walter Ford .. 5—6

* First peal of Minor * in hand.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

ELLAND, Yorkshire.—In the Belfry of the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Arthur Rogers .. 1—2 .. Vivian Nutton (cond.) .. 3—4
*Albert W. Bond .. 5—6

* First peal on handbells.

QUARTER PEALS

ABBOT'S LEIGH, SUMERSET.—On January 5th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: J. Butler 1, Judith Fitzgeorge 2, R. Fitzgeorge 3, N. Coombe (cond.) 4, W. Willans (first 'inside') 5, G. Moore 6.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Margaret Williams 1, A. W. Williams 2, R. L. Hughes 3, R. J. Lloyd 4, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 5, J. W. Hope 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. E. A. Christian.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—At St. Mary's Church on December 31st, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Jean Henderson (first quarter) 1, Margaret C. Godfrey 2, Katharine M. Guy 3, E. Godfrey 4, R. J. Cooles 5, A. E. Clayton 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, F. A. Benn 8.

BENHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Grandire Doubles (6-8 covering): B. J. Vitter 1, A. Hicks (cond.) 2, L. Cooksey 3, J. Carr 4, J. P. Swift 5, D. Laffar 6, C. F. Pilbeam 8. For Confirmation.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Julia Collinge (11, first quarter) 1, Penny Kift (12) 2, Mrs. B. Van-Asselt 3, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 4, R. C. Kift 5, Kendal Rundle 6.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 8th, 1,280 Grandire Major: H. Heymann 1, Rosemary Smith 2, A. Perry (first of Major) 3, G. Pullin 4, R. Smith 5, E. Lee 6, J. Brain 7, M. Horseman (cond.) 8. First of Grandire Major by all.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. H. Whittell (first quarter) 1, M. J. Howes 2, R. L. K. Whittell 3, A. J. Munnings 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

BROADWINDSOR, DORSET.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Mrs. C. Gratton 1, M. Hiller 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, C. Gratton 4, K. C. Jones 5, J. C. Sawtell 6. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Gratton's mother.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On Dec. 20th at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Holby 1, Miss A. Callum 2, B. Redgers 3, B. Forsyth 4, J. Boustead 5, J. Ling (cond.) 6, J. Morgan 7. For the christening of Thomas James, infant son of Canon and Mrs. T. R. Hare.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss A. Jupp 1, D. G. Blows 2, Miss S. Buchanan 3, P. J. Privett 4, Miss A. Pickering 5, J. W. Priest 6, Roy Collins (cond.) 7, Ron Collins 8.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On January 8th, 1,260 Carshalton Bob Triples: Mrs. H. Howes 1, G. Cooke 2, Miss B. Butler 3, R. Partridge 4, R. Heyworth 5, A. Howes 6, G. Mellone (cond.) 7, S. Franklin 8. First touch in the method for all the band.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Brain 1, P. England (first of Major 'inside') 2, M. Horseman 3, Rosemary Smith 4, G. Pullin 5, R. Smith 6, A. Cox 7, E. Lee (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment for the conductor.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Grace Burchall 1, Katharine Burchall 2, Mary C. Poyner 3, D. D. Parsons 4, H. Hawcroft 5, J. Gow 6, H. Poyner (cond.) 7, J. Coates 8. For Christmas.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Parry (first quarter) 1, H. Poyner (cond.) 2, Doreen Metcalfe 3, J. Coates 4, J. Gow 5, R. Hobbs 6. For Evensong.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. J. Elbeck 1, J. H. Rothery 2, J. H. McTear 3, T. Richardson 4, J. A. Haile 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Barbara Mary Watson and Colin Frank Gates, both ringers at this tower.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 28th at the R.C. Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund of Canterbury, 1,280 London Surprise Major: F. Cole 1, J. Insley 2, M. Morton 3, A. Ager 4, P. J. Morton 5, J. Insley 6, P. L. McEvilly 7, J. McDonald (cond.) 8. Rung by Sunday service band.

ESHER, SURREY.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Henry (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. G. Chinnery 2, Mrs. P. Bird 3, Miss G. Mooring 4, J. Maybrey 5, C. Chinnery 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, H. Colombe 8. For Morning Service.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandire): R. Cheevers (first quarter) 1, J. Baverstock 2, P. T. King 3, J. Musell 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, R. Storer 6.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: P. Gibson 1, Rosemarie A. Frith 2, Marion R. Pantion 3, P. W. Saitmarsh 4, M. J. Cowling 5, I. R. Pantion (cond.) 6, P. G. Brown 7, S. P. Crawley 8.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Pipe 1, C. R. Lovett 2, Miss G. Schofield 3, J. W. Bennett 4, S. R. E. Pipe 5, E. G. Pearce 6, R. W. Pipe (cond.) 7, F. Crappell 8.

HATFIELD HEATH, ESSEX.—On December 5th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: D. Hatley 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, A. Richardson 3, H. Watts 4, T. Camp 5, J. Want (first quarter) 6.

HECKINGTON, Lincs.—On Dec. 28th 1,376 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Bird (first of Major) 1, Miss P. F. Rooney (first of Major) 2, R. Trevitt 3, D. J. Hopkinson (first of Major 'inside') 4, G. J. N. Colborne (first of Major) 5, R. Hunt 6, M. R. Rooney 7, D. R. Baxter (arranger and cond.) 8. Average age of band 16½ years.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Bailey 1, Miss J. Palmer 2, H. Colcombe 3, Miss G. Mooring 4, B. White 5, J. King 6, C. Chinnery 7, C. Webb (cond.) 8. For Evening Service and a farewell quarter to Miss J. Palmer and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. White on the birth of a daughter.

HEVER, KENT.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: J. H. French 1, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 2, G. S. E. Winter 3, D. R. B. Collins 4, R. W. H. Hayes 5, D. J. M. Cox 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Lady Aston of Hever.

HINTON BLEWITT, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Ruth Gay 1, Rosemary Smith 2, A. Perry 3, R. Smith 4, P. Gay (cond.) 5. First in 11 methods for all the band.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Barker 1, J. Dowse 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, J. Heaps (cond.) 5, R. Larkin 6. For Evensong.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles (4, 6, 8, behind): W. Webb 1, C. Manley 2, Miss G. Mooring (cond.) 3, J. Real 4, R. Watts 5, B. Harvey 6, C. Webb 7, F. Lane 8. For Carol Service.

HUNTINGTON, YORK.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary I. Hildred (first of Minor) 1, Jennifer Pearce (first 'inside') 2, D. Pearson 3, C. J. Groome 4, Susan E. Thompson 5, A. C. Barton (25th quarter, cond.) 6. First of Minor by local band.

KIRK ELLA, EAST YORKS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. C. Palmer 1, G. K. Smith 2, F. C. Hobson 3, R. Ducker 4, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 5, J. S. Rank 6. First of Stedman Doubles by all the band. For Evensong.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Smith 1, C. Willington 2, Miss P. Fox 3, C. Hughes 4, D. Ellisdon 5, D. Hewitt 6, J. Crampion (cond.) 7, A. White 8. An 80th birthday compliment to 'Ted' Smith, a ringer at St. John's for 48 years and tower master for 33.

LITTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Childwall Bob Minor: Ruth Gay 1, Rosemary Smith 2, A. Perry 3, R. Smith 4, M. Horseman 5, P. Gay (cond.) 6. First in the method for all the band.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', 1,259 Grandire Caters: D. Hewitt 1, I. Dear 2, P. Chapman 3, M. Austin 4, N. Bagworth 5, C. Wright 6, K. Warner 7, R. Chapman (cond.) 8, D. Cobb 9, M. Hallett 10. For Evensong and as a 21st birthday compliment to the senior brother of the 6th ring.

LYDIARD TREGOZE, WILTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,440 London S. Minor: R. E. Lutton 1, W. B. Kynaston 2, V. Griffin 3, W. H. Trueman 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, B. Bladen 6. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells, rung to welcome Linda Dawn Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Collins, born Dec. 28th, 1964.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's, Jesmond, on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Susan Elliott (first 8) 1, J. G. White 2, P. C. E. Shears (first of Triples 'inside') 3, R. A. Yeates 4, S. J. Pardoe 5, J. A. Sturrock 6, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 7, P. R. Martin 8. For Evensong.

NEWENT, GLOS.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: R. Jones 1, W. Jenkins 2, L. Smith 3, F. Turner (cond.) 4, K. Tyler 5, T. Stevens 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Frank Thurston.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 10th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: P. Privett 1, J. Drury 2, C. Hill 3, J. Bilk (cond.) 4. For Morning Service. The first of Minimus on tower bells, by all the band.

PENNER, MIDDLESEX.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Helen Jefferson 1, D. E. B. Knights (cond.) 2, Mary Took 3, M. Took 4, R. B. Sanders 5, H. Paull 6, K. B. Sanders 7, M. Hickman 8. For Evensong and a retirement compliment to Rev. Eric Barnes on completing 28 years as Vicar.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Mrs. E. J. Duguid 1, L. D. Duguid 2, A. R. Cope 3, T. R. Taylor 4, A. Page 5, W. Tate 6, E. W. Keys (cond.) 7, C. H. Harris (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Ward 1, R. Tomlin 2, T. Jones 3, F. May 4, P. Sadler 5, D. Belcham 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong.

SALTWOOD, KENT.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Barber 1, Jane M. Hough 2, Vivienne M. Dye 3, Rachel J. Sinden 4, G. J. Neilson (cond.) 5, J. R. Hough 6.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Jan. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Quince 1, Mrs. R. Houghton 2, C. Blain 3, A. Smith 4, Miss J. Ashton (cond.) 5, R. Houghton 6. In memoriam Rev. Thomas H. Strong (Rector 1920-46), and Charles J. Ball (ringer, and Biggleswade District Secretary for 27 years).

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On January 7th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Jessie Kipplin 1, Hilary Kipplin 2, Patricia Laycock 3, Diane Street (first in method) 4, R. Hough 5, Elizabeth Stevinson (first in method) 6, F. Housden 7, C. H. Kipplin (cond.) 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Yvonne Patheyjohns 1, Pamela M. Jervis 2, R. J. Foster 3, B. T. Lister 4, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 5, F. R. Scott 7, J. K. Ward 8. For the service of Carols and Lessons.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Brown 1, M. Pantion 2, I. Pantion 3, B. Brinkly 4, P. Roxthera 5, P. G. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung fully-muffled in memory of John B. H. Britter, Rector (1960-65), interred this day.

STAMFORD HILL, LONDON.—At St. Ann's Church, on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Grandire and Plain): Steven Rowe (11) 1, Mrs. M. J. Hedley 2, E. J. Rowe 3, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 4, M. J. Medley 5, W. Wainwright 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Green and Mr. W. J. Paton (churchwarden).

STANTON ST. JOHN, OXON.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: G. A. Porter 1, L. R. Porter 2, J. S. Walker 3, R. H. Jones (cond.) 4, N. D. Deam 5.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on Christmas Eve, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss J. Davidge 1, V. Griffin 2, Miss R. Roworth 3, Miss S. Little 4, W. W. T. Daniell 5, P. Minchin 6, M. Stanley 7, A. G. Wells 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, L. Picknell 10.

SWINESHEAD, Lincs.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: A. Key 1, Mrs. P. Reynolds 2, R. Howard 3, J. P. Morris 4, N. B. Fovargue 5, W. B. Dawson 6, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, C. Stubley 8. For 8 a.m. Communion.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Celia Chandler 1, Grace Burchall 2, Susan Moxon 3, Katharine Burchall 4, R. Beresford 5, A. Parsons 6, D. Williamson (first as cond.) 7, D. Parsons 8. Half-muffled to ring out the Old Year.

TADCASTER, YORKS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Jennifer Pearce (first on eight and of Grandire) 1, D. Pearson 2, M. D. Stanforth 3, Margaret E. Wilkinson 4, Susan E. Thompson 5, C. J. Groome (first in method 'inside') 6, A. C. Banton (first of Triples as cond.) 7, A. W. A. Leggett 8. Rung by members of York Minster Society of Change Ringers after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

TEDDINGTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Horsford 1-2, J. F. M. Maybrey (first quarter on handbells) 3-4, D. W. Struckett (cond.) 5-6. Rung by staff of National Physical Laboratory, Teddington.

TWYKESBURY, GLOUCS.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, on Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Susan Chorley (first quarter) 1, Nadine Price (first as cond.) 2, M. Hawkes 3, P. S. Robertson 4, M. Bosket 5, S. J. G. Pouncey (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of William Halling.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandire and Bob Doubles: N. Watson 1, D. M. Reeve 2, H. Fuller 3, J. Paul (cond.) 4, H. Ivings 5. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Cole, Thetford.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 29th, 1,344 T.B. Minor (Oswald Delight, Bourne Surprise): Jennifer Brown (first of T.B.): 1. Katharine M. Guy 2, Margaret C. Godfrey 3, E. G. H. Godfrey 4, Tony Lewis 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6.

WIVELSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Heywood's): H. V. Young 1, G. Sparkes 2, Mrs. E. S. Powell 3, F. Casley 4, H. Purchase 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 7, A. Gale 8. Last quarter before renovation.

WOODCHURCH, BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: June Price 1, Barbara Gateland 2, J. S. Anderson 3, A. Wilkinson 4, W. Hall (cond.) 5, R. Cleaver 6. For Christmas.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: E. H. Tanner 1, Jill Riley 2, Hazel A. Arrowsmith (first as cond.) 3, T. J. Lamb (first 'inside') 4, P. S. Bennett 5, J. Stockley 6. Rung for morning Prayer, and as a birthday compliment to Nicolas M. Lamb, son of the ringer on 4, and to Kenneth J. Hesketh (21st).

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PERSONAL

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God: let them also be merry and joyful.—Psalm lxxviii, 3.

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PERSONAL PEAL ANALYSIS, 1964.—If you want your total checked send details to Mr. James R. Taylor, 15, Greenacre Road, Whitchurch, Bristol 4. Particulars wanted of tower- and handbell peals rung (separate totals), with numbers conducted in parentheses.

CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY, HAMPSHIRE.—Ringing suspended until further notice (estimated 8 to 10 weeks) during progress of repair work to fabric and belfry floor. District annual meeting (February 6th) will be held at Ringwood. Details later.—Gerald Scragg, Tower Captain. 6143

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—At North Shields, 10-bell practice, 7.30 p.m. Friday January 29th. Visiting ringers very welcome. 6157

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES.—Meeting in Rotherham and Sheffield, Saturday, February 6th. Towers available: St. Stephen, Eastwood, Rotherham 10.30–11.30; All Saints', Rotherham 11.30–1. Sheffield p.m.: St. Mary, Handsworth 1.45–2.45; St. John Evang., Ransmoor 3.15–4.30; St. Marie R.C. 4.30–5.45; Cathedral 6.30–7.45. Own arrangements for lunch and tea. 6134

NORTON, HERTS.—Practice night first Thursday in every month 7.30 p.m.—E. Buck. 6153

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY.—The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 13th. Tickets (£1 each) from: D. R. Ingram, Lincoln Hall, University Park, Nottingham. Cheques U. of Nottm. Students' Union. 6157

ST. KATHERINE'S, MERSTHAM.—A Dedication service will be held instead of Evensong on Sunday, January 31st, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing will commence at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. Searle, 27, Orpin Road, Tel. Merstham 72. Please by Saturday, January 23rd. All are welcome. 6145

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual Dinner, February 6th, Jesus College. Tickets with ringing arrangements (price £1) from Miss H. F. Pardoe, St. Anne's College, Oxford. 6122

WANTED.—A spare or unwanted 1965 Ringers' Diary.—Apply N. Siman, Badock Hall, Stoke Bishop, Bristol 9. 6156

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—An Executive Committee meeting will be held in the vestry of Holy Trinity, Guildford, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 13th. Main business—annual report. 6135

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—Practices on Saturdays January 23rd and February 20th. Both from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. All welcome, so please come. 6134

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER CHURCH HOUSE RESTAURANT, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1. on February 13th, 1965, at 6.30 for 7 p.m.

Please send 22s. 6d. to Miss B. Dale, Westfield College, London, N.W.3, who will also supply ringing details, by February 8th. Visitors welcome. 6151

MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Etwall (6), Friday evening, January 22nd, 7.45 p.m.—M. A. Willis, Dis. Sec. 6114

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting, Ditchat (8), January 23rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Saturday, January 23rd: Induction at Dulverton 3 p.m. Bells from 2.15 and after service.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 6157

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting held at St. Peter's, Fairfield, Saturday, January 23rd, 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. For teas please notify Mrs. S. Ellison, 70, Kings Road, Fairfield, Buxton.—G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 6108

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Monthly practice, and quarterly meeting, Woodchester, Saturday, January 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 6119

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual District meeting at Farnham on January 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham, Surrey.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 6094

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, January 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.45 Tea 5.15 p.m. Reservations, please, to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard (2260).

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting Grantham, Saturday, January 23rd. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m., service 4.15 p.m. Meeting in church 6 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.—H. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 6125

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Branch committee meeting at the Scout Hut, Almond Road, Burnham, 3.30 p.m., Saturday, January 23rd. Ringing at Hitcham, 6 p.m.—Miss Hague. 6070

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting, Green's Norton, January 30th. Names for tea to Mr. A. Mansfield, 3, Duncote, Towcester. 6118

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—A practice meeting will be held at Castle Bromwich (a good six) on January 23rd. Ringing from 7 until 9. 6121

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Annual general meeting at Wimborne, January 23rd. Bells 2.30 and 6.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Bishop, Denhom, Wimborne Road West, Wimborne. 6112

SOUTHEAST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A.G.M. Saturday, January 23rd, at Prittlewell. Bells 3 o'clock, service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bells after meeting till 9 o'clock or as required. 6149

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldington (6), Saturday, January 23rd (not 16th). Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Norwich Surprise Minor. Names for tea, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurspierpoint. 6130

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice night meeting at Swindon Village on Monday, January 25th, from 7.30 onwards.—Rev. J. Homfray, Branch Sec., Staverton Vicarage, near Cheltenham. 6144

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Practice meeting, Westerleigh, Wednesday, January 27th. Bells (6) available 7–9 p.m. 6044

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual meeting, Stockport St. Mary, January 30th. Bells 3, service 4.30, tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. F. S. Dodd, 208, Turncroft Lane, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis, Hon. Sec. 6128

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Runcorn on Saturday, January 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 6150

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—S.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, Plympton St. Maurice, Saturday, January 30th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by January 24th to Mr. David Farnham, 31, Reynolds Road, Plympton, Devon. 6024

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at St. George's, Doncaster, Saturday, January 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to F. A. Staveley, 151, Wentworth Road, Doncaster. 6135

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting at Staunton, Glos. on Saturday, January 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss G. Mitchell, School Crescent, Corse, Staunton, Glos, before 26th or no tea available. 6148

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual meeting, January 30th. St. Mary's and Holy Trinity bells 3 p.m. Service at Holy Trinity 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. G. Ponting, Highdown, Milford, Godalming. St. Nicolas' bells afterwards. 6097

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual general meeting, Hemel Hempstead, January 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. Williams, 7, Midland Road, Hemel Hempstead. 6160

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual district meeting, Wood Green, January 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing till approx. 8.30 p.m. 6104

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual meeting, Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, January 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Roderick, 26, Hookland Road, Porthcawl, Glamorgan.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—A.G.M., Chilvers Coton (10) on January 30th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. in Constitutional Club. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 27th, to Mrs. D. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton, Warwick. Further ringing in the evening. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. E. Chesterton, Hon. Sec. 6131

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Annual general meeting at St. Chad's Church, Poulton-le-Fylde, on Saturday, January 30th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. 6129

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Birstall on Saturday, January 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided, but names are not required.—Ian North, Hon. Sec. 6147

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Barrow-on-Humber, Saturday, January 30th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting 5 p.m. Please be considerate and send names for tea by January 27th, to Mr. A. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber.—C. A. H. 6096

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Annual general meeting, All Saints, Northampton, Saturday, January 30th. Ringing at St. Peter's 2.30-3.45 p.m., All Saints 3.45-4.15 p.m., and after meeting. Service 4.15 p.m., All Saints'. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton. 6105

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 30th, Mansfield. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at Grove House. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday previous to Mrs. F. Adcock, 14, Windsor Road, Mansfield.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 6124

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of members of the Guild Executive Committee and members of the Central District will be held at Palgrave, January 30th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. District quarterly meeting in church at 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in schoolroom 5 p.m. for those applying by January 27th. Guild executive meeting to follow tea.—L. E. Last, Central Dis. Sec. 6057

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting Basingstoke, January 30th. St. Michael's bells 3 p.m. All Saints' bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names, please, by Wednesday, January 27th, to John Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 6161

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Newport, January 30th. Bells 3-4.15 p.m. Service. Tea and business meeting to follow. Carisbrooke bells available afterwards.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 6138

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney Branch.—Dinner, Masonic Hall, Church Green, Witney, on February 5th, 7.15 for 7.45 p.m. Tickets, price 12s. 6d. Branch members, 15s. non-members, 10s. juniors (all), before February 1st from E. Patching, 19, Common Close, Northleigh, Witney. 6133

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Lillington, Saturday, February 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me.—P. S. Bennett, College Farm, Bearley, Stratford-upon-Avon. 6126

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual general meeting at Leatherhead on February 6th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by February 3rd. Mr. A. J. Smith, 25, Hilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead, Surrey. 6154

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Thetford, Saturday, February 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 3rd, to Mr. H. B. Fuller, 97, Nelson Crescent, Thetford.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 6146

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BADSWORTH BELLS

By F. ATKINSON

THE four ancient bells in this fine Yorkshire village church are hung in its well-proportioned and strongly built tower. They are in a metal frame constructed to hold two treble bells for a future ring of six, and are tuned A sharp, G sharp, F sharp and E, which weigh 13 cwt. 24 lb. The melody of these bells is beautiful. Their inscriptions are:

Treble.—PERSONET HEC CELIS DULCISIMA VOX GABRIELIS. Probably cast by Richard Mellour, 1488-1539, and Henry Oldfield, 1539-1589, of Nottingham.

Second.—GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO. 1675. S. S. EBOR. I. H. H. H. H. W., CHURCHWARDENS.

Third.—I SWEETLY TOLING MEN DO CALL TO TASTE ON MEATS THAT FEEDS THE SOULE. 1669. Hugh Oldfield.

Fourth.—GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO. ANNO DNI 1582. Cast by Godfrey Heathcote, of Chesterfield, 1577-1643.

Not long ago Mr. Michael King wrote an article in the 'R.W.' on four bell towers, and this ring evidently puzzled him. In August last these bells were examined by Messrs. John Sykes and John Weaver, and they, too, would like to know more of their history, but this will never be known.

There are two very similar legends concerning bells being taken from All Saints' Church, Pontefract, to Badsworth. One account says that Col. Bright took eleven bells away, leaving. The other account says that, after the last siege of Pontefract, 1648-9, Col. Bright, of Badsworth, obtained a grant of some of the bells for his own church. The question might be asked what did he do with them, or were there ever twelve bells at Pontefract? No. There may have been five and he took four of them.

At the Inventory of Church Goods, 1552, Badsworth Church had four bells. I shall always hold the view that Col. Bright took four bells away to Badsworth, leaving one at Pontefract. The present treble and tenor could easily have been two of them, and the other two recast later. It would seem that the Colonel changed the bells, pleased with their fine tone, and probably erected a new oak frame to hold them.

Seeing there is now a frame in the tower for a ring of six bells, some ringers wonder how the present four can be increased. W. Palmer, of Badsworth, says the treble would have to be recast, no; retune it, no; replace it, yes, decidedly, but do not place it on the church floor as a relic; use it.

The melody of these bells is too precious to lose, and my friend Fred Terry, of Hemingbrough, who has known them a long time, thinks there are none like them. A little while ago he took a band over and

rang them, and also taped them. I have known Badsworth bells for 70 years, rung on them and heard them four miles away.

The most sensible way to augment these bells is by three new treble bells, relaying the replaced bell to swing, or rigid, and a new Ellacombe chime rack for seven bells; the ancient melody would then be retained and the Badsworth bells would be unique.

The late Mr. T. W. Tew, who wrote an exhaustive account of All Saints' Church and who collected his facts from four accounts previously published, namely Fox's History, Boothroyd's History, a paper by Sir Gilbert Scott, and a sketch by Mr. Richard Holmes stationer and printer, of Pontefract, has the following in his very interesting 'Miscellaneous Papers':

It is said that there were originally twelve bells in All Saints' Church, and that Col. Bright took all but one away to Badsworth. This solitary bell became suddenly cracked in 1863, where the Rev. Sir Thomas E. Blomefield, Bart., a late esteemed Vicar, held a bazaar for some urgent repairs of the church, and the old bell was sent to Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, that its metal might be cast towards a new ring of six, tenor 11 cwt., at the cost of £350. The Rev. W. C. Lukis, of Wath, procured plaster casts of the bell, its letters and devices, and the Rev. J. T. Fowler published some notes on this bell in the 'Yorkshire Archaeological Journal' for 1871.

The date inscription round the mouth of the bell was 1598, which supposing there to have been no mistake on the bell itself, or in the copies, shows that it was cast in the 41st year of Elizabeth—a reign in which great numbers of bells were cast. The arms of Nottingham were upon it, and a series of heraldic devices, most of them badges of the Royal House of Tudor. The tone of this bell was very rich, it was called by Fothergill, in 1707, 'a gallant, sweet bell.' The badges were a conventional castle, a pomegranate slipped (this occurs twice), a shield bearing a cross raguly between three crowns, a Tudor Rose, a Talbot Hound, a Portcullis. These badges would seem to show that the bell was given by one of the Talbots, and cast at the great Nottingham foundry, whose history has still to be written.

Col. Bright, afterwards Sir John Bright, Bart., lived at Badsworth, and died on September 13th, 1688; there is a tablet on the north wall of Badsworth Church to his memory. His eldest son, Mr. John Bright, born about 1650, was accidentally slain by discharging a cannon on the tower on November 5th, 1677. I remember the bells of All Saints', Pontefract, being augmented in 1905 by two trebles and the tenor, now 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G, recast.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

The introduction of several controversial items added considerable interest to the annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild held in St. Martin's Church Vestry on January 2nd.

Before the business meeting, the chairman, Mr. Richard C. Ingram, referred to the loss to the Guild by the death of Charles Dale, of Solihull, and the members stood in silence as a token of respect to his memory.

A proposal was made that church councils be invited to subscribe an annual affiliation fee to the Guild. It was suggested that both church councils and incumbents might thereby become more interested in their bells and ringers. Considerable discussion ensued, but, as several arguments were put forward both in favour and against such a scheme, the meeting decided that the subject required more consideration before any definite action was taken.

A striking competition between towers within the Guild was also proposed. This proposition met with support, and a committee was formed to consider the necessary rules for entering and judging.

The balance sheet was presented by the secretary, who was pleased to report an increased balance over the previous year.

The name of Mr. Frank W. Perrens was added to the list of vice-presidents, in recog-

nition of his interest in the Guild over many years. The remaining offices were filled as follows: Master, Mr. Richard C. Ingram; Ringing Master, Mr. Alan Ainsworth; trustees, Mr. S. O'C. Holloway and Mr. B. D. A. Woolley; auditors, Mr. H. H. Fearn and Mr. S. O'C. Holloway; librarian, Mr. David Ingram; honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. E. Fearn.

It was decided to invite Mr. Frank E. Haynes to occupy the chair at the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, which will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, on March 6th.

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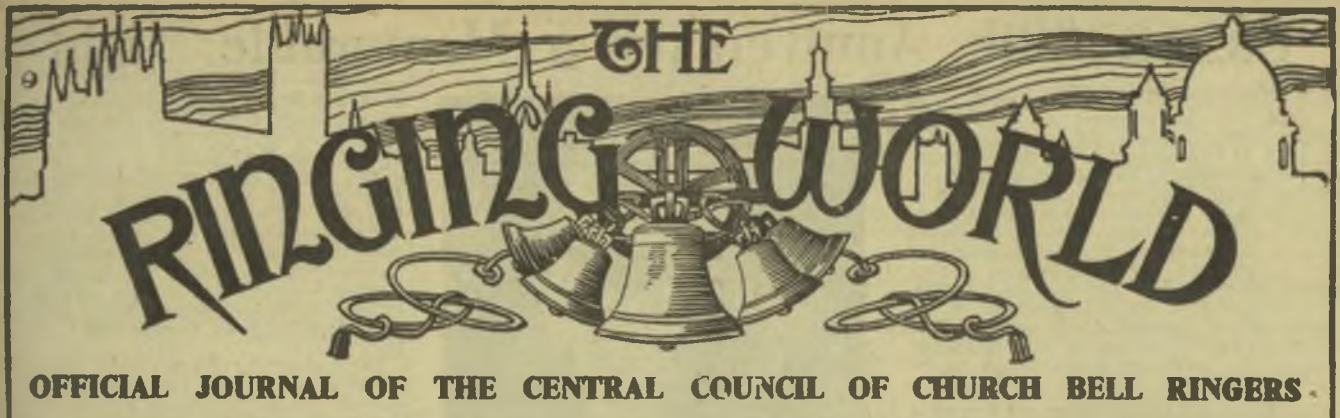
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MEMOIRS OF 'SUSSEX BY THE SEA'

And Brighton in particular! My first visit to this famous resort (with two irresponsible youths) started with a ring at St. Peter's and finished with a night divided between walking the sea front and a few hours sleep on the beach. All due to the fact that precaution had not been taken to see that the necessary money was in our pockets before starting our 50 mile ride.

Our next visit (with a slightly different partner!) proved more enjoyable, for on that occasion we rang a peal of Cambridge Major on the old eight at St. Peter's just previous to the installation of the fine ring of ten provided by Mr. J. Thornton Rickman, who was a very good friend to the County Association and a perfect gentleman in the full sense of the word. It was here we had our first real meeting with that great mainstay of St. Peter's, Keith Hart. Little did we realise then that we should in later years come in closer contact with him.

A few years on and we joined a band from Brighton to ring a peal for Frank Bennett's silver wedding, this coming to a stop about half way, which was just as well perhaps, as we had to ring with the bells fully muffled! The 1914 war saw very little ringing in Brighton.

A few years after the war we again came in contact with K.H. and his band. And by frequently meeting K.H. one began to recognise his power of leadership. Perhaps he was not always as diplomatic as some would have liked, but being a perfect striker himself he looked for the same in others. Striking apart, he was no doubt the best heavy-bell man Sussex had produced, and the County still has a long way to go to approach his standard. How many conductors would call 'Stand' after half a course of Cambridge Royal and walk across the tower to tell one of the band to 'roll your sleeves up properly and then we can start the peal again'!

It seemed very curious that the rest of K.H.'s band were very docile! Perhaps Albert Stone (one time Gen. Sec.) would now and again express his opinion, but for the rest (Ted Merrett, C. Palmer, J. Capp, Bill Hart, J. Verralls, F. Bennett, G. Smart, J. Dearlove and A. Gravett), they were all content to ring and listen. After ringing on Sunday mornings there was no doubt who was the leader! Off would go K.H. at a brisk pace down past the Aquarium along the sea front towards Black Rock, and then about turn. Sometimes Volk's railway would be honoured on the return journey but not if by 'stepping it out' they could get to the 'King and Queen' on time. Should the weather prove unsuitable for a walk then two or

three would drop in to see George Baker (who by this time was unable to leave his place of business owing to his partner's illness) and the merits or otherwise of this, that and the other were discussed.

1919 saw a mixed band from Brighton journey to Southover for a peal of Stedman Caters to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mrs. F.I.H. The first peal of Spliced Surprise Royal was rung at St. Peter's in 1934. A year later the 50th Jubilee of the Association was celebrated by a dinner and concert at the Old Ship Hotel, at which Mrs. A. A. Hughes rendered some very good handbell music.

With the death of Keith Hart in 1947 the band at St. Peter's felt the loss to a great extent. At the funeral of Frank Bennett in 1958 there was a large gathering of ringers from all parts. Apart from being captain at St. Nicholas', Brighton, he was at one time Secretary of the Royal Cumberland Youths when resident in London. A peal of Stedman Caters was lost in the last course on the day of the funeral of Harry Stalham, who had taken over the captaincy after the death of F. Bennett. In memoriam to H. Stalham, a peal of his favourite method (Double Norwich Court Bob Major) was rung in 1964 on the anniversary of his birthday.

In 1950 we had the pleasure of seeing the Central Council meeting at Eastbourne, a meeting which was a great success, more so in view of the fact that for a few years no representative was sent to the Council, and for another few years only one was sent. Many pleasant visits have been paid to Brighton in later years, the last being on January 16th of this year for the anniversary dinner. We are looking forward to many more. How time flies.

F. and E.

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Sussex 80th Anniversary a Memorable Night

THE 80th ANNIVERSARY dinner, held amid all the grandeur of the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, was an event that will live long in the memories of those attending. It was truly as the Master (Mr. R. V. Johnson) said, a wonderful evening. There was nothing to mar the proceedings, a well-cooked meal, an expeditious service and speeches fitting to the occasion. The organisation was near perfect and the hard-working dinner committee consisted of Messrs. Leslie Weller, B. C. Burrough, B. E. Matthews and W. A. Riddington. A company of 176 attended and they were indeed indebted to the Mayor of Brighton for permitting the function to be held in the Pavilion.

The Master was supported on the top table by the Mayor and Mayoress of Brighton (Councillor and Mrs. W. H. Clout), the Bishop of Lewes (the Rt. Rev. J. H. L. Morrell), the Archdeacon of Chichester (the Ven. L. Mason), the Vicar of Brighton (Canon Keeling) and Mrs. Keeling, the honorary secretary of the Association (Mr. R. W. R. Percy), the honorary secretary of the Central Council and Mrs. E. A. Barnett. Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Weller, Messrs. B. E. Matthews, B. C. Burrough and T. W. White.

Following the loyal toast, the Master proposed the toast of 'The Church.' 'It is right,' he said, 'that on such an occasion as this, we should pause to express our debt to "Mother Church," as she is often called, and mother church she is, indeed, to this Association, for to the Church bellringing owes its existence and its continuing purpose. And not just to the Church, but in a special way to the Church of England.

'Bellringing, or campanology, is practised in a number of countries overseas, including Australia, Canada and the United States, and it is a matter of satisfaction to all ringers in this country that a hand from England had an honoured and indeed vital part to play at the dedication of the bells of Washington Cathedral last year. But a tower with properly hung bells is exceptional anywhere outside England. The Exercise has not been a flourishing export, and campanology largely remains the special art of the Church of England.

CLOSE RELATIONSHIP

'For 80 years the relationship in Sussex between Church and ringers has been close, and it may be, as too often happens in such a situation, that on occasions we have tended to take each other a little for granted. Congregations grow accustomed to hearing the bells rung without stopping to ask themselves who does the ringing, and, dare I say it, now and then ringers have been known to become more regular in their attendance in the bellry than in the church.

'So it is right that we should remind ourselves tonight of the vital part the Church must play in our own lives if our ringing is to be as it should be, first and foremost an act of worship to God.

'And if the Church is vital to our well-being as ringers, perhaps we may also remind ourselves that we have an important service to offer the Church.

'We may sometimes think that the bells are taken for granted, but let us make no mistake, if they were once silenced there would be no shortage of parishioners to deplore their passing. England would not be England without the sound of the bells ringing over the fields to summon the faithful to worship. Let us also remember that for many—too many—the sound of the bells is the only part of the Church's message that they hear. They may cut themselves off from the word of God; they may never hear a hymn sung, a sermon preached, a prayer or scripture read, but they cannot escape the message of the bells.

'So let us continue with a good will in our witness to the Church on the bells. Who knows where or when their sound may stir a sleeping conscience and draw back to the church door some who might otherwise forget its very existence. And let us with thankful hearts honour the Church which calls us into being in this Association, and which, week



MR. R. V. JOHNSON

by week in our Sunday ringing, it is our joy and privilege to serve.

The Bishop of Lewes (the Right Rev. J. H. L. Morrell), who replied, said he could recall with great clearness his first knowledge of the existence of bells. At the age of four at the country vicarage where he lived he heard the gardener bellowing a reference to the bells as those so and so clangers.

BRIGHTON'S SILENT TOWER

There was one silent tower in Brighton—St. Paul's, West Street, which once possessed an admirable ring, but they were disposed of because the structure would not support the bells—only the tenor remained. His grandmother told him she well remembered St. Paul's bells ringing out over Brighton. They were the gift of a Mr. Wagner, a notable builder of churches. Asked why he provided the bells, Mr. Wagner replied that he wanted as many people in Brighton as possible to find their vocation of service to the Church—not only in service but in something which was their joy and delight—such as bellringers and choristers. There were many who longed to be in church but were hindered by age or infirmity; the church was brought to them by the bells.

Concluding, the Bishop said: 'I thank you will all heart, on behalf of the parish priests in Sussex for all you do and the joy that comes out of your ringing, because this world is starving for joy. The message of the bells is joy and it is joy for which the world is starved.'

The toast of 'The Sussex County Association' was proposed by Mr. F. A. Barnett, honorary secretary of the Central Council. He recalled that his first visit to Sussex was to find a wife and it was at a time when there was a ban on ringing during the war.

THE FOUNDER REMEMBERED

Probably many of them knew that the Sussex County Association was formed in Brighton mainly through the efforts of Mr. George Attree, churchwarden at St. Peter's and a man of money and influence. He was able to bring a lot of influence to bear on what they referred to as the gentry and clergy of the town. The meeting was held in two parts—and at the first, the inaugural meeting, no fewer than 25 towers and 250 people joined the Association.

Among the things Mr. Attree did for ringing outside the county was to contribute to 'The Bell News' an analysis of peals rung by associations and guilds. Mr. Barnett thought he must have made sure that the Sussex County Association came top at the end of each year. He must have run round the towers and made sure they rang peals. Angmering and Warnham each rang a tremen-

dous number of peals. Warnham rang one on Christmas Day, but it finished just after 7 a.m.; the next day they rang two peals and in that month 25 peals.

Mr. Attree built up an excellent band at Brighton, and up to the end of the century they were the outstanding band in the country. They held ringing weeks and rang in an enormous number of Surprise methods. These included the first peal of Bristol, Frank Bennett, who was one of them, was his grandfather-in-law. That band included such ringers as George Williams, George Baker and Keith Hart.

Later came the famous band under Oliver Sippetts which rang the first peal of four spliced. At Henfield there was another splendid band, that won distinction as a village band by ringing first peals of Surprise. On handbells they rang a peal of Stedman Cinques, the fourth of Stedman Cinques.

Looking at a report of the 10th annual meeting he noticed that the chairman gave a talk on the history of bells. He appealed to clergy present never to give the history of bells. He supposed, in a way, the most outstanding ringer Sussex had supplied to the Exercise was John Goldsmith, founder of 'The Ringing World.' He was first of all a fine practical ringer who was regarded as one of the coming men. 'The Bell News' commented: 'If everyone did as Mr. Goldsmith did and put the very best into ringing they would find it difficult not to ring well, but difficult to ring badly.'

Their first three Masters were Mr. George Attree, Mr. Tomkins and Mr. J. T. Rickman, who was responsible for the excellent tea they had today at St. Peter's, Brighton. For some years Mr. Rickman was their representative on the Central Council.

THE FUTURE

As to the future they would have noticed that the character of the church services was slowly changing. Evensong, which some of them had been accustomed to attend, and the service they attended in their youth, had rather lost its place in the order of services of the Church and in some parishes the emphasis was on the parish Communion instead of the old-fashioned Matins and Evensong. If the services were held at the usual time they presented no problems, but in his own church they had parish Communion starting at 9.15 a.m. The church was not going to change its services to allow the bells to be rung. They ought to consider whether they ought to alter their ways and find themselves ringing at times when normally it was not desirable. It was something they had to face and it would not do them any good not to think of it.

Another point was whether their system of monthly District meetings was right? He thought it was true of their Association, and also the Kent Association, that ever since it had been formed into Districts they had held monthly meetings. People could now get about much easier and the system of District meetings might not be the best.

Mr. R. W. R. Percy, secretary of the Association, said he would like to thank all those people who were responsible for the dinner. They had had a wonderful dinner and he did not think any association could have had a better room, and they were most grateful to the Mayor for providing it.

There had been a lot of suggestions and questions asked concerning how they stood today. The Sussex Association was now ably supported not only by its young ringers, but its lady ringers. If they looked at their report they would find many towers relied on lady ringers. They were very grateful to them.

As they knew from their rules their Association was having its problem, like the present government, on the financial side. It was difficult for them to produce the report they liked to produce, but this year's report would be better than the previous. He hoped that at their annual meeting in May they would be in a position of having many more individual members. With all of them as individual members they could pay their way.

CASSOCK AND SURPLICE

Mr. W. Leslie Weller, in a happy speech, proposed 'The Visitors.' He said he was of opinion that the relationship between the clergy and the ringers in their diocese was very good. The Exercise at times was accused of not stopping for services; this was in the main not true to day, although it might have been 50 years ago. Today one was more likely to rush to don cassock and surplice than to leave the church. They would not have enjoyed their 80th year celebration if it had not been for their guests and they were delighted to have them with them.

The Mayor of Brighton replied and said that when he was a young man he was taught to ring at Southover so he was not a stranger to the art they practised. He was rather surprised that after 80 years they were still an Association. It seemed to him that they ought to have established this as a Guild to perpetuate it. His Worship added that he had been a member of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary for 40 years and on behalf of all the guests he thanked the Association for such a wonderful dinner in such a wonderful atmosphere.

A well-struck course of Grandsire Caters followed rung by Mrs. Hairs 1-2, E. Rapley 3-4, F. I. Hairs 5-6, L. Weller 7-8, Geo. Francis 9-10.

Bringing the formal proceedings to a close, the Master asked the members to make a special note in their diaries on January 24th, 1985, when they would celebrate their centenary! They had had a wonderful evening and it would be a great mistake to let another 20 years or even 10 years pass before they met again. He thanked all those who had worked so hard for the success of the evening and, in particular, Mr. Arthur Riddington for his splendid services as master of ceremonies.

THE COMPANY

Others present, apart from the top table, included Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Blackman, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. Challen, Mr. and Mrs. Diserens sen., Mr. and Mrs. R. Diserens, Mr. and Mrs. A. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. G. Faiers, Mr. and Mrs. B. Farhall, Mr. and Mrs. G. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Harniss, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. K. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. J. Leppard, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Oatway, Mr. and Mrs. Patten, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Ponting, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Riddington, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. D. Slater, Mr. and Mrs. E. Treagus, Mr. and Mrs. R. Wake, Mr. and Mrs. H. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. R. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Woolven and Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Wood.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

THE winter general meeting of the Association was held at Halifax on January 16th. The larger than usual attendance justified the decision to have two towers available in the morning, when both Northowram and Elland bells were enjoyed. The belfry at All Souls', Haley Hill, was flooded out, but Mr. Henry Fielden had thoughtfully arranged for Queensbury bells to be used and a full belfry there rewarded his enterprise. The service was held at All Souls', in spite of the attendance of the fire engines to pump water from the belfry, and it was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. F. Walker.

Tea in the Crown Hotel was followed by the business meeting. Mr. Norman Chaddock invited the Association to hold its annual general meeting at Rotherham on May 1st, and Mr. John J. L. Gilbert reported that he was doing his best to arrange the Snowdon dinner in Sheffield on October 16th, 1965. Thanks were expressed to all who had helped in arranging the meeting, especially to Mr. Fielden, and to Mr. Harold Walker and the York Minster Society for the very enjoyable Snowdon dinner last October.

The steps taken by the committee, together with representatives of the nine District Societies in Yorkshire to form 'The Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies' were reported and approved unanimously. All the District Societies had agreed to join this council and had elected two representatives each. The Yorkshire Association then elected Mr. E. Hudson and Mr. W. F. Moreton as its two representatives. The first meeting of the Joint Council will be at York on February 6th.

The aims of the Joint Council are:

1. To represent all ringers in Yorkshire;
2. To promote an annual festival;
3. To provide a forum for the discussion of common problems;
4. To exchange ideas for the education and training of young ringers;
5. To consider a unified annual report;
6. To co-ordinate efforts for the furtherance of our art.

The fine modern ring of twelve at the Parish Church was rung after the meeting under the direction of the Western District Ringing Master, Mr. Gordon Benfield, his order of the day being 'Twelve-bell ringing only.'

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Monmouth Branch took place at Chepstow on January 9th, when 60 were able to keep the ring of ten bells busy during the afternoon and evening.

The choral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Barrie-Evans; Mr. Austin Thomas was at the organ, and the lesson was read by Richard Owen, a Chepstow ringer. Tea was afterwards served in the Church Hall, and Mr. George Ward, of Abergavenny, thanked the Chepstow ringers who had given and prepared this.

Before the business meeting, members stood in silence to remember Mr. G. Monk, of St. Mellons, who had died on January 1st, aged 90. Amongst the many items of business was the election of Mr. Lionel Jones, tower leader at Usk, to the office of Branch Master. New members were elected from Usk, Abergavenny and Chepstow. Mention was made of a Branch member, Mr. William Horsington, who had been made a Freeman of Abergavenny in recognition of his great public service to the town.

Meeting places decided upon for the year were: Nash on May 8th, Bedwellty on July 10th and Bleanavon on October 9th. Ebbw Vale was chosen for the next annual Branch meeting.

J. S. K.

WARMINSTER RINGERS'
DINNER

The sixth annual dinner of the Minster Bell-ringers' Guild took place on January 9th when 31 members and friends sat down, under the chairmanship of the captain, Mr. N. G. Knee, to an excellent repast of turkey. Guests present included the Vicar and Mrs. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Pearson (Haslemere), Mr. and Mrs. C. White (Corley), Mr. F. Slatford (North Bradley) and Mr. G. Grant (coach-driver for outings).

In a welcoming speech Mr. Knee thanked all present for the wonderful support which he receives each year from the ringers and their lady supporters, who help keep the Minster bells ringing twice on every Sunday for church services, which is the main function of the ringing band.

A varied and delightful entertainment followed: Messrs. Slatford, Knee, Shepherd and Norris (change ringing on handbells); Mr. and Mrs. Pearson and Catherine (songs, monologues, and tune ringing on handbells); and Mr. E. G. Shepherd a short introductory talk to the recording of bellringing, which sells with the book on ringing, which he has written. The record was played over by Mr. L. Hawkins to the delight of all. Other recorded music was provided as usual by Mr. Hawkins and arrangements for the event were once again in the capable hands of Mr. P. Roynon.

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL

At the recently-held annual general meeting of the Ringers' Guild an interesting report was submitted by the Guild chairman. It included an account of his proposals for the formation of a Portsmouth Collegiate Ringers' Society, as a guest society of the Cathedral Guild, for the mutual benefit of both bodies. This has been approved by the Provost, carried into effect largely by students of the College of Technology, and is now functioning for Sunday Service ringing and practices at the Cathedral; with a weekly meeting for theory-study and silent-bell practice. The secretary is Mr. Ronald Bowron, c/o The College of Technology, Portsmouth.

Tower Guild officers for the ensuing year are: President, the Provost, the Very Rev. E. N. Porter Goff; Vice-president (life), A. Yorke-Bramble (chairman); Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. E. Jones; Tower Captain and Belfry Keeper, Alan Buswell; Auditor, R. M. Parker; Rest of committee members: F. Edwards, Mrs. C. Oliver, A. Dixon.

Another group of beginners is undergoing initial training.

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Letters to the Editor

Conductor's Views on Limpsfield Chart Peal

John Wilnar

Dear Sir,—As conductor of the peal to which Mr. Stevens refers in his letter (page 36), I must firstly refute his belief and state that rounds occurred only at the end of each extent. I am not aware of any factors which would invalidate the performance and I trust that the rest of the band share the same opinion.

I cannot, however, leave the matter at a plain rebuttal. I think there is already far too much back-biting between various factions of the Exercise through the columns of 'The Ringing World.' This accusation is yet another example of the damage which can be done by the 'finger-pointers' of the Exercise, for in truth the damage is already done. How easy it is to indict and how hard to vindicate. The reputations of those in the band will suffer not to mention that of their home towers and more important that of the parent Association. I believe that Mr. Stevens acted in good faith but must we take ringing so seriously that we should, in the name of 'the good of the Exercise,' destroy much of the goodwill and respect which exist?—Yours sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER F. MEW.

Heathen in our Midst

Dear Sir,—What a joy the correspondence of fellow-ringers has become, now that it has been turned into a guessing-game; and what an unexpectedly varied—nay, motley—crew we appear to be, Atheist, Anarchist—and what's this?—Cornishman, no less! Blessed indeed are we all, now that the bad old days of the no-pseudonym rule have vanished, leaving 'The Ringing World' more colourful (albeit more bewildering) publication.

Would it be possible to take this delightful evolution a stage further, and make it a rule that no letter will be published except under an imaginative pom-de-plume? Then none of us need be afraid to express the most startling and controversial views. We may even dispute the cost of 'The Ringing World' without fear of retribution, or ostracism.

There are, of course, one or two snags to this idea. (There always are.) For one thing, nobody will know what anyone else is really thinking. And take the cases before us, of Atheist and Anarchist—to the majority of us their identities will ever remain a mystery, thus balking us—good Christians as we all apparently purport to be—of the chance of converting the heathen in our midst. But perhaps this is what our unknown friends intended when they decided not to come out into the open with their convictions; I had thought at first that it must be because they lacked the necessary courage.

Many thanks again for the new game. Unfortunately, I have no imagination at all, and as 'Disgusted' has become rather hackneyed, must reluctantly sign myself—Yours faithfully,
D. A. BRAY.

Whitchurch, Tavistock.

Dear Sir.—Further to your article on the bells of SS. Peter and Paul's, Newchurch, Kent, perhaps I may answer the query about John Welmer (sic), on page 7.

Firstly, his name was in fact John Wilnar, not Welmer, and I am surprised that the expert in question has not met any of his bells before. During the years 1618 to 1639 he turned out a large number of bells for Kent steeples from his foundry at Borden. Borden lies about one mile off the A.2, near Sittingbourne in Kent. Wilnar died on May 5th, 1640, and was buried in Borden Church. He was succeeded by a relative, Henry Wilnar, who had a very short career, being buried at Borden after dying on January 30th, 1644, and there are only two bells of his left, the third at Eastray and the tenor at Challock (two of the four at Challock 'disappeared' about ten years ago, but the Wilnar bell probably remains). The Wilnars were not natives of Borden, and where they came from is not known. Nor are there any bells of theirs in Borden Church, although there may have been before the present eight were cast in 1802—the tenor records a former ring of six. Stahlschmidt, writing in 1887, states that with two exceptions (black letter) the lettering of Wilnar was in Roman capitals, the same as those of Stephen Swan, whom the worthy Stahlschmidt had unsuccessfully tried to prove as Wilnar's predecessor.

I have had the pleasure of ringing at Newchurch twice in the last five years. On the former occasion it was discovered that the split in the tenor headstock was active to such a degree as to preclude the setting of the bell. I was left swinging on the end of the rope, and at the tender age of 16 vowed I would not touch a bell again (a vow which was never kept). Last year, some 3½ years after the above incident, we rang the front four: the draught is very long, the frame shifts terribly—it is medieval. The four Wilnar bells were augmented in 1845 by a Mears treble, since when I doubt if the bells have been touched. The 'go' is not so bad as one might expect, but the tone leaves something to be desired.—Yours truly,

Whitstable, Kent. DAVID CAWLEY.

More about Staunton Harold

Dear Sir,—In reply to your readers who have asked who is responsible for ringing on the bells being banned at Staunton Harold, Leics, may I give the relevant details?

The wooden bell frame is in an advanced state of decay, and about two years ago the bell founders were consulted by the area secretary of the National Trust, Mr. J. Treanor. An estimate of £1,500 was submitted for the rehanging of the bells in a new frame, but the National Trust decided they could not set aside this amount for this purpose while other buildings in their charge were urgently in need of funds.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS C. BELTON.
Birstall, Leics.

St. Andrew's, Newcastle on Tyne

Dear Sir,—I was most interested to read the reference to the bells of this church in last week's Belfry Gossip under the item 'Tyne-side Restorations.' I feel that further comment is called for, however, if only in the interests of factual reporting.

In the first place, the ring of six concerned could never have rung out in defiance of the Scots during the siege of Newcastle in 1644 as they were not in existence at that date. The bells were in fact cast by Richard Phelps at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1726, the tenor being about 16 cwt. (claimed in many early records as 19 cwt.).

Secondly, I consider that your correspondent is a trifle optimistic in implying a full restoration of the bells here. The bells are now very silent as they were lowered and removed to the Whitechapel Foundry in October of last year and work on tower repairs is continuing. I have been in touch with the Vicar on one or two occasions to obtain information about the future role of the bells and to offer advice and assistance with possible ringing, but he has always been most evasive in reply and claims that not enough money is yet to hand for the work. There is no tradition of ringing at this church as the bells have not been rung within living memory, and my own information is that the bells will probably be recast and rehung 'dead' for chiming only. I hope I may be proved wrong and the bells will be restored as a ring, but with the present attitude of the church authorities I cannot see any other prospect.—Yours sincerely,

K. ARTHUR.

Newcastle upon Tyne.

Outings or Tower Grabs?

Dear Sir,—Many thanks to Mr. Maybrey for his interesting letter on Ringing Outings. However, I feel that he is confusing 'Ringing Outings' with 'Tower Grabs,' and therefore much of what he says is off the point.

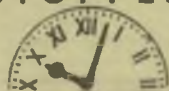
I define 'tower grabbing' as attempting to ring as many towers as possible in as little time as possible, and this, I think, is to be discouraged, on the grounds that (a) it gives no pleasure to those taking part, and (b) it gives even less pleasure to those forced to listen.

Nothing sounds worse than bells rung far too fast (this inevitably results in heavy bells failing to come away from lead or clipping at dodges) or bells rung in a dilatory manner owing to the party being too anxious to get on to the next tower too soon.

To his suggestion of a Central Council Committee I would say 'no,' because it seems fantastically unworkable, and also that if Ringing Masters are to be regarded as responsible people (as presumably their election as such shows), they should not need watchdogs.

It has already seemed to me that many towers are closed to visiting parties, not because of damage done by them, but because of the attitude shown by some visitors to this matter. Obviously stays and ropes do get broken occasionally and surely the answer is either to repair or pay for the damage.—Yours faithfully,
JOHN WEAVER.
Southgate.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Change of Officers in S.W. District

The departure of Frank Blagrove and his family for Southern Rhodesia at the end of last summer was a serious loss, even, as we hope, only a temporary one, for the South and West District where Frank had been a tower of strength and an enthusiastic district secretary since 1961. While members were trying to sort out their ideas of successor, the Association treasurer stepped into the breach then created and kept things going until the annual meeting which was held at Twickenham on January 16th.

To ease the way for the new secretary, the district committee had decided that the office should be relieved of the bulk of the financial side, including the collection of subscriptions—always one of the main tasks—by making the assistant secretary also treasurer for the district. On this basis, Mr. W. S. Deason, of Hampton, was elected secretary and Miss A. Horsforth, of All Hallows', Twickenham, assistant secretary and treasurer. The chairman, Mr. D. Fowles; the ringing master, Mr. J. Hill; and the auditor, Mr. J. B. Sansom, were all re-elected. Mr. P. A. Lawrence, of Hampton, was elected deputy ringing master in place of David Struckett, who would be going abroad later in the year. Also leaving the district is Michael Bartlett, of Staines, and his position on the central committee was filled by Peter Bevington, of St. Mary's, Twickenham.

The accounts showed a welcome increase in subscriptions over the previous year with the district membership at the end of the year at exactly 200, although 19 of these, mostly unattached members, had not paid their subscriptions for 1964.

The year's activities showed a quiet year, some towers with increased membership, others with less. Among the latter, it was noted with regret that the band at St. Stephen's, Ealing, no longer exists and that Bill Cook's travelling over long distances to keep things going has been of no avail. The striking competition at Harefield in September had to be abandoned through lack of support. The report was adopted after discussion.

Five ringing members were elected, viz: N. F. Evans, of All Hallows', Twickenham; Patricia Copas, David Price and Mrs. J. Sexton, of Hillingdon, and C. Reader, Hampton. Colin Stevenson, of Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia was elected a non resident life member.

Ringing took place on the bells of both towers at Twickenham with a variety of methods rung, as well as rounds and call changes for the inexperienced.

The Twickenham ladies, led by Mrs. Lovell and Mrs. Turner, put on their usual good tea which, together with their warm welcome, contributed so much to a successful and happy meeting.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chesterfield District

In spite of the almost continuous rain and the attraction of neighbouring F.A. Cup ties some 25 members and friends braved the elements to attend the District's first meeting in the New Year at Dronfield on January 9th. Ringing on the pleasant octave was under the new Ringing Master, Mr. C. J. Hughes (Old Whittington).

Mr. D. Cooper (Bolsover) presided at the business meeting which followed tea at the Green Dragon. The question of attracting more members to meetings was fully discussed and it was decided to have two special meetings for practice at future meetings—one elementary and the other advanced. Despite leaks in the tower with rain dripping on ringers, of 1, 2 and 3 further ringing was enjoyed.

Next meeting: March 13th, Dove (8), provisional. Special methods, Double Bob and Bristol. M.P.P.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

Frome Branch

Ringers from a wide area gathered at Shepton Mallet for the Frome Branch A.G.M. on January 9th. Ringing ranged from rounds to London Major and ended with an excellent touch of Stedman Triples for service. The Rector, the Rev. L. A. B. White, conducted the service, attended by 70 members, with a local young ringer, Mr. John Rose, playing the organ.

After a sumptuous tea, the meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Rev. Mr. Durston. The Branch secretary, Mr. E. Chivers, in his report for 1964, said that there was increased activity but no overall increase in membership. He complimented Hemington and Wanstrow ringers on their excellent progress, and also stated that the average attendance for meetings during the year was 47.

The retiring officers were all re-elected and 16 new names were proposed for membership. A long discussion took place over a proposal by Mr. Heyman that a striking competition should be held, the decision being deferred until the spring meeting.

Mr. G. W. Massey, Association peal secretary, asked for the co-operation of all the members in making this a record year for peals as on May 31st, 1965, the Association is 75 years old. In the vote of thanks he made special mention of Mrs. Curtis and her helpers for an excellent tea.

D. T. H. R.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Cambridge District A.D.M.

Though ringing at St. Benet's had been arranged for 3 p.m. all the ropes had to be found and fitted before it was possible to begin ringing on January 9th. St. Andrew-the-Great's ringing chamber was not as crowded as in some previous years but methods and call-changes were rung to suit all tastes.

Canon A. L. Woodard conducted the service there, at which Mr. T. R. Wheeler played the organ, and later nearly fifty sat down to 'a glorious tea,' followed by the business meeting.

The Secretary's report recorded that meetings had been held each month, visiting 16 out of the 30 towers, and regretted that ringing at Guilden Morden and Littleton had declined. However, teaching was in progress at Little Shelford and Stapleford, and there was renewed interest at Bottisham and Chesterton. There were 108 ringing members. The Belfry Repair Fund stood at £48 9s. 10d., no bell restoration withdrawals had taken place that year, though members were reminded that there was still quite a large number of unringable towers in the area.

Officers elected were: President, Canon A. L. Woodard; ringing master, S. Brown, secretary and treasurer, B. D. Threlfall; belfry repair fund secretary and treasurer, B. Pratt (Mr. T. Reginald Dennis wished to retire); district committee, W. Newman, H. F. Churchman, J. G. Gipson and E. W. Bullman. District representatives nominated were G. Pearson, E. W. Bullman and B. Horrell. Miss J. A. Ivy, of Trumpington, was elected a member, and five non-resident life members' elections were ratified.

February meeting: Swaffham Prior, ringing and service; Bottesham, tea, meeting and ringing. J.S.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

Despite the atrocious weather, a successful meeting of the Marlborough Branch was held at West Overton on January 16th and members noted the various improvements to the tower through the efforts of Capt. Mansfield-Robinson. These included the installation of electric lighting complete with emergency equipment, in case of a mains failure.

Ringing was supervised by the Rev. Roger Keeley, district ringing master, the service conducted by the Vicar (Rev. N. A. Scudding) and a bountiful tea served under the direction of Mrs. J. D. Mansfield-Robinson and helpers. They were thanked by Mr. G. Newman. Owing to the high wind and heavy rain the intended visit to East Kennett was reluctantly cancelled. W.A.E.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Southern District

THERE are bells on the hill outside Redhill, and when the Southern District of the Surrey Association held its annual meeting there on January 16th, the local inhabitants heard them ringing for a good part of the afternoon and evening.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of St. John's, the Rev. S. J. Dyer, who gave a spirited address on the message of the bells, calling Methodist, Presbyterian, and C. of E., each to his own particular place of worship. This he said was a magnificent example of church unity in these days of declining congregations.

Fifty ringers had tea in the Meadvale Village Hall before the start of the business meeting. Firstly, the Master, Mr. T. Bird, welcomed the towers of St. Martin's and Christ Church, Epsom, Ashted and Ranmore into the Southern District. There followed the election of five new members, Mrs. Dallison and Messrs. Brazier, Gocher, Stevens and Warren.

In his report the secretary said that 1964 had been a year to remember, being the year in which Mr. A. P. Cannon achieved his thousandth peal, and Mr. A. Bull his hundredth in one tower. The total of members had increased, and the average attendance at meetings had risen to thirty-one. The joint meeting with the Kent County Association at Oxted and Limpsfield had been a great success.

Nine peals had been rung in the District, including the first of Double Norwich by a resident band. The quarter peal total of twenty-eight was by no means complete as a number had not been published in 'The Ringing World,' and he therefore appealed to conductors to send all their quarters to the 'R.W.' for publication. After a six-sided election fight for the places on the committee, the resulting three names were the same as last year except for the addition of Mr. G. West to its ranks after his resignation as honorary secretary and treasurer, and the moving of Mr. K. Game into his place. The Master thanked Mr. West for his five years of service in what was the most demanding job in the District.

Mr. C. H. Cook was elected 'Ringing World' representative. Extensive discussion followed the Master's proposal for the formation of volunteer bands to assist struggling towers. As no definite decision was reached, the Master suggested that it be left to the committee to decide the best course of action.

Finally Mr. West read a letter he had received from Mr. Chesley, of Merstham, drawing members' attention to the fact that St. Katherine's bells were now ringing again after rehanging and augmenting to eight. Practices were being held on Wednesday nights and any help would be greatly appreciated in training a new band.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The January meeting of the Society was held at Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's. The afternoon's ringing took place at St. Marie's where a good standard was maintained.

Tea was arranged in St. Marie's Institute where the ringers received a cordial welcome from Canon Collins. During the business meeting the proposed Yorkshire Council of Ringers was discussed and the meeting elected two representatives to serve on it.

After tea ringing continued at the Cathedral, where methods from Bob Major to Yorkshire Royal and Stedman Cinques were rung.

Next meeting, Harthill and Killamarsh on February 6th. J.C.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

It was decided at the meeting of the Society at Horbury, near Wakefield, on January 9th to submit to the A.G.M. at Barnsley on February 13th new rules for the control of contests. Nine towers were represented and the vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. Moreton.

MR. CLAUDE RUSH DELVES INTO 'CHURCH BELLS'

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ALL SAINTS', NEWCASTLE

11 Oct., — The bells of this church were opened by the Union Society of Newcastle Change Ringers with a peal of Holt's Grandsire Trebles, 5,040 changes in 3 hours 1 minute. Tenor 19 cwt., 'being that glorious day when Admiral Duncan gallantly defeated the Dutch fleet off Camperdown, on the coast of Holland, and captured nine ships of the line and two frigates.'

ST. JAMES', BARROW-IN-FURNESS

12 Oct., 1878, 'for the first time in the district,' half peal of Holt's ten-part Grandsire Triples, 2,520 changes in 1 hr. 28 mins. Tenor 15½ cwt. 'These bells were obtained by public subscription and dedicated on 25 July, 1877—St. James' Day. The bells were supplied and the work done by Mr. Mallaby of Masham.'

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH

22 Oct. 1878, 5,021 Grandsire Caters, 3 hrs. 26 mins. Tenor 32 cwt. 'It is worthy of note that this is the first peal that has been rung in the present tower and it is upwards of twenty-eight years since one has been accomplished in Ipswich. Several attempts have been made but have proved unsuccessful.'

LAMERTON, DEVON

8 Oct., 1878, Church rebuilt after fire. Six old bells recast by Warners, Tenor 11 cwt. Now reopened.

MONKLEIGH, DEVON

5 Sep., 1878, Bells reopened, augmented to 6 and rehung by Hooper and Stokes of Woodbury.

APPLETON, BERKS.

9 Nov. 1878. The members of the Appleton Society of Change-ringers paid a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. G. White (the oldest member of the White family) by ringing on the muffled bells of the parish church 5,040 Grandsire Triples, 2 hrs. 58 mins. F. S. White on the treble and F. White, conductor, on 6th.

ST. ANDREW'S, STEYNING, SUSSEX

Rev. M. G. Vine, Curate, writes: 'Our 6 bells being found to be unsafe, have been entirely rehung with new wheels, stocks, stays, etc., by Mr. J. Dalby, builder of Steyning, under the direction and supervision of Messrs. Creed and Dalby, Architects and Surveyors, of 40, Gt. Marlborough St., London.' The writer went on to say how well the ringers behaved and attended church, that they were not paid fixed salaries, and were instructed in change-ringing by Mr. H. Burstow, of Horsham, through the kindness of Colonel Ingram of Steyning. The paper praises their efforts and concludes, 'it would have afforded additional pleasure to the ringing community had we been able to chronicle at the same time the increase of the ring to 8. Amid the wealth of the neighbourhood we imagine that a strenuous effort made in that direction would be crowned with success.'

MONKLEIGH, DEVON

'An apparatus known as the dumb-bell practice apparatus invented by Mr. E. Seage of Exeter to assist learners in acquiring the art of scientific change-ringing has recently been fixed by him in the church steeple. The appliance has been successfully tested by the ringers. The apparatus has now become prevalent in Devonshire and the locality, and has proved itself a boon to ringers.'

CHARING, KENT

'The dedication service of a ring of 6 bells (the gift of Bishop Tuffnell) was held 7 Nov., 1878. There was a numerous attendance. Bishop Tuffnell conducted the service after which a peal was rung by ringers from Mersham. Bells cast by Taylors and hung by Henry Bond of Burford, Oxford.

JONATHAN PAVIER.

aged at least 99,

Royal Cumberland Society.—'All hail to Jonathan Pavier, the ringer aged 100 years.' On Saturday, 1 June, 1878... at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, 5,024 Kent T.B. Major in 3 hours 5 minutes. 'This performance celebrated a double event, being the anniversary of the presentation of a handsome testimonial to the conductor (John Cox) by his friends and in commemoration of Jonathan Pavier reaching his 100th birthday on 30 May, 1878.' (There seems to be some discrepancy in reports as to exactly when Jonathan became 100. In a recent item in these extracts, under the sub-heading 'The Sanitary Influence of Bellringing and its Melodies,' his birthday is shown as 31 May, 1779. If that date is correct, the commemorative peal took place at the commencement of his 100th year—a remarkable and joyful occasion anyhow!—C.R.)

'He personally knew the celebrated John Noonan has been a Cumberland for nearly 70 years and is thought to be the first ringer who has lived to be a centenarian.' There was also a date touch of Stedman Triples at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, in his honour.

ST. JAMES', BOLTON, NEAR BRADFORD

16 Nov., 1878, 10,176 Kent T.B. Major, 5 hrs. 59 mins. 'the longest peal ever rung by the Society.' Tenor 15 cwt. rung by J. W. Snowdon. The first peal ever on the bells, which were opened 30 Oct. 'and have been placed in the tower by the munificent liberality of Atkinson Jowett Esq., who also defrayed the entire cost of the erection of this Church. The bells... were cast and hung by Messrs. Shaw & Son, of Bradford, and are the first entire ring ever cast in that town. They are hung in two tiers.'

ST. MICHAEL'S, HEADINGLEY, LEEDS

2 Nov., 1878, 5,040 Treble Bob Minor, 3 hrs. 1 min. Tenor 12 cwt. 'the first peal of 5,000 ever rung on these bells.'

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE

A new clock and set of chimes at a cost of nearly £2,000 has just (No. 1878) been erected in the Abbey Tower. Messrs. Gillett and Bland, entrusted with the work, appear to have given satisfaction. The quarter chimes are the 'Westminster' and there are seven tunes 'pricked' upon the barrel, it being arranged that a change can be effected daily—that for Sunday being the old favourite 'Hanover.' The clock faces (East and West fronts) have been regilded by a local artist. 'To complete fully their task, we beg to suggest to the worthy Vicar and Churchwardens the advisability of rehanging the bells (8) and organising a new company of young ringers, who should be trained by an efficient person to ring at all times—decently and in order... Scientific half-pull ringing, in 1866, was unknown in the place... and no intelligence has yet reached us of any signs of a healthy movement being made in the direction of belfry reform...

The next issue of 'Church Bells' records that on 15 Nov., 1878, by invitation of the Vicar 'nine members of the Worcester Cathedral Society rang touches of Grandsire Triples on the Abbey bells, it being the formal opening of the new clock and chimes. The bells were rehung and fitted with new frame some time since... Tenor 30 cwt.'

ALL SAINTS, SHERBURN, YORKS.

Two of the ring of six have been recast and the others returned, all rehung in a new massive oak cage by Mr. Mallaby of Masham. The bells were opened on All Saints' Day, 1878—tenor 15 cwt. Services were held at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Many clergy from the neighbourhood were present and took part in the services.'

FIRST TOUR OF THE YEAR

A TOUR in 1965 could hardly have been held before the first Saturday in the year and accordingly on January 2nd, six ringers brave the icy conditions to arrive at noon outside St. Mary's Church, Stoke Abbott, Dorset. This is a 14 cwt. five and we congratulate ourselves on having a spare ringer. At Broadwindsor, a touch of Grandsire started, then 'Let's have a quarter' cries John Cornelius and promptly calls one. While ringing two more members arrive and with eight, confidence—as if it was ever lacking—returns.

Off to Devon, only just, Hawkchurch, where the gentleman appointed to greet us has the key he also has a sense of humour and watches with glee, from the shadows, as our representative knocks on the door of a house. We find the bells very musical and during our short stay we have a ring with their second in command.

Uplyme and Dorset again, Charmouth St. Andrew's, a Mears and Stainbank three of 1836, now running on Messrs Taylor's ball bearings and surely not the 15 cwt. alleged. The bells down we prepare to leave, but hold. Our band grows, this three is irresistible, the bells are raised again and all are satisfied.

The fine eight of Whitchurch Canonorum follow, home of another Arcscott, one is already with us to watch the striking, and then down to the five at Chideock where Miss Atkey and Mrs. Pannell from Beaminster join us, Symondsburry, Bradpole and Lodders fall, for some, in quick succession, at the latter we fill the cold, clear evening air with some spirited carol singing as we wend our way down the church path.

Northwards to Netherbury, whose captain and his lady, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, had joined us earlier, before the eight of Beaminster bring the proceedings to a close.

It may be fairly added that the day's ringing was much enjoyed and our thanks are due to Melvyn Hillier who contributed much invaluable spawework. J.C.S./K.C.J.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

West Lindsey Branch

As in former years the annual meeting of the West Lindsey Branch was held at All Saints', Gainsborough. The ringing on this melodious octave on January 16th included the special methods selected for this meeting—Bob Triples and Gainsborough Little Bob. The Vicar, Canon J. E. Roberts, conducted a shortened form of Evensong and gave the address.

By 6.15 p.m. the ringers had worked up big appetites for the excellent tea prepared by the local ladies in the Church School Hall. At the business meeting, presided over by the Vicar, the Branch secretary (Mr. Lunn) reported some well attended meetings during the year despite a drop in membership. The balance sheet was approved. The places and dates for Branch meetings were arranged, the next being Blyton on February 27th, and the outing this year is to Loughborough.

The president asked Mr. J. Bray, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, to present the Sunday Service Ringing Cup to Mr. Denton, captain of the Stow ringers, who narrowly beat Saxilby, holders of the cup since it was given to the Branch.

Mr. G. E. Fairn concluded the meeting with votes of thanks to the Vicar, organist and, last but not least, the ladies who had prepared such a splendid tea.

Ringling was then resumed on the six bells at Lea. T. A. G.

ST. ANDREW'S, GARGRAVE, YORKSHIRE

18 May, 1878.—5,040 changes in seven Treble Bob methods, 3 hours 18 minutes. Tenor 16 cwt. 'Supposed to be the first true 5,000 ever accomplished in Craven.'

ST. MICHAEL'S, GARSTON, near LIVERPOOL

18 May, 1878.—5,088 Kent T.B. Major, 3 hours 22 minutes. Bells recently cast by Warners of London.

OBITUARY

MR. J. W. LAKE

With much regret we report the death of Mr. J. W. Lake, of 72, West Street, Bourne, Lincolnshire, on January 7th, at the age of 86.

Mr. Lake was born in Bourne Fen and lived the whole of his life in that area. He married in 1903, and came to reside in Bourne, following his trade as joiner wheelwright. As a ringer he was especially well known in South Lincs. An excellent striker and in his younger days as a six bell conductor, he was unsurpassed, and had called many multi-method Spliced Surprise Minor peals. He took part in the first known spliced peal in 14 methods, conducted by the late Rev. H. Law James in 1911 at Edenham. He was also an excellent ringer on eight- and ten bells. The number of peals to his credit is not known, but possibly pumber around 200. He is survived by his widow. Mr. and Mrs. Lake celebrated their diamond wedding in April, 1963, and received congratulations from the Queen.

The funeral service was held in Bourne Abbey Church on January 12th, and to his memory a half-muffled quarter peal was rung in the evening on the Abbey bells, where he had been leader and conductor for many years.

C. T. H. B.

MR. W. G. HISCOTT
AN APPRECIATION

Mr. Tom G. Myers writes:

I would like to add my tribute, to that of H. H. T.'s, on the passing of our old friend 'Bill' Hiscott. I had known him since my earliest childhood and been on many ringing excursions and had the privilege of standing in some of his peals.

'Bill' joined the Guild of Devonshire Ringers in June, 1901, and rang his first peal on October 3rd, 1903 (Grandsire Triples on H.M. Dockyard bells), and on December 3rd (just two months after) he rang in his first peal on ten at Charles Church, Plymouth (Grandsire Caters). He rang a number of peals before World War I, and between the two wars was one of the pioneers of 'Surprise' ringing in Devon and rang in the first 720 of Surprise Minor (Cambridge) on December 27th, 1924, at Holbeton.

He was a first class striker and his peals total for the Guild was noted for quality rather than quantity.

He was the last of the band that rang in the peal of Grandsire Caters on Exeter Cathedral bells on January 14th, 1905; and also Grandsire Cinques on January 9th, 1926, the Caters being the first on the bells by a resident band, while the Cinques was the first twelve bell peal by resident members of the Guild.

MR. R. VEEVES

A well-known Petersfield resident and ringer at Buriton and Petersfield died on January 5th, aged 63. He was a founder member of the Petersfield Rotary Club and took a practical interest in the Scout movement. His younger son, Andrew, rings in London with the University ringers.

The funeral service was held at Buriton on January 11th when ringers from Warnford, Liss and Buriton rang full-muffled after the service. There was ringing again in the evening, but the quarter peal of Doubles was unsuccessful. The following Sunday evening he was remembered with gratitude in a quarter peal rung at Petersfield.

MR. EDWIN HUNT

For 39 years a ringer at St. Michael's, Yorktown, Camberley, Mr. Edwin Hunt died on January 13th, aged 73. At the funeral service on January 19th, attended by as many local ringers as could leave work, the Vicar described him as, 'a humble and unassuming Christian man, ready to do a good turn if possible.' An in memoriam quarter peal, with the bells half-muffled, was rung in the evening.

Ted, as he was known, was born in Wiltshire and taught himself to ring on the four at Christon, near Devizes. Never a change ringer, he was a good tenor man who loved good striking. He had a few peals to his credit. His last pull was on November 1st when he told us of his impending admission to hospital.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 10th, 1,440 Primrose Surprise Minor: Katharine M. Guy 1, Margaret C. Godfrey 2, Wendy C. Wallace (first in the method) 3, E. G. H. Godfrey 4, C. H. Maevé 5, A. M. Maevé (first in the method 'inside' cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 17th, 1,272 Spliced Surprise Minor (in six methods): R. Rayfield 1, Katharine M. Guy 2, Wendy C. Wallace 3, Margaret C. Godfrey 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, A. M. Maevé (cond.) 6. First of 6-spliced by all the hand except conductor. For Evensong.

ALWALTON, HUNTS.—On Jan. 9th, 720 St. Martin's, 720 St. Simon's: W. Culpin 1, G. Davis 2, A. Waller 3, F. Simey 4, R. Spencer (cond.) 5. An 84th birthday compliment to priest-in-charge, Dr. C. J. Grimes.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 10th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Daintrey (first quarter) 1, Miss A. M. Smith 2, Miss F. Pocock 3, Miss E. W. Keys 4, M. J. Wake 5, W. Riddle 6, P. Stevens (first as cond.) 7, D. M. Boniface 8. Rung for the Epiphany Processional service.

DITCHLING, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. J. Wright 1, Frances Gilbert 2, Kathleen Baldwin 3, A. W. Bond 4, D. P. Treble 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6, D. P. Snoswell 7, R. H. Gilbert 8. Rung for the induction of Canon M. H. R. Synge, as the new Vicar.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Maximus: W. Harvey 1, Miss J. Smith 2, H. C. Spencer 3, Miss D. Lissenden 4, A. Truman 5, G. Eyles 6, C. Yates 7, F. Wrcford 8, C. Reeves 9, C. Bryant 10, C. P. Yates 11, F. Mack and N. Mallett (cond.) 12. First of Maximus 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11.

HASSOCKS, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Briggs 1, G. Harniss 2, C. Robinson 3, R. Drower 4, R. Peckham (first as cond.) 5, Miss C. Peckham 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Tannert 1, Miss E. A. Hill (first quarter) 2, G. Allcock 3, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 4, M. J. Kirk 5.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes, on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Hilda E. Oatway 1, Marilyn C. Smith 2, Susan Davis (first 'inside') 3, C. Rogers 4, A. M. Stacey 5, W. F. Oatway (cond.) 6, A. Fulwell 7, R. G. Mitchell 8. For Matins.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Jan. 13th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: A. M. Hickman 1, E. Roberts (first in method) 2, H. F. White 3, T. Price 4, F. Price 5, R. Hazeldine 6, S. J. Hughes 7, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 8.

MIDDLETON, LANCs.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Smethurst 1, L. Miller 2, Mrs. K. Miller 3, Miss J. Reynolds 4, G. Rothwell 5, F. Reynolds (cond.) 6. For the 250th anniversary of the back six.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Dec. 28th, at All Saints' Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Penelope J. Welch 1, Mary Pryor 2, S. Fenwick 3, M. M. Peterson 4, T. Yeomans 5, M. J. Pryor 6, N. W. H. Simon 7, D. J. Llewellyn 8. Conducted jointly by D. J. Llewellyn and N. W. H. Simon.

OLD SWINFORD, Stourbridge, WORCS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (comp. C. H. Woodberry): M. D. Fellows 1, J. Watr 2, G. Westwood 3, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 4, F. G. Handley 5, E. W. Penn 6, J. C. Eisel 7, R. J. Chance 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. L. Davies, inducted to the living this day.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTs.—On Jan. 10th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: Mrs. W. Daw 1, B. Harris 2, G. S. Bush 3, W. R. Barker 4, F. T. Boyall 5, J. F. Bird 6, J. H. Bluff 7, R. H. Daw (cond.) 8. For evening service, and birthday compliment to B. Harris, G. S. Bush and L. Hadman.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Nita West 1, Cynthia Webb 2, Mrs. Simpson 3, W. Simpson 4, A. Humphrey 5, J. Harvey 6, C. Geary 7, D. Marshall (cond.) 8. First of Major 1 and 3.

SHERBORNE ABBEY, DORSET.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: G. Gaylard 1, T. E. Marks 2, D. Beaufoy 3, T. Look 4, W. E. Turner 5, H. Gaylard 6, T. J. Setter (cond.) 7, G. Coward 8.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss H. F. Pardoe 1, Miss A. M. Baldwin 2, Miss E. M. Snell 3, Miss B. G. Dale 4, A. P. Foster 5, R. Wharton 6, G. R. Mordaunt 7, A. G. Tyers (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Miss E. M. Snell.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: B. Lord (first quarter) 1, M. Warren (first 'inside') 2, E. Leggett (cond.) 3, J. Avis 4, N. Avis 5, H. Warren (first quarter) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Correction.—In the peal at Wallington, Herts, No. 32 of C.C. collection of Cambridge Minor was also rung.

Don't forget your 1964 Index. Free to those who send the Editor a stamped addressed envelope. Other years also available.

Ringers on the move.—Last Monday our office staff cut 21 new stencils mainly for subscribers changing their addresses.

The quarter peal rung at Solihull on January 17th was the first as conductor for Graham Palmer, who celebrated his 21st birthday on that day. Graham is also a chorister at the Parish Church.

There is a change in the hon. secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Mr. Frank Matthews has resigned and his place is taken by Mr. D. E. Gibson. Dennis Beresford continues as master.

Friends of Mr. J. Frank Smallwood will be pleased to know that he is better and except for the limitations imposed by 80 plus there are no after effects. He has had to knock off ringing, even for service, but hopes it is only temporary.

The five bells at Coddington, Notts, are to be rehung and retuned and are due at the Loughborough foundry at the end of the month. Local ringers have already raised a considerable sum of the total cost and a frame for six bells is to be installed.

We regret to hear of the passing of Mr. Charles F. Sayer, a well loved ringer at St. Peter's, St. Albans, who was librarian to the Hertford County Association until ill-health necessitated his resignation. To his memory a handbell peal was rung on January 15th.

Mr. Frank C. W. Knight, of 16 Vale Square, Ramsgate, was admitted last Tuesday to the Broak Hospital, Woolwich, for an operation for a brain tumour. He expects to be there for 12 weeks. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery and pray that after this he will be fully restored to health.

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Yorkshire Association to Have Joint Council

The chief item of interest at the general meeting of the Yorkshire Association last Saturday was the newly-formed 'Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies,' which is to have its first meeting in York next month. It has come into being after three meetings of representatives of all the ringing Societies in the county.

While the Yorkshire Association 'covers' the whole county, the nine more local societies cater for the needs of the area around their name towns or districts. It has often been stated that the District Societies are more concerned with the learners, the Yorkshire Association with the more advanced ringers, and while there may be some truth in this, it is nowhere near the whole truth, and as a policy it is a bad one.

Because of the many organisations and seemingly different aims a certain lack of co-ordination has been felt, and it is really the purpose of the new Joint Council to get Yorkshire ringers together, literally to a certain extent, and metaphorically.

Mr. Tom Myers Remembered

Mr. T. J. Myers refutes the claim made by the band who rang at East Budleigh on November 30th (page 9) that it was the first of Parker's One Part for the Guild and in the county. Mr. Myers' first peal with a bob bell was this celebrated One Part rung on October 6th, 1923, at Emmanuel, Plymouth, conducted by the Rev. E. S. Powell, it being his first attempt to call a peal of Grandsire Triples. We are pleased to learn that Mr. Myers is now convalescent after his illness and is able to take short walks as the weather permits. With the return of health and strength he looks forward to being able to earn his living at the bench and resume his activities in the belfry.

Sussex Reflection

The 80th anniversary dinner of the Sussex County Association, held amid the glamour of the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, was no ordinary birthday. Excellently supported, both from within and outside the county, the hon. secretary of the Central Council had a most appropriate introduction to his speech when he said he first came to Sussex to find a wife! The Sussex Association of today has its galaxy of beautiful women and probably more than one male present that evening was wife-seeking. Many ringers think that a bell rope, properly handled, is one of the best ways of revealing a girl's grace and charm.

Liverpool Triumph

The first peal on the bells of Liverpool Cathedral was rung last Saturday in 4 hours 2 minutes. It was 5,037 Grandsire Cinques conducted by Joseph Ridvard who had Dennis Jones strapping for him on the eleventh. There were also two men on the tenor. The peal was rung for the Diamond Jubilee of the Cathedral and as a welcome to the new Dean, the Very Rev. Edward H. Patey.

Lightest of Bells Filmed

A B.B.C. TV film unit visited Mr. Frank D. Mack at Exmorell on January 16th with Michael Harman as interviewer. The film of these little bells will be broadcast at some future date on Spotlight South-West and possibly later on Points West. They also made a short recording for Sound Radio—News and Round-up for the South and West.

Wilmslow Veteran 84

Although no longer actively engaged in ringing, Mr. John Wheadon enjoys being visited by fellow members of the band at Wilmslow, Cheshire. They rang a peal at this church recently as a birthday compliment to him. Mr. Wheadon was 93 on January 4th. For the benefit of would-be correspondents, his address is 7, Gorsey Road, Wilmslow.

40 Years On

By ringing in the peal at Upton-on-Severn on January 9th, the brothers Frank and Joe Lawrence achieved the unique feat of ringing the same bells to Grandsire Triples which they rang 40 years ago to their first peal. Sadly, only two others of the original band are still living, but in these days they take no active part in ringing. An enjoyable evening, including a meal, was had by the band afterwards, and many were the tales told of experiences during the 40 years.

Bad Luck Broken

The Cowbridge, Glamorgan, Doubles peal band reunited in the University vacation to score a peal of Plain Bob at Bonvilston, called from the tenor by Lew Groom, his first as conductor. This broke an unwelcome run of bad luck for the band who had lost previous attempts due to inadequate trouser support, a jammed rope, and the disintegration of a tower joist respectively. The peal offers 86th birthday greetings to Mr. E. Thomas, a former ringer at Bonvilston and father-in-law of the late Mr. R. E. Coles, a leading ringer in the district.

Lines by a 'Norwich Scholar'

How oft mankind exert their utmost powers
To find amusement for their leisure hours;
While some in bowls or cricket will unite
And in such healthful exercise delight,
Others on chess or music fix their mind,
Requiring practice of no trifling kind;
Those who are gifted with a tuneful voice
In singing glees or such like strains rejoice;
While some to far less noble arts descend—
Their time thus wasted oft in ruin end.
Then why should ringing be set down as
naught

By some who never give the science thought?
Its exercise amusement doth impart
To those who are proficient in the art;
In it our energies are all required—
Mental and physical, and zeal untired.
Its compositions intricate are found.
While in its changes harmony abound.
Then let those critics who our choice condemn
Leave us to follow it—we grant the same to
them.

'S.N.'

(Extract from 'Elements of Campanalogia,' by
Henry Hubbard, June, 1854.)

Practical Appreciation

To judge from the number of complaints one hears or reads about ringing (All Saints', Maidenhead, 'R.W.' January 15th, for instance) it might be thought that a large number of people do not like the sound of bells; however, I have never believed this to be so and the experience of a peal band at Caerphilly, Glamorgan, has strengthened my conviction that only a small minority dislike bell ringing.

After ringing the band was met outside the tower by a lady who said that she had liked the ringing so much that the ringers must be rewarded for their efforts; and with that she gave a very generous gift to be shared by the eight ringers. This took place on Boxing Day; so the band walked away with a most unexpected and welcome Christmas present.

Collapsed in Ringing Chamber

The peal in 21 Doubles methods rung at Warnford, Hampshire, was to have been attempted in November last by a band which included Miss Susan Smith of Fareham; the ropes were adjusted and the peal about to begin when she collapsed in the ringing chamber and within two days had a major internal operation. Miss Betty Daysh kindly stepped into the breach and the peal was successfully rung as a twenty-first birthday compliment to Miss Maureen White whose birthday was on January 14th; the band extend all good wishes to her. The peal contained the most methods rung in the Alton and Petersfield District of the Guild and by all the band. The ringers wish Miss Susan Smith a complete recovery to good health, and they also thank Mr. and Mrs. T. White for entertaining them after the peal.

Quex Park Peal Lost

A peal attempt was lost after 2 hours' good ringing, at Quex Park, Kent. The method was Plain Bob, and it was half-muffled for the late Mrs. Powell-Cotton, owner of the tower. Mrs. Powell-Cotton was a good friend to ringers and one of her ancestors, Mr. John Powell-Powell, built the famous tower and put in it the ring of twelve. The attempt was on the middle six (tenor 7 cwt.) by: P. Austin (first peal attempt) 1, F. C. W. Knight 2, D. L. Cawley 3, G. G. Firman 4, M. Ostler 5, K. J. Triplow (cond.) 6.

Kidderminster Active

Miss Freda Salter, who has been in the forefront of a venture which has resulted in the bells of Kidderminster Parish Church being rung regularly for service on Sundays since Easter Day last, is the new secretary of the band of ringers there. Her father, Mr. Keith Salter, is the present captain of the ringers, succeeding Mr. Ray Skinner, who led the band when ringing was resumed in November after a long break. Her grandfather, the late Mr. T. J. Salter, was also a captain of Kidderminster Parish Church ringers. Her address is 164, Marlpool Lane, Kidderminster.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HUISH EPISCOPI, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

Frederick Sandy Treble	George Prescott 5
Walter S. Rice 2	George W. Massey 6
Edgar T. Skipsey 3	Rev. Roger O. Fry 7
Sydney G. Smith 4	David Gale Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker.

Conducted by George Prescott.

First peal in the method by all except conductor. First in the method as conductor.

ASHCOTT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Dec. 30, 1964, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods/variations. (1-3) Southrepps, (4-5) St. Columba, (6-7) Clifford Pl., (8-9) Little Ashton, (10-11) Rev. Canterbury, (12) Wychbold, (13-14) Plain Bob, (15-16) Old, (17-19) April Day, (20-21) Seighford, (22-23) Kennington, (24) Dedworth, (25-28) Plain Bob, (29-32) All Saints, (33-42) Grandshire.

*Angela French (14) .. Treble	Janice Haggett (16) .. 4
David Dean (14) 2	Keith Prime 5
Freda Prime 3	Keith Cavill Tenor

Conducted by Keith Prime.

* First peal. First in 14 methods by all except the conductor. First peal by an all Ashcott Sunday Service band.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 34 cwt. 6 lb. in C sharp.

I. M. Smith (Peterhouse) Treble	W. T. Cook (Jesus) .. 7
V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 2	F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's) 8
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) 3	C. M. Press (King's) .. 9
L. R. H. Smith (Queens') 4	S. C. Walters (Pembroke) 10
A. S. Hudson (Clare) .. 5	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel) 11
K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) .. 6	K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) Tenor

Conducted by Hadley Hunter.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

BOLLINGTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

Neil Lomas Treble	John Booth 5
Margaret Booth 2	Alan Sharples 6
Brian Schofield 3	Denis Mottershead 7
*Alan Schofield 4	John Robinson Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

*First peal of Surprise.

A wedding compliment to Miss Kathleen Bailey and Mr. James Thornhill, who were married the same afternoon at St. Christopher's, Pott Shrigley.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5376 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E.

John P. Fidler Treble	Frank Osbaldiston 5
Derek F. Yates 2	Alan McFall 6
Robert J. Warrilow 3	Basil Jones 7
C. Kenneth Lewis 4	A. Peter Whitehead .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

WILMSLOW, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods:—(1) London Surprise, (2) Kent T.B., (3) and (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) and (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*Peter S. Oliver Treble	Neil D. Lomas 4
Rev. Derek Smith 2	Alan Sharples 5
Rev. Christopher J. Rees 3	Denis Mottershead Tenor

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

* First peal.

Rung by the local band as a 93rd birthday compliment to Mr. John Wheadon.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DERBY.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in D flat.

Harold Taylor Treble	David W. Larkin 6
Joseph C. Woolley 2	John F. Murnin 7
Gordon A. Halls 3	Douglas Derbyshire 8
J. Ashmore Dodd 4	Michael R. Blore 9
Sampson P. Walklate .. 5	Alan Taylor Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd.

Conducted by John F. Murnin.

Harold Taylor has now 'circled the tower.'

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

GREAT DUNMOW, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eleven methods, comprising 576 each Cambridge, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 Bristol, and 384 each Ashted, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 124 changes of method.

Peter G. Brown Treble	Philip J. Rothera 5
*Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 2	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 6
*Joe E. G. Roast 3	Ian R. Panton 7
Peter J. Eves 4	James L. Towler Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

*150th peal together. Most Major methods to a peal by all the band except ringer of 2nd. Most Major methods to a peal on the bells and for the Association.

A birthday compliment to ringer of sixth and an engagement compliment to Philip J. Rothera and Miss Susan Funnell.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

PRESTEIGNE, Radnorshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12 part.	Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F
Robert A. Hatcher .. Treble	†John W. Hope 5
*Colin A. Lewis 2	Austin T. Wingate 6
*Lyndon H. Hatfield .. 3	George T. Cousins 7
*Marcus C. W. Sherwood 4	Harry F. Hatfield Tenor

Conducted by George T. Cousins.

* First of Triples. † First 'inside.'

BUILTH WELLS, Breconshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents	Tenor 8 cwt.
Lyndon H. Hatfield .. Treble	John W. Hope 4
Julie A. V. Caligari 2	Colin A. Lewis 5
Austin T. Wingate 3	George T. Cousins Tenor

Conducted by George T. Cousins.

The first peal of Minor on the bells.

ALLENMORE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., Jan. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, and Plain Bob.

Peter D. Sell Treble	George T. Cousins 5
*David Morton 2	William E. Thompson .. 5
Austin T. Wingate 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First in seven methods. First in seven methods on the bells.

LINTON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being 30 extents of Grandsire, and four each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A.

*Julie A. V. Caligari .. Treble	George T. Cousins 4
Peter D. Sell 2	John F. I. Turney 5
Peter D. S. Caligari 3	†Desmond Bowers Tenor

Conducted by George T. Cousins.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First of Doubles on the bells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Walter Ayre Treble	C. Valerie Mills 5
*Ann P. Bond 2	Keith D. Waples 6
Augustine V. Good .. 3	Peter W. Harper 7
Clare Higby 4	Antony R. Kench Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by Peter W. Harper.

* First peal attempt. First peal as conductor.

Rung to mark the 87th birthday of Herbert Gates, regular ringing member of this tower, with the best wishes of the band and other friends in the district.

DUNSTABLE, Beds.—At the Priory Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in E flat.

C. Valerie Mills Treble	*Peter W. Harper 5
Walter Ayre 2	Howard Collings 6
Augustine V. Good .. 3	*Reginald E. Sheppard .. 7
*Brian M. Barker 4	Antony R. Kench Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Antony R. Kench.

* First peal in the method. First in the method by a Western District band.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

KNEBWORTH, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas a Becket.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LAPAL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. Stuart Hutton Treble	Colif A. S. Harwood .. 5
Vernon Green 2	Gerald E. Penney .. 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	Edwin G. Buck .. 7
G. William Critchley .. 4	J. Richard Castledine .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler.

Conducted by G. William Critchley.

First peal in the method by all the band.

In memoriam Charles F. Sayer.

ASTON CLINTON, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich, Beverley, Surfleet, York, Cambridge, London and Wells. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

H. George Hart Treble	D. Kay Adkins .. 4
Elsie K. Hart 2	Roger Baldwin .. 5
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 3	Kenneth R. Dunstan .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

LEEDS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

Ian H. Oram Treble	Ralph Bird .. 6
*Ann Jenner 2	*Andrew J. Corby .. 7
Stanley Jenner 3	*Dennis A. Chapman .. 8
Doris E. Colgate 4	Thomas Cullingworth .. 9
Arthur S. Richards .. 5	Philip A. Corby .. Tenor

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First peal in the method.

EDENBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Ann Jenner Treble	D. Paul Smith .. 5
*Lucile M. Corby .. 3	*Edward J. Jenner .. 6
*Judith M. Corby .. 3	Philip A. Corby .. 7
*Isabel M. Pearce .. 4	Stanley Jenner .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to Edward J. Jenner.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Fri., Jan. 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Carter's odd-bob. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

George J. Butcher .. Treble	Martin L. Howe .. 5
Frederick J. Cullum .. 2	Cyril S. Jarrett .. 6
Herbert E. Audsley .. 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Christopher T. Osenton .. 4	James T. Stevens .. Tenor

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

WROTHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising. 960 London, 928 Watford, 768 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 each of Superlative and Pudsey, and 416 Lincoln, with 118 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Hilary F. Martin .. Treble	Robert W. Hinde .. 5
Andrew J. Corby .. 2	*Christopher T. Osenton .. 6
*Cyril S. Jarrett .. 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
*David S. Osenton .. 4	*Martin L. Howe .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of 8-Spliced.

First of 8-Spliced as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

OLDHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35 cwt.

Frank Osbaldiston .. Treble	Derek F. Yates .. 7
C. Kenneth Lewis .. 2	Ernest Bennett .. 8
William H. Dowse .. 3	Alan McFall .. 9
Harold C. Lonyon .. 4	Basil Jones .. 10
Robert J. Warrilow .. 5	Robert B. Smith .. 11
John Worth .. 6	A. Peter Whitehead .. Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by John Worth.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of

St. Michael and All Angels.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1964, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 LAMBETH SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D.

Anthony D. Sansom .. Treble	John Robinson .. 7
Robert B. Smith .. 2	Tudor P. Edwards .. 8
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 3	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 9
Susan Funnell .. 4	Frederick Shallcross .. 10
C. Kenneth Lewis .. 5	John H. Fielden .. 11
Basil Jones .. 6	Peter Border .. Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench.

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

A birthday compliment to Miss Eileen Cross, of Ashton-under-Lyne.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Tues., Dec. 22, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 LAMBETH SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D.

Trudy Seipel .. Treble	David Chadderton .. 6
Eileen Cross .. 2	C. John Clegg .. 7
Wendy M. Lee .. 3	Derek J. Marshall .. 8
Margaret Wright .. 4	Jeffrey Brannan .. 9
Christine Andrew .. 5	Frederick Shallcross .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Dr. Malloch.

ACCRINGTON.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sun., March 1, 1964, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

Gayle V. Ryan .. Treble	Anthony J. Helliwell .. 4
Judith P. Winterbottom .. 2	Richard J. Parker .. 5
Roger Leigh .. 3	Robert A. Bolt .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert Bolt.

SALFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of The Sacred Trinity.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob and three of St. Clement's.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in G.

*Margaret Whitehead .. Treble	John W. Gander .. 4
*A. Stephen Taylor .. 2	†Roger L. Coley .. 5
Clive Calton .. 3	David J. Baker .. Tenor

Conducted by David J. Baker.

* First peal. † First of Minor. First as conductor.
Rung by an all-resident band as a wedding compliment to Mary and Philip Jones.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John-the-Divine.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SWINDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*Roland H. Cook .. Treble	Alan E. Hartley .. 6
Beryl E. Cawser .. 2	William A. Lacey .. 7
J. Edward Cawser .. 3	Brian S. Chapman .. 8
Denis A. Frith .. 4	A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 9
Malcolm E. Wade .. 5	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

* 150th peal. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. W. B. Williams, and on the fifth anniversary of his induction.

WIGSTON MAGNA, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

Malcolm E. Wade .. Treble	A. James Poynor .. 5
Sam J. Haines .. 2	W. Arthur Riddington .. 6
R. Roy Watkin .. 3	Russell S. Morris .. 7
Brian C. Law .. 4	Brian S. Chapman .. Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow.

Conducted by A. James Poynor.

Rung on St. Stephen's Day.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

SPALDING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*Julie Kendrick (15) .. Treble	Bernard B. Tyrell .. 5
Roger D. Bailey .. 2	Cyril R. Burrell .. 6
Frank Taylor .. 3	Brian Harris .. 7
*Janet Hubbard (15) .. 4	Raymond H. Daw .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Brian Harris.

* First peal.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

FULNEY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., Jan. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 144 cwt.

Ronald C. Noon Treble	Bernard B. Tyrell 5
George W. Massey 2	Raymond H. Daw 6
Denis Woods 3	Cyril R. Burrell 7
Frank Taylor 4	Brian Harris Tenor

Composed by Henry Dains.

Conducted by Brian Harris.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

LONG SUTTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Dec. 14, 1964, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz. (1) Berwick and Hexham. (2) Ipswich and Norfolk. (3) Lightfoot and Wearmouth. (4) London and Wells. (5) Cambridge and Primrose. (6) York and Durham. (7) Beverley and Surfleet.

Tenor 15 cwt.

Denis Woods Treble	George W. Massey 4
* Frank Taylor 2	Cyril R. Burrell 5
Raymond H. Daw 3	Brian Harris Tenor

Conducted by Brian Harris.

* First peal in 14 Surprise methods.

BLYTON, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Mon., Dec. 28, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four 720's of Plain Bob, and three of Grandsire rung alternately.

Tenor 12 cwt.

* John Hyman Treble	† Melvin Rose 3
† John Underwood 2	† Stephen L. Green 4

Geo. Leslie A. Lunn .. Tenor

Conducted by Geo. Leslie A. Lunn.

* First peal. † First of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CARDIFF, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Thurs., Jan. 14, 1965, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

Thomas Yeomans Treble	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland .. 5
Elizabeth Brown 2	Brian J. Woodruffe 6
Penelope J. Welch 3	David J. Llewellyn 7
Donald G. Clift 4	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven.

Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.

The first peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

BONVILSTON, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (4 callings).

Tenor 12 cwt.

Iolo Davies Treble	Christopher Ricketts 4
Ellis N. Thomas 2	Gareth H. Jones 5
Paul M. Evans 3	W. J. Lewis Groom Tenor

Conducted by W. J. Lewis Groom.

First peal as conductor.

An 86th birthday compliment to Mr. E. Thomas, a former Bonvilston ringer.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

ALTON, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

Richard Wharton Treble	Paul J. Atkins 5
Christine Birks 2	Roy Worrall 6
Norman Sherratt 3	Dennis Latham 7
Harold Dowler 4	Walter Sherratt Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by Dennis Latham.

First of Surprise Major as conductor.

Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to Miss Christine Birks.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

HIGH WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay .. Treble	John Hartless 7
James E. Daniels 2	R. Roger Savory 8
David P. Hilling 3	Philip N. Tubbs 9
Raymond Haines 4	Michael J. Best 10
Reginald W. Rex 5	Frederick E. Collins .. 11
Frank L. Harris 6	Lewis F. Cobb Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.

On Tues., Jan. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

Edward J. Evans Treble	Diana Reeves 5
Charles Coles 2	Robert A. Reeves 6
Ernest G. Jones 3	Christopher C. Clarke .. 7
Peter J. Heritage 4	Edward R. Venn Tenor

Composed by David J. Marshall.

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

BUCKLAND, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

Frederick R. Scott Treble	Anthony R. Peake 5
J. Keith Ward 2	Gordon W. Land 6
Anthony D. Sansom 3	Edward R. Venn 7
Robin G. Leale 4	Brian Bladon Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

First peal of Lincolnshire as conductor.

BLADON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being 12 extents Plain Bob. 5 Rev. Canterbury, and 25 Grandsire.

Tenor 6 cwt.

Garth A. Porter Treble	† David Floyd 4
* Peter G. Holden 2	* James F. List 5
Roy H. Jones 3	† M. Douglas Morgan .. Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

* First of Doubles. † First in three methods. ‡ First peal.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Patching of Northleigh, on their silver wedding and as a farewell to Miss Marilyn Bird upon her departure to Newcastle.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY

OXFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 30 cwt.

William Hibbert Treble	John W. Thorp 7
Edward R. Venn 2	Edgar J. Smith 8
Brian R. White 3	William A. Yates 9
Walter F. Judge 4	John E. Camp 10
Frdrk. A. H. Wilkins 5	George W. Holland 11
J. Richard Chaundy 6	Francis A. White Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

SUNNINGWELL, Berks.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Seven extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in B flat.

John W. Thorp Treble	Roger M. Heyworth 4
Paul H. Brand 2	Anthony P. Foster 5
G. Robert Mordaunt 3	Bruce Wakefield Tenor

Conducted by Bruce Wakefield.

First peal of London for all except the conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Bruce Wakefield, Master of the Society.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

PETERBOROUGH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, viz. (1) Single Court. (2) Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B.. (3) Kent T.B.. (4) Oxford T.B.. (5) St. Clement's. (6) Single Oxford. (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb.

Geoffrey Davis Treble	Bernard Branson 4
Alfred Waller 2	Roy W. Spencer 5
Gilbert Cowlin 3	Raymond H. Daw Tenor

Conducted by Roy W. Spencer.

Rung as a farewell to Rev. J. H. Butcher until recently Vicar of this parish.

EDITH WESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents: C.C.C. Nos. 1, 2, 7, 9, 10, 23, 25.

Tenor 7 cwt.

J. Martin Thorley Treble	Brian Harris 4
* Geoffrey T. Norris 2	Gerald W. Reynolds .. 5
Christopher Groome 3	Raymond H. Daw Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* First peal.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

ISHAM, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*John Worley Treble	*Richard L. Cowley 4
Eric J. Chapman 2	*Charles Richardson 5
*Edward C. Buckley 3	Denis G. Pearson Tenor

Conducted by Denis G. Pearson.

* First peal of Minor. First as conductor.

Rung by members of the St. Mary-the-Virgin, Finedon, band for the Feast of the Epiphany.

STAVERTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Fri., Jan. 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Stanley F. Webb Treble	Roger W. Smith 4
*Patrick I. Chapman 2	Charles E. Trueman 5
Alan A. Paul 3	David J. Marshall Tenor

Conducted by David J. Marshall.

* Has now completed the family of London, including version not accepted. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

THORNHAUGH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 480 Grandsire, 960 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Martin's and St. Simon's, 1,680 Plain Bob (480 in April Day variation).	
Bernard Branstor Treble	Alf Waller 3
Gilbert F. Cowlin 2	*Raymond H. Daw 4
Brian Harris Tenor	

Conducted by Brian Harris.

* First peal of Doubles. Tenor 6 cwt.

Rung for the induction of the Rev. G. H. Bradshaw as Vicar of Wittering, Wansford and Thornhaugh.

PATTISHALL, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 1,440 and five extents in 34 methods, viz.: 288 Carlisle, 192 Morpeth, 168 each of Whitley and Canterbury, 120 each of Alnwick, Northumberland and Newcastle, 96 Sandiacre, 72 Chester, 48 each of Wooler and Munden, (1,440 by A. Relfe), (3) 120 each of Rossendale, Annable's London and Netherseale, 216 Lightfoot, 96 Stamford, 48 Wearmouth, (4) 360 each of Westminster and Allendale, (5) 216 Cambridge, 144 each of Norfolk and Ipswich, 72 each of Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (6) 288 Durham, 120 each of Surfleet and Beverley, 72 each of York and Berwick, 48 Hexham, (7) 360 Cuneastre, 288 London, 72 Wells, with 112 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G.

Barry E. Saunders Treble	Alan A. Paul 4
James Linnell 2	Charles E. Trueman 5
Roger W. Smith 3	Graham C. Paul Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

The greatest number of Spliced Surprise Minor for all the band and for the Guild. First of Surprise on the bells.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Dec. 31, 1964, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Susan Funnell Treble	Martin D. Fellows 7
Jennifer M. B. Cook 2	Robert C. Kippin 8
David R. Ingram 3	Norman J. Goodman 9
John C. Eisel 4	George E. Fearn 10
Michael J. Fellows 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
Maurice G. Ingram 6	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

COLSTON BASSETT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Divine.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

George A. Dawson Treble	Peter Woolven 5
John G. Hallett 2	Peter R. Humphrey 6
Susanna Poppleston 3	*Richard A. G. Inglis 7
Simon Humphrey 4	William L. Exton Tenor

Composed by George Cross.

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* First of Major 'inside.'

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).	Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.
F. William Midwinter .. Treble	David T. Williamson 4
Harold Stevenson 2	Frederick G. Hooper 5
Clarence F. Briggs 3	David D. Parsons Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. J. W. Wilson (Sutton-on-Trent). Miss Gillian Pritchett (Bildeston), both ringers in the Newark district, and following the funeral at this church of Mr. P. J. Jack-

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

PATSHULL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Jan. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb.

*Terry J. Greaves Treble	John H. Taylor 4
†David J. Bates 2	*Remi M. Hodister 5
*A. Elizabeth Timmins .. 3	Michael W. Fairey Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Fairey.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Surprise. ‡ First of Surprise 'inside.' § First in the method.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

BURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., Dec. 25, 1964, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of York, Surfleet, Beverley, London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Double Court, Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Alan R. Bridges Treble	Roderick W. Pipe 4
Cecil W. Pipe 2	Leslie N. Melton 5
B. Gillian Schofield 3	George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

The conductor's 300th peal.

BARKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., Jan. 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent of Oxford T.B. and three extents each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Robert E. Lester Treble	John J. Prentice 4
E. James Lockwood 2	Gilbert R. Goodship 5
Neville F. Whittell 3	Raymond F. Taylor Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. Lester.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Canon S. H. De la Bere (Rector 1925-1964), whose funeral took place on January 5th.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

HEENE, Worthing, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Wed., Jan. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (six obs.).

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Leonard Stilwell Treble	J. Richard Wilson 5
Robert Wake 2	Henry D. Butler 6
*Michael J. Wake 3	Henry C. Weaver 7
Raymond P. Wood 4	†Roy M. Cox Tenor

Conducted by Leonard Stilwell.

* First of Triples. † First peal.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. G. A. Potter, who was inducted the previous day. Also a 50th birthday compliment to Henry C. Weaver.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

WARNFORD, Hampshire.—At the Church of Our Lady of Warnford.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 21 methods, being two extents each of Stedman Slow Course, Coxwell Place, St. Botolph, Westminster II Bob, Blackburn Place Bob, St. Hilary Bob, New Bob, Huntspill Bob, St. Vedast Bob, St. Nicholas Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Remigius Bob, Stedman, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Osmund Bob, Shipway's Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

Mary E. White Treble	Derek J. White 4
Betty J. Daysh 2	Charles E. Bassett 5
Ramon A. Stone 3	Thomas White Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, Worcestershire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (Groves' Variation).	Tenor 12½ cwt.
Charles Haylings Treble	Denis R. Morris 5
Joseph E. Lawrence 2	Ernest F. Cubberley 6
Fred Hawkes 3	*John Clements 7
Frank Lawrence 4	Leonard Dovey Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung on the 40th anniversary of the 2nd and 4th ringers' first peal. The composition, method and bells they rang were the same on each occasion.

CLENT, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Peter L. Bill Treble	Geoffrey Westwood 5
*M. Irene Ellsmore 2	C. Frederick Jukes 6
John C. Eisel 3	Martin D. Fellows 7
A. Bryan Ellsmore 4	†Michael J. Fellows Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne.

Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' † 200th peal (aged 17)

DATE TOUCHES

EMNETH, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 10th, 1,964 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Knight 1, D. Feck 2, P. J. Stokes 3, G. J. Mann (cond.) 4, A. K. Phillips 5. Rung for the 100th birthday of P. H. Phillips, grandfather of the tenor ringer.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,965 Doubles methods and variations: Miss A. G. Harrison 1, Miss E. J. Foster 2, M. J. Kirk 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,965 Minor (being one extent and two 600's of Kent Treble Bob and 45 of Kent and Original): P. R. Humphrey 1, Miss G. J. Foster 2, C. R. Daft 3, Miss S. Poppleston (cond.) 4, P. W. Hawcock 5, S. Humphrey 6. First quarter as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, and an engagement compliment to P. W. Hawcock and Miss M. Bennett.

ARDINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Hilda E. Oatway 1, H. Burton 2, S. H. Wood 3, W. F. Oatway 4, E. Knapp 5, A. E. Laker (cond.) 6.

ASH, SURREY.—On Jan. 10th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Angela J. Smart 1, Angela Hawes 2, Joan Reyner 3, A. K. Tuck 4, S. T. A. Russell 5, P. G. Smart 6. First of Surprise 2, 3 and 4. For Evensong.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: Joy Bagz (14) 1, Janice Haggrett 2, Angela French (14) 3, K. Cavill 4, K. Prime (cond.) 5, D. Dean (14) 6. First in method by all. First on the bells. For All Saints' Day, the method being composed by W. H. Cavill, of Ashcott.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. I. Dear 1, M. Orme 2, D. Salisbury 3, S. Hutton (first in the method) 4, J. S. Dear 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, R. Castledine 8.

BENTLEY, YORKS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Mrs. E. Anderson 1, Mrs. E. Wylie 2, Miss P. Leigh 3, A. Mullinger 4, J. Whitham 5. For Harvest Festival. Also on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Mrs. E. Anderson 1, Miss P. Leigh 2, Mrs. E. Wylie 3, R. J. Sanderson 4, J. Whitham 5. Conducting shared by 4 and 5. For carol service.

BLETSOE, BEDS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. G. Edgson 1, P. J. Payne 2, J. B. Long 3, W. C. Budd 4, C. M. Payne (cond.) 5, J. Ames 6. Rung for the rededication of Bletsoe Church after extensive repairs.

BOURNE, Lincs.—On Jan. 12th, 1,320 Minor (Single Court and Cambridge Surprise): C. T. H. Bradley 1, D. Reeson 2, F. French 3, C. Wade (cond.) 4, W. Fayers 5, H. Burrell 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of J. W. Lake, 1879-1965.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, on Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, J. Stannard 3, A. Ballam 4, H. Clarke 5, P. Everett 6, W. Goodship 7, J. Kerry 8, R. Stannard (first quarter) 9, J. Banks 10. To welcome the return of C. Stannard to the company, after his recent operation.

CHISWICK, MIDD.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Julie S. Armstrong 1, L. Carole Andrews 2, R. J. Cooles 3, A. R. Millidge 4, R. E. J. Dennis 5, M. J. Uphill 6, J. W. Euston (cond.) 7, J. H. Gaze 8. To commemorate the bicentenary of the death of William Hogarth (October 26th, 1764), who is buried in the churchyard.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Salt 1, R. Partridge 2, J. Money 3, Angela Ayres 4, T. Palmer 5, G. K. Cook (first as cond.) 6, H. Eccott 8. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of David Taylor, a local ringer.

CHURCHDOWN, GLOS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: L. Sheasby 1, R. W. Gould 2, C. Clarke 3, R. J. Daniels 4, C. Rouse (cond.) 5, S. W. Hargreaves 6. Half-muffled, in memoriam Leonard James Ivor Whiting, ringer at this church for many years, interred this day, aged 57 years.

CLAYLEY, SALOP.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: J. Courtman 1, W. Francis 2, G. Goodson 3, C. Jones 4, F. Hinton 5, F. Bennett 6, V. Parton (first as cond.) 7, A. Nurse 8. A compliment to Mr. E. A. Drew, captain of the local band, on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

CORSLEY, WILTS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss P. Sellick 1, N. Kne 2, R. Garret 3, L. Hawkins 4, C. White (cond.) 5, R. Holly 6. A 79th birthday compliment to J. Fricker, a local ringer, who has completed 60 years of ringing.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 10th, 1,337 Stedman Caters: J. C. Woolley 1, H. Taylor 2, A. Taylor 3, M. R. Blore 4, J. B. Stennitt 5, G. A. Halls (cond.) 6, S. P. Walklate 7, D. Derbyshire 8, D. Friend 9, C. Thrower (first quarter) 10. For Epiphany.

QUARTER PEALS

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: G. Hebden 1, M. T. Hebden 2, M. G. Dodson 3, R. W. Rice 4, G. Jones (first in method) 5, D. J. Westlake 6, W. S. Rice (cond.) 7, C. J. Hornett 8.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Major: J. Worley 1, E. Buckley 2, K. Chapman (first of Major) 3, R. Cowley 4, E. Chapman 5, R. Whitworth 6, C. Richardson 7, D. Pearson (first as cond.) 8.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints', on Jan. 3rd, 1,273 Grand-sire Triples: C. J. N. Dalton (first on eight bells) 1, Miss M. E. Powell 2, Miss D. A. Deverell 3, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 4, L. C. Way 5, M. J. Uphill 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, A. J. Hampton 8. For the service of lessons and carols.

GLOUCESTER.—On Dec. 22nd, at St. Mary-de-Crypt, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: R. Dale 1, P. Clarkson 2, R. Hazel 3, L. Edwards 4, P. Gould 5, P. Allen 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, J. Whiting 8. For the 30th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Whiting.

HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Dawn White 1, F. Phelps 2, P. Gould 3, H. Hawkins 4, B. Hawkins (cond.) 5, N. Perkins 6. Rung for Confirmation service, when five Hemington ringers were candidates. Also on Dec. 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Dawn White, (15) 1, Sandra Weaver (14) 2, Ernest Penny (14) 3, Edward Penny (16) 4, Jennifer Durston (15, cond.) 5, B. Hawkins (18) 6. Rung by a 'teen-age' band.

HYTHE, KENT.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Elizabeth A. Todd 1, Rose Wraatten 2, Rachel J. Sinden 3, G. J. Neilson 4, B. L. Marks 5, C. T. Hills 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, R. P. Brotherton 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding that day of Myrtle J. Cook (ringer at Lympe) to Norman J. Butcher.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Dec. 6th, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: W. Jackson 1, Caroline Carpenter 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, R. Cooles 4, A. Bishop 5, Deborah Hopkins 6, D. Wilkins 7, M. Bangham (cond.) 8, R. Harris 9, K. Newman 10.

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Patricia E. Trim 1, D. J. Withers (cond.) 2, Sylvia E. Trim 3, T. Nicholls 4, H. Crabbe 5, A. I. Tucker 6. Rung to celebrate the 17th birthday of Patricia E. Trim.

LIFTON, DEVON.—1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): W. Manning 1, G. Mudge 2, H. Hicks 3, J. Mitchelmore 4, J. Benoy 5, C. Parsons 6, W. C. Boucher (cond.) 7, L. Cundy 8. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. Bickle, churchwarden, and Mrs. Bickle.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Dec. 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. Lewis 1, T. E. Sone 2, Miss M. A. Ladd 3, Mrs. O. Tester 4, D. P. Smith 5, E. J. Ladd 6, C. Tester 7, J. W. Smith (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 17th, 1,400 Kent Treble Bob Royal: P. J. Spice 1, E. J. Ladd 2, Miss M. A. Ladd 3, T. E. Sone (cond.) 4, Mrs. O. Tester 5, T. Lewis 6, Miss D. Colgate 7, J. W. Smith 8, D. P. Smith 9, C. Tester 10. For Evensong.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.—On Jan. 18th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Kathlee S. Fuller 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, D. R. Fuller 3, G. W. Elmes 4, M. J. Young 5, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob 1 and 3. First in the method by all.

MILTON ABBOT, DEVON.—1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: W. Manning 1, M. Bould 2, R. Bould 3, H. Hicks 4, W. C. Boucher (cond.) 5, L. Cundy 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of W. Hill.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, C. Kortwright 2, T. Phillips 3, P. Blake 4, J. Lott (first quarter) 5, L. Derriek (cond.) 6. A compliment to ringer of 4th, on his 80th birthday.

NETHERBURY, DORSET.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: B. Tither 1, G. Hawkins (first quarter) 2, John Davis 3, Mrs. D. Davis 4, Jesse Davis (cond.) 5, W. Lewis 6. Believed to be the first quarter by the Sunday service band.

NEWENT, GLOS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: T. Stevens 1, W. Jenkins 2, M. V. Powell (cond.) 3, F. Turner 4, K. Tyler 5, B. Mackett 6. Last quarter on bells before rehanging.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): Miss P. A. Drew 1, Miss H. A. Walters 2, Miss R. J. Kemp 3, A. J. Luxford 4, P. J. Joyce 5, M. D. Trigg (cond.) 6. By the Southampton University Guild as a birthday compliment to ringer of the second.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. John, on Dec. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Ruth Haw 1, J. H. Bluff 2, G. S. Bush 3, W. R. Barker 4, F. Boyall 5, L. Hadman 6, J. W. Haw 7, B. Harris (cond.) 8. For Evening service.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Valerie Rushforth 1, H. DeCombe 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, K. Tipper 4, D. White 5, Cdr. Jackson 6. For Evensong, and in memoriam Mr. R. Reeves, who died on January 5th.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on Nov. 8th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: Miss J. Marks 1, Miss Y. Porter 2, R. Bell 3, Mrs. M. Bould 4, J. Perkins 5, D. Wheeler 6, F. E. Day (cond.) 7, H. F. Myers 8, D. R. Bould 9, A. W. Myers 10. For Harvest Festival. Also on Dec. 22nd, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: Miss J. Marks 1, Mrs. M. Bould 2, H. H. Thomas 3, H. Milford 4, A. Collings 5, J. Perkins 6, F. E. Day (cond.) 7, D. R. Bould 8, A. W. Myers 9, W. Marks 10. For Lord Mayor's carol service. Also on Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples (Parker's One-part): Miss J. Marks 1, A. Collings 2, F. E. Day (cond.) 3, H. Milford 4, J. Perkins 5, A. M. Myers 6, H. F. Myers 7, W. Marks 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grand-sire, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): Mrs. E. Jones 1, Patricia Samuel 2, R. I. Bowron 3, A. A. J. Buswell 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5, A. Dixon 6. Rung on the front six.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Jan. 17th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. F. Mew (cond.) 1, Ruth Carr 2, Alison M. Mann 3, B. J. Bull 4, B. H. Coatsworth 5, A. R. Millidge 6, D. C. Brookes 7, A. R. Paterson 8. For Evensong.

ROCHESTER, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: C. Davidson 1, D. S. Osenton 2, C. Jarrett 3, C. E. J. Norris 4, B. Trill 5, G. Phillpot 6, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 7, L. Crouch 8. A golden wedding compliment to the captain, Mr. C. E. J. Norris, and his wife.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Jan. 17th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Judith M. Corby 1, Anne J. Rainey (first quarter of Major) 2, Lucile M. Corby 3, P. A. Corby 4, R. V. Fuller 5, W. J. Manning 6, D. Woodcock 7, A. J. Corby (first in the method as cond.) 8.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.—On Jan. 13th, a quarter peal of mixed Doubles: K. T. Wakellett 1, D. M. Lewis 2, W. H. Lewis (cond.) 3, B. W. Cooper 4, E. J. Townsend 5, T. Lewis 6. Rung for the birth of a son to Sheila, daughter of the conductor and sister of ringers of 2 and 6, who was a former ringer at this tower.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: W. Leeson 1, T. J. Warner 2, V. W. Rigg 3, C. W. Bragg 4, R. J. Cann 5, G. Palmer (first as cond.) 6, G. E. Fearn 7, A. Crabtree 8.

TORTWORTH, GLOS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: G. Miners 1, N. Martin 2, R. Hedges (first as cond.) 3, C. H. Legge 4, G. Chamberlaine 5, P. Wilcox 6. In honour of the Rev. W. A. Peel, who is leaving Tortworth after 33 years.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: R. H. Johnston 1, Mrs. F. A. Penn 2, G. H. Harding 3, C. P. Quartley 4, N. P. Spencer 5, R. Gardner 6, R. H. Lucas 7, F. A. Penn 8, R. D. Quartley (first of Caters as cond.) 9, G. Davis 10. First quarter 1 and 6. For Communion.

TURRAMURRA, NEW SOUTH WALES.—On Jan. 10th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Patricia Rynn (first quarter) 1, Margaret Goodyer 2, Enid Roberts 3, Walter Knight 4, John Rainsford 5, William Watson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): B. Pink 1, Mary White 2, R. A. Stone 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Maureen White.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: L. Stilwell (cond.) 1, W. H. Riddle 2, Anne M. Smith 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, E. Treagus 5, P. Stevens 6, E. Winifred Keys 7, H. R. Morgan Marshall 8. A compliment to Mr. M. Meeten (lay reader) and Mrs. Meeten, on their golden wedding.

WOULDHAM, KENT.—On Dec. 27th, 1,440 Minor (Double Oxford and Plain Bob): C. Davidson 1, J. W. Coleman 2, Rev. P. N. Bond 3, C. S. Jarrett 4, D. S. Osenton (cond.) 5, C. T. Osenton 6. A farewell to the incumbent, Rev. G. A. Robson.

WEST COKER, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. T. Hebden 1, R. W. Rice 2, G. Jones 3, M. G. Dodson 4, D. J. Westlake 5, G. Hebden 6, W. S. Rice (cond.) 7, C. J. Hornett 8. First of Bob Triples 5 and 6.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CLAYTON.—The address of the Rev. Tony Clayton is now Blankney, 76, Franciscan Road, Tooting Graveney, S.W.17. 6185

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RINGERS' DIARY, 1965

We regret that one or two errors have crept into the new touches on page 79.

1. The lengths of the quarter peals of Triples in the last column shown as 1,280 should be 1,260.

2. In the second calling a 'H3' has been omitted from the second 'course.' The calling should be

	1,260		
23456	W	H	
52436	—	3	
52346	—	1	3
24356	2	3	
26543	—	O	
35426	F		
23456	—	3	

On the back end paper the method names Stansted and St. Edmundsbury College Triples should be transposed.

We have also been notified that the secretary of the Furness and Lake District of the Lancashire Association is Mr. T. F. Metcalfe, 49, Station Road, Flookburgh, Grange-over-Sands, and that the convener of the Records Committee of the Central Council (Mr. F. T. Blagrove) is not now at his Windsor address being at present in Rhodesia.—W. Viggers, M. Hodson. 6185

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Next practice at St. Nicolas', Guildford, for those wishing to practise for Cathedral on February 20th from 6 to 9 p.m. Surprise Royal on 2nd February, at 7.30 p.m. 6172

INDEX FOR 1964 now ready. Also available those for 1963, 1962, 1961, 1960, 1969, 1958 and 1957. Send stamped addressed envelope to the Editor, 'The Ringing World', c/o Woodbridge Press Ltd., Guildford.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The 1965 Tour will be centred on Truro between April 17th and April 23rd. Any non-resident member interested please contact C. Taylor, Truro School, Truro, as soon as possible. 6163

PERSONAL PEAL ANALYSIS, 1964.—If you want your total checked send details to Mr. James R. Taylor, 15, Greenacre Road, Whitechurch, Bristol 4. Particulars wanted of tower- and handbell peals ring (separate totals) with numbers conducted in parentheses.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—An Executive Committee meeting will be held in the vestry of Holy Trinity, Guildford, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 13th. Main business—annual report. 6135

Will those whose Subscriptions to 'THE RINGING WORLD' are outstanding please remit without delay or notify cancellation of order. Forgetfulness in not replying to our reminders adds to the cost of production and entails additional work to our busy staff.

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES.—Meeting in Rotherham and Sheffield, Saturday, February 6th. Towers available:—Rotherham a.m.: St. Stephen's, Eastwood. 10.30–11.30; All Saints 11.30–1. Sheffield p.m.: St. Mary's, Handsworth 1.45–2.45; St. John Evan, Rammoor 3.15–4.30; St. Marie's R.C. 4.30–5.45; Cathedral 6.30–7.45. Own arrangements for lunch and tea. 6134

ST. KATHERINE'S, MERSTHAM.—A Dedication service will be held instead of Evensong on Sunday, January 31st, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing will commence at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. Searle, 27, Orpin Road. Tel. Merstham 72. Please by Saturday, January 23rd. All are welcome. 6145

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CANCELLED

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The meeting on January 30th at Stockport is cancelled.—C. K. Lewis. 6204

MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Annual meeting, January 30th. St. Mary's and Holy Trinity bells 3 p.m. Service at Holy Trinity 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. G. Ponting, Highdown, Milford, Godalming. NO St. Nicolas' bells afterwards. 6097

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual general meeting, Hemel Hempstead, January 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. Williams, 7, Midland Road, Hemel Hempstead. 6160

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual district meeting, Wood Green, January 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing till approx. 8.30 p.m. 6104

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—A.G.M., Chilvers Coton (10) on January 30th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. in Constitutional Club. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Beamish, 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton, Warwicks. Further ringing in the evening. Gentlemen cordially invited.—S. E. Chesterton, Hon. Sec. 6131

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual District meeting Basingstoke January 30th. St. Michael's bells 3 p.m. All Saints' bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names, please, to John Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 6161

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Annual meeting, Newport, January 30th. Bells 3.4.15 n.m. Service. Tea and business meeting to follow. Carisbrooke bells available afterwards.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 6138

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, February 1st, at 7 p.m. 6174

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Business Meeting at 'THE RISING SUN' CARTER LANE, E.C.

on Tuesday, February 2nd, at 8.15 p.m. Practices in February, all commencing 6.30 p.m.

2nd—St. Paul's Cathedral.

9th—St. Michael's, Cornhill.

16th—St. Lawrence's, Jewry.

23rd—St. Giles', Cripplegate.

Members are asked to note that a meeting will be held at Exeter on May 29th, 1965. Local members particularly are asked to support this meeting and the attendance of other provincial members and companies is cordially invited.—John Chilcott 6191

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting Saturday, February 6th, Harrold. Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30. tea 5 p.m. Names to C. Payne, 32, George Street, Clapham, Beds. Bring your subscriptions. 6155

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Lillington, Saturday, February 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me.—P. S. Bennett, College Farm, Bearley, Stratford-upon-Avon. 6126

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Christ Church (10), North Shields, on Saturday February 6th. Bells from 2.30, tea at 4.30. service 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. S. Hewitt, 34, Albury Park Road, Tynemouth. 6203

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Fordham (6), Saturday, February 6th. Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30. tea 5 p.m. Important meeting concerning striking competition. Special methods: Double Oxford and Annab's London. 6198

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Barnwood on Saturday, February 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Names to P. Clarkson, Hon. Sec., 28, Richmond Gardens, Longlevens, Glos., by 3rd (all welcome). 6190

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual general meeting at Leatherhead on February 6th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 n.m. for those who notify, by February 3rd. Mr. A. J. Smith, 25, Hilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead, Surrey. 6154

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Annual meeting will be held on February 6th, at Bridgnorth, Ringing St. Mary's 3, service 4.30, tea 5. Ringing St. Leonard's after tea. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 3rd, to Miss V. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock. 6167

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, February 6th, Watford. Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30 n.m., tea 5 p.m. Names essential to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel Watford 27936.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 6132

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rainham on February 6th. Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. F. J. Cheal, 49, Ivy Street, Rainham, by previous Wednesday.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6182

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Accrington on Saturday, February 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m., tea 5 p.m., business to follow. Reduced charge for tea, if name sent to Mr. A. Helliwell, 24, Turkey Street, Accrington by Wednesday. —B. A. Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 6171

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Meeting at St. James', Poolstock, on Saturday, February 6th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m., service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Williams, 4, Coronation Street, Poolstock. 6165

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting February 6th, Whetstone. Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea 5. in Schoolroom. Names for tea to Mrs. Needham, 43, Victoria Road, Whetstone, by Feb. 3rd.—A. J. Poynter, Dis. Sec. 6178

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting February 6th. at Hathern. Bells (6) 3 p.m., tea 4.30, service at 6 p.m., tea in Church Rooms. Names for tea not required. 6127

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—S. and W. District.—February 6th. Heston. Bells (8) from 3, service 4.30, tea to follow in Church Hall. Subscriptions now due to Miss Horsforth, please.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Sec., 12, Cardinal Walk, Hampton, Middlesex. 6164

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Tunstall. February 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m., service 5 p.m., tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to P. Adkins, 20, Jaycene Avenue, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent.—D. J. Midgley, Acting Hon. Sec. 6180

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting, Thetford, Saturday, February 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 3rd, to Mr. H. B. Fuller, 97, Nelson Crescent, Thetford.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 6146

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice February 6th. at Newport Pagnell. Bells (8) from 6 p.m.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting Chacombe, Saturday, February 6th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 6192

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting, Spratton, Saturday, February 6th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 6185

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Peterborough Branch.—A.G.M., Stamford, Saturday, February 6th. Bells, St. Martin's (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. All Saints' (6) available in evening. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to J. H. Bluff, 81, New Cross Road, Stamford.—R. H. Daw, Sec. 6189

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Northampton Branch.—A.G.M. postponed until Saturday, February 6th. All other arrangements stand.—B. E. Frost, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—Devizes Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, February 6th. West Lavington (6). Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30. Names for tea: A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 6139

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting York, February 6th. Bells (6) Inst. of Advanced Architectural Studies, 2 to 3.45. Evensong, Minster 4, tea 5 (Railway Inst.). Minster bells (12) 6.30 to 8.15. Names please to Mr. H. Walker, 1, Flavian Grove, Clifton, York, before Feb. 4th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6193

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting Killmarsh, February 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Names please by Thursday, February 4th, to Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 10, Pye Bank Close, Sheffield, 3.—J. Seager. 6197

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—Nottingham District.—Meeting Nuthall, February 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Ambrose, 62, Parkfields Road, Nuthall, Nottingham by February 3rd.—S. Adams. 6181

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Northern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Saturday, February 6th. Crawley. Bells (8) 3 p.m., service 4.30. Tea 5, for those who notify Mr. G. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley, by Wednesday, February 3rd.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 6166

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD—Christchurch District.—Annual meeting at Ringwood, on Saturday, February 6th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea and meeting 5.15 in the Star

Inn. Ringing to follow. Names essential for tea (3s. 6d.) to L. F. Cobb, 182, Southampton Road, Ringwood, by Tuesday, Feb. 2nd. 6194

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD—Portsmouth District.—Annual general meeting St. Mary's, Portsea, February 6th. Bells 3.30, service 5, tea 5.30 in Youth Centre. Evening ringing at Cathedral 7.15 till 9. Names for tea to Mrs. Siddorn, 134, Church Road, Portsmouth, by previous Wednesday please.—L. Duguid. 6173

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
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6129

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting on February 13th. at Speldhurst (8) 3-5 and 6-7 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Alternative evening ringing will be arranged. Names for tea by February 11th to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 6168

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS—East Devon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Broadhembury on Saturday, February 13th. Bells from 3 p.m., service 4.15, tea and meeting after. Names for tea by 10th to Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. Phone 521. 6171

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Llandaff Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at Pontypridd on Saturday, February 13th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m., service at 4 p.m., tea and business to follow. Names for tea by February 8th, to Mr. W. J. Goodfellow, Sec., 33, Brook Road, Fairwater, Cardiff. 6169

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, February 13th

St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside 2-3; St. Clement Danes, Strand, 4-5.30; service 5.30 followed by tea and meeting George Hotel, Strand. Handbell Competition. Social Evening. Names essential to Miss M. E. Powell, 56, Narbonne Avenue, S.W.4. KEL 2390, Annual Dinner February 27th, 1965. Tickets at A.G.M.—Miss V. E. Dupre, Hon. Sec., 63, Woodlawn Road, S.W.6. REN 4423. 6189

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting Great Yarmouth, February 13th. Bells (13) from 2.30 p.m., service 4.15, tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 10th certain please, to Mr. P. G. W. Newstead, 23, Barnard Ave., Gt. Yarmouth.—N.P.J.C., Branch Sec. 6053

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Eastern Branch.—Annual branch meeting, Great Yarmouth, February 13th. Bells (13) from (please note) 3.30 p.m., service 4.15, tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 10th, certain please to Mr. P. G. W. Newstead, 23, Barnard Avenue, Great Yarmouth.—N.P.J.C., Branch Sec. 6179

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Harpole, Saturday, February 13th. Important. Names for tea to me not later than Monday previous please.—F. W. Hancock. 6179

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting and social on Saturday, February 13th, at St. John-the-Baptist, Croydon. Bells 6.30 p.m. Social 7.30 in Church Hall. Refreshments 2s. 6d. Names to Mrs. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Croydon, by previous Monday, please. 6187

SUFFOLK GUILD—North-West District.—Practice meeting at Brandon (6) on Saturday, February 13th. Bells 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 6184

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD—Annual general meeting of the Winchester District will take place at New Alresford on February 13th at 2.30 p.m.—R. Collis, Sec. 6175

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Kirkby-in-Furness on Saturday, February 20th. Please note change of date. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to the Rev. C. E. Whitaker, The Vicarage, Kirkby-in-Furness, Lancs.—T. F. Metcalfe. 6197

QUARTER PEALS

CUTTINGHAM, E. YORKS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,288 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: Mrs. Renee Page-Jones 1, Jean Woodbridge 2, K. Goldthorpe 3, C. L. D. Munday 4, J. I. Booth 5, C. C. Brown 6, P. Scowson 7, R. D. Gibson (cond.) 8. First of Spliced Plain and Little for all except 3 and 8. Rung for Evensong.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Gooderham 1, L. P. Brain (first quarter 'inside') 2, S. Hammond 3, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 4, C. Loke 5, R. Groom 6. For morning service.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on Jan. 17th, 1,296 Spliced S. Minor (six methods): Yvonne Edwards 1, R. E. J. Dennis 2, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 3, T. G. Pett 4, A. H. Smith 5, R. O. Humphries 6. For morning service by U.L.S.C.R.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile, on Jan. 4th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. Humphrey 1, Miss E. J. Foster 2, R. A. G. Benfield (cond.) 3, Miss S. Poppleston 4, P. Humphrey 5, G. A. Dawson 6, B. S. Payne 7, G. R. Edwards 8.

MARTIN, HANTS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Hans Juhkental 1, J. Baverstock 2, P. T. King (first as cond.) 3, W. Perrins 4, R. N. Marlow 5, K. Owen (first quarter) 6.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss S. Poppleston 1, P. Hawcock 2, P. Humphrey 3, Miss M. Chilton 4, S. Foskett 5, R. Green 6, S. Humphrey 7, G. A. Dawson 8, R. Inglis 9, J. R. Pratchett (cond.) 10.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patricia White 1, D. Murler 2, P. Leggett 3, W. Bavin 4, J. Causer 5, A. Payne (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss P. White, upon her engagement to Mr. G. Thurlbourn.

RAWMARSH, W. YORKS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): D. Burling 1, J. Smalley (first quarter) 2, A. King 3, G. Pilkington 4, M. King (cond.) 5, D. Hutton 6. First of Doubles for 1, 2 and 4.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire and Stedman Triples: Miss S. Hayward 1, P. Bedford 2, T. Jones 3, F. May 4, M. Hallett 5, D. Belcham 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. A 21st birthday compliment to P. Bedford, also to Gerald and Liz Sandwell on the birth of a daughter.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Isaacs (first quarter) 1, Christine J. Stratford 2, B. C. Burrows 3, L. Watkins 4, M. E. Brown (cond.) 5, A. Chapman 6. Rung for the toy service. Also on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Isaacs 1, Dorothy Page 2, L. Watkins 3, J. Watkins 4, B. L. Burrows 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. A. V. Stratford, treasurer of this church, whose funeral took place this day.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: June Wood 1, M. Wood 2, D. Sretton 3, Carol Corton 4, D. Stenson 5, A. Mildred 6, K. Mildred (cond.) 7, M. Brown 8.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Brown 1, Miss M. Pantou 2, I. R. Pantou 3, B. G. Brinkley 4, P. J. Rothera 5, P. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung fully muffled in memoriam Rev. J. B. H. Britter (late Rector), who died suddenly on January 2nd.

WARSP, NOTTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,440 Warkworth Surprise Minor: Miss A. C. Rooke 1, J. T. Rooke 2, G. Challans 3, F. Cooke 4, D. H. Rooke 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For carol service. Also on Jan. 3rd, 720 London Surprise Minor and 600 Oxford T.B. Minor: J. T. Rooke 1, D. H. Rooke 2, R. Lucas 3, F. Cooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

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The ringing programme at St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday for the funeral of Sir Winston S. Churchill is that as the funeral procession leaves the Cathedral the bells will be rung half-muffled for half an hour. There will be a peal attempt of Stedman Cinques starting at approximately 5 p.m. The bells will still be half muffled.

COMPOSITIONS

5,216 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By E. W. TIPLER
23456 B M W H

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43526				3
25634				3
53246	X			
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42635				
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First rung at Oxford St. Ebbe on September 8th, 1964.

5,008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

By PETER C. WRIGHT
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SHENSTONE, STAFFS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. C. Bowen 1, N. C. Bowen (first 'inside') 2, Lucy Smith 3, C. T. Collins 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5.

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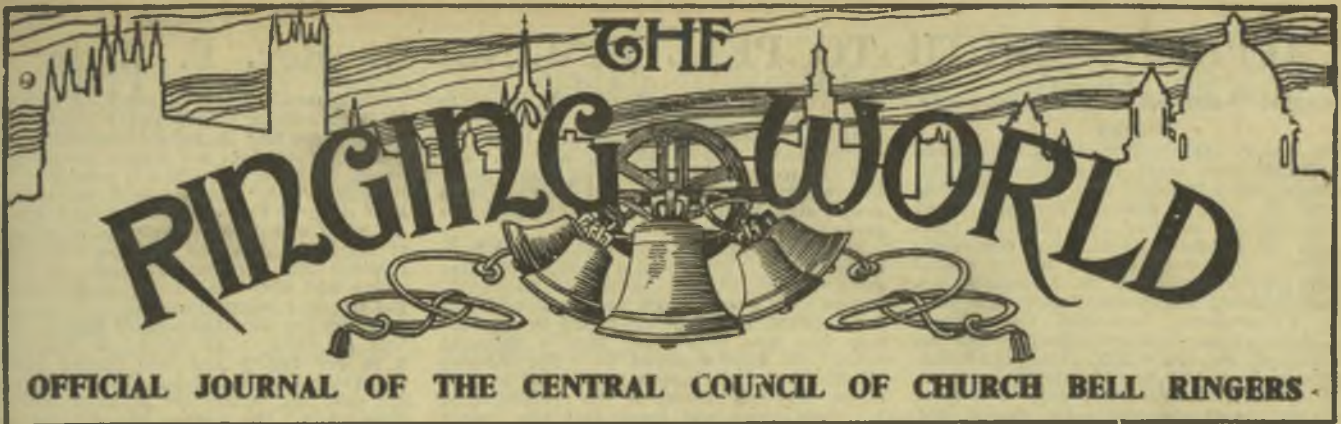
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ENGLISH BELL RINGING AND MODERN CHURCHES

A NUMBER of interesting points have been raised by articles on this subject in recent issues of 'The Ringing World.' Much has been written and it seems likely that the latest letter will provoke yet more discussion. This is ever valuable, but whilst tower design and bell-frame innovations may be mooted for generations, we should not forget that a vast church-building programme is already under way, and that for words and ideas to be effective now they should be matched quickly by action.

Most architects are not naturally aware of the complexity of requirements for change ringing any more than they are naturally aware of the requirements of—say—a hospital operating theatre. In the latter example the architect will always be supplied with detailed information by his client, but I wonder how many parish councils include bells in their brief for a new church, giving their precise requirements?

A 'Brief' for a campanile from first principles could be as follows:

1. Number and weight of bells. These key decisions would heavily influence the design. A light ring of bells could be cast and hung for ringing for little over £1,000 and the cost of an efficient 'campanile' to hold them need only be a small fraction of the cost of most new churches.

2. Provision of adequate space for ringers, including bystanders (considerable numbers of whom accumulate during meetings). This space would preferably be at ground level as it allows the elevation of the bells to be low and the cost of supporting a heavy bell frame forms one of the major items of expense.

Access would be easy but lockable internally and externally. Adequate daylighting and multi-point artificial lighting at proper height would be required. Windows would not permit distracting viewing of or by ringers, who should not be set in silhouette one from another.

Heating and ventilation should be adequate and controllable (many new ringing rooms have insufficient ventilation).

The space should be designed and treated acoustically to eliminate all unwanted reverberation of sound from the bells. Regard must be paid to the shape of the space (v. Liverpool Cathedral, where the huge room causes multi-echoing) and to the nature of floor, wall and ceiling surfaces (v. St. Andrew's, Holborn—harsh sound reflection occurs off the concrete floor). The height of the ringing space would be determined by the draught of rope required (without guides) between ringers and ceiling.

3. Provision of a bell-chamber. Between this and the ringers' space there would be some sound insulating material. According to the weight of the bells, this may vary from a sound-deadening floor to a separate sound-reducing chamber. The former is acoustically more easy to manipulate, and also allows for the height of the bell frame to be kept low off the ground. Here, I would add, it is essential that the bell founders are called in at an early stage in the design. The bell frame which is eventually installed must produce a good rope circle for the ringers without (or with minimum) 'drawing' of any rope away from its free vertical fall from the pulley block.

The bell chamber would be provided with convenient access and floors at a convenient height for maintenance of the bells, also for entry of the latter.

Natural light here is desirable but not essential. Good artificial light and provision for a wandering lead is, however, required. Acoustically the bell chamber, like the ringing space, must be very carefully designed, both in shape and in the nature of its floor, wall and ceiling surfaces. It should not allow excessive resonance of other than the strike note of each bell, nor yet unduly deaden the overtones.

Emission of sound from the bell chamber generally should be directed upwards and outwards. Neighbouring high buildings may make it desirable to reduce or prevent sound being emitted in some directions. Always the sound emission should be controllable, to enable a larger volume for services and special occasions, and a minimum for practice nights.

Providing this kind of brief is adhered to, the architect is then afforded every opportunity of designing a campanile to his own architectural taste and to the requirements of his clients, the parochial church council.

This brief by no means answers all the queries, rather it deliberately raises many problems which have to be worked out and solved in each individual case.

The campanile could be a major feature of the design, or (like some South of England timber towers) it could be incorporated as just another item of equipment, at modest cost, within the overall body of the church.

With all due respect to the sketch which appeared in 'The Ringing World' of January 22nd, preconceived ideas of a non-architectural nature shown to an architect may well deter him from offering any solution, especially if he is led to believe he will only be asked to clothe some such engineered structure in appropriate architectural dress.

I feel that the greatest service ringers could do in the promotion of rings of bells for new churches would be to provide the church councils concerned—and thus the architects—with basic information like the above so that new designs for campaniles may be evolved.

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APPLYING TRUTH TO PEAL RINGING—By Rev. F. Rigby

Straight Words at Bristol University Dinner

ON January 23rd eight towers in and around Bristol were open to welcome the 163 ringers and friends who attended the U.B.S.C.R. annual dinner. Ringing ranged throughout the morning and afternoon from rounds to London Royal and Cambridge Maximus. This was followed by the annual service in the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount-Without, where the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Vyvyan-Jones, welcomed the visitors and spoke of the problems caused by the expansion of the University. He nevertheless welcomed the change and challenged the members of the Universities not only to criticise the older generation within the church, but to take possession of the church so that the same criticisms might not be levelled at them by succeeding generations.

After the loyal toast, proposed by the president (Professor R. J. Brocklehurst), Mr. D. B. Williams (the secretary) proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' He referred to the shadow under which the dinner was being held this year, the illness of Sir Winston Churchill, Chancellor of Bristol University. He asked those present to copy the example of his life, and especially to apply Sir Winston's vision of unity to ringing.

PURPOSE OF A UNIVERSITY

The reply to the toast to the visitors was made by the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association (the Rev. F. Rigby).

Mr. Rigby said he believed the purpose of a university was to help members—first of all to discover the truth, and secondly, having found the truth, to pass it on to others. He found the discovery of the truth in anything exceedingly difficult. He read many articles in theological journals and had come to the conclusion that one half of the theologians did not know what the other half were writing about.

'The discovery of the truth in mathematics is a little easier, but even so, there are so many branches of mathematics that an expert in one field may well find another branch of mathematics almost incomprehensible. A few months ago curiosity prompted me to buy a copy of the "Scientific American," a number devoted to mathematics. It made me realise that though I knew a little mathematics, it was indeed a little. I know of some of the new mathematics, for example what is known as "group theory" simply because that is what my son does. But there is far more mathematics which I do not understand than mathematics which I do understand.'

'Quite simply, the whole of the truth is far greater than we realise or are prepared to admit. That, incidentally, is one reason why I believe in God; there must exist somebody who knows the whole of truth, God Himself. If that statement is philosophically unsound, I apologise to the philosophers present.'

TRUTH IN RINGING

'Now what has all this to do with change ringing? Quite a lot. University men and women must have a concern for the truth, not only in their own field of study, but in so far as it affects their art or science of ringing. I think, too, I would like to ally the truth with beauty, for without the beauty of ringing which is shown in good striking the truth of ringing may not emerge. Let me explain a little more clearly.'

'Those who are clever enough can check the truth of the composition of a peal in advance but this is no guarantee that the truth which exists on paper will result in a true peal being rung in the tower. The truth is only achieved in the tower by good, continuous, accurate striking of the whole of the

peal; that is why truth must be allied to beauty in the ringing of a peal. Further, the truth of the composition must be known to the conductor and he must be able to translate the truth which appears on paper to be the calling of the truth in the tower. Truth and beauty together may result in a proper peal.'

'Now I suggest to you that not all peals published in "The Ringing World" are true peals even if they are based on paper truth. I once rang a peal which was supposed to be seven extents of Minor conducted by someone who has now rung more than a thousand peals. It duly appeared in "The Ringing World" but I did not put it in my own records. For this reason: If you are ringing at a certain speed you know that you cannot ring one of the 720's in several minutes less than the others. Something went wrong, as so often happens, and for some time there was a most ghastly row. The bells were called into a certain coursing order from the most awful mix-up and were eventually brought round, but all I am prepared to say about this particular extent was the length was (720-x). That which was recorded was not a peal.'

'Now I don't want to be pious about this sort of thing. The quickly corrected trip skillfully done we can all allow. But not all bad patches in peals are like this and many recorded peals are false peals and are known to be false.'

'So it amounts to this. The truth of a com-

position usually exists on paper. It also exists in the conductor's head and I would be the first to deny that he has a pretty difficult task. But the truth does not always emerge in the tower, yet often that which is printed in "The Ringing World" appears as if the truth had been rung. I like to think that God will have a sort of super-tape recorder with an infinity of tapes recording our peals so that we may continue our arguments about what went wrong and who went wrong in the next life. But this is a private fancy.'

'University men and women have a duty to seek the truth in all things; we should seek it in our ringing and help ringing generally by having high standards. All that glitters is not gold and neither are all peals which are recorded in "The Ringing World" true peals.'

The toast of 'The Society' was proposed by Mr. S. E. Watters, Master of the Cambridge University Guild, who made a highly amusing speech and ended by wishing the U.B.S.C.R. every success for future years.

The Master (Mr. C. M. Foster) replied, giving details of the Society's activities, ringing and otherwise, during the last year, and introduced the new system which is being developed in the Society for teaching learners.

Social activity continued after dinner until midnight, when many were heard to resolve that they would be there again next year. We certainly hope so and look forward to an even more successful dinner day in 1966.

P.T.H., P. B.C.

HAPPENINGS IN SALISBURY GUILD

The Branch annual meeting was held at Dorchester on January 16th. St. Peter's bells being available from 2.30 p.m. and those at Fordington St. George in the evening.

The Guild service in St. Peter's Church was conducted by the Rector, Rev. K. W. Meiklejohn, the lesson being read by the Branch chairman (Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth, Rector of Cattistock) and the address given by the Rev. E. D. Ginever, Rector of Maiden Newton. Mr. Harvey Easton was organist.

Tea was served in the Wessex Restaurant to nearly 50 members including the Master of the Guild (Rev. R. N. Longridge) and visitors from Somerset, North Dorset and Wimborne.

At the business meeting which followed the following officers were elected: Chairman, Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth; vice-chairman, Canon E. B. Brooks; Ringing Master, Mr. J. W. Rose; Deputy Ringing Masters, Messrs. E. H. Amey and A. J. Slade; honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. J. Slade; assistant honorary secretary, Miss B. Dyke; committee members, Miss P. Boalch and Mr. G. Goringe. Mr. Richard Duke, who had been assistant honorary secretary for nine years and secretary for the past seven years, did not seek re-election. The chairman expressed appreciation to Mr. Duke, for his valuable work for the Dorchester Branch.

The honorary secretary reported a slight increase in Branch membership, which now stood at 150. Quarter peals had been rung at Abbotsbury, Cattistock, Charminster, Fordington, Preston, Wool and Wyke Regis during the year. Congratulations were extended to Mr. F. Stedman, of Wyke Regis, who had celebrated his 90th birthday during 1964, and who still rings regularly on Sundays and practice nights. The financial statement showed a balance in hand of £17 18s. 1d.

Quarterly meetings during 1965 were provisionally agreed to at Maiden Newton (by invitation), April; Piddlehinton, July; Cattistock in September. Subject to consent fortnightly Branch practices will be held at Wool (January 30th), Wyke Regis (February 13th).

Upwey (February 27th), Litton Cheney (March 13th), Piddlehinton (March 27th) and Cattistock (April 10th).

A. J. S.

Wimborne Branch

Sixty ringers from 15 towers energetically used the fine ring of 10 bells at Wimborne Minster on January 23rd on the occasion of the A.G.M. of the local Branch. The Guild Office was taken by the Vicar, Rev. S. M. Epps, who warmly welcomed all the ringers. An interesting sermon on the missionary work of bells in the 20th century was preached by the curate, Rev. J. Lewis, himself a ringer. Mr. G. Grant, a Minster ringer, played the organ. An excellent tea was provided by the Minster ringers and ably served by their wives.

At the lively business meeting, the Chairman, Mr. L. J. Lockyer, welcomed the visitors and in particular the Guild Master, Rev. R. N. Longridge, who agreed to take the chair for the meeting. Officers for 1965 were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. L. J. Lockyer; Vice-chairman, Mr. C. E. Bishop; Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Robertson; Ringing Masters, Mr. R. G. W. Robertson and Mr. H. I. Pitman; Committee Members, Mr. C. Burt and Mr. M. J. Young.

Members stood in memory of Mr. A. MacDonald and Mr. C. Percy who died last March. Both were members of the old Poole band. The Secretary reported that there were 81 branch members and that meetings during the year had not always been well attended. However attendance had improved of late, 37 quarter peals were rung in the Branch ranging from obscure Doubles to Grandsire and Plain Bob Caters. The fortnightly Minor practices at Lytchett Matravers had been regular and good progress made. The Secretary also reported that four towers had a regular practice night and three more towers rang once on a Sunday. This was seven ringing towers out of a possible 16, a rather disturbing state for the Branch to be in.

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BARMING, KENT.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Clisby 1, Sandra Gunner 2, W. T. Grice 3, W. R. Manser 4, J. H. Cook (first as cond.) 5, T. Crocker 6.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. G. Brown 1, Mrs. J. Ratcliffe 2, Mrs. J. Lee 3, P. W. Cave 4, Mrs. C. Shiers 5, S. A. Nicholls 6, L. Ling (cond.) 7, P. Balchin 8.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Flint (first quarter) 1, Sheila 1 Smith 2, D. G. Carr 3, F. H. Briscoe 4, P. G. Smith 5, A. S. Smith 6.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet A. Fawcett 1, Sandra M. Pitman (aged 12) 2, B. W. Pocock (first 'inside') 3, M. A. C. Frewer 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, O. H. Saville (first quarter) 6. First in method 1 and 2.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sue Walker 1, R. W. Rice 2, M. Hebden 3, G. Hebden 4, W. S. Rice (cond.) 5, G. Robson 6, A. Fisher (first of Grandsire Triples) 7, E. Fisher 8.

COTTINGHAM, EAST YORKS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. R. Tension 1, Mrs. J. M. Pybus 2, R. D. Gibson 3, G. W. Pybus 4, J. I. Booth 5, C. M. Munday 6, P. Scowston 7, C. C. Brown (cond.) 8.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. M. Hall 1, G. C. King (first quarter) 2, P. J. Bloomfield 3, R. E. Copleston 4, J. Armstrong (cond.) 5, A. B. Cox 6.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's, on Jan. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Warwick 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Mrs. T. Cooke 3, Miss J. Cooke 4, Miss B. Cooke 1, E. Pannell 6, F. Hodgson 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8.

DERBY.—On Jan. 24th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: K. Ballington 1, C. Royle 2, J. Whiting 3, W. Steen 4, J. Bailey (cond.) 5, A. Mould 6, R. Wallis 7, M. A. Willis 8.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Garlick 1, W. White 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, G. W. Bishop 4, L. F. Cox 5, M. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, E. G. Sawyer 8.

EDMONTON, MIDD.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Jacky Hedges 1, Beryl Platt 2, Sheila Moore 3, Teresa Langdon 4, Trudy Newcombe 5, D. Langdon 6, T. G. Hawkins (cond.) 7, Gloria Simpson 8.

EXETER, DEVON.—At St. Michael's, Heavitree, on Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Mallett (cond.) 1, Miss J. Smith 2, C. Reeves 3, Miss D. Lissenden 4, M. Lock 5, C. Yates 6, F. Wreford 7, P. Colton 8.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): K. Chapman 1, C. Richardson 3, E. Chapman 4, R. Cowley 5, E. Buckby 6, D. Pearson (cond.) 7, J. Worley (covering) 8.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles (with 6, 4, 8 covering): Susan A. C. Roud (first quarter) 1, Vivienne M. Dye 2, Jane M. Hough 3, Deirdre R. Wellard (first quarter) 4, Rachel J. Sinden 5, J. F. Wellard 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, R. Mallett 8.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Jan. 25th, 1,241 Grandsire Caters: D. A. Frith (cond.) 1, D. Hopkinson 2, G. Vinters 3, H. Ketteringham 4, J. W. Watson 5, P. A. Sligh 6, F. W. Pinchbeck 7, K. Ketteringham 8, H. R. Woods 9, J. R. Holmes 10.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Keeble 1, P. M. Leech 2, S. T. Leech 3, R. J. Isgar 4, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 5, G. H. Isgar 6.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On January 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss L. Beaney 1, Miss S. Tomkin 2, W. Stepany 3, Miss R. Earle 4, B. Stepany (cond.) 5, E. Breed 6, A. N. Robinson 7, H. Goldsmith 8.

HENDON, MIDDLESEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: June Stone 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, Ruth Foreman (cond.) 3, G. Norris 4, S. Malby 5, J. Malby 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 4.

First Instalment of Quarter Peals

HOLT, NORFOLK.—In the music school of Gresham's School on Jan. 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. N. Mackley 1—2, R. A. J. Bower 3—4, P. S. Roys-Jones (cond.) 5—6.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On January 24th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): Mrs. R. B. Davey 1, W. Papworth 2, A. J. Davey 3, D. Papworth 4, L. Cowley 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Cecil 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Fowler 3, S. Penfold 4, C. E. Wright 5, J. Stephenson 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, A. J. Salisbury 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): W. G. Wright 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Wallet (cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5.

KILBURN, LONDON.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. N. Stubbs (cond.) 1, D. C. Birkinshaw 2, D. A. H. Bennett 3, Christine C. Macnair 4, D. T. Darby 5, Christine M. Bradburn 6.

KINGSCLEERE, HANTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): G. Weston 1, Susan Rickard 2, Ann Frith 3, J. Pares 4, C. Butler 5, P. Murdock 6, D. P. Murdock (cond.) 7, B. Murdock 8.

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—On Jan. 24th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): J. Tonks 1, A. Walker 2, Miss L. Moore 3, D. Appleton 4, H. P. Thompson 5, R. S. Jackson 6.

LECHLADE, GLUS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Powell 1, Miss R. Lee 2, Miss P. Lansley 3, R. Hayden 4, W. Gearing 5, G. Land (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 2 and 4.

LINTON, KENT.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on back six, two trebles leading): J. Dale 1, G. Crowd 2, Brenda Hickmott (first quarter) 3, Shirley Town 4, I. Russell 5, J. Houghton 6, N. Mattingley (cond.) 7, P. Town 8.

LISS, HANTS.—On January 24th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): Rosemarie Walton 1, D. M. Hughes 2, B. S. Gambrell 3, Lesley Read 4, B. R. Walton (cond.) 5, M. Hourahine 6.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): P. G. Golder 1, S. J. Larcombe 2, D. Kay Moore 3, R. G. Paxton 4, E. W. Colley 5, M. W. Fahey (cond.) 6.

LLANBLETHIAN, GLAMORGAN.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Alexander 1, I. Davies 2, R. MacPherson 3, D. Barrington 4, C. Ricketts 5, E. N. Thomas (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2, 3 and 4, and as conductor. First of Minor by Cowbridge Grammar School band, and on the bells.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. W. Howlett 1, A. E. Crowe 2, J. J. Brock 3, M. Meadows 4, C. M. Raphael 5, D. E. Carr 6, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 7, R. W. R. Coates 8.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: A. Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, B. L. Marks 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherton (cond.) 5, D. Gower 6.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Tranter (first quarter) 1, A. J. Molinoli 2, J. Tranter 3, T. S. Wilkes 4, F. W. Jones (cond.) 5, H. Hyde 6.

ORMSKIRK, LANCs.—At the Church of St. Peter and Paul, on Jan. 24th, 1,320 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Brown 1, J. Dilworth 2, I. W. Eason (first quarter) 3, John Dilworth 4, W. G. Ellison 5, J. Ellison (cond.) 7, H. Robinson 8.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Price 1, Gerda Baresel 2, Julie S. Armstrong 3, R. J. Cooles 4, B. H. Coatsworth 5, L. W. Allen 6, A. R. Patterson (cond.) 7, Christine M. Cobb 8.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Jarrold 1, L. Wright 2, R. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, E. Nice 5, M. Rose (cond.) 6.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—On Jan. 24th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss M. Whyte 1, R. S. Long 2, D. R. Armstrong 3, Miss P. Russell (first of Royal) 4, J. S. Senger 5, B. B. Henson 6, J. Hartley 7, B. Holland (cond.) 8, H. O. Chaddock 9, G. K. Chaddock 10.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Judd 1, W. Bains 2, Mrs. J. Finn 3, R. Lord 4, M. Rose 5, M. Lings 6, F. Lord (cond.) 7, E. Button 8. First of Stedman Triples 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At St. Marie's Church, on Jan. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Elizabeth M. Snell 1, C. A. Lomax 2, Kathleen M. Higgins 3, C. Adam 4, M. R. Meadows 5, T. G. Still 6, J. E. Chapman (cond.) 7, C. A. Friskney 8. First in method for the Guild. By Sheffield University Guild.

SMARTEN, KENT.—On Jan. 24th, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. W. Ring 1, Violet Relf 2, B. Johnson 3, J. Richard 4, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 5, M. W. Marshall 6. Also in memoriam Mr. Hatcher, local ex-ringer and sidesman.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Leeson 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, V. W. Rigg 3, C. W. Bragg 4, R. J. Cann 5, G. Palmer (cond.) 6, T. J. Warner 7, A. Crabtree 8.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Swain 1, W. Brown 3, L. Cooper 4, D. Taplin 5, W. Lawrence 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, W. Munson (covering) 8.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: (Comp. C. H. Woodberry) G. Westwood 1, J. Warr 2, R. Smith 3, F. J. Vallender 4, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 5, J. C. Eisel 6, M. D. Fellows 7, A. D. Fellows 8.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.—At St. Hilary's Church, on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Ulyatt (first quarter) 1, Margaret Webster (first 'inside') 2, J. Lochner (first as cond.) 3, Marjorie Webster 4, V. Boase 5, R. Humphreys 6.

WARMISTER, WILTS.—On Jan. 24th, at the Minster, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Hawkins 1, P. Roynon 2, E. Norris 3, A. Bull 4, V. Bull 5, E. C. Shepherd 6, N. G. Kneel (cond.) 7, T. Maffard 8.

WARFORD, HANTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): Maureen White 1, Mary White 2, R. A. Stone 3, D. J. White 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Rees (first quarter) 1, R. Cox 2, M. Harmer 3, D. Smith 4, S. Howard (cond.) 5, C. Wheel (first quarter) 6.

WHATTON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,440 Minor (Single Court and Single Oxford): Cynthia L. Ward 1, Pamela C. Clarke 2, T. G. Goodwin 3, T. O. Greasley 4, J. D. Clarke 5, W. L. Exton (cond.) 6.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Hillis 1, R. A. Gower 2, P. Richardson 3, M. Lancefield 4, W. P. Garner 5, C. T. Hillis 6.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire): Betty Percy 1, G. Pullenger 2, Janet Percy (cond.) 3, Janet Biscoe 4, R. Percy 5, C. Percy 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Zass 1, Deborah Hopkins 2, Lesley Eames (first 'inside') 3, Rosamund Rawlings 4, Alison Mann 5, C. Mann 6, R. Bagworth (cond.) 7, A. Bishop 8.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At St. Mary's College, on Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): D. Humphrey 1, B. R. M. Johnson (first quarter) 2, R. H. Youldale 3, D. Dyckhoff 4, C. W. Daws (cond.) 5, R. A. Freeland 6. First in five methods for all.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Rosemary Heighes 1, Jean Osborn 2, H. Vaughan 3, A. Lewry (cond.) 4, D. Divall 5, C. Osborn 6, R. Osborn 7, F. I. Hairs 8.

WYLLISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Thurstans): W. A. J. Knight 1, H. V. Young 2, G. Sparkes 3, A. F. Lewry 4, H. Purchase 5, F. Casley 6, H. Parkes (cond.) 7, A. Gale 8.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—At All Saints' Church on Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Whittingham 1, Miss M. Coles 2, Miss V. Hope 3, Miss M. Longhurst 4, W. Pierce 5, K. Goddard 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, K. C. Begrie 8.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,320 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: A. J. Ellway 1, Miss C. E. Taberner 2, M. Harrad 3, F. Chambers (cond.) 4, N. R. Ellway 5, E. R. Stockwell 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

Letters to the Editor

Fairy Bells

Dear Sir.—In answer to the query by Mr. Claude Rush (R.W.' 22.1.65) as to what fairy bells are my late father bought a set in London about 60 years ago which are now in the possession of my youngest brother.

The instrument consists of a sounding board over which the strings, 12 in number, are stretched. It is contained in a light wooden box-like apparatus, approximately 3ft. x 12ins. x 6ins., with a sliding front panel for tuning purposes, and a removable key as a dulcimer or zither. The strings are exposed at the top front for about six inches and the instrument is swung in a circular motion in front of the performer, the strings being plucked with the thumbs from the centre outwards. The effect is a most remarkable likeness to church bells, especially in rising and falling. Of course tunes are also played.

I recollect my father and his fairy bells being in great demand at concerts in the Knutsford, Cheshire, area 50 years ago.

In the Oxford Companion to Music, the bell harp appears to be the closest in description to the fairy bells.

I would like to thank Mr. Rush for his most interesting research into ringing and ringers of the early days.—Yours faithfully,

S. HOUGH.

Hazel Grove, Stockport.

Sevenoaks Application

Dear Sir.—May I be allowed space to comment on the replies of Messrs. P. A. Corby and M. F. Lock.

(i) I am not aware that Doris Colgate (to whom I wrote asking for the use of Sevenoaks bells) is the Rector of Sevenoaks, nor that Monday was the day of their practice; nor that the frame was in such poor state. For my ignorance I humbly apologise.

(ii) Mr. Lock can be forgiven his invective since he is naturally unaware of how I signed my letter; he can only see what the editor cares to put. In fact my signature was actually 'G.B.T. (Anarchist)' from which (had it been published fully) I think anyone interested could have easily identified me.

If only all the letters to the 'R.W.' were of the standard of Mr. Corby's—a delight to read, I shall put it in my scrap-book along with some of my peals!—Yours sincerely,

GILES B. THOMPSON.

Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks.

Recordings at Standard Speed

Dear Sir.—If Mr. Ashcroft or any other ringer with a tape recorder would like a recording of St. Mary's or the R.C. Church, Cambridge, would they please send a suitable tape and stamps or postal order (to cover return postage) to address below.

I would suggest that all recordings are kept to a standard speed of $3\frac{1}{2}$ i.p.s. as many people have only this speed anyway.

I. QUINNEY.

164, Hills Road, Cambridge.

Sound Control

Dear Sir.—Mr. Chaddock has written an excellent article on sound control and having myself examined at close quarters the equipment in use at Rotherham Parish Church I can vouch for it being fully effective. However, there is one point which I think has not been emphasised sufficiently and another completely overlooked in the article.

Firstly, when boarding or bricking up louvres practically all the louvre has to be covered before any effect whatsoever is noticeable. It is for this reason that bricking up the louvres to the spring of the arch is recommended. It has only a small effect but allows the movable part of the sound control to be made so much smaller.

The second point relates to that old chestnut—the damaging effect of bottling up sound in a tower. On at least two occasions I have approached vicars and tried to persuade them to install sound control. But for the fact that they had an unshakable belief in the damaging effect of the bottled up sound I think I would have succeeded. There is nothing about this topic in the C.C. handbook on preservation. Is it not about time the experts on the Towers and Belfries Committee pronounced authoritatively on it? Yours etc.—

G. A. H.

Badsworth Bells

Dear Sir.—Mr. Atkinson expresses the view that the history will never be known, but I trust our historians will reveal some useful data. The treble is reputed to be a Richard Mellour bell, 1488-1539, and he will be pleased to know that this founder was traced and was in business at Nottingham (1488) as 'Alderman and Belyetter.' He was twice Mayor, 1499 and 1506. He died in 1508 or 1509, and was followed by his son Robert.

On the 2nd, the S. S. Ebor, 1675 denotes a Samuel Smith casting from the York foundry. This founder recast York Minster bells in 1681 but they were not in tune for a peal of 12. He cast the tenor at Hedon (Yorkshire) in 1687 with S. S. Ebor inscribed, and although recast by Taylor's in 1919 the inscription was copied. Regarding the Oldfield family, of Nottingham, they were noted for producing many fine bells with fine lettering and decoration.

I have no notes of Godfrey Heathcote, of Chesterfield, and it is a matter of regret to me that a book on 'Yorkshire Bells' cannot be produced with up-to-date information. The articles by J. E. Poppleton and Dr. Pauli seem to be the only writings on Yorkshire bells. Yours etc.,—

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

St. Andrew's, Newcastle on Tyne

Dear Sir.—Apropos the letter from Mr. K. Arthur about St. Andrew's, Newcastle on Tyne, might I point out that it is not surprising that the Vicar is evasive.

etaoin etaoi etaoi shrdlu etaoim cmfwyp mm
The bells have been broken up and there is no hope whatsoever of their restoration.—

Sincerely yours,
Holloway, N.I.

R. H. BEGRIE.

Grabbing is here to stay

Sir,—One is much intrigued by the letter in 'The Ringing World' of January 22nd, from Mr. Christopher Dalton, published under the heading 'Outings—good and bad points.' Although, no doubt, the author's sole aim is improving his skill, and not with any intention of 'scoring,' he must have become one of the biggest tower grabbers of them all!

This is by the way, and I would not wish to fault this entirely worthy aim, but at the same time feel that the condemnation, somewhere at the lower end of his letter, of the publication of the grabbers list in your journal must not be allowed to pass unchallenged. His suggestion, that with their elimination the Exercise will be strengthened, is nothing short of arrant nonsense.

Tower grabbing and 'scoring' have been going on far longer than either Mr. Dalton or myself have been involved in the Exercise and with improving mobility it is bound to increase. Whether or not lists are published in this, or any other, journal, people will still try to gain high totals in the same manner that peal ringers amass large numbers of peals.

In their efforts to gain these figures, ringers are bound to choose for their outings bells that need ringing, bells that are little used and they will also have to support practice and service ringing. Few need encouragement to improve the standard of their own ringing, and one way to do this is by ringing over as wide a range of bell weights and hanging methods as possible. Sometimes too, before a tower can be gained some elementary steeple keeping is called for, and who can say what the resulting and unfamiliar sound of ringing bells may do for a village with a struggling, or no band at all.

Visiting on 'grabs' from tower to tower, Guild to Guild, and county to county is the life blood of the Exercise—your correspondent will, and indeed does, testify to this—let us have more of it, and let the people who are prepared to go on tours, to find out the rough and unwanted rings, be given the same recognition as their brethren whose efforts fill the peal columns.

Indeed, to add to the variety why not have the list divided into separate columns for the various numbers of bells, so that we may see at a glance who has the most 'fours' and who the most 'eights' or 'twelves' to his, or her, credit. Perhaps too we may look forward to the time when an enlightened Guild or Association will publish its own list in its report.

Grabbing, sir, despite its unfortunate title, is here to stay, and I might add that thirty minutes' ringing in a village where the bells are infrequently heard is far more welcome than three hours' ringing inflicted on unwilling and powerless listeners. I make this point with no intent to cross the peal ringing fraternity—there is I hope room for us all in the Exercise—but trusting that it will serve to show that grabbing and grabbers are not as black as they are painted.

In conclusion I would just say that if a bell is being rung then it is certainly being used—let's be practical—and tender apologies to Mr. Dalton in case it is after all Mr. Christopher Dutton's letter which is under consideration.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN C. SAWTELL.

Holt, Trowbridge.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District

The Farnham District held its annual meeting at Farnham on January 23rd, which was well attended. Ringing preceded the service, conducted by the Rector, Rev. Hedley R. Wilds, who took for his theme 'Unity and Loyalty.'

Following tea, the business meeting was held in the Queen of Hearts restaurant. The District Master (Mr. Tom Page), in his report, referred to his remarks made last year as shock treatment which had only temporary results, and went on to describe the district as being in deep coma. He issued a challenge in five questions: (1) Have I made any progress?; (2) Have I learnt any new methods?; (3) Have I studied at home?; (4) Have I pulled my weight?; (5) Are you proud of your achievements in 1964 or does your conscience smite you? Some members had made progress but the rate was disappointing. Advanced practices were disappointing.

Mr. Page said he would like to see many more peals rung in simpler methods, enabling more ringers to take part and not just a luxury for the few. This should lead to much better striking. He passed on to a review of the 15 towers in the district. Two were dead with little or no ringing. Most of the remaining ones were criticised for striking. Bentley received top marks. 'A good steady tower where striking is good and a pleasure to listen to.'

The strongest criticism was reserved for his home tower, Aldershot. It would appear prosperous on paper with 25 ringers. Until about 8.20 p.m. on practice nights the bells are kept going by visitors. Sunday ringing consists of five or six until ten minutes before service time. With a ring of bells he described as 'God's gift to bellringers' there could be no excuse for such very poor striking. He concluded with this motto: 'If a job is worth doing at all it's worth doing well. This is a job worth doing—if you put a lot into it you will get a lot out of it.'

Officers re-elected were: District Master, Mr. T. Page; Assistant Master, R. Clist; Secretary, D. P. Elsmore; Auditor, Mr. W. Viggers; Treasurer, Mr. K. Williamson, (vice Mr. R. Mills).

Mrs. J. Kippin raised the matter of ringers arriving for tea without previous notification. Forty names had been received; 62 were present. It was imperative that names be received not later than the Wednesday previous if catering was to be adequately performed.

Ringing then continued at St. Andrew's Church until 9 p.m.

Next practice meeting, at Bagshot, on February 27th, 6 to 9 p.m. R. B.

A HANDBOOK OF GRANDSIRE CATERS

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

A SECOND edition of this splendid little book, first published in 1958, is now again available as a Central Council publication. There is little change in content, but having been printed in letterpress its format is neater and less bulky.

This is not a book for the student looking for a new collection of compositions. It contains only one 'on so easy a plan that we cannot but recommend it to all young bob-callers as it will not only suit their purpose but also some more proficient, who may not choose to burden their memory with a composition more curious and difficult to retain,' as the authors of the 'Clavis Campanalogia' described one of their productions.

But here, in the compass of 12 pages, is a group of 77 touches including seven musical quarter peals of merit which will satisfy most conductors who delight in the music of Grandsire Caters; here is a full list of the titum and inverted titum opening courses and turning courses from titum to handstroke home; here is a complete transposition table showing calls that leave the back three bells undisturbed; here are notes on the proof of the method and, new to this edition, a lucid description of the most baffling feature of Grandsire Caters—its notation. N. G.

ARCHWAY OF ROPES AT HYTHE WEDDING



[Photo by Jack C. Adams, Hythe.]

The wedding of Miss Myrtle J. Cook and Mr. Norman J. Butcher took place on Saturday, January 16th, at St. Leonard's Church, Hythe, Kent.

The bride wore a full-length white duchess satin dress and carried a bouquet of white freesia, the two bridesmaids wore short dresses of cornflower blue velvet and carried posies of pale lemon carnations.

In the morning a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at St. Stephen's Church, Lympne, where the bride is vice-captain. In the afternoon a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as the couple left the church, the riggers coming from six local towers.

An archway of bell ropes was formed by members from Lympne and Burmarsh.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Maidstone District

The first quarterly meeting of 1965 was held at St. Nicholas', Lynton, on January 9th. Ringing of a good standard was forthcoming both afternoon and evening.

Forty ringers attended the service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. L. Elliott) and supported by Mr. W. Mattingley (organist) and full choir.

After tea in the Village Hall, provided by local ringers and ladies, the Vicar took the chair for the business meeting.

Items discussed included the minutes of the October meeting; the District party on November 20th at St. Michael's, Maidstone; the annual general meeting at Canterbury on Easter Monday and a report on the committee's views on Mr. A. Fry's (Leeds captain) finance proposals.

The District secretary, Mr. M. Howe, requested an early payment of overdue subscriptions. Tentative inquiries were made by Mr. Howe as to the possibilities of hiring a coach to help ensure a full District representation at the annual general meeting.

Mr. P. Carter expressed the meeting's thanks for the new, heavily-bound and embossed attendance book made and produced by the District Secretary. Mr. A. Waddington proposed the votes of thanks.

Perusal of the tower visitors' book since the meeting revealed the presence of eight ringers from Essex during the evening, and I thank them for calling in and helping with the ringing. P. M. T.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT ANNUAL

The bells of Holy Trinity and St. Mary's churches, Guildford, were rung half-muffled at the A.G.M. of the Guildford District on January 30th, as a mark of respect to Sir Winston S. Churchill. The service in Holy Trinity Church was conducted by the Rev. Michael Hocking (Rector) and tea provided by Mrs. Ponting and ladies connected with Holy Trinity tower.

Mr. S. G. Ponting presided at the business meeting and the accounts showed that the District had raised £206 for the Cathedral bell fund. Miss E. Stevinson, the retiring hon. secretary, reported a membership of 127 and that 34 quarters had been rung during the year with 12 different conductors. Monthly beginners' practices were held.

New officers of the district are Mr. W. Savill (Stoke-next-Guildford) Ringing Master; Mr. S. G. Ponting (assistant Ringing Master); Mr. John Payton (Chiddingfold), hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. F. Housden (Shalford) hon. auditor.

It was decided to hold a striking competition at Puttenham, if permission is granted, in July.

MR. CLAUDE RUSH DELVES INTO 'CHURCH BELLS'

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CHURCHSTON, DEVON (apparently Churchstow).

1 May 1878, six bells reopened with two 720 Grandshire Doubles.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The Committee is desirous of finding some competent ringer to act as Instructor to the Guild. No salary, except when training bands, can be guaranteed, but every assistance will be given to such a person in obtaining employment in Exeter.

ST. MICHAEL'S, HEADINGLEY, LEEDS

10 April, 1878.—Bells reopened after overhaul and repair by Mr. T. Mallaby, of Masham.

SEDGEFIELD, DURHAM

16 Nov., 1878, five Stockton and Hurworth ringers rang Plain Bob and Grandshire Doubles; the first time change-ringing has ever been heard on these bells which are in a minor key. Tenor 15 cwt.

CREWE, CHESHIRE

16 Nov., 1878. Peal of Grandshire Triples, 3 hrs. 17 mins. Tenor 20 cwt. in E. 'This is the first peal rung on these bells.'

CATTISTOCK, DORSET

In 'Church Bells' there was much controversy about the frame, or cage, installed in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, for the twelve new bells there—that it touched the walls, etc. A correspondent in 'Church Bells' of 30 Nov. 1878, J. H. Langdon Fulford, M.A., of Woodbury, Devon (perhaps the Vicar there.—C.R.) 'where the cage for Cattistock is being constructed by Messrs. Hooper and Stokes, bell-hangers,' writes:—'I have seen the plan of the architect, which consisted of a frame nine feet high, standing upon set-offs specially constructed for it in the tower of which the timbers were to be not less than a foot square, and into this frame the bell-cage was to be bolted. Now, when it is remembered how quickly a cage carrying a ring of fair weight begins to "rake," does it seem probable that an erection of about three times the height will remain firm? I do not believe it any more than I believe many other foibles of architects who think themselves capable of preparing plans for bell-hangers.'

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

North-East District

A record number of 80 ringers attended the A.D.M. of the North-Eastern District at Colchester on January 23rd. Ringing took place at St. Leonard's-at-the-Hythe and on the new light six at All Saints', Shrub End. A service was held at St. Leonard's, where the choir, consisting mostly of ringers, rendered an anthem.

At the business meeting Mr. F. B. Lufkin was again elected Master. Mr. Peter Pitt was elected Deputy Master. Sixteen new members were elected, including six from All Saints', Shrub End.

The Hon. Secretary reported that 28 peals and 21 quarters had been rung in 1964. Six members had rung their first peal, including four from St. Leonard's. Sunday service ringing had been well maintained. In ten towers the bells were rung at least once on a Sunday, and at five towers the bells were rung less frequently on Sundays, perhaps once a month. There were five silent towers where there was no local band.

It is, he said, most encouraging to see so many young people taking their ringing seriously and improving so rapidly, especially at Kirby-le-Soken and at the Hythe. These two towers have established bands to teach them. It is also good to see signs of learner activity at some of the struggling towers where conditions make it more difficult to teach a band.

Thanks were expressed by the Master to Mr. F. Oliver and the Hythe ringers for coping so successfully with such a large attendance.

F.H.E.

SEMLEY, WILTS.

23 Nov., 1878—New ring of 6 by Mears and Stainbank opened. 'On this as on other similar occasions, there were not wanting persons to predict that the bells when replete from the founders' matrice would prove a failure: busybodies, who somehow felt a delight in meddling with a branch of scientific industry they could not in the least degree understand, were indefatigable in promulgating the idea that a ring of 6 bells of the calibre of those at Semley could never be rung by any body of men, and that an attempt to do so would prove disastrous to the fabric. These pedantic opinions, these lugubrious prophecies have, however, been effectively shattered by the results of last week. . . . Nearly 3,000 changes of Kent and Oxford were rung; and next day more 'half-pull' ringing, which was entirely new to the neighbourhood.'

Mr. Bennett-Stapford, Hon. Member for Shaftesbury, greatly assisted in the bell project. He and his lady . . . bravely ventured to the summit of the steeple while the ringing was in progress, which suggested to the minds of those below that the prognostications of the wise men (not from the East) who foretold the downfall of the tower when the ringing commenced were viewed with feelings of the most sublime indifference.'

Previously there were 4 bells, tenor about 11 cwt. and fractured, but about 1874 the rector had them taken down and instructed the founders to recast and augment to 6 with a 12 cwt. tenor in G. Later he determined to retain two of the old bells as treble and 2nd of a new ring, the old tenor recast to make the 3rd and add 3 new bells, 'the present grand ring of six, tenor 26 cwt., 12 lbs. in D is the result.' They are hung in two tiers. 'With very little difficulty two trebles could be added. If this is carried into effect, there will be few better rings of 8 in the country. The whole of the fittings are entirely new, the frame-work is of English oak.'

Opened 'by a select band of the Ancient Society of College Youths.' Mr. Vincent of the Whitechapel Foundry has bestowed the greatest care in the work entrusted to him.'

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Mainly the same officers are back in office as the result of the A.G.M. of the Northern District at Hethersett on January 16th. The re-elections were:—Mr. G. Sayer, Chairman; Mr. L. Bailey, Ringing Master; Mr. C. Bird, Secretary; Messrs. W. Clover and B. Willgress, Standing Committee. Mr. R. Lubbock was elected to the Branch Committee and Messrs. R. Duesbury, D. Pardon, R. W. Wiles and W. Hohl were re-elected. Belfry elections of Richard Bower and Peter Mackley, of Gresham School, were ratified and Mr. G. Sparks was re-elected.

The Association Ringing Master, Mr. F. C. Goodman, after the meeting had discussed the striking competition, said meetings would be arranged for the coming year. The President, Mr. F. N. Golden, hoped this would help improve ringing in general but this also would bring bands together and the social side in itself was a good thing.

Subject to permission, meetings were planned for April 24th, Mulbarton; July 17th, Paston and Knapton; October 23rd, Aylsham or Dereham; the A.B.M., January 15th, Wymondham.

Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, said the possibility of a builder in Holt in removing the bells prior to adding three more was being considered.

The Chairman thanked the Rev. D. J. Turner, for conducting the service, Mrs. Alborough, for playing the organ, and 'someone' for an excellent free tea. The President thanked all officers for the good work during the past year.

C. B.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION St. Albans District

The annual meeting of the St. Albans District was held in St. Albans on January 16th. The Cathedral bells were available in the afternoon, followed by a short service at St. Stephen's, the Vicar playing the organ. Tea was prepared by the ladies of St. Stephen's in the Cavalier Hall.

At the start of the meeting, presided over by the Association President, Mr. G. W. Critchley, Mr. G. W. Debenham referred to the passing of Mr. C. F. Sayer, late of St. Peter's and he was remembered in silence by the District.

There were nine probationary members and ten full members elected, and five transfers from probationary to full membership.

Mr. R. D. R. Brown, of 10, The Hill, Wheathampstead, was elected secretary. Mrs. Amy Coburn was sincerely thanked for all the work she had put into the District as Secretary, and a small token of appreciation was handed to her. Other officers elected were:—Ringing Master, Mr. G. Penney; 'Ringing World' Representative, Miss J. A. Fellows; District Committee, Mrs. Coburn, Misses C. M. Rimmer, J. A. Fellows, Messrs. G. Dodds, J. D. Chamberlain, G. Penney, K. Walpole; General Committee, Mrs. Coburn and G. Penney. Mr. John Cull was thanked for his services on both the District and General Committee, and Mr. J. D. Chamberlain was congratulated on his readable 'Ringing World' accounts.

It was decided that the following propositions would go forward from the District to the A.G.M.:—

That the annual subscriptions be raised to 5/-.

That the non-resident life membership subscription be raised to 7/6d.:

That peal booking fee should be 1/- a head.

After the news that Wheathampstead bells were available for the meeting on February 20th, the President drew the meeting to a close. The evening ringing was at St. Stephen's.

J.A.F.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Cary Branch

The annual meeting of the Cary Branch was held at Ditchet on January 23rd, when about 60 ringers attended the service which, due to the illness of the Rector (Preb. J. A. Ll. Armstrong), was conducted by the branch chairman Rev. G. S. Robinson. A collection for the Association Bell Fund amounted to £3 1s. 7d.

The Parish Room was filled to capacity for tea and the business meeting. Members stood in silence, in memory of the following members who had passed away during the past year:—Messrs. P. March, F. Reakes (aged 90) and O. J. Woodbourne, all of Evercreech, and S. J. Pound (Templecombe).

The secretary's report and balance sheet, which showed a slight drop in membership in spite of the election during the past year of 20 new members, was adopted. All the officers were re-elected, viz.:—Chairman, Rev. G. S. Robinson; Vice-chairman Preb. O. H. Skipwith; Ringing Master, Mr. D. M. C. Hill; and Secretary, Mr. L. McCreadie.

Eleven new members were elected from Charlton Mackrell, Bruton, North Cheriton, Queen Camel and Wincanton, and Association certificates were presented by the Chairman to six members from Ditchet.

Meetings were fixed (subject to permission), for Horethorne, West Lydford and Charlton Horethorne, with next year's annual at Evercreech and Branch practices at Castle Cary, Bruton, West Camel and Horsington. Preliminary plans were made for the Branch Corporate Communion, and for a day's outing to the Dunster Branch in the autumn.

An appeal from the peal secretary for peals and quarter peals, to mark the 75th anniversary of the Association (founded May, 1890), was announced.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector, organist and local captain, and to the ladies who had prepared and served tea, before a return to the tower. Ringing ranged from rounds to Kent Treble Bob Major.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD Newark District

It is customary now to hold the annual meeting at Newark, and the one held on January 16th proved to be the best attended for several years, with over 50 people present for tea and the business meeting. There were members from all the other four Districts of the Guild, including the general secretary, Mr. W. L. Exton, and members of Nottingham University. The ringing also was some of the best heard at a meeting, and the methods rung included Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

The Curate, Rev. J. P. Stone, conducted Evensong, and after tea in St. Mary's Rooms the District chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, presided over the business meeting. Members were asked to stand in silence to the memory of those who had died during the year.

Both from the statement of accounts and the Secretary's report for 1964, it was evident that new membership did not make up for losses, caused by several reasons, and the Secretary felt that recruiting members should be everyone's concern in the coming year. Four new members were elected at the meeting.

The Chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, and the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Reed, were re-elected, with joint Ringing Masters, Messrs. A. E. Chilton and David Parsons, Committee member—Miss Margaret Chilton.

The main item of interest was that Coddington's five bells were being taken to the foundry for rehangng and retuning by the end of the month. The local ringers had already raised a considerable sum of the total cost and a frame for six bells was to be installed.

During the evening the Vicar, Rev. E. J. Kingsworth, paid a visit to the ringing room to apologise for his absence at tea, due to a previous commitment, and to welcome all present most warmly.

Bingham District

An encouraging year was reviewed by Miss R. Blackshaw in presenting the annual report of the Bingham District to its annual general meeting, at Bingham on January 9th. Membership now totals 104, a gain of 15 during 1964: 15 towers were visited with good attendances at 12, and fair at the other three. The chairman and secretary were re-elected, Messrs. B. Buswell and H. Hanson elected Ringing Masters and W. Harrison to the committee. Two new members from Bingham and one from East Bridgford were elected.

COWBRIDGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BAND

Cowbridge Grammar School ringers have for the first time produced a Minor band. Although they had rung only one touch previously, they successfully scored a quarter peal of Plain Bob at Llanblethian on January 25th. This was rung half-muffled in memoriam Sir Winston S. Churchill.

Four of the band were ringing their 'first of Minor,' and one of them, Robert MacPherson (13) his first on a working bell. Treble ringer John Alexander is also 13. It was Ellis Thomas' first of Minor as conductor, and first of Minor on the bells.

The school band numbers ten boys and one master. All ring regularly for service at both Llanblethian and Cowbridge. One of the boys, David Barrington, writing under the pseudonym 'Ken Tenor' now contributes a regular weekly article under the headline 'Belfry Gossip' (acknowledgments to 'The Ringing World') to the school's weekly magazine, 'The Lion'. The following are extracts from the current issue:—

'The week's work for the C.G.S. Bellhangers Ltd. was to grease, or rather castor-oil, the Llanblethian bearings, adjust the ropes, and tallow the Cowbridge ropes.'

'Would any reader who has heard of a tower with exactly four bells in it, apart from Llanrcarfan, Llangyfelach, St. Mary's Church and Laleston, please contact me or Chris Ricketts, as we are doing a survey of bells in Glamorgan.'

Chris Ricketts himself is making great progress and recently rang in a peal of Double Oxford Bob Minor. Ellis Thomas has had a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. These two and David Barrington hope soon to go for a peal of Minor 'in hand.' I.D.

PRESENTATION TO RINGING PARSON

At a monthly meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch at Cromhall, Glos., on January 9th, a presentation was made by the ringers to the Rev. W. A. Peel on his leaving the district for the parish of Adbaston, in the diocese of Lichfield, Staffs.

Mr. Peel, who is himself a ringer, has been Vicar of Tortworth for 33 years and was chairman of the Wotton-under-Edge branch for more than ten years.

The presentation of the book 'The Sound of Bells,' and a cheque, was in appreciation of his services to bellringing in the branch, and it was suggested that he use the cheque to buy something for Mrs. Peel who has been tireless in support of his ringing and other activities.

After the presentation, the ringers listened to the record from 'The Sound of Bells' before resuming ringing at the church. During the afternoon a quarter peal was rung at Tortworth in honour of Mr. Peel's services to the Branch.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Wellingborough Branch

The Wellingborough Branch at its A.G.M. at All Hallows' Church, Wellingborough, elected a new secretary in succession to Mr. A. R. Elliott, resigned. He is Mr. R. Cowley, of 45, Milner Road, Finedon. The other officers were re-elected.

All the towers of the Branch, except two, were represented at the meeting and visitors were present from Northampton, Kettering, Rugby and Bedford areas. A company of 60 sat down to an excellent tea prepared by Mrs. Murdin and friends.

The meeting stood in silence as an act of remembrance to the Rev. C. Ford, of Higham Ferrers, who was killed in a road accident.

A feature of the ringing was a band of ladies ringing these heavy bells to rounds, with Miss Jean Marlow on the tenor.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. C. Bird asks us to state that his address is 27, St. Andrew's Avenue, Thorpe, Norwich, and not as given in 'The Ringers' Diary.'

Mr. Roy H. Jones thanks those who sent him information concerning Reading and Newbury Doubles.

Mr. Leslie Hunter, of Shalford, is in the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, recovering from an operation for a duodenal ulcer.

Correction.—Our correspondent asks that the title of the peal rung at Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs (page 82), should be altered from 5280 Lambeth Surprise Maximus as submitted, to 5040 Plain Bob Royal.

The peal at Wincanton on January 23rd is believed to be the first of London Surprise Major for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association by a resident band, since before the war, according to Mr. Ronald G. Beck, who took part in the previous peals.

Mr. T. R. Butler, of Liverpool, writes making a correction to his letter on the Marbury peal. The letter should end: 'I have seen one or two isolated reports of peals of Doubles in excess of 42 six-scores as, for instance, the 15 possible six-scores of Stedman Doubles each called thrice (5,400 changes).'

The peal rung at Salford on January 16th (see page 82) was rung for the Manchester University Guild and not for the Lancashire Association. It was, in fact, the first peal rung by an all-resident band of the University for two years.

Lanchester, Co. Durham, rang their half-muffled quarter peal for Sir Winston Churchill from 12.05 to 12.55 p.m. on the day of his death. While they do not claim to be the first quarter rung on this sad occasion, they feel that they are very well up on the list.

Mr. David C. Brookes, of Putney, who states that he has been on two of Mr. Dove's outings, disagrees that the rules suggested by Mr. Maybrey in his letter (p. 864) were observed on these occasions. He concludes that as an outing organiser he tries to abide with the procedure suggested by John Maybrey.

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43 Years in Office

At the annual meeting of St. Mary-le-Tower Society of Ringers, Ipswich, the resignations of Messrs. Charles J. Sedgley, treasurer, and George E. Symonds, secretary, were courteously received. Each had been in office for 43 years. (The following were elected for the ensuing year:—Messrs. Leslie N. Melton, Master; Percy May, Deputy Master; Neville Whittell, Steeplekeeper; R. John Munnings, Auditor, and Alan R. Bridges, Secretary and Treasurer.

Exmouth Ring Televised

The lightest ring of tower bells in the world, those hung in the garage of Mr. F. Mack, of Exmouth, Devon, were recently featured in a television programme on the West of England frequency. The ringers were televised ringing Grandsire Doubles and Mr. Mack was then interviewed. The band included Norman Mallett of Exeter, two young local ringers and Mr. and Mrs. G. Eyles from Wiltshire. A sound programme on the same bells followed the next day on 'Today.'

The Liverpool Triumph

'The Liverpool Echo' of January 25th gave prominence to the peal of 5,039 Grandsire Cinques rung at the Cathedral. According to the report the ringing started at 9.15 a.m. and finished at 1.20 p.m. One of the ringers, Mr. Jack Brown, in his 60's and a former well-known soccer referee, is quoted as saying: 'The bells are claimed to be the heaviest ring in the world. We are proud of the achievement which now constitutes a world record.' The peal was scored at the fifth attempt.

The Exercise, we are sure, will congratulate Mr. Joseph Ridyard, of Southport, and his band on a very fine achievement. It is certainly a highlight for the Lancashire Association.

1965 Peal Recorders

Mr. D. John Hunt, of Bristol, and his fiancée, Miss Gillian Hussey, have offered to prepare the list of leading peal ringers for 1965, and the Editor has accepted their offer with gratitude. It will not be quite so comprehensive as that Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taylor have undertaken but will include the number of peals rung and conducted by everyone.

Mr. Hunt writes: 'It is up to all peal ringers to try to publish their names in the same manner each time if their totals are to be correct and also for female peal ringers to publicise their new name when they get married.' Mr. Hunt's address is 58, Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, Bristol 5.

Marlborough College Enthusiasts

The peal of Royal at Trowbridge was organised by Messrs. R. M. Garrett, R. A. G. Inglis and R. H. Green, of Marlborough College. They collected ringers from Swindon, Melksham and Warminster, to join them in the venture, and with Mr. Robert Quartley kindly standing in at the last minute a good peal was rung. The conductor would like to thank the organisers for giving him the privilege of 'directing the operation.'

Cup for Striking Contest

Mr. Frank C. W. Knight is now in ward T2, of Brook General Hospital, Woolwich, and would be pleased to hear from friends. He was recently elected Master of the Canterbury District of the K.C.A. and has given a cup as a perpetual trophy for a District striking contest. This will be held at Great Mongeham on May 8th. The gift of the challenge cup was received with great acclaim at the District A.G.M. on January 23rd, and a sincere vote of thanks was passed to the donor.

Dublin University Society

Current issue of 'Irish Bell News' tells of the enthusiasm of Dublin University Society of Change Ringers inspired by Mr. Colin Lewis of National University and individual ringers from Dublin District. A set programme is arranged whereby Plain Bob is rung at one tower, Grandsire at another and Stedman at a third. On Mondays at lunch hour, Cambridge Surprise is practised at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Those taking part feel it worth their while to do without lunch for this weekly occasion! The article quotes that two ringers who knew nothing about change ringing, and one of them could not handle a bell 18 months ago, can now ring Plain Bob, Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Cambridge Surprise.

All Singles Bob Major

In view of the large number of peals of Bob Major now rung, Mr. Geoffrey K. Dodd suggests that one containing all singles would be of interest to the Exercise. He asks if any composer could oblige.

Promising New Peal Ringer

Congratulations to Andrew White on ringing his first peal, one of 13 methods of Doubles at Rewe, Devonshire. Our correspondent informs us that the band was 'really shaken' when they learned that it Andrew's first peal. If he continues to progress in this way—Andrew is only in his mid-teens—he will be an acquisition to peal ringing in the Devon Guild.

Marston Ringers' Social

Marston (Oxford) ringers' social on January 15th was a great success and some 50 ringers attended from neighbouring towers including Abingdon, Radley, Headington, N. Hinksey, Northleigh. About 80 per cent of those present were under 21 years of age, and the programme, arranged by Mr. Roy H. Jones, was planned for their enjoyment and included a cine show, games and 'twisting.' The support of Miss Marie Cross and Miss Daphne Pollard was much appreciated and it is hoped to make the social an annual event.

A Treasured Telegram

St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, ringers have a treasured telegram. Following their peal for Sir Winston Churchill's 90th birthday, Mr. Norman Harding received the following telegram: 'Captain of Bellringers, St. Margaret's Parish Church, King's Lynn — I am most grateful to you all and send you my warm good wishes.—Winston S. Churchill.'

Portrait of a Fen Church in America

One Sunday during last summer two American tourists visited St. Wendreda's Church, March, displaying considerable interest in the building, which is said to be featured in Dorothy Sayers 'Nine Tailors.' They were particularly interested in the tower and bells.

Recently a letter was received from one of the visitors requesting colour slides of the church with particular emphasis on the ringers and bells. Accordingly, arrangements were made and photographs taken on a recent practice night showing shots, etc., of bells and youthful boys and girls in action. It is understood that the slides are required for lecture purposes.

The lecturer writes to the effect that she visits schools and lectures to American boys and girls on the finer points concerning English churches. 'Our young people,' she writes, 'have no idea how English bells are rung, and cannot imagine a turret stairway. Slides illustrating English boys and girls indulging in the fascinating art of bell ringing will be much appreciated, and will help me immensely in my work.' Happy to oblige!

Turramurra Again

Turramurra is in the news for Australian quarter peals, having rung two within eight days. Because of other church activities, it is only on Sunday evenings in January that the band, writes Mr. Walter Knight (hon. sec.), is able to indulge in this form of midsummer madness.

The quarter we publish this week was conducted by Mr. Tom Goodyer, and was Christine James' first quarter. She has now started her training at Camperdown Children's Hospital which is close to St. Mary's Basilica. It was also Graeme Drew's first on a working bell.

Bury the Hatchets

Mr. F. Hodgson has forwarded to us a letter written by Arn Aitch Dee, bearing a Leeds postmark. We do not propose to publish it. Mr. Hodgson concludes: 'If any of my comments have been devoid of substance, a matter I will leave for others to decide. I tender my apologies to the wronged ones, but I would also suggest that hatchets be buried and once more let the Leeds tower and ringers take up a proper position in ringing circles.'

Young Band's Call-Change Tribute

The young band at St. John-of-Jerusalem, South Hackney, although not yet skilled enough to ring a quarter peal, did, nevertheless, pay tribute to the late Sir Winston Churchill, in the afternoon of January 24th, when they rang, half-muffled, 200 call-changes in 45 minutes. All the skill which they have attained in their four months of ringing was put together in a concentrated effort to make this performance worthy of being their last token of respect.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

PORTISHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

Gillian M. Hussey .. Treble	John H. Taylor .. 5
Richard J. Bowden .. 2	Peter Bridle .. 6
Michael J. Hobbs .. 3	Ronald H. Bullen .. 7
*Alan Tubb .. 4	D. John Hunt .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal of Rutland.

WINCANTON, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 29 lb.

*Edward Goater .. Treble	††David A. Burt .. 5
†Charles Jones .. 2	George W. Massey .. 6
†Alan F. Lee .. 3	Ronald G. Beck .. 7
David J. Orledge .. 4	John H. Gilbert .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivins.

Conducted by John H. Gilbert.

* First peal. † First of London. †† 25th for the Association.

25th peal as conductor for the Association.

YATTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt.

Rev. Roger O. Fry .. Treble	Ralph G. Edwards .. 5
Elizabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	Robert C. Kippin .. 6
Frank D. Mack .. 3	Rodney B. Meadows .. 7
Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 4	Wilfred Williams .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt.

Being 42 extents.	
*Jennifer Poppstone .. Treble	Mrs. E. M. Williams .. 4
Philip Poppstone .. 2	*Leonard Hellings .. 5
*Christopher Rixon .. 3	*Ian Atkinson .. Tenor

Conducted by Philip Poppstone.

* First peal. First as conductor.

First peal by the Sunday Service band.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) .. Treble	*J. B. Cooke (Queens') .. 5
C. G. Williams (Newnham) .. 2	R. W. H. Hayes (Caius) .. 6
F. C. Hobson (St. John's) .. 3	R. M. Damerell (Corpus) .. 7
V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 4	S. P. Darvill (Downing) .. Tenor

Composed by H. Poynier.

Conducted by Vivian Nutton.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. S. Freestone, churchwarden of this church.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Robert B. Smith .. Treble	John Worth .. 6
Peter J. Staniforth .. 2	†A. Peter Whitehead .. 7
*Derek F. Yates .. 3	†Alan McFall .. 8
Harold C. Lonyon .. 4	Alan A. Potts .. 9
C. Kenneth Lewis .. 5	Basil Jones .. Tenor

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson.

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal of Stedman Caters 'inside.' † First of Stedman Caters.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Fri., Jan. 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 79 lb.

Richard S. Starkie .. Treble	Tudor P. Edwards .. 5
Philip G. K. Davies .. 2	Derek Butterworth .. 6
John Worth .. 3	John Robinson .. 7
Anthony D. Sansom .. 4	Denis Mottershead .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivins.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

BUCKFAST, Devon.—At the Benedictine Abbey Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in C.

Frank D. Mack .. Treble	Colin Reeves .. 7
*Norman Mallett .. 2	*A. William Myers .. 8
†William A. Theobald .. 3	†Alan Carveth .. 9
Margaret A. Bould .. 4	Robert A. Southwood .. 10
†Martin F. Lock .. 5	D. Roy Bould .. 11
†Frederick E. Day .. 6	†Philip Mehew .. Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves.

Conducted by D. Roy Bould.

* 150th peal. † First of Plain Bob Maximus. ‡ First of Maximus. First twelve bell peal as conductor. Ringers of 3, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 12 have now rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

Rung with best wishes to Reuben Sanders for his 91st birthday.

REWE, Devonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 3 extents each of Shipway's Place Bob; Westminster II Bob; Blackburn Place Bob; New Bob; Huntspill Bob; Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob; St. Nicholas Bob; Winchendon Place Bob; St. Simon's Bob and St. Martin's Bob, together with 4 extents each of Plain Bob; Grandsire and Stedman each called differently.	Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.
Charles J. Turner .. Treble	*Andrew White .. 4
Cyril C. Deem .. 2	R. John Quick .. 5
Sidney Skinner .. 3	†Brian Coles .. Tenor

Conducted by Sidney Skinner.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

First in 13 methods for all, for the Guild and in the county.

KINGSKERSWELL, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt.

*Peter J. S. Shipp .. Treble	Gregory J. Roberts .. 4
†Keith Fursdon .. 2	Donald J. Roberts .. 5
Peter A. Lock .. 3	John Kelly .. Tenor

Conducted by Donald J. Roberts.

* First peal away from tenor. † First 'inside.'

Rung to commemorate the centenary of the ringing of three six scores of Grandsire Doubles on the bells of Kelly, Devon, being the first peal in the county on which such changes were scored by natives of the parish on January 21st, 1865.

First peal on the bells.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

WILLINGHAM, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Netherseale, London, York, Beverley, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge.	Tenor 12 cwt.
Mansfield Ginn .. Treble	Donald F. Murfet .. 4
Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 2	Geoffrey A. Lucas .. 5
Geoffrey Pearson .. 3	George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

Rung to welcome the Rev. John Sims Francis, M.A., inducted as Rector prior to the peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*Lesley Ward .. Treble	†Stephen D. Humphrey .. 5
Neil V. Avis .. 2	†Brian J. Vaughan .. 6
†John Avis .. 3	Peter G. Pitt .. 7
*Robert J. Isgar .. 4	Frank B. Lufkin .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Barker.

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal of Major. † First of Major 'inside.'

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 2 720's Oxford Bob and 5 720's Plain Bob.	Tenor 9½ cwt.
*Robert J. Isgar .. Treble	Brian J. Vaughan .. 4
Lesley Ward .. 2	Frank B. Lufkin .. 5
Stephen D. Humphrey .. 3	Peter G. Pitt .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MARSHFIELD, Glos.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

Gillian M. Hussey .. Treble	Michael J. Hobbs .. 5
Jennifer M. Taylor .. 2	James R. Taylor .. 6
*John H. Taylor .. 3	D. John Hunt .. 7
Alan Tubb .. 4	Robert C. Kippin .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First of Lincolnshire.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

LIVERPOOL, Lancs.—At the Cathedral.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 4 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 4 tons 2 cwt. 11 lb.

Thomas Hesketh Treble	Thomas Horridge 8
Ronald Kenrick 2	Jack N. Brown 9
Alexander J. Martin 3	Edwin C. Birkett 10
John Bibby 4	Joseph Ridyard } 11
David V. Jenner 5	Dennis Jones }
William E. Court 6	Stewart H. Bailey } Tenor
Terence Fitzgerald 7	Walter Allman }

Composed by A. M. Tyler.

Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.

First peal on the bells.

Rung for the Diamond Jubilee of the Cathedral, also as a welcome to the Dean, the Very Rev. Edward H. Patey.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

No. 3 Version.	
Tudor P. Edwards Treble	Philip G. K. Davies 6
*Richard S. Starkie 2	Derek Butterworth 7
*John A. Booth 3	Frederick Shallcross 8
Neil Bennett 4	Neil D. Lomas 9
*Anthony Dr. Sansom 5	Denis Mottershead Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

* First peal of London Surprise Royal.

BLACKBURN, Lancashire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. 42 lb. in D.

Neil Bennett Treble	Richard S. Starkie 6
Malcolm A. Phillips 2	Christopher K. Cooper 7
Hazel A. Arrowsmith 3	John H. Fielden 8
V. David Jenner 4	F. John Nelson 9
*David G. Wilford 5	Jeffrey J. Fox Tenor

Composed by A. M. Tyler.

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

* First peal of Grandsire.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 31 lb. in E.

Derek Butterworth .. Treble	*Geoffrey Cheetham 5
*Norman Smith 2	†Richard J. Parker 6
J. Colin Ashworth 3	Jeffrey Kershaw 7
Margaret E. Fort 4	Neil Bennett Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

* First peal of Glasgow. † 100th peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Jan. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Christine Andrew .. Treble	Robert B. Smith 5
*John A. Booth 2	Neil Bennett 6
*Dennis Latham 3	Alan McFall 7
Peter J. Wycherley 4	Derek Butterworth Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies.

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. This composition is now rung for the first time.

MILNROW, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sun., Jan. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Christine Andrew .. Treble	Richard J. Parker 5
Derek Butterworth 2	Dennis Latham 6
John P. Partington 3	Jeffrey Kershaw 7
Margaret E. Fort 4	Neil Bennett Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

25th peal as conductor. First in the method for all the band except the tenor ringer.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

SHEPshed, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*Patricia Farmer .. Treble	Arthur E. Rowley 5
Mary Barrass 2	Michael J. Roberts 6
Stephen Hall 3	C. William Hall 7
†Ronald D. Hughes 4	John E. Manners Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard.

Conducted by C. William Hall.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' First of Triples as conductor. First in Plain Bob Triples by all the band.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

GRIMSBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Mon., Jan. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 18½ cwt.

John Hall Treble	Michael W. Crowder 6
Jack Bray 2	*John H. Parker 7
Ronald Chafer 3	W. Arthur Crowder 8
C. Aubrey Harrison 4	Frank Kennington 9
*John M. Blaikie 5	Arthur Pashley Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope.

Conducted by Jack Bray.

* First peal on ten bells.

Rung as a farewell to Canon G. W. Markham on his departure from this parish to Morland, in the Diocese of Carlisle.

BICKER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Swithun.

On Wed., Jan. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5072 CAMBRIDGE COURT MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A.

Brian Harris Treble	Derek J. Jones 5
Denis Woods 2	Cyril R. Burrell 6
Ronald C. Noon 3	Raymond H. Daw 7
Edwin T. Chapman 4	George W. Massey Tenor

Composed by G. Hayward (C.C.C. [1908] No. 42 adapted).

Conducted by George W. Massey.

First peal in the method by all the band.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

Harold Judd Treble	C. Aubrey Harrison 5
Ronald Chafer 2	Jack Bray 6
*William Bains 3	John Hall 7
Michael Crowder 4	Philip Barnes Tenor

Composed by E. H. Lewis.

Conducted by Jack Bray.

* First peal of Major.

In memoriam Rupert Richardson and John A. Freeman.

SUTTERTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.

On Mon., Jan. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 QUANTOCK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Frank Taylor Treble	Ronald C. Noon 5
Denis Woods 2	Raymond H. Daw 6
Derek J. Jones 3	Cyril R. Burrell 7
George W. Massey 4	*Brian Harris Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne.

Conducted by George W. Massey.

* 300th peal of Major. First peal in the method.

GOXHILL, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Double Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Bourne Surprise and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

Septimus Neave .. Treble	John H. Parker 4
Arthur Pashley 2	W. Arthur Crowder 5
Eric Hotine 3	Michael W. Crowder Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Denis.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Jean H. Woolford .. Treble	*Richard A. Hunt 4
Ronald G. Russell 2	Harry Barnes 5
James A. D. Woolford 3	James H. Musson Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

* First peal in seven methods.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Barnes, wife of the ringer of the fifth.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.

On Mon., Jan. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh observation).

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Anthony H. Smith .. Treble	Roger D. Bailey 5
Barbara G. Dale 2	Robert E. J. Dennis 6
Yvonne Edwards 3	Richard O. Humphries 7
Timothy G. Pett 4	Roger W. Powell Tenor

Conducted by Richard O. Humphries.

QUANTOCK SURPRISE MAJOR:

x 38 x 16 x 56 x 38. 14 x 14. 58. 14 x 12. 58. 2nds lead 18674523. 4ths place bob. For composition see 'R.W.' August 11, 1961, p. 539.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

HACKNEY, E.8.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

Elizabeth M. Emmett .. Treble	Robert J. Moore .. 5
*Dorothea M. Robotham .. 2	Bryan C. Burrough .. 6
†Frances I. Studley .. 3	Leonard J. North .. 7
Clive W. Simpson .. 4	Bernard E. Matthews .. Tenor

Composed by D. John Hunt. Conducted by Bernard E. Matthews.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Jan. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 OTLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Freda Clayton .. Treble	H. George Hart .. 5
Elsie K. Hart .. 2	John Hill .. 6
Eric Edmondson .. 3	John R. Mayne .. 7
Ruth M. Foreman .. 4	Gerald Penney .. Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SHEPPERTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

*Claudia A. Critchley .. Treble	Dennis Knox .. 5
Joan Beresford .. 2	G. William Critchley .. 6
John Hill .. 3	Thomas J. Lock .. 7
Alick Cutler .. 4	John R. Mayne .. Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* 100th peal on these bells. The conductor has now rung peals in 250 different Surprise Major methods. First in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LOWESTOFT, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

Arthur Cooper .. Treble	J. Barry Pickup .. 5
George W. Howlett .. 2	William B. Duncan .. 6
Norman P. J. Cossey .. 3	A. William Bird .. 7
Thomas J. Brock .. 4	Stephen F. High .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup

WROXHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sun., Jan. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

*Richard C. Best .. Treble	*Peter Bower .. 4
Andrew J. Harrison .. 2	Roger B. Lubbock .. 5
*David P. J. Bird .. 3	A. Frederick Boyce .. Tenor

Conducted by A. Frederick Boyce.

* First peal † First of Minor.

Rung to the Glory of God and as a thanksgiving for the rehanging of the bells.

First peal by a local company since 1953 and also a compliment to the conductor, who taught the band.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARSTON, Oxford.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 27 methods, being one extent each of St. Paul, St. Martin, St. Simon, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, April Day, Kennington, Little Aston, Seighford, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columba, Southrepps, Tichborne, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Ali Saints, Marchington, Litchurch, St. David, Old, two each of Rushall, St. Helen, St. Anne, Newborough, four each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, and six of Grandsire.

Garth A. Porter .. Treble	Roy H. Jones .. 3
Leonard R. Porter .. 2	Noel D. Deam .. 4

Alec Gammon .. Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

Rung for the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul.

SHEPPERTON SURPRISE MAJOR:

34. 56 38. 6. 58—12. 36. 12—14. 3. 16—16. 7. 2nds place i.e. 4ths place bobs.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

GRETTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain.

Ronald Russell .. Treble	Gerald W. Reynolds .. 3
*Keith R. Davy .. 2	†Alan G. Payne .. 4

J. Martin Thorley .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* First peal of Doubles. † First of Doubles 'inside.'

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Jan. 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Norman J. Goodman .. Treble	Edward W. Colley .. 7
Susan Funnell .. 2	Martin D. Fellows .. 8
John C. Eisel .. 3	Michael J. Fellows .. 9
Frederick Shallcross .. 4	David J. Purnell .. 10
George E. Fearn .. 5	J. Alan Ainsworth .. 11
Vivian Nutton .. 6	Peter Border .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Jan. 21, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LYDDINGTON SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Martin D. Fellows .. Treble	Edward W. Colley .. 7
Frederick Shallcross .. 2	George E. Fearn .. 8
Susan Funnell .. 3	Norman J. Goodman .. 9
Roderick W. Pipe .. 4	David J. Purnell .. 10
Michael J. Fellows .. 5	J. Alan Ainsworth .. 11
John C. Eisel .. 6	Peter Border .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

* First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 98 lb. in B flat.

Robert C. Kippin .. Treble	George E. Fearn .. 5
David R. Ingram .. 2	J. Alan Ainsworth .. 6
Jennifer M. B. Cook .. 3	Clifford Barron .. 7
Susan Funnell .. 4	John McDonald .. Tenor

Composed by George Baler.

Conducted by John McDonald.

With best wishes to Philip J. Rothera and Susan Funnell on their engagement.

HOAR CROSS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Angels.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Alnwick, Warkworth, Newcastle, London, Surfleet, York and Cambridge. Tenor 28 cwt. 35 lb. in D flat.

Maurice G. Ingram .. Treble	Roderick W. Pipe .. 4
Edward W. Colley .. 2	Frederick Shallcross .. 5
Robert E. Hardy .. 3	J. Alan Ainsworth .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

Rung as a compliment to Geoffrey Davies and Elizabeth Gardiner, who were married later in the day at Coventry.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

*Richard M. Garrett .. Treble	Eric Sutton .. 6
Edgar C. Shepherd .. 2	†Norman N. G. Knee .. 7
†Michael D. Penney .. 3	†Richard H. Green .. 8
*Peter Minchin .. 4	Laurence E. Hitchens .. 9
†Robert D. Quartley .. 5	†Richard A. G. Inglis .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Edgar C. Shepherd.

* First peal. † First of Royal in the method. ‡ First of Royal.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

CODSALL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

Philip R. Johnson Treble	Remi M. Hodister 5
D. Kay Moore 2	Michael W. Fairey 6
Lucy Smith 3	Clive M. Smith 7
David J. Bates 4	Philip G. K. Davies Tenor

Composed by W. Royle.

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

First in the method as conductor. First of Kent Major by all, except ringers of 7 and 8.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

HOLME PIERREPONT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Wed., Jan. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

S. Jane Dowse Treble	C. Raymond Larkin 4
Robert D. Marsh 2	W. L. Exton 5
Ruth Blackshaw 3	Maurice W. Harrison Tenor

Conducted by W. L. Exton.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. Tinsley.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

COPDOCK, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Oxford and Kent T.B., (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) Double Court Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Bob, (6) St. Clement's Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Robert E. Lester Treble	Lawrence R. Pizzev 4
*Peter G. Pitt 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Neville F. Whittell 3	Walter Arnold Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* Most methods to a peal.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent T.B. and St. Clement's, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb. in A flat.

Michael J. Howes Treble	*Lawrence R. Pizzev 4
Alan J. Munnings 2	Robert E. Lester 5
Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 3	Neville F. Whittell Tenor

Conducted by Neville F. Whittell.

* 25th peal.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

ESHER, Surrey.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 NETTLEHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

Martin L. Howe Treble	Graham C. Paul 5
John R. Ketteringham 2	David S. Osenton 6
Roger D. Bailey 3	Bernard F. L. Groves 7
Cyril S. Jarrett 4	Christopher T. Osenton Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, in the county and for the Association.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

PENZANCE, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

Frances M. Rickard Treble	William A. Theobald 5
Douglas Burnett 2	Alan Carveth 6
Anthony J. Davidson 3	D. Roy Bould 7
Anthony Locke 4	Robert A. Southwood Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton.

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

Rung as a welcome to Lucinda Mary Sargisson, daughter of the Rev. C. R. and Mrs. Sargisson.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

OVERTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Kay Winterbourne Treble	Michael S. Holbrook 5
*Philip Murduck 2	Reginald F. Crook 6
Denby P. Murduck 3	*Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
Bradley Murduck 4	Paul G. Holmes Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. Meadows.

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* 300th peal together.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Linda E. Holmes, sister of the tenor ringer, and Anthony Pritchard.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE ROYAL

In 42 methods, being 120 each of Abergavenny, Abingdon, Albanian, Banbury, Belgrave, Bromsgrove, Cambridge, Clifton, Coalbrookdale, Diseworth, Enniskillen, Goldsborough, Gosforth, Haslemere, Inveraray, Langley, Leek, Limerick, Lincolnshire, Lindsey, London No. 3, Marsden, Minehead, Mirfield, Oakham, Ossett, Pontefract, Prittlewell, Pudsey, Rammoor, Rutland, Selby, Snewsbury, Solihull, Staffordshire, Sunderland, Wembley, Whithy, Wrexham, Yeovil, York and Yorkshire, with 125 changes of method. Tenor 34½ cwt. in D flat.

Neil Donovan Treble	J. Henry Fielden 6
Jeanne E. Bottomley 2	Gordon Benfield 7
W. Eric Critchley 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton 8
Donald H. Niblett 4	John N. D. Chaddock 9
Vernon Bottomley 5	Norman Chaddock Tenor

Composed by Donald H. Niblett. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

The most methods rung to a peal of Royal.

NEW METHODS:

GOSFORTH: 30—50. 14—12—30—14—50. 14. 36—70—38. 14. 90.

1.h. 12. 1426.

MINEHEAD: —30—16—50—16—70—18—36—50—18—30.

1.h. 12. 1426.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Beverley and District Society.)

PATRINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Patrick.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Graham K. Smith Treble	*Septimus Neave 5
†Howard C. Palmer 2	David S. Johnson 6
Michael W. Crowder 3	*Ronald Ducker 7
Arthur B. Cooper 4	Ian G. Campbell Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Ian G. Campbell.

* First of Cambridge Major.

† First of Surprise Major 'inside.'

First peal as conductor.

Tenor 10 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

COVENTRY.—At 68, Warwick Avenue.

On Mon., Jan. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

Paul K. Williamson 1—2	Hubert E. Ashley 5—6
Frank W. Perrens 3—4	*Geoffrey Pratt 7—8
	Hubert G. Summers 9—10

Composed by J. E. Groves.

Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.

* First peal on handbells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.

On Tues., Jan. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, being 640 each of Bristol, London, Rutland and Watford, 320 each of Ealing, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor size 13 in E.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 1—2	Roger Baldwin 5—6
John R. Mayne 3—4	*Gerald Penney 7—8

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal of 12 Spliced.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 17, Queen Street.

On Fri., Jan. 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

Julia A. Fellows 1—2	Geoffrey Dodds 5—6
Gerald Penney 3—4	Joyce Dodds 7—8

Composed by Tom Chapman.

Conducted by Geoffrey Dodds.

Rung in memory of Charles F. Sayer, of St. Peter's, St. Albans.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LEICESTER.—At 'The Wayside,' 150, Narborough Road South.

On Sun., Jan. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Robert B. Smith 1—2	Alfred Ballard 5—6
Peter J. Staniforth 3—4	John A. Acres 7—8

Composed by F. H. Dexter (No. 1).

Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

* First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.'

Rung as a birthday compliment to Herrick B. Rowley and Robert B. Smith.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

BISHOPSTOKE, Hampshire.—At 20, Edward Avenue.

On Wed., Jan. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor size 24 in D sharp.

*Tom Chapman 1—2	Frank C. Price 5—6
Margaret A. Chapman 3—4	*David J. Forder 7—8

Composed by J. Parker.

Conducted by David J. Forder.

* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

LONG LENGTH

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.—On Jan. 21st, 3,000 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. W. Massey 1, R. D. Bellamy 2, D. R. Sanderson 3, T. R. Hatchett 4, G. E. Bonham 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6. A peal attempt called round.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Lewis 1, Wendy C. Wallace 2, Carol Cousins 3, Margaret C. Godfrey 4, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. Also on Jan. 24th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor in six methods (Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull, Bourne): R. Rayfield 1, Katharine M. Guy 2, Wendy C. Wallace 3, Margaret C. Godfrey 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael with St. Paul's on Jan. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss C. Mitchell 1, Miss J. Webber 2, D. C. Hawkins 3, J. G. Hobbs 4, C. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, P. J. Devrell (first quarter) 6. First in four methods for 1, 2 and 3.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Spree (first quarter) 1, W. W. Ring 2, Violet Relf 3, P. J. Jarvis 4, J. Richards (cond.) 5, L. Sweetman 6. For Evensong.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. M. Williamson (cond.) 1, Barbara Orlop (11, first 'inside') 2, Mrs. D. Williamson 3, Mrs. B. Stocker 4, R. C. Kift 5, R. Symons (first quarter) 6.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Linda Lawrence 1, Sylvia Sayce (first 'inside') 2, Marilyn Jackson 3, Anna Sadowska (first as cond.) 4, P. Robertson 5, F. Whitaker 6. Rung for the 60th anniversary of Pates' Grammar School for Girls, Cheltenham, by four members of the school society and two relatives.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss R. Weal 1, I. H. Payton 2, M. J. Hura (first as cond. in two methods) 3, T. J. Wellen 4, M. D. Fuller 5, L. Connor 6. For Evensong.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—At 23, Willersley Road, on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. T. Parsons (first quarter 'in hand') 1—2, Miss V. Willard 3—4, P. T. Hurcombe (cond., first quarter 'in hand') 5—6.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Jan. 24th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. Clayton 1, R. Coles 2, A. Mann 3, C. Mew (cond.) 4, R. Stevens 5, M. Uphill 6, P. Bushell (first of Surprise) 7. A. Patterson 8. First in method for 2, 5 and 6. A.M.D.G.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Jan. 17th, at St. Peter's, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. Piper 1, H. Webb 2, E. P. Duffield 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, G. Collins 6, E. E. Davey 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8.

DUCKLINGTON, OXON.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. J. Coggins 1, T. Hester (first in method) 2, L. T. Olliffe 3, W. Clarke 4, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 5.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Griffith 1, Mrs. D. B. Belham 2, P. J. Perkins 3, C. J. Belham 4, M. J. Hallett 5, D. E. Belham (cond.) 6. Rung after the baptism of Angela Diana, daughter of 2 and 4, grand-daughter of 4, and godchild of 1.

EAETER.—At Cathedral on Jan. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Maximus: W. Harvey 1, Miss J. Smith 2, H. C. Spencer 3, Miss D. Lisenden 4, Truman 5, G. Eyles 6, C. Yates 7, F. Wreford 8, C. Reeves 9, C. Bryant 10, C. P. Yates 11, F. Mack and N. Mallett (cond.) 12. For Evensong.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: F. G. Bearie 1, W. J. H. Parker 2, C. Fennell 3, M. W. Mason 4, J. Mason 5, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 6. Rung in memoriam to Robert N. Elliott, tower foreman of St. James', Finchampstead.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Mann 1, G. Barnard 2, W. J. Ridgman 3, B. Horrell 4, A. E. Ling (cond.) 5. For the fourth anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Dec. 20th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Woollven 1, P. E. Wells 2, J. K. A. Cook 3, A. J. Davey 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Christmas Day, 720 Ipswich and Cambridge 540 Plain Bob: P. E. Wells 1, M. J. Dyer 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, A. J. Davey 4, H. S. Peacock 5, P. Woollven (cond.) 6. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dawn White (16), I. Sandra Weaver (14) 2, Ernest Penney (15) 3, Edward Penney (16) 4, Jennifer Durston (15) (cond.) 5, N. Perkins (19) 6. Rung by a teenage band as a compliment to Norman Perkins for his birthday.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss V. Barnes 1, J. E. Newman 2, Mrs. P. Harris 3, J. D. Johnson 4, Mrs. J. Thomas 5, R. Harris (cond.) 6. W. Newman 7, G. Freeman 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for Mrs. A. E. Rowland, mother of the ringer of the 3rd who was interred earlier in the day.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Overs (first quarter) 1, A. Grainger 2, S. Penfold 3, J. McDonald (first 'inside') 4, J. Fowler 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, J. Stephenson 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church on Nov. 1st, 720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob Minor: Marybelle Nisly 1, R. Bellamy 2, J. K. A. Cook 3, G. E. Bonham 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Howes 1, M. E. Nisly 2, P. Woollven 3, J. K. A. Cook 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Half-muffled during last hour of 1964.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Heather J. Freeman (first attempt) 1, D. Pearson 2, Jennifer Pearce (first in method 'inside') 3, Susan E. Thompson 4, A. C. Benton (cond.) 5. Rung on the 700th anniversary of the Convocation of the first English Parliament by Simon de Montfort.

KILBURN, LONDON.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. N. Stubbs 1, D. T. Darby 2, M. N. Bland 3, Christine M. Bradburn 4, Christine C. Macnair 5, D. A. H. Bennett (cond.) 6, I. Smith 7, D. C. Birkinshaw 8.

LANCHESTER, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. E. Johnson (first quarter) 1, J. Tonks 2, Miss L. Moore 3, D. Appleton 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, R. S. Jackson 6. Also on Jan. 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: M. E. Johnson 1, J. Tonks 2, Miss L. Moore 3, R. S. Jackson 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, J. Thomson 6. Both for Evensong.

LEIGH, SURREY.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Kripe 1, A. T. Shekon 2, Joan Hanning 3, C. J. N. Dalton (first 'inside') 4, K. G. Game (cond.) 5, Mary E. Robinson (first quarter) 6. For carol service.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Weaver 1, R. Smith 2, D. Ellison 3, A. Faulkner 4, K. Warner 5, D. Hewitt 6, C. Willington (cond.) 7, C. Hughes 8.

LITLINGTON, CAMBS.—On Oct. 31st, 720 Norwich, 576 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 1, G. E. Bonham 2, T. R. Hatchett 3, H. S. Peacock 4, M. Orme 5, J. Meredith 6.

LONDON.—On Dec. 20th, at St. Clement Danes', 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: N. Bagworth 1, Miss R. Rawlings 2, P. Chapman 3, A. Milledge 4, D. Hewitt 5, A. Bagworth (cond.) 6, M. Bangham 7, R. Stevens 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile, on Jan. 18th, 1,344 Double Oxford Bob Major: M. Poppleston 1, S. Humphrey 2, R. A. G. Benfield 3, M. S. Poppleston 4, P. Humphrey 5, B. S. Payne 6, G. A. Dawson 7, G. R. Edwards (cond.) 8.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Elaine Dixon 1, Rachel Sinden 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, B. Marks 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, Crawford Hillis 6. A compliment to Miss M. Cook, vice-captain of the local band, on her wedding day.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Honeywood 1, D. A. Fairhead 2, N. V. Avis 3, P. G. Pitt 4, J. A. Avis 5, S. D. Humphrey (cond.) 6. First quarter as conductor, aged 12 years.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Thatcher 1, Mrs. W. A. Yates 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, C. Gough 4, G. W. Holland 5, A. Thatcher 6. A farewell to the Rev. L. B. McCarthy.

PARRAMATTA, N.S.W.—On Dec. 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. N. Miller (first of Minor) 1, Sandra J. Clark 2, G. A. J. Langshaw 3, R. W. Ferris 4, R. L. Clark 5, R. K. Russ (cond.) 6. Rung on the eve of Graeme Langshaw's wedding.

PEMBROKE, PEMBES.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Norris 1, E. Lingard 2, P. R. Huntbach 3, Mrs. P. C. Rogers 4, Miss N. M. Rosen 5, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 6, I. Russant (covering) tenor. First of Minor 1, 2, 5 and tenor. First of Minor as conductor. For Evensong.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. W. Fry 1, P. L. King 2, R. N. Marlow 3, W. T. Perrins 4, W. E. Cheater 5, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 6, J. Hartless 7, G. E. Turner 8. Also 1,440 Surprise Minor (London and Cambridge): P. L. King 1, R. N. Marlow 2, A. W. Fry 3, W. T. Perrins 4, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 5, L. F. Cobb 6. First of Minor for 1 and 3. After a peal attempt, by the local band, had failed.

SHEPshed, LEICS.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pat Farmer 1, Mary Barras 2, S. Hall 3, J. E. Manners (cond.) 4, G. Butler 5, M. Roberts 6, E. Walley 7, C. W. Hall 8. First of Grandsire Triples 1, 2, 3 and 6. For United Denominations service.

STOCKLAND, BRISTOL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 12th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Smith 1, B. Wyld (cond.) 2, C. Clarke 3, Barbara Wyld 4, G. Davis 5, M. Stone 6.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sangwin 1, H. Trewin (cond.) 2, Valerie Mephram 3, H. Heard 4, C. J. Shepherd 5, H. Stacey 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, R. C. Cann 8. A compliment to Penny Stacey and Brian G. D. Vince, on their engagement.

SYDNEY, N.S.W.—On Jan. 1st, at St. Mary's Basilica, 1,320 Neithersale Surprise Minor: J. C. Sheehy 1, W. D. Watson 2, Enid L. Roberts 3, R. L. Clark 4, R. K. Russ 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method for all the band and in Australia.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sheila M. Dobbie 1, Ann Jenner 2, I. C. Carpenter 3, S. Jenner 4, W. Rogers 5, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 6, L. T. Pope 7, V. J. Benning 8. For Evensong.

TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.—On Jan. 21st, at St. Michael's, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Rudd 1, Miss M. Bushby 2, Mrs. H. Hood 3, Miss M. Russell 4, B. Shingler (first as cond.) 5, J. Good 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first six-score of Grandsire Doubles to be rung in Devon by a resident band.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Rainsford 1, K. Stacey 2, Miss C. James (first quarter) 3, W. Knight 4, G. Drew (first quarter 'inside') 5, T. Goodyer (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Johnson (first quarter) 1, A. Dun-Birch 2, Miss L. Gott 3, P. Woodward 4, D. Banks 5, J. White 6, W. F. Morcon (cond.) 7, R. G. Corby 8.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Linnell 1, W. A. Yates 2, R. A. Vickers 3, C. Gough 4, B. Ealesfield 5, A. H. Wood 6, G. W. Holland 7, W. H. Yates 8.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Clarke 1, T. Hester (first of Triples 'inside') 2, I. J. Hill 3, L. F. Olliffe 4, B. J. Coggins 5, D. J. Smith 6, D. Kay Adkins (cond.) 7, R. Coster 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam C. Buckle.

WOODSTON, HUNTS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary Brighton 1, R. Brighton (first quarter) 2, A. J. Wright 3, L. Brighton 4, J. M. Roffe (cond.) 5, Jennifer Brighton (first quarter) 6. For the christening this day of Carol Gwendoline, daughter of the conductor.

YASS, N.S.W.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,440 Bourne Surprise Minor: J. A. Martin 1, W. D. Watson 2, Enid L. Roberts 3, R. L. Clarke 4, R. K. Russ 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method for all the band and in Australia. Also 1,272 combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. K. Russ 1, Sandra J. Clark (first of Treble Bob) 2, R. L. Clark 3, Enid L. Roberts 4, J. A. Martin 5, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 6.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 17th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: H. A. Price 1, M. Hebden (first of Major) 2, R. W. Rice 3, P. Gifford England 4, G. Pullin 5, G. Robson 6, S. Smith 7, W. S. Rice (cond.) 8.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gloria Lias 1, R. Bath 2, Sylvia Tate-Mitchell 3, Gwendolen Marshall 4, M. Church 5, R. Clist 6, T. Page (cond.) 7, F. Farr 8. First of Triples 1 and 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Edwin Hunt.

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LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL. — There will be no practice on the evening of Monday, February 8th next. 6176

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY. — Annual dinner ringing arrangements: February 13th, Bulwell (8), 10.30–11.30 a.m.; Baxford (8), 11.30–12.30 p.m.; St. Peter's (10), 2.30–3.30 p.m.; St. Mary's (10), 3.30–5.00 p.m.; Beeston (8), 5.30–6.30 p.m. 6225

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Lillington, Saturday, February 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me.—P. S. Bennett, College Farm, Bearley, Stratford-upon-Avon. 6126

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION. — A practice meeting of the Western Branch will be held on Saturday, February 6th, at Workington. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to L. Bournemouth Esq., 35, Brigbourne Drive, Seaton, Workington, before February 3rd, please. 6206

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Fordham (6), Saturday, February 6th. Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30. tea 5 p.m. Important meeting concerning striking competition. Special methods: Double Oxford and Annable's London. 6198

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Barnwood on Saturday, February 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Names to P. Clarkson, Hon. Sec., 28, Richmond Gardens, Longlevens, Glos. (all welcome). 6190

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Annual general meeting at Leatherhead on February 6th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. A. J. Smith, 25, Hilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead, Surrey. 6154

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, February 6th, Watford, Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Names essential to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel Watford 27936.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 6132

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Rainham on February 6th. Bells 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. F. J. Cheal, 49, Ivy Street, Rainham.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6182

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting February 6th, at Hathern. Bells (6) 3 p.m., tea 4.30, service at 6 p.m., tea in Church Rooms. Names for tea not required. 6127

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—February 6th. Hexton. Bells (8) from 3, service 4.30, tea to follow in Church Hall. Subscriptions now due to Miss Horsforth, please.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Sec., 12, Cardinal Walk, Hampton, Middlesex. 6164

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice February 6th, at Newport Pagnell. Bells (8) from 6 p.m.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A.G.M., Stamford, Saturday, February 6th. Bells, St. Martin's (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. All Saints' (6) available in evening. Names for tea to J. H. Bluff, 81, New Cross Road, Stamford.—R. H. Daw, Sec.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting at Dundee, on Saturday, February 6th. Ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral from 2.30 and later at Old Steeple. No arrangements are being made for meals. 6232

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting Killmarsh, February 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Names please to Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 10, Pye Bank Close, Sheffield, 3.—J. Seager. 6197

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS ANNUAL DINNER February 6th, 1965 at CHURCH HOUSE RESTAURANT, GT. SMITH STREET, LONDON, at 6 for 6.30 p.m.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual Divisional meeting, Saturday, February 6th, Crawley. Bells (8) 3 p.m., service 4.30. Tea 5, for those who notify Mr. G. Jennings, 5, Malthouse Road, Crawley.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 6166

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual general meeting St. Mary's, Portsea, February 6th. Bells 3.30, service 5, tea 5.30 in Youth Centre. Evening ringing at Cathedral 7.15 till 9. Names for tea to Mrs. Siddorn, 134, Church Road, Portsmouth.—L. Duguid. 6173

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—General meeting at Barnsley, Saturday, February 13th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Rectory Rooms. 5. Please notify, not later than February 9th, Mr. Eric Stainrod, 6, Ledbury Road, Smithies, Barnsley. 6220

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Clifton, Sat., Feb. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. onwards. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Everyone made welcome.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 6209

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Annual general meeting, Beverley, Sat., February 13th. Bells: Minster (10) from 2.30; St. Mary's (10) after tea. Service in Minster, 4. Tea in Cross Keys Hotel, Laigraze, 5, followed by business meeting. Names for tea, without fail, by previous Thursday to Mr. A. T. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley. 6212

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Annual meeting at Davenham, Saturday, February 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday previous, to Mr. H. W. Howard, 'Beverley,' Lime Avenue, Leftwich, Northwich. 6222

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Sunderland (St. Ignatius), Saturday, February 13th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than February 10th to Mr. R. Bell, 22, Brinkburn Street, Sunderland. 6214

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting on February 13th, at Speldhurst (8) 3.5 and 6–7 p.m., tea 5 p.m. Alternative evening ringing will be arranged. Names for tea by February 11th to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 6168

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch. — Meeting, Feb. 13th. Lydiard Millicent 3–5 p.m. Tea, Red House, Purton, 5 p.m. Purton 6–8 p.m. Names for tea to Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 6211

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Broadhembury on Saturday, February 13th. Bells from 3 p.m., service 4.15, tea and meeting after. Names for tea by 10th to Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. Phone 521. 6171

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting to be held at Hereford St. Nicholas', on February 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5, business meeting to follow. Ringing in the evening from 6.30 to 8.45 at Hereford Cathedral (10) and also St. Nicholas'. Names for tea by February 10th to R. G. Powell, 9, Green Lane, Kingstone, Hereford. 6231

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster on Saturday, February 13th. Bells (10) minster District.—Annual meeting at Leominster on 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea after service.—J. F. Fox. 6219

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting at Church Stretton. Saturday, February 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 6221

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Higher Walton, Saturday, February 13th. Names for tea, please (3s. 6d. each), by Wednesday, 10th, to Mr. W. Mansley, 286, Higher Walton Road, Higher Walton, Preston. (Preston Blackburn Old Road, bus 158, also from Preston buses P26 and P29 to Mill Tavern.)—L. Walmsley. 6218

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Evening meeting at Milnrow, Sat., February 13th, at 6.30 p.m.—G. Cheetham, Branch Sec. 6217

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting in Syston District at Birstall (8). February 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting, in School Room 5 p.m. Nominations for Guild Officers and C.C. Delegates, and any proposed alterations to rules, must be made at this meeting. After the meeting Peter Staniforth will show the film he took during his Washington visit. Names for tea by Feb. 10th to Julian Morley, 1, Heathgate Close, Birstall, Leicester.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6183

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at Pontypridd on Saturday, February 13th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m., service at 4 p.m., tea and business to follow. Names for tea by February 8th, to Mr. W. J. Goodfellow, Sec., 33, Brook Road, Fairwater, Cardiff. 6169

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Saturday, February 13th

St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside 2-3; St. Clement Danes', Strand, 4-5.30; service 5.30 followed by tea and meeting George Hotel, Strand. Handbell Competition. Social Evening. Names essential to Miss M. E. Powell, 56, Narbonne Avenue, S.W.4. KEL 2390. Annual Dinner February 27th, 1965. Tickets at A.G.M.—Miss V. E. Dupre, Hon. Sec., 63, Woodlawn Road, S.W.6. REN 4423. 6189

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual District meeting on Saturday, February 13th at Barnet. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Further ringing until 8 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 6229

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting Great Yarmouth, February 13th. Bells (13) from 2.30 p.m., service 4.15, tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 10th, certain please to Mr. P. G. W. Newstead, 23, Barnard Avenue, Great Yarmouth.—N.P.J.C. Branch Sec. 6053

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual branch meeting, Great Yarmouth, February 13th. Bells (13) from (please note) 3.30 p.m., service 4.15, tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 10th, certain please to Mr. P. G. W. Newstead, 23, Barnard Avenue, Great Yarmouth.—N.P.J.C. Branch Sec. 6053

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—A.G.M. will be held at Reading on Saturday, February 13th. St. Giles' 3-4 p.m.; St. Mary's 3.45-4.30 and 6.30-7.15; St. Laurence's 7-9. Service at St. Mary's 4.30. Tea and meeting. St. Mary's Church House, 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mrs. A. Diserens, 15, Hartsbourne Road, Earley, Reading. Tel.: Reading 81818. 6230

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Orston on February 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, 'St. Owen's', Whatton.—R. Blackshaw. 6208

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North-West District.—Practice meeting at Brandon (6) on Saturday, February 13th. Bells 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 6184

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting and social on Saturday, February 13th, at St. John-the-Baptist, Croydon. Bells 6.30 p.m. Social 7.30 in Church Hall. Refreshments 2s. 6d. Names to Mrs. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, Croydon, by previous Monday, please 6187

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual Divisional meeting on Saturday, February 13th, at Arundel. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. and after the meeting. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Please notify for tea, by Wednesday previous, R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. Tel.: Sidlesham 325. 6213

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting of the Winchester District will take place at New Alresford on February 13th at 2.30 p.m.—R. Collis, Sec. 6175

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Pluckley, Saturday, February 20th. Bells (6, tenor 12 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Homewood, The Street, Pluckley, near Ashford, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 6223

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual District social will be held at St. Michael and All Angels' Parish Hall on Saturday, February 20th, commencing at 7 p.m. Association and District members and friends very welcome. Tickets 2s. 6d. Please apply Miss D. M. Groves, 50, Heather Drive, Maidstone.—M. L. Howe, Dis. Sec. 6227

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—A.G.M. at Boston, Saturday, February 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, February 15th.—P. J. Kilner, Hon. Sec., 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 6226

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Annual meeting at Beccles (10), Saturday, February 20th. Bells 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 17th, to Mr. R. Bickers, 6, Ballygate, Beccles. 6210

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Salisbury Branch

The Salisbury Branch held its annual meeting on January 23rd. The service in St. Paul's Church was conducted by the Rev. T. Dohson, and the Rev. Gordon Baverstock, a member of St. Paul's tower, gave the address. Tea followed at the Church Hall, kindly prepared by the wives of local ringers.

At the meeting, the secretary (Mr. G. A. Trimby) reported that membership of the Branch showed an increase of 38 over the previous year. Officers elected were Mr. H. A. Rolfs, chairman; Mr. R. C. Mundy, vice-chairman; Mr. G. A. Trimby, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. M. Edwards, auditor; Ringing Masters, A. Haines, C. Haines, R. Jones, L. Page, together with J. Baverstock and A. Newman on the committee.

Meetings arranged for the coming year are at South Newton, Codford, Hindon, Winter-slow, Durrington, Amesbury, Dinton, Damerham, Fittleton, Fovant and Barford St. Martin. Ringing continued afterwards at St. Paul's and St. Thomas' towers during the evening. G. A. T.

HOLY TRINITY, GUILDFORD

At the annual meeting and dinner of Holy Trinity and St. Mary's Guild of Change Ringers, on January 18th, the Rector (the Rev. Michael Hocking) congratulated the Society on the high standard of ringing and regretted that the Parochial Church Council was not in a position to meet the cost of £464 for the renovation of the bells and providing ball bearings because of the extensive repairs to St. Mary's Church roof—that would cost over four figures.

Mr. David Tubbs was elected Ringing Master and Miss Pamela Gough deputy Ringing Master. Mr. S. G. Ponting continues as hon. secretary and treasurer, and was thanked with the other officers for his work during the year.

QUARTER PEALS

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Wooldridge 1, Marion Addy (first quarter of Triples) 2, N. Wright 3, J. R. Norris 4, D. McLean (first quarter of Triples) 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6, W. Ledward 7, D. Thorpe (first quarter of Triples) 8. To mark the induction on December 16th of Canon T. R. Franklin, A.K.C., formerly Rector and Rural Dean of Hurstpierpoint, as Rector of Uckfield, Isfield and Horsted Parva.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, on Jan. 6th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: J. Hingley 1, G. Darlington 2, A. Hubble 3, H. Morton 4, D. Willets (first on 10) 5, R. Staite 6, A. Hingley (cond.) 7, B. Morton 8, P. Bryan 9, M. J. Poulton (first quarter) 10. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Dr. A. B. Lavelle, former Vicar. Also on Jan. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss C. Turner (first of Stedman as cond.) 1, D. Willets (first of Stedman) 2, P. Bryan 3, M. Turner 4, R. Staite 5, M. Cadwalader 6, B. Morton 7, A. Hubble 8, A 17th birthday compliment to the conductor.

YEovil, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 16th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: K. E. Pinney 1, R. J. Fox 2, D. S. Reafoley 3, T. A. Cross 4, T. E. Marks 5, G. Gaylard 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, W. E. Turner 8, T. J. Setter 9, A. W. Dyer 10.

LATE NOTICES

FLY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Swaffham Prior (6) and Bottisham (5), Saturday, February 13th. Swaffham Prior bells 3 p.m. Service at Swaffham Prior 4.30 p.m. Tea at British Legion Club, Bottisham, 5.30 p.m. Bottisham bells after meeting.—B. D. Threlfall, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6236

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, February 13th at Christ Church, Bootle. Tower open at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Dennis, Christ Church Vicarage, Bootle 20, Lancashire.—G. I. Howlett, Branch Sec. 6235

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Tuxford on Feb. 13th. Bells 3 n.m. Service 4.30 n.m. Names for tea by February 10th, please, to Mrs. T. W. Swift, The Vicarage, Tuxford. 6234

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52364	—	—	—	3
32465	—	—	—	3
54263	—	—	—	—
(54632)	—	—	X	—
(64352)	—	—	X	—
(64523)	—	—	X	—
(42635)	—	—	X	—
(23645)	—	—	X	—
(63425)	—	—	X	—
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AN INSPIRED TRIBUTE TO A GREAT LEADER

A SAYING attributed to Abraham Lincoln, 'A tree is best measured when it's down,' seems very applicable to Sir Winston S. Churchill, to whose memory this enlarged issue of 'The Ringing World' is devoted. Among the many attributes of Sir Winston—and few men have been more richly endowed, and fewer still knew how to make the maximum use of those gifts—was a love of bells. Those who are turned 30 years of age remember El Alamein and the order of the great British Premier to ring the bells on that Sunday in honour of that great victory. There was no begging or imploring to come and ring on that day. For nearly four years our art was only kept alive by handbell ringing or on silent bells, but 'The Ringing World' was still being published thanks to those deep wells of research J. Armiger Trollope had accumulated.

As the bells rang out from the churches of the land the people rejoiced. Never was bell music so sweet; it seemed as if the corner was turned. The blood, sweat, toil and tears had not been in vain, although there were long anxious years ahead. One recalls, as the fight for freedom was crowned with success, the liberation of Europe and how as each city was released from Nazi tyranny the bells were rung—in our particular case to quarter peals.

And now the greatest Englishman probably of all time is dead. He was full of years; but we had a foretaste of the country's appreciation of his great services on the occasion of his 90th birthday. Ringing then was widespread and in his honour two new Surprise methods—Churchill and Chartwell—were placed on the register after peals had been rung respectively at Westerham, the parish church to Chartwell, and at Harrow Weald.

Sir Winston's death was announced on the radio at 9 a.m. on January 24th. It was in time for half-muffled ringing for morning service at most churches and in the evening a large number of quarter peals were attempted. Our last issue contained a page of 57 performances received on the following Monday and Tuesday. Since then very heavy posts have prevailed. Although we are devoting four pages to quarter peals in this enlarged issue, it in no way exhausts the number, and it will be some weeks before the actual position can be ascertained.

The wonderful television coverage on the morning of his funeral resulted in a very subdued country. Busy shopping centres were almost lifeless; millions shared in the memorable service by sitting in front of a television set. The ringing as the cortege left St. Paul's Cathedral was superb. The grandeur of St. Paul's bells made a very deep

if there is one thing that is foremost in the art of change ringing it is the development of intent and critical hearing. The ringing was by the regular St. Paul's band, and with one exception the same band assembled shortly before 5 p.m. to ring the peal of Cinques recorded in this issue. Again a good peal, that helped to raise the prestige of English ringing.

That afternoon and evening the bells of London were heard from a number of towers and peals have been reported from Isleworth, Hampton, Leyton, St. John-at-Hackney, Beddington and Holy Trinity, Wandsworth. The journey of the special train into the heart of Oxfordshire was marked by the ringing of bells. There were peals and quarter peals being rung at the same time—a typical observation we received was 'rung during the time the train passed through the county.'

The Oxford Diocesan Guild had a significant part to play in the proceedings at the funeral. That afternoon Great Tom at Christ Church was solemnly chimed by three ringers—Canon C. Elliot Wigg, the Master of the Guild, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, the deputy master, and Mr. Philip Walker, the principal ringer in Oxford and an officer of the Guild. Special facilities were granted to them to pass through the traffic to Bladon where officers of the Guild were invited to ring as soon as the grave was filled in. As the crowd of thousands passed the grave and viewed the huge masses of flowers conveying the sympathy of the world, the light but melodious ring gave their simple and almost mystic message.

The Cathedrals of the land were well represented in the ringing. Peals of Stedman Cinques were rung at Lincoln, Leicester and Birmingham Cathedrals. Bradford Cathedral and St. Albans Abbey both rang Grandsire Caters. Of all the ringing, an outstanding performance took place in the Royal Borough of Windsor, where Holt's Original was rung non-conducted.

From Sir Winston's old Parliamentary constituency a peal of Bob Major was rung on the bells of Woodford Parish Church. The University Ringing Societies rose to the occasion and there were peals from Bristol, where Sir Winston was chancellor, Oxford, Cambridge, London, Wales and Nottingham Universities, and also a peal from the Universities Association.

This tribute of the bells has not been surpassed since the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Sir Winston was honoured, respected and held with a deep affection by all three political parties. He died full of years and has left to this nation and the world a rich legacy that through his indomitable courage freedom was wrested from tyranny. In the hour of crisis he never faltered; his record in Parliament was unrivalled; his writings are a heritage to posterity.

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL'S FUNERAL

As Viewed from St. Paul's Cathedral

ON that grey Sunday morning of January 24th, most of the members of St. Paul's Cathedral band of ringers had heard already of the death of Sir Winston Churchill before they set out on their various journeys to reach the Cathedral to ring for the morning service. To those who had not yet heard the news, it was announced by the solemn sound of the tolling of Big Tom, the five-ton hour-bell, which hangs in the south-west tower of St. Paul's: this was being rung 90 times at intervals of half a minute by the Cathedral staff. We did not ring that morning, but the muffles were put on and in the afternoon we rang the usual three courses of Stedman Cinques for Evensong, with the bells half-muffled.

When the 14 full members of the band met together the following evening, they heard with mixed feelings of pride and humility that they had been asked to ring the bells half-muffled at the end of the funeral service to be held in St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, January 30th: pride at being able to take part in this way in the nation's last tribute to such a great man, humility because we knew it was partly a matter of luck that we, as individuals, not someone else, had the privilege of belonging to the band and thus being called on to ring for this service, which we knew would be the focal point of the world that morning.

BEFORE 10 a.m.

We had been told that we should have to be inside the Cathedral before ten o'clock on Saturday morning, as the Cathedral would be closed for general admission after that time. It was anticipated that there would be large crowds in the vicinity of St. Paul's, and so it was agreed that we should meet at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, at 9.30 a.m.

When Saturday, January 30th, came, the 14 members and one substitute all set out from home in good time, in case they should be held up by the crowds, and all assembled at half-past nine at Bow Church. Here, duty passes were issued to each one of us, and then we walked to St. Paul's Cathedral. The crowds were not as great as some had expected, and we had no difficulty in getting to the door of the belfry stairs. Outside, in the churchyard, three generators providing power for the television equipment made a steady throbbing sound.

So much was happening: the morning seemed to pass very quickly. First we could look out of the window of the ringing chamber and see the crowds packing either side of Ludgate Hill in the cold east wind, under a leaden sky that seemed appropriate for the occasion. We could see the various troops as they took up their positions lining the route: the knot of St. John Ambulance men; the Corporation workers sanding the road; the Press and television men taking up their vantage points on the roofs of nearby buildings. There was the arrival, in fleets of cars, of members of the Royal Family, of heads of State, many with the unfamiliar flags of newly-independent nations on the bonnets of their cars, of the Queen Mother and the Lord Mayor of London. The cars cleared and for a short time Ludgate Hill was again empty, until the head of the coffin procession came marching slowly up it.

UNDER DOME

While we watched, our voices became more and more hushed, as the spectacle outside grew in solemnity. Shortly after we had seen the Queen arriving, we moved from the ringing chamber, along a north gallery made strange by the presence of masses of television and broadcasting equipment, long snakes of cables, and monitor screens—a veritable studio in itself, with dozens of men quietly going about their respective jobs—into the gallery underneath the Dome, from which we had been granted the privilege of watching the service. Standing there in the heat of enormous projectors, beside a television camera mounted on a platform, we had an excellent view of the proceedings. The Cathedral was brilliantly lit, and very beautiful it looked in all that light. Soon the coffin came into view, draped with a spotless new Union Jack. Perhaps the main impression of the service itself was the colour-



MR. JOHN CHILCOTT

Conductor and composer of the peal of 5,007 Stedman Cinques, rung in the afternoon following the State funeral service, on Saturday, January 30th, to Sir Winston S. Churchill at St. Paul's Cathedral.

fulness of it all—the white and red of the choir's surplices, the black and white copes of the officiating clergy, the various uniforms of soldiers, sailors and airmen, the heralds in their tabards, the glittering star and garter placed on the coffin.

SLOW RHYTHM

As the special prayers and the familiar words of the Church's funeral service, the thrilling music and the pealing trumpet calls drew to a close, we made our way back to the ringing chamber, stood to our bells and waited for the signal that the coffin had reached the west door. As soon as we got this signal, we pulled out, and soon settled down to the slow rhythm of half-muffled ringing of Stedman Cinques, everyone concentrating, perhaps particularly hard, conscious that the sound we were making was probably being broadcast all over the world, and anxious to give of our very best on this historic and solemn occasion. In this way we rang seven or eight courses in about three-quarters of an hour before receiving the signal to stop.

For most people that was the end of the proceedings, but for us the main job still lay ahead, as it had been requested that we should ring a full half-muffled peal in the evening, after Evensong. So those members of the band who could do so went home for a meal and an hour or two's rest, and then we met again at St. Paul's at half-past four, making our way through busy technicians working fast to dismantle all the broadcasting equipment which had been installed in the Cathedral.

The band for the peal was, with one exception the same as had rung in the morning. We went into changes just before five o'clock, and a good peal was rung in 3 hours and 53 minutes. As soon as the ringing had finished, three of us went upstairs to unmuffle the bells in the bitter cold of the belfry open to the four winds, for life does not stop, and the bells would have to be rung open the following morning for the Sunday service as usual. After this it was pleasant to go over to a nearby public house, there to meet several old friends who had been listening to some of the ringing, and to relax and refresh ourselves after what had been a memorable day in all our lives.

To conclude with a few facts and figures: As far as records show, the peal was the first one to be rung on the bells composed entirely of full members of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild of Ringers. It was the second half-muffled peal on the bells, the first having been

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

The annual general meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held on January 16th in the Vestry Hall of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. The secretary's report showed the flourishing state of the Society with 17 peals being rung during the year, and the election of an increased number of new members.

The following officers were elected: Master, Mr. Dennis Beresford; secretary, Dr. D. E. Sibson (15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, Putney, S.W.15); treasurer, Mr. P. Beresford; senior steward, Mr. K. Newman; junior steward, Mr. A. J. Strathdee. The retiring secretary, Mr. F. J. Matthews, was thanked by the Master for all his work during his years in office.

The Rev. Meredith Davies was elected the first honorary member in recognition of his many years of helpful association with the Society.

The quarterly meetings were arranged for April 10th, July 10th and September 11th, and the joint meeting with Middlesex County Association on December 4th.

Earlier in the afternoon ringing had taken place at Shoreditch, St. Giles-in-the-Fields and St. Clement Danes'. D. E. S.

BELLS FOR A WORCESTERSHIRE CHURCH

A ring of eight bells is to be provided for the Parish Church of Amblecote, near Stourbridge, in accordance with the terms of the will of Miss Agnes Egan, a retired teacher of Wollaston, who died in September, aged 73.

The Vicar of Amblecote (the Rev. J. B. Hencher) informed the 'Birmingham Post' that the tower of the 120-year-old church was strong enough to support the weight of the bells, which will cost nearly £5,000.

The money will be provided from the £22,000 left by Miss Egan to the church. Another £500 will be spent on providing a stained-glass window at the church in memory of Miss Egan's mother, and the remainder of the bequest will be used to build bungalows for old people living at Amblecote.

Mr. Hencher said: 'Parts of the church tower will be insulated so that the bells do not cause any nuisance to patients at the neighbouring Corbett Hospital. The Worcestershire and Districts Change Ringers' Association will provide a team of bellringers for our Sunday services until we have our own trained ringers.'

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

The annual meeting of the Axbridge Branch was held on January 23rd at Locking. Ringing preceded the service, which was conducted by the Rev. D. H. Tongue, with Mr. Clark at the organ. Mr. T. Bale (churchwarden) read the lesson.

Tea was served in the Church Hall to over 40 members and friends before the business meeting. The officers elected were: Mr. Walton, chairman; Mr. G. Prescott, vice chairman; Mr. H. Hooper, Ringing Master; Mr. G. Prescott, Deputy Ringing Master; Mr. M. Legg, secretary.

Subject to permission members decided to visit Cheddar for the quarterly meeting in April, with practices at Uphill in February and Ware in March. The Corporate Communion will be held at Worle in June and the annual outing in May to Herefordshire.

run in 1938 in memory of Mr. W. Cockerill. It was Mr. J. H. Crampton's 100th 12-bell peal. Mr. A. J. Frost, one of the official substitutes, took part in the ringing after the service in the morning. Two other substitutes, Mr. J. D. Rock and Dr. P. A. Chalk, were inside the Cathedral during the service, tickets having been allocated to the organisations connected with the Cathedral.

'LUD'

For Composition of Peal, see page 108.

OBITUARY

MR. S. T. A. RUSSELL

General Secretary,
Guildford Diocesan Guild.

Members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild heard with very deep regret of the sudden death on February 3rd of Mr. Stanley T. A. Russell, of Orchard Cottage, Ash Hill Road, Ash, aged 63. Mr. Russell, who from March, 1958, until his death, had been general secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, died on his way to work at Guildford. He was to have rung that afternoon for a memorial service for Sir Winston Churchill at Holy Trinity Church.

Having learned to ring at the age of 17 at Rotherfield, in Sussex, he became well known in that county and also in the Seven-oaks and Tunbridge Wells area. In 1952 he moved to Ash and joined the excellent local band. He sang in the choir most of his life and was honorary verger at Rotherfield Parish Church. He was regular and prompt for practices and service ringing at Ash and will be sadly missed.

Stan worked in the insurance field, being employed by the Cornhill Insurance Company at Guildford at the time of his death. The Guildford Guild, which has had only three general secretaries in its 37 years' existence, has suffered a great loss.

The bells were rung half-muffled before the funeral service at Ash on Monday, after which he was interred at Rotherfield.

MR. ALBERT J. COOKE

In the passing of Mr. Albert J. Cooke, the ringers of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, have lost one of their most loyal and faithful members, and the church a faithful churchwarden. It was a profound shock to learn that Albert had collapsed and died while on his way to work on January 29th.

He came to St. John's from Blaby in 1952, and was rarely absent from ringing both for Sunday or practice, and regularly attended meetings. Always willing to oblige, he never refused to give of his services to any branch of the church's work that was called upon him.

Albert was the 'handyman about the place.' During the recent belfry renovation he put in many extra nights of work on his own to assist in getting the job completed quickly, and was the electrician referred to in 'The Ringing World' on that subject.

The funeral service took place at St. John-the-Divine on February 2nd, prior to interment at Blaby.

In the evening a beautifully struck quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung half muffled in affectionate remembrance, conducted by Mr. R. H. Cook, of Asfordby.

Of Albert Cooke it can be truly said:

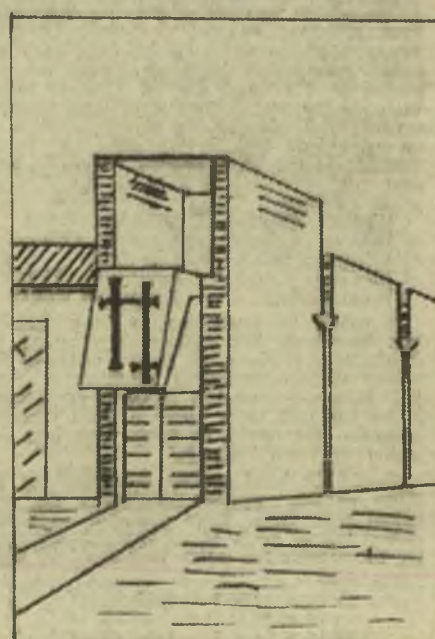
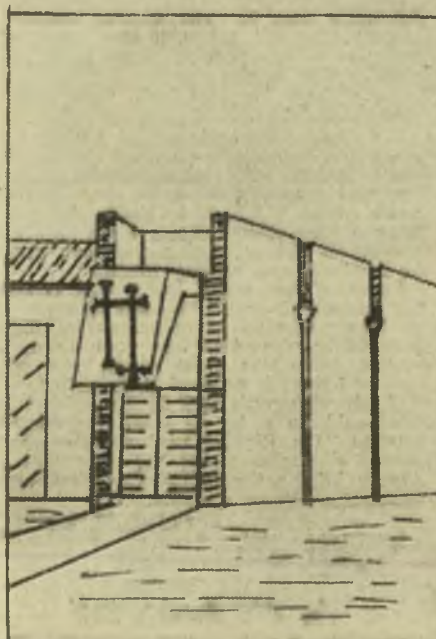
'Well done, thou good and faithful servant,
Enter now into the fullness of the Lord.'
S. H.

MR. G. J. FILBY

A veteran Suffolk ringer died on January 15th in the person of Mr. George John Filby, of Goulfers Farm, Wingfield, who had been village blacksmith for over 40 years until his retirement for health reasons about four years ago. He was 78, and served as a farrier in World War I with the Royal Artillery.

Throughout his life he had been a keen ringer and this love of ringing is shared by his two sons. On the day of his funeral, January 22nd, a half-muffled quarter peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung by G. M. Pearl (Stradbroke) 1, C. Brown (Wingfield) 2, W. Flatt (Oakley) 3, W. Cracknell (conductor, Stradbroke) 4, A. Lawes (Hoxne) 5 and A. Flatt (Oakley) 6.

SUGGESTED NEW TOWER TECHNIQUES



Dear Sir.—It was with great interest that I read Mr. Futers' letter in your issue of January 22nd. While I am in entire agreement with him on the importance of new churches incorporating some form of a belfry, I am not sure that a detached form of belfry will receive much support from Church authorities, mainly due to the cost.

It is, I think, generally considered that the expense on belfries and bells, although desirable, is a luxury and expenditure on such equipment will have to take a back seat when so much money is required for the Church overseas, the building of new British churches and the maintenance and repair of existing churches.

It should, of course, be possible to incorporate some space in the design of a new church for the installation of bells and the problem recently arose in my own village where the present Church of St. Philip, with a seating capacity for 90 people, is to be replaced by a new church to accommodate a congregation of approximately 250. The plans for the new building are almost in the approved stage and the architect, I am pleased to say, has been persuaded to make space for a future installation of bells.

In achieving this state of affairs the building committee has had the active support of its chairman, the Ven. C. Q. Ellison (Archdeacon of Leeds), and also the Rector (the Rev. Norman Butcher).

To illustrate the matter I enclose two rough sketches of the north-west corner of the proposed new church. Sketch 'A' shows the corner as it should look when the building is completed, and it will be seen that over the north doorway, which faces the road, is a canopy over which is space for one bell. The rope for this bell descends into a corner of the vestibule and it will be rung from the ground floor. It will be appreciated that present funds will not permit further work,

but the walls surrounding the vestibule will be of sufficient strength to support a future bell installation.

Some time in the future, when funds permit, this corner can be extended upwards and will take the appearance as shown in sketch 'B.' This constructional extension should not be unduly expensive and will provide the necessary space for the bells. It will be possible to provide openings in the extension to act as louvres, and the intention is to leave the north side open or glaze it so that the bells would be visible. The ringing chamber will be over the vestibule.—Yours sincerely,

FRED L. FLEETWOOD.

Scholes, near Leeds.

5,120 Shepperton Surprise Major

By DENNIS KNOX

23456 B W M

52436 — 3
23564 X
36245 X
64352 X
34256 3 —

53246 — 3
25634 — — } A
62453 — —
42356 3 —

23456 — A

Rung at Willesden, January 21st, 1965.

CULCHESTER, ESSEX.—At All Saints', Shrub End, on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Cobb (first of Minor) 1, D. Whent 2, N. V. Avis 3, S. Humphrey 4, B. J. Vaughan 5, P. G. Pitt (cond.) 6.

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Letters to the Editor

'New' Minor Methods

Dear Sir,—During the past year Mr. Brian J. Woodruffe and his prolific handbell band have rung and named a number of plain Minor methods which, since they have so-called 'irregular' leadheads, were not included in the latest Central Council Minor Methods Collection. Several of these methods extend to Triples by the simple addition of an extra hunt bell, in the same way as do methods in the St. Clement's 'family.' They are:

Minor	Triples
Wenlock Court	Grandsire Court
Dynevor College	Stanstead College
Ullswater Bob	City Bob
Mewslade Court	Laughton's Pleasure
Ilston College	Lancashire College

It would be interesting to know whether Mr. Woodruffe has deliberately renamed the contractions of these old Triples methods, following the time-honoured precedent of Plain Bob Minor + hunt bell = Grandsire Triples. If he has not, there seems a good case for amending the names to bring them into line with their 7-bell 'parents.'

Should the band hesitate over renaming because of any special associations the new names may have, there are still eight unnamed 'pure' plain Minor methods left from the 55 possible for which they could be used. These are:

x 14 x 36.14.5	2nds 36245
x 16 x 36.14.5	2nds 65324
34.16 x 16 x 5	6ths 65243
34.16 x 16.34.5	6ths 65243
34.16 x 36.14.3	2nds 65324
36.14 x 16 x 5	2nds 42563
36.14 x 16.34.1	2nds 36245
36.14 x 16.34.5	2nds 42563

There is in addition the 6-bell contraction of St. Bride's Pleasure Triples, x 16 x 36 x 1 6ths 65243, and one 'single-change' irregular method — 34.16 x 123 x 1 6ths 52364. With the possible exception of the last of these, I should, incidentally, have thought any of the above a better method than the one actually rung on December 19th if the band wanted to use the name 'Nicholaston' so badly. 5ths and 6ths made when the treble is in 2—3, indeed!—Yours sincerely,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Charlton Kings.

Perth, Western Australia

Dear Sir,—I hope that when in his letter in the January 22nd issue Mr. G. A. Halls refers to St. George's Cathedral, Perth, New South Wales, he was copying a reference from Dr. Joseph Geiger's writings on tower vibration. For the record, Perth is the capital of Western Australia. When Mr. Tom Lock's party arrives in that city in September next at the beginning of Great Adventure II, the tourists will have a very long way to travel before they reach New South Wales—it is roughly some 2,100 miles from Perth to Sydney as the aircraft fly.

I will get in touch with my colleagues in Western Australia and see if they can throw any light on just what Dr. Geiger did there.—Yours etc.,

W. B. PITCHER.

Kingswood, S. Australia.

The Marbury Peal

Dear Sir,—I withdrew the peal of 5,100 Grandsire Doubles rung at Marbury on November 14th, 1964, because of the 60 changes rung at the end.

After the peal had been published I was informed that peals of Doubles must be rung in multiples of 120's throughout, therefore a 60 invalidated the performance.

I hope this is a satisfactory answer to Mr. T. R. Butler's question.—Yours faithfully,

F. R. MORTON.

Wistaston, near Crewe.

Tapesponding

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. G. R. Ashcroft's letter in 'The Ringing World,' of January 22nd last, asking if any ringers were interested in tapesponding. Some years ago I made a few ringing contacts by tape, but, partly through my own fault, these seem to have fallen apart.

I would be most pleased to contact them again, and particularly exchange ringing yarns and recordings with ringers in other parts of the world, notably Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, U.S.A. and Canada. As well as being a keen change ringer, I am keenly interested in change ringing and tune playing on handbells and carillon playing.

Lastly, if any reader has a tape recorder, but through ill health or other infirmity can no longer take an active interest in ringing, I would be pleased to hear from them. My machine will take most speeds and spool sizes and there is no need to write first.

If Mr. Ashcroft's idea is successful I feel this could do a lot to break the distances between 'The Ringing Isle' and the smaller change ringing areas, at the same time indirectly helping the Central Council Overseas Committee.—Yours sincerely,

CLIVE M. SMITH.

29. Dimbles Hill,
Lichfield, Staffs.

An Old Danish Bell

Dear Sir,—I have received an enquiry from a correspondent in Denmark concerning a bell now hanging in the church at Jordrup, near Kolding, in that country. The bell is 'bronze' and contains an inscription reading 'CAM-PANA ECCLIE (i.e. ecclesie) LONGSTOGH ANO DO (i.e. A.D.) MCDVII.' which can be translated: 'The bell of the Church of Longstogh, A.D. 1407.'

The transcription of the inscription is taken from *Danmarks Hiddelalderlige Kirkeklokker* (Copenhagen, 1906), which puts a question mark after 'Longstogh.' In the absence of a photograph of the bell, however, I must assume it to be correct.

My correspondent thinks the name is English, and would like to identify it. The only two places I can find which could fit the name are Longstock (Hants) and Long Stow (Cambs). I should be interested if any of the historians of the Exercise could find a connection between Denmark and one of these places at this date, or throw any light on the origins of the bell.

The church at Kolding, originally built about 1200 A.D., was rebuilt in 1884. The bell is about 20 inches in height.—Yours faithfully,

L. R. H. SMITH.

The British Museum,
London.

Easter Monday Peals

Dear Sir,—It has been arranged for two peal attempts to take place in Cambridge on Easter Monday. I would like to point out to those taking part that the Ely Diocesan Association is holding its annual meeting in and around Cambridge on Easter Monday.

There is already some ill-feeling about these attempts and I am sure none of those taking part would like the same thing to happen where and when their annual meeting is taking place.—Yours sincerely,

E. H. MASTIN.

Downham Market.

St. Andrew's, Newcastle on Tyne

Dear Sir,—Apropos the letter from Mr. R. Arthur about St. Andrew's, Newcastle on Tyne, might I point out that it is not surprising that the Vicar is evasive.

The bells have been broken up and there is no hope whatsoever of their restoration.—Sincerely yours,

ROBERT H. BEGRIE.

Holloway, N.1.

Praise for St. Paul's Ringing

Dear Sir,—Having listened, as you must have done, to the TV and Broadcasting Committee at the Central Council meetings, explaining that you can't record good 12-bell ringing, I hope they heard St. Paul's bells at the funeral service for Sir Winston Churchill. It rather knocks their arrangements into a tin hat. It was some of the best 12-bell ringing I have heard.—Yours faithfully,

W. L. EXTON

Wharton, Notts.

5,007 STEDMAN CINQUES

JOHN CHILCOTT

2314567890E 6 19

23146578E90 'A'

314265 — 2

412365 — 2

415362 — S

413265 — 2

312465 — 2

214365 — 2

21346587(E90) 'B'

314265 — 2

415263 — 3

513264 — S

315264 — S

312465 3 2

214365 — 2

21346587(09E) 'C'

214365 'X'

A — 1, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, S13, S15, 16.

B — 9, 10, S13, S15, 18, 22, 23.

C — 9, 10, 18, 23.

First rung at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, on January 30th, 1965.

Washington Film in London

Sir—The National Cathedral Association, Washington, has kindly loaned an attractive sound and colour film of the building and dedication of the Gloria-in-Excelsis tower, which includes several shots of the bells, bell-ringing and the carillon.

In order that all those interested may have an opportunity of seeing this film, arrangements have been made, by kind permission of the Director, for a showing in the lecture theatre of the Science Museum, South Kensington, on Saturday, February 27th at 1.30 p.m. Since the film runs for 25 minutes only, Mr. Douglas Hughes has undertaken to follow with a demonstration of the Carter ringing machine.

The lecture theatre is located on the ground floor of the museum and, as it is available for only one hour, those attending are asked to arrive in good time. Under museum regulations, admittance to the theatre is by ticket only and these will be distributed upon application to the writer. A stamped and addressed envelope with each application, would be appreciated.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN CHILCOTT.

14. The Glebe,
Hawley, Camberley.

108 Stedman Triples

Dear Sir.—The proof that I gave of there being no touch of 108 Stedman Triples possible (page 53) is incomplete.

I considered only one starting position whereas there are 12. Actually the method of proof holds for any one of the 12 positions because the 108 changes can be thought of as a round block.

Assume a touch of 108 Stedman Triples does exist starting from any one of the 12 changes of the quick and slow sixes. Then the last change of the first quick six can be produced 108 changes later. In my previous letter I showed that this is impossible. Therefore, there is no solution from any starting position.—Yours sincerely,

R. BLACKLER.

Nottingham.

LETTERS—Continued

Sussex County Association Dinner

Dear Sir.—Your necessarily abbreviated report of my remarks at the Sussex County Association dinner contains one or two small inaccuracies which I think ought to be put right. The 25 peals in one month were not all rung at Warnham, but divided between that tower (14) and Angmering (11). The reference to four Spliced should read that it was the first by a local band, not the first of any kind. The first members and towers joined at the second, not the first part of the inaugural meeting. And lastly (no doubt a printer's error) Mr. Rickman may well have provided many teas at Brighton but as readers of your front-page article will have realised, it was the **ten** he was responsible for at St. Peter's that I referred to.—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

Pseudonyms

Dear Sir.—As the proposer of the motion at the Central Council meeting in Newcastle on Tyne in 1954, whereby pseudonyms could be used in the correspondence columns of 'The Ringing World,' I feel that a few words in their favour would not be amiss.

Contrary to the view expressed by Mrs. Bray, pseudonyms are not necessarily a shield for hypocrisy. There is no need to know the real names of Atheist, Anarchist and Cornishman to dispute the issues or points which they raise. I regret the ever-increasing tendency of some correspondents to attack the author rather than the view he expresses.

Mrs. Bray indeed touches upon the most important aspect of the matter when she men-

tions fear of retribution or ostracism. Having suffered a certain amount of ostracism as a result of remarks made publicly at the above-mentioned Central Council meeting, I can assure her that such fears are well grounded. Secret ballot for parliamentary elections was, after all, introduced for this same reason.

A short while ago the price-increase of 'The Ringing World' was criticised in some quarters. Such criticism was, of course, rather pointless, since a cancellation of order would have been a much more effective argument. I, for one, will continue to purchase our paper, regardless of price. Since I am prevented by place of residence from active participation in ringing, I look forward more eagerly than ever to my weekly copy, and I find I am reading it much more carefully than when I was a regular peal-ringer.—Yours truly,

J. R. WORRALL.

Kent School, Hostert.
B.F.P.O. 40.**Bob Major, all Singles**

Dear Sir.—In reply to Mr. Geoffrey K. Dodd ('Belfry Gossip,' page 96), there is a composition of Bob Major containing all singles, by W. E. Bason. It is:

23456	W	S/4	M
63425	S		S
34625	S	S/S	S
46325	S	S/S	S
63245		S/S	S
32645	S	S/S	S

Repeat 11 times, omitting S at W in 30th and 60th courses 5,184 changes.

This was rung at Handsworth, Sheffield, on December 8th, 1962, conducted by John E. Turley.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN WEAVER.

Doubles Variation

Dear Sir.—With reference to the extensive collection of Doubles variations by G. K. Dodd and R. H. Jones (p. 530 in 'The Ringing World,' 1964) I would like to make some corrections. Part of the table reads:—

Course	Bob	Single
Evening Star	St. Simon	Rev. Cant.
Saturn	St. Martin	Rev. Cant.
Mars	St. Nicholas	Plain Bob
Venus	Winchendon Place	Plain Bob
Morning Star	St. Simon	Plain Bob
Jupiter	St. Martin	Plain Bob
Pluto	St. Nicholas	Rev. Cant.
Neptune	Winchendon Place	Rev. Cant.

Clearly, the first four of these have no use for the single and are therefore merely St. Alban, St. Paul, St. Giles and St. Miles. The remaining four are simply the methods of their plain course names, but course-spliced, i.e., without affecting coursing order. A suitable calling is therefore SPBPx3.

Further extracts read:—

Course	Bob	Single
Plain Bob	Old Hudibras	London Ext.
Plain Bob	Ready Money	Thurlby Bob
Rev. Cant.	Old Hudibras	London Ext.
Rev. Cant.	Ready Money	Thurlby Bob

Callings given:—SBSP

The callings here give false extents (perhaps unnoticed with asymmetrical lead-ends), I have not found a true calling but would be pleased to hear from anyone who has succeeded. Perhaps a 240 is possible.—Yours faithfully,

E. ANDREW HARRISON.

Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire.

IMPROVEMENTS AT EAST HAGBOURNE

Many improvements have been made in the ringing chamber of Hagbourne Parish Church 'in memory of Henry Keith White, ringer and chairman of the Hagbourne Ringing Society from 1916-1962,' as stated on a memorial plaque. Mr. White died three years ago. A service of thanksgiving and dedication was conducted by the Rural Dean of Wallingford (the Rev. M. F. Gibbs) on January 26th.

A peal record book, in which will be inscribed all the peals rung in the tower since it had eight bells in 1885, has been provided. These number about 130 and the book has been placed in a cabinet.

The one-time bleak chamber now has the appearance of a cosy room, with a new polythene-tile ceiling and waxed matchboard panelling with pink painted walls above it. The cost has been borne by the ringers and the P.C.C., assisted by contributions from Mr. White's family. His widow, son-in-law and daughter (Mr. and Mrs. D. Green), and grandson Christopher, were present at the dedication ceremony, and also ringers from Harwell, Appleton and East Ilsley.

A further gift is that of ringing mats by Mr. E. G. Sawyer, himself a ringer. The improvements were carried out by a local builder, Mr. A. H. Webb, who is foreman of the tower.

Another fund started at Christmas, by the handbell ringers, is for the provision of new bellropes.

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER GUILD**M.U.G.'s Day Outing**

Early on Saturday, December 5th, over 20 members of the Manchester University Guild assembled at the Union on a typical wet morning for a day outing to towers in three neighbouring counties.

A convoy of six cars, wending its way through narrow Cheshire lanes, soon brought us to the pretty village of Barthomley and the first tower of the day, where we didn't really do justice to this fine sounding old octave. From here it was only a short journey to Audlem, a small market town with an interesting old church and light ring of six.

We then went over into Shropshire to Market Drayton, a pleasant little town, where the party split up into groups for lunch before sampling the excellent octave. Our stay here came to an end all too soon!

The remainder of our towers were in Staffordshire, the first of these being the light six at Keele where we had to take it in shifts ringing in the small belfry. At Newcastle we much enjoyed the pleasant ten situated in a very massive mediæval tower, all that remains of the original church. We had some difficulty in locating Kidsgrove, the last tower, where we found the recently augmented ring of eight most pleasing.

Despite more or less continuous rain throughout the day, it was a most enjoyable outing. We should like to thank the incumbents, the local ringers and the drivers, without whose help this tour would not have been possible.

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HALF PEAL

ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW.—On Jan. 30th, 2,520 Plain Bob Triples: Miss A. M. Dukes 1, C. Lane 2, Miss A. E. Sadler 3, R. A. Vere Hodge 4, C. J. Reede 5, F. E. Dukes 6, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, T. H. Wilson 8.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Jan. 30th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: Sheila Stephens 1, P. Cook 2, M. J. Cook 3, R. W. G. Fenton 4, P. Wakefield 5, R. Wakefield (cond.) 6.

LONG LENGTH

BATHEASTON, BATH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 29th, 3,480 Doubles (in five methods): T. W. Harris 1, D. J. Orledge 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, D. A. Burt 4, R. J. Purnell 5, J. E. Newman 6.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Betty Harris 1, D. A. Bedford 2, R. W. R. Picton 3, J. W. Wallace 4, R. J. Picton (cond.) 5, G. R. Fielding (first quarter) 6.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Helen's Church on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Rowson 1, Jane A. Carruthers 2, M. Patricia Dixon 3, J. M. Elaine Dixon 4, Philippa J. P. Dixon 5, W. A. Smith (cond.) 6, J. W. Berry 7. As the funeral train was passing through the district.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob and St. Clement's): Carol Cousins 1, Margaret C. Godfrey 2, R. Rayfield 3, E. G. H. Godfrey 4, C. H. Macve 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6.

ALREWEAS, STAFFS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Dolman (cond.) 1, A. Kent 2, P. Corfield 3, J. Middleton 4, G. Holden 5, W. Fisher (first quarter) 6.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Chennell-White (first away from tenor) 1, Anne Biddlecombe 2, H. Moody 3, Susan Wood 4, D. Hughes 5, E. Hedger 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, A. Bone 8.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: E. Drewitt 1, A. D. Sansom 2, N. Leslie 3, J. Drewitt 4, R. Ashmore 5, B. R. White 6, D. Leslie 7, F. C. White 8, F. A. White (cond.) 9, H. White 10.

ASPFURDY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Clamp 1, Mrs. D. Day 2, J. H. Cook (cond.) 3, J. L. Day 4, R. H. Cook 5, K. J. Panter 6.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Liggins 1, M. Ingram 2, A. Burbridge 3, A. Short 4, D. Finnemore 5, R. C. Ingram 6, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 7, R. Inman 8.

BADSEY, WORCS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Newman 1, Mrs. J. Thomas 2, J. D. Johnson (cond.) 3, J. Smith 4, R. Harris 5, L. Mills 6, W. J. Newman 7, A. J. Brazier 8.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Hilton 1, S. Wood 2, H. Knapps 3, R. Roberts 4, E. S. Laker 5, F. Roberts 6, A. E. Laker (cond.) 7, J. Laker 8.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. Hutton 1, R. Castledine 3, C. Harwood 4, R. Trebilcock 5, J. Dear 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, M. Orme (cover) 8.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church on Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Taylor (first quarter) 1, H. E. Balaam 2, J. J. Hill (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. E. J. Weaver 4, J. Weaver 5, A. Taylor 6, J. Chesterman (cond.) 7, B. G. Freeman (first quarter) 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael with St. Paul's on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Roberts 1, D. G. Hawkins 2, W. H. Hurford 3, J. G. Hobbs 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, B. Sarll (first quarter) 6.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. J. Winchester 1, Susan M. Hutton 2, G. A. Masters 3, H. Ballard 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5, G. O. Prodger 6. Following the quarter the bells were fired 90 times.

Second Instalment of Quarter Peals

BENGEO, HERTS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Alastair Stracey (first quarter) 1, E. J. Phillips 2, Mrs. M. Butcher (first of Triples and 'inside') 3, J. H. Phillips 4, A. Stracey 5, A. S. Carter (cond.) 6, A. Fowkes 7, S. D. Butcher 8.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 30th, 840 Grandsire Doubles: D. T. Haine 1, Ann Wells 2, M. Anne Burton 3, Emily Lane 4, P. W. S. Richardson (cond.) 5, H. Lambert 6.

BENSON, OXON.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Aldridge 1, R. Godman (first quarter) 2, R. Coe 3, Miss M. Salt 4, J. E. Godman (cond.) 5, E. Aldridge 6.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie L. Bowlzer 1, D. J. Wimbush (first 'inside') 2, Margaret Ward 3, K. Medhurst 4, Mary R. Andrews 5, A. Hall (cond.) 6.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Lesley Rundle (13) 1, Barbara Orlopp (11) 2, Mrs. B. van-Asselt 3, R. C. Kift 4, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 5, K. A. Rundle 6.

BILSTON, STAFFS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,320 Kent T.B. Minor: D. J. Bates 1, J. Wilkinson 2, T. J. Greaves 3, R. B. Dorrington 4, P. G. K. Davies 5, R. M. Hodister (cond.) 6.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Tumber 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, T. Milsted 3, H. Luck 4, J. A. Russell (cond.) 5, T. Bridges 6, A. Hinkley 7, R. Holebrook (first quarter) 8.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bailey 1, W. Mortimer 2, J. Romain 3, J. Weeks 4, F. Hale 5, W. Beaven 6, S. Grant (cond.) 7, F. Osmond 8.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, Mary Wells 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, E. J. Grace 4, H. Wells 5, C. Corderoy (cond.) 6, R. B. Blond 7, P. Corderoy 8.

BOLTON, LANCs.—At All Souls' Church, on Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Hobson 1, N. Tompkins 2, Margaret E. Fort 3, J. Thornley 4, C. Brownlow 5, P. Crook, sen. 6, A. Critchley 7, D. C. Makin-Taylor (first quarter) 8.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Long (first quarter) 1, A. N. Brown 2, A. R. Elkins 3, A. Twyman 4, B. Gibson 5, D. Hogg 6, A. J. Brown (cond.) 7, D. Vincent 8.

BRAFELD, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Longland 1, P. Jones 2, A. Henman 3, R. Henman 4, L. Battison 5, G. Care (cond.) 6.

BRADFELD, BERKS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. Huntriss (first on a changing bell) 1, B. Holloway 2, F. Brooks 3, R. Munro-Ashman (first 'inside') 4, J. Butler (cond.) 5, G. Eyre (first quarter) 6.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob): A. May 1, E. Whitlock 2, N. Gray 3, A. Gray 4, B. Eglesfield (cond.) 5, A. Coley 6.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Patricia Lindsell 1, Josephine Quilter 2, A. Wiffen 3, R. J. Lindsell 4, Jennifer Syder 5, S. Warne 6, H. G. Felton 7, A. R. Syder (cond.) 8.

BRAMEFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. R. Walters (first quarter) 1, A. J. Munnings 2, M. J. Howes 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5.

BRAMLEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Perry 1, D. Howells 2, W. Cliff 3, C. Herridge 4, C. Osler (cond.) 5, A. J. Cousins 6. First quarter 2 and 6.

BRECON, BRECKNOCKS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman and Grandsire): G. P. Davies 1, M. R. Thomas 2, J. A. Ellis 3, M. T. Johns (cond.) 4, A. V. Protheroe 5, J. K. Trimm 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Jan. 31st, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): G. Evans (13) (first quarter) 1, D. R. L. Jones 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, H. Preece 5, T. Froley 6, D. W. Davies 7, T. E. Hiddins 8.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): W. Vinnicombe 1, C. Cholwill 2, W. Cholwill 3, J. Bowden 4, R. Pearce (cond.) 5, A. Cooper 6, W. Bond 7, L. Green 8.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Hulbert 1, Margaret Thomas 2, K. Hollingsworth 3, C. Mason 4, M. J. Thomas (cond.) 5, Margaret Smith 6.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Nicholas' Church on Jan. 30th, 1,848 Grandsire Triples: Angela Grainger (cond.) 1, Angela M. Wright 2, M. J. Bew 3, D. Munns 4, J. R. Norris 5, D. P. Treble 6, A. W. Bond 7, R. J. Talbot 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Janette Kipling 1, Mary E. Chauvet 2, Angela Grainger 3, R. J. Talbot 4, Catherine M. Powell 5, Peggy E. Taylor 6, D. P. Snoswell 7, A. W. Bond 8, B. J. Stone 9, M. J. Bew (cond.) 10.

BRISTOL.—At St. Werburgh's on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda J. Slade (13) (first quarter) 1, S. G. Riches (cond.) 2, J. David (first 'inside') 3, R. W. Sweet 4, A. J. True 5, K. J. Ingham 6.

BROMHAM, BEDS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 1, S. G. Hutchings 2, C. S. Branson 3, L. A. Williams 4, C. M. Payne 5, E. P. Inskip 6, R. Chapman 7, D. A. Hammond 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Gates 1, E. J. W. Manly 2, F. H. Gates 3, F. J. H. Oakshett 4, Sally Behenna 5, P. J. Spice 6, M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 7, H. Rooke 8. First in method 1 and 5. For Evensong.

BUCKINGHAM.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Valentine (first quarter) 1, G. W. Holland 2, R. A. Vickers 3, C. Gough 4, F. Vickers 5, Major D. Satow 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, W. H. Yates 8.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Carden (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Talbot 2, Miss J. Marshall 3, Miss A. Luckings (first 'inside') 4, G. Stocker 5, C. Lewington 6, A. Davis (cond.) 7, R. Ashman (first on eight) 8.

BURBAGE, LEICS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. K. Measures (cond.) 1, Cynthia M. Wells 2, J. Rate 3, H. Parker 4, E. Campton 5, S. C. Wells 6.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Miss A. Rayner 3, R. P. Brotherton 4, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 5, R. Watts 6.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower on Jan. 30th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, A. Ballam 3, J. Stannard 4, H. Clarke 5, P. Everett 6, W. Goodship 7, D. Rowlands 8, R. Stannard 9, J. Banks 10.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 1, 2 leading): Susan Lloyd 1, Meryl Smith (longest length) 2, Pauline Wildman (first quarter) 3, Lynda J. Roberts 4, Shelagh C. Guthrie 5, Susan J. Devey 6, G. Bradbury (cond.) 7, R. D. Baker 8.

CARDIGAN.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods/variations): D. P. Griffiths 1, Jean Thomas 2, A. F. Walters (cond.) 3, J. D. Thomas 4, R. Pateman 5, B. Griffiths 6. Also in memoriam Tom Evans, M.A., J.P.

CHARING, KENT.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): T. J. McKechnie (first quarter) 1, Rhian N. Bagshaw 2, Mrs. P. T. Robbins (cond.) 3, Rev. P. T. Robbins 4, P. M. Bradford 5, K. R. Slack (first quarter) 6.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Jupp 1, R. Collins 2, C. K. Hill 3, Miss A. Pickering 4, P. J. Privett 5, J. W. Priest 6, D. G. Blows (cond.) 7, K. Mumford 8.

COLERNE, WILTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. G. Clements 1, G. R. Eyles (cond.) 2, T. Gray 3, P. A. Keene 4, F. M. Harwood 5, F. W. Trumper (first quarter) 6.

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. Morgan 1, Mrs. D. Bennett 2, Miss A. Richards 3, K. Richards 4, L. L. Willis 5, D. L. Lloyd 6, K. Taylor (cond.) 7, E. H. Hill 8.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Davis 1, Mary Adamson 2, J. Dieppe 3, E. Eldridge 4, T. Tocock 5, J. Muller (cond.) 6.

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COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: 1. C. Lambert 1, M. D. Chown 2, Gillian Shaw 3, E. J. Lambert 4, E. R. Lambert (cond.) 5, A. Bransby 6.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Morgan 1, Elizabeth Thomas (first of Triples 'inside') 2, A. W. Thomas 3, Alana Thomas 4, D. Barrington 5, C. Ricketts 6, E. N. Thomas (first of Triples as cond.) 7, I. Davies 8. First of Triples 1, 5 and 6.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. W. Holloway 1, W. Holloway (cond.) 2, W. Fern 3, W. Carter 4, J. Sutton 5, P. Grange 6.

CRANFIELD, BEDS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: S. Eynon (first quarter) 1, Pauline Hillson (first as cond.) 2, Dawn Weller 3, D. R. Manton 4, G. Holman 5. Also by the same band, before Evensong the same day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles, rung with open bells for the conductor's 15th birthday.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 30th, on the back six, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Heyman (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Look 2, Dr. L. E. Wear (cond.) 3, R. K. Boulbee 4, S. A. Turner 5, S. Wills 6.

CRUYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. E. Collins 1, R. Davies 2, E. J. Razzell 3, K. Taber 4, N. G. Steere 5, R. C. Stevens 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, P. G. Humphries 8.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Bryant (first quarter) 1, Rev. G. Moule 2, N. Bush 3, C. Baverstock 4, P. K. Waterman (cond.) 5, D. Tiller 6.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol Kemp 1, M. Rowling (first quarter) 2, E. W. Roast 3, E. G. Roast 4, J. West 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Murray (first quarter) 1, Yvonne Murray 2, A. Spurgeon 3, P. J. Came 4, J. West 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Lynn Taylor 1, Peggy Butler 2, A. W. Fuller 3, Betty Butler 4, A. J. Butler (cond.) 5, W. J. Sale (first in five methods) 6.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: W. F. Cowley 1, C. C. Clarke 2, H. N. Pratley 3, W. H. Minnear 4, A. W. Ivings 5, W. Ivings 6, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 7, R. M. Gardner 8.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary R. Bloxam 1, I. W. Hall 2, G. Wright 3, D. Loake 4, Sonja G. Feakin 5, B. Yeomans 6, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 7, Mrs. A. Loake 8.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Lyons 1, A. T. Weeks 2, R. W. Bridges 3, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 4, H. Sturges 5, T. Rumming 6.

DINDER, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. H. Hull (cond.) 1, H. Smith 2, T. Harris 3, G. Willmott 4, C. Field 5, S. Vowles 6.

DUNHAM MASSEY, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss R. Lowe 1, D. Brewer 2, T. W. Lamb 3, Mrs. C. K. Lewis 4, C. K. Lewis (cond.) 5, F. H. Smith 6. First quarter 1 and 6. First of Doubles by all except the conductor.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Siedman and Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Davies 1, Miss R. Bray 2, L. T. Mainwaring (cond.) 3, P. Powles 4, L. Evans 5, S. Daniels 6.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Hatcher 1, R. A. Hatcher (cond.) 2, E. R. Chillingford 3, N. Instance 4, J. W. Hope 5, R. Langford 6.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Sarah Weller (first quarter) 1, Colinda Dearden (first 'inside') 2, T. Pope 3, R. W. Winstanley (cond.) 4, K. C. Edwards 5, P. Yates (first quarter) 6.

EAST ISLEY, BERKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia E. Hibbert 1, Marjorie C. Hibbert 2, J. H. Napper 3, E. T. Sneller 4, Eileen M. Wilson 5, J. W. Wilson 6, J. W. T. Hibbert (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. G. Mansfield 1, A. W. Mansfield 2, Audrey Brangwyn 3, H. A. Cashmore 4, J. R. Snelling 5, W. A. Denny 6, W. F. Eyden (cond.) 7.

ELM, CAMBS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. K. Phillips 1, M. R. Reed 2, G. Knight 3, N. Greenacre 4, T. R. Bush 5, G. J. Mann (cond.) 6.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Rosemary Blyth 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, Sally Parrott 3, D. J. F. Oakshott 4, Sylvia Marsh 5, R. E. Fentiman 6, D. J. Herschell (cond.) 7, W. J. Munton 8.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: 1. Middleditch 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, J. E. Ivings (cond.) 4, H. Ivings 5.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. W. Munday 1, P. Munday 2, D. G. Spittle 3, J. E. Beams 4, R. C. Spittle 5, A. S. Besant 6, C. W. Munday (cond.) 7, F. Willes 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Tucker 1, Mrs. W. Godwin 2, P. Bartlett 3, R. E. W. Wenban 4, M. J. Cook 5, Pat Bartlett 6, W. Godwin (cond.) 7, R. Pearson 8.

FARNBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): K. Baker 1, Rosemary Smith 2, M. Heymann (first as cond.) 3, Monica Horseman 4, R. Smith 5, J. Coombs 6.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Mackman 1, Mrs. D. Simes 2, Mrs. M. Turner 3, Miss A. Sweeney 4, S. Meadows 5, C. W. Denyer 6, A. Elsmore (first as cond.) 7, E. Oliver 8.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss R. Brown 1, J. Hartless 2, M. Peiers 3, L. D. Smith (cond.) 4, R. Allinson 5, L. V. Smith 6. Also as a tribute to George Northway, of Eling.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: W. Davidson (first in method) 1, M. Maughan 2, Mrs. J. Smith 3, Miss B. Cooke 4, J. Crowther (first in method) 5, K. Arthur (cond.) 6, T. Sewell 7, P. Reavely 8.

FINCHLEY, MIDDXX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. Richardson 1, Miss D. Robotham 2, F. Barker 3, L. Tubb 4, A. Warren 5, B. Watson 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, A. Richardson 8.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Andrews 1, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 2, C. Davidson 3, D. Osenton 4, B. Trill 5, M. Layton 6, G. Philpot 7, L. Crouch 8.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain and Grandsire): J. Dawson 1, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 2, J. T. Burnup 3, D. A. Osbourne 4, D. Surman 5, R. Adey 6.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Arnold 1, J. V. Reed (first quarter) 2, Mrs. R. B. Davey 3, E. J. Thoday (first 'inside') 4, Miss J. A. Davey 5, A. J. Davey 6, P. E. Wells (cond.) 7, G. W. Henson 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Waters 1, J. West 2, Rosemarie Frith 3, Jane Foster 4, J. P. Brandon 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6, P. M. Wilkinson 7, L. Ainger 8.

GREAT BARWELL, LEICS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Kelham 1, A. A. Lucas 2, R. Lord 3, R. J. Colver 4, C. J. Lucas 5, T. K. Deacon 6, A. H. Hough (cond.) 7, F. Botticrill 8.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. L. Lashford 1, M. Irene Ellsmore 2, Molly Tromans 3, H. Shilcock 4, A. Pickering 5, L. W. Clavett 6, A. B. Ellsmore (cond.) 7, I. Shilcock 8.

HAMPTON, WORCS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): B. Warner 1, J. H. Smith 2, F. S. Newman 3, G. Brown 4, L. Mills (cond.) 5, M. Warner 6, B. Hunt 7, Alderman E. A. Andrews 8.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Whitby 1, J. Collins 2, R. Hayden 3, R. Walker 4, W. Wheeler 5, W. Aley (cond.) 6.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Diana Parrott 1, A. E. Rushton 2, A. W. R. Wilby 3, Mary A. Coburn 4, J. D. Painter (cond.) 6, J. Hibbert 6, F. C. Jacklin 7, L. G. Coburn 8. The band with the name of Arthur Day to be associated with this tribute.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Venton 1, F. Bowden 2, Mrs. F. Weatherley 3, Mrs. K. E. F. Bowden 4, I. Weatherley 5, Mrs. M. Toms 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, R. G. Burford 8.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judy Bowen 1, L. W. Jarvis (cond.) 2, B. Kemp 3, G. Waters 4, H. Pope 5, P. Harrison 6, J. Brown 7, W. Gorringer 8.

HEDDINGTON, WILTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hacker 1, D. Hacker 2, E. Speary 3, Miss M. Hacker 4, W. Hacker (cond.) 5, H. White 6.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. R. Wills 1, W. J. Chester 2, Mrs. G. Shellard 3, M. Saunders 4, J. G. Shellard 5, B. E. Saunders (cond.) 6.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. O. Costella (first of Triples) 1, B. Huddleston 2, R. Huddleston (first of Triples) 3, G. Locke 4, C. Abbott 5, D. Hoddleston 6, Dr. J. A. Bennett (cond.) 7, J. Tyers 8.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Measures 1, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 2, P. W. Tomkins 3, G. Mayes 4, R. Fuller 5, R. Cousins 6.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Bob Triples: C. Webb 1, Genebeth Mooring 2, Pam Bird 3, Gwen Chinnery 4, J. Bailey 5, C. Chinnery 6, J. King (cond.) 7, H. Colcombe 8. Also on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dawn Colcombe 1, Gwen Chinnery 2, Joan Smith 3, Pam Bird 4, J. Bailey 5, J. King (cond.) 6, C. Chinnery 7, H. Colcombe 8.

HESTON, MIDDXX.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Butcher 1, Miss C. Andrews 2, P. Golding 3, P. Ruch (cond.) 4, A. Butcher 5, J. Sansom 6, D. Sumner 7, S. Porter 8.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Gilliver 1, D. A. Green 2, R. Clayfield 3, Rev. E. L. Fisher 4, I. S. Merry (cond.) 5, J. L. Merry 6.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: L. Hilton 1, A. Cluton 2, D. Knox 3, G. Harrison 4, D. Cornwall 5, D. Francis 6, S. M. Bailey (cond.) 7, L. A. Timms 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDXX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. J. Sexton (first on ten) 1, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 2, Miss R. Foreman 3, A. R. G. Twinn 4, J. Sexton 5, M. W. Seymour 6, M. J. Palmer 7, A. H. Fulwell 8, W. H. Coles 9, F. Corke 10.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: Miss V. Barnes 1, J. D. Johnson (cond.) 2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3, W. J. Newman 4, R. Harris 5, P. Harris 6, J. E. Newman 7, G. Freeman 8.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and Single Oxford): Lesley Knowles 1, Frances Proctor 2, G. W. Limmer 3, N. Belson 4, B. A. Cracknell 5, H. Oglesby (cond.) 6.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: June Meredith 1, Janet S. Carling 2, A. Jackson 3, E. W. Winters 4, A. Harris 5, J. Meredith 6, A. R. Arr (cond.) 7, W. F. Todd 8.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury and All Saints): S. J. Dowse 1, C. R. Larkin 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison (cond.) 4, J. A. Heaps 5.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): S. Crouch 1, J. Drury 2, P. Drury 3, G. Oliver 4, J. Bills (cond.) 5, P. Privett 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith M. Loxen (first attempt, age 14) 1, Wendy Hussey 2, R. E. Barton (first 'inside') 3, R. Biggs 4, Joyce I. Barton 5, R. H. Newton 6, D. A. Cornwall (cond.) 7, A. Newton 8. Also on Jan. 31st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Biggs 1, Joyce I. Barton 2, K. H. Gould 3, Gillian N. Smith 4, A. Newton 5, R. H. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, D. A. Cornwall (cond.) 8.

HURST, BERKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Rivers 1, Mrs. C. A. Eele 2, Mrs. R. Rivers 3, Mrs. B. C. Castle 4, C. A. Eele 5, C. W. Mortimer 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, F. J. E. Hicks 8.

HURSTPIERPONT, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Kathleen Forecast (first in method) 1, A. M. Humphrey 2, H. W. Brown 3, N. J. Wright 4, J. R. Norris 5, R. H. Tribe 6, S. W. Brown (cond.) 7, R. J. Trier 8.

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INGRAVE, ESSEX.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. M. Cullwick 1, C. E. Hill 2, Jacqueline M. Cullwick 3, D. A. Bedford 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss J. Hazeldine 1, Miss E. A. Godfrey 2, Miss D. M. Mullins 3, C. M. Godfrey 4, J. D. Nelson (cond.) 5.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,320 Oxford T.B.: J. Papworth 1, F. Whitered 2, A. Hunwick 3, E. Coulson 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. R. Norton 1, Mrs. E. R. Norton 2, E. C. Baker 3, R. Luxton (cond.) 4, W. Neath 5, T. Baker 6.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Felce 1, B. E. Frost (cond.) 2, J. W. Felce 3, F. Joyce 4, S. Earl 5, D. Isaacs (first quarter) 6.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,320 Dedworth and Wyehold Doubles: Miss E. A. Hill 1, G. Allcock 2, Miss T. E. Staples 3, A. Laughton 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Also on Jan. 30th, 1,320 Dedworth Supreme and Wyehold Supreme Doubles: Maureen P. Green 1, Thelma F. Staples 2, G. Allcock 3, A. Laughton 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. F. Spence (13, first quarter) 1, D. A. Newcombe 2, A. C. Newman 3, H. Read (cond.) 4, T. N. Stephens 5, B. Reed 6, A. Pendlebury 7, A. J. Newman 8.

LEICESTER.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): D. Stenson 1, M. Wood 2, Carol Corton 3, A. Mildred 4, R. Stretton 5, K. Mildred 6, M. Brown 8.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: C. Williamson 1, D. Ellison 2, Mrs. R. Deal 3, C. Hughes 4, J. McPhail 5, R. Smith 6, D. Hewitt (cond.) 7, A. White 8.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Jan. 27th at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Siedman Triples: C. W. Bowen (first in method) 1, Lucy Smith 2, B. J. Townsend 3, Marlene E. Townsend 4, J. B. Webb 5, C. M. Smith 6, E. Malin (cond.) 7, C. T. Collins 8.

LINCOLN.—At St. Mary-le-Wigford, on Jan. 30th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: S. Etcell 1, M. D. A. Noble 2, J. Clarke 3, A. W. Froggatt 4.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,440 Minor (Double Oxford and Plain Bob): Susan P. Williams (first quarter) 1, D. Kay Moore 2, P. G. Golder 3, R. G. Paxton 4, M. W. Fairley (cond.) 5, D. W. Barr 6.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDS.—On Jan. 30th, Plain Bob Minor: Dianne Bird 1, Gillian Grancy 2, Katherine Maylott 3, R. E. Hardy 4, Frances Massey 5, D. W. Beard (cond.) 6, H. I. Hatfield (cover) 7.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—On Jan. 29th at the Cathedral, 1,823 Siedman Caters: Miss P. Welch 1, W. J. Goodfellow 2, Miss G. Bigod 3, T. Yeomans 4, E. Thomas 5, D. G. Clift (cond.) 6, N. Crowther 7, N. Evans 8, S. Fenwick 9, A. W. Smith 10.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bridle 1, D. G. Yeo (cond.) 2, P. G. Yeo 3, Diana Chapman 4, E. Abraham 5, J. H. Gilbert 6, P. Bridle 7, W. Wixell (first quarter) 8.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Corney 1, A. Faulkner 2, T. R. Sharp 3, R. E. Burbery 4, K. Gardner 5, F. W. Tomlin 6, D. Riley (cond.) 7, E. F. Smith 8.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: T. E. Sone 1, W. T. Grice 2, F. S. Macey 3, F. Hogan 4, R. E. Lambert 5, L. Mannerling (cond.) 6, T. Cullingworth 7, W. R. Mancer 8.

OAKLEY, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 30th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Peard 1, C. Brown 2, E. Flatt 3, W. Cracknell (cond.) 4, A. Lawes 5, A. Flatt 6.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Lucas (first on treble) 1, Janet Woodman 2, Ian Ross (first 'inside') 3, H. Badger 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, C. Wyatt (first quarter) 6.

OLD RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): F. R. Harris 1, R. A. Hatcher 2, W. J. Clayton 3, G. T. Cousins 4, J. W. Hope (cond.) 5, R. G. Preece 6.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 26th at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Lomas 1, I. Edmonds 2, H. C. Lonyon (cond.) 3, D. Wright 4, M. M. Mothershead 5, G. Henshaw 6.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—On Jan. 25th, at All Saints', Boyne Hill, 1,260 Siedman Triples: Miss A. Gardner 1, G. Lister 2, S. Gibson 3, Miss D. Seal 4, Mrs. P. Gibson 5, D. T. Young 6, E. E. Gosling (cond.) 7, G. Gibbs 8.

MANCETTER, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire): L. May 1, J. Wilson 2, B. Rogers 3, J. Parish 4, R. Bacon (cond.) 5.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Walshaw 1, Mrs. A. Tonge 2, F. Barracough (first as cond.) 3, D. M. Barracough 4, I. N. Goldthorpe 5, G. Pye 6, A. G. Keen 7, M. D. Radcliffe 8. Rung half-muffled at the time of the funeral service in St. Paul's Cathedral.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: W. F. Adcock 1, J. Adcock 2, Mrs. F. Adcock 3, Bryn Richards 4, Mrs. M. Robinson 5, F. Adcock 6, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 7, J. Robinson 8.

MARKFIELD, LEICS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. G. Wardle 1, K. Burdett 2, J. Wardle 3, H. Billson (first 'inside') 4, G. M. Pickwell (cond.) 5, J. H. Billson 6.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. R. Keeley 1, D. E. Lee 2, J. A. W. Fuller 3, A. W. Johnson (cond.) 4, R. A. G. Inglis 5, L. W. Brown 6.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Whetham 1, H. E. Turner 2, A. C. Best 3, S. A. Turner (cond.) 4, A. W. Robinson 5, S. Willis 6.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. Kempster 1, Hazel I. Giddins 2, A. Pamela Warren (cond.) 3, M. A. Cattell 4, R. A. K. Glue 5, B. Davies 6.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Jean Griffiths 1, Jane Owen 2, J. H. Jones (cond.) 3, P. Smith 4, W. Price 5, P. Downer 6.

NETTLEBED, OXON.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Pinchin 1, Mrs. M. Wells 2, R. F. Hope 3, R. A. Cummins 4, H. F. Wells (cond.) 5, R. Smith 6.

NORTHENDEN, MANCHESTER.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Cross 1, Pamela Buzza 2, Marjorie Martin 3, P. Banks 4, J. Cuthbert 5, D. Gillespie (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 3, 5.

NORTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Hughes 1, Mrs. G. Reece 2, C. Barnes 3, R. Barnes 4, W. Button (cond.) 5, R. Chapman 6.

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Susan M. Holden 1, F. D. Patching 2, J. F. List 3, T. G. Holden 4, P. G. Holden (cond.) 5, T. Smith 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. M. Edgson 1, Joan M. Cheney 2, J. G. Edgson 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, P. D. Hiron (first quarter) 6. Also on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. D. Howitt 1, J. G. Edgson 2, W. C. Budd 3, Carol Urry 4, P. M. Edgson 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Richardson 1, A. T. Shelton 2, T. Bird 3, K. Game 4, W. Dunn (cond.) 5, Joan Hanning 6.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. G. Briggs (86) 1, Mrs. M. T. Stimson 2, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 3, A. J. Stimson 4, M. T. Stimson 5, R. J. Hill 6, E. A. Jacques 7, S. R. Hoy 8.

OLD WOKING, SURREY.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): D. Kaile (first quarter) 1, J. Brackley 2, Jill M. May 3, F. Milne 4, D. Munday 5, A. W. Simpson (first quarter) 6, D. A. R. May (cond.) 7, J. F. Soles 8.

ORSFET, ESSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Burleigh 1, Miss J. E. M. Hills 2, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 3, H. Turner 4, H. Smith 5, F. W. Blatch 6.

OXFORD.—At New College, on Jan. 31st, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: M. R. Ashmore 1, J. W. Thorp 2, Miss H. F. Pardoe 3, P. A. Brand 4, A. D. Sansom 5, G. R. Mordaunt 6, R. M. Heyworth 7, E. R. Venn (cond.) 8, N. J. Martin 9, B. Wakefield 10.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas', on Jan. 31st, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: P. A. Brand (cond.) 1, J. W. Thorp 2, Miss A. Baldwin 3, R. Wharton 4, Miss H. F. Pardoe 5, G. R. Mordaunt 6.

OXFORD.—On Jan. 31st, at the Church of St. Aldate, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan J. Evetts (first quarter) 1, Georgina Gray 2, S. D. Edwards 3, R. H. Allworth 4, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 5, R. Benstead 6.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss M. Cook 1, D. Mitchell 2, H. W. Easey 3, J. W. G. Kindred 4, G. A. Kindred 5, M. Solley 6, P. Kindred (cond.) 7, M. Seuncke 8.

PENN, STAFFS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. T. Ford 1, Miss P. Garbett 2, D. G. Smith 3, Mrs. A. Ford 4, C. Griffiths 5, C. F. W. Eyre 6, F. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, J. A. Roden 8.

PIRBRIGHT, SURREY.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela Smart 1, J. Avenall 2, F. Cherryman 3, P. Sherwood 4, J. Collier 5, P. Smart (cond.) 6.

PRESTON (Weymouth), DORSET.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. Voss 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade 2, G. Cornick 3, Miss B. Marsh 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, A. J. Slade 6.

PRESTON, LANCs.—On Jan. 31st, 1,263 Siedman Caters: C. Crosswaite (cond.) 1, T. P. Edwards 2, P. J. Crosswaite 3, Mrs. M. Crosswaite 4, Betty Faunch 5, G. A. Dimmock 6, E. Couperthwaite 7, E. Bennett 8, W. K. Martin 9, A. Gardner 10.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On Jan. 30th, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. R. Taylor 1, A. Cope 2, Miss P. Sedgewick 3, A. Burbridge 4, W. Riddle 5, W. Taie 6, L. Duguid (cond.) 7, C. Harris 8.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Preston (first quarter) 1, C. Knapp 2, H. Hanson 3, A. Lygo 4, L. Henson 5, D. Stainshy (cond.) 6.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Sagers 1, A. J. Bull 2, D. D. Atfield 3, N. E. Elliott 4, K. Game 5, G. A. West 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, H. Comber 8.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Knipe 1, K. G. Game (cond.) 2, G. Charlton 3, A. J. Bull 4, A. Streeter 5, W. Inwood 6, A. T. Shelton 7, Joan Hanning 8.

REDMARLEY D'ABITOT, GLOS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Plain Bob): B. Prout 1, Mrs. J. Tyler 2, J. Arnall 3, W. E. Tyler 4, E. D. Wilson (cond.) 5, T. Gaze 6.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. H. Bradbury 1, G. B. Thompson (cond.) 2, K. D. Waples 3, D. Hibbert 4, D. M. Bartholomew 5, J. Hibbert 6.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Dancy 1, Jocelyn Hillier 2, D. J. White 3, M. New 4, R. K. White 5, D. J. Carr (first as cond.) 6.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Beadle (first of Triples) 1, M. A. Poolman 2, A. Rowland 3, F. Markham 4, D. Heath 5, E. V. Williams (cond.) 6, W. S. Poolman 7, H. Perry 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. Howland 1, A. Douglass 2, J. Bruce 3, N. Donovan 4, A. Holroyd 5, D. Nicholls 6, N. Chaddock 7, P. Walker 8, S. Armeson 9, J. Chaddock (cond.) 10.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Darby (first quarter) 1, Miss Jean Chiswell 2, K. Chatwin 3, A. Roberts 4, D. Chiswell (cond.) 5, G. Chiswell 6.

RUMNEY, MON.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Thomas (first quarter) 1, B. S. Neale 2, Rev. R. C. Lucas 3, Pat Davis 4, Christine M. Glastonbury (cond.) 5, S. Shackell 6.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Whitworth 1, B. Whitworth 2, H. Richardson 3, W. Whitmore 4, S. Hodgkins 5, A. Gibbs 6, I. Priestley (cond.) 7, C. Whitworth 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Jan. 24th, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Ratcliffe 1, Angela Rimmer 2, Alison Macfarlane 3, Christine Rimmer 4, P. Dale 5, G. Penney (cond.) 6.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Michael, on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Polly Pickles (first quarter) 1, Lesley Lilley 2, G. H. Foster 3, J. D. Chamberlain 4, F. Kirk (cond.) 5, G. T. Ridgway 6, R. J. Bedford 7, E. H. Chambers 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral on Jan. 30th, 1,299 Siedman Caters: Miss J. Fellows 1, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 2, J. Chamberlain 3, Miss P. Doorn 4, R. F. Ewer 5, Miss C. Folkes 6, W. Little 7, J. E. Ewer 8, G. Penney 9, G. Ridgway 10.

ST. FLORENCE, PEMBES.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Russant 1, G. Norris 2, A. Johns 3, Rev. Russen Thomas 4, E. Lingard (cond.) 5, D. M. Evans (first quarter) 6.

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SALFORD, LANCs.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Coddington 1, Norma Coom (first 'inside') 2, A. S. Taylor 3, C. Calton 4, J. W. Gander 5, R. L. Coley (cond.) 6. By M.U.G.C.R. for Evensong.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. W. Barlow 1, C. J. Final 2, D. Hawkins (cond.) 3, R. Bath 4, W. J. H. Parker 5, H. Goody 6.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Sheppard 1, Eva Sheppard 2, Vivien Smart (nee Carlisle) 3, Nora Carlisle 4, D. R. Carlisle 5, A. Sheppard 6.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Dorothy Page 1, Rita M. Stratford 2, L. Watkins 3, B. L. Burrows 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. By the Sunday service band.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: S. Brooks 1, J. Collins 2, R. Hayden 3, B. Burton 4, R. Walker 5, D. Kingston 6, W. Aley (cond.) 7, E. Rochester 8.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: G. Beach 1, W. Fay 2, Janet Walker 3, C. Easton 4, W. Hudson 5, S. Wright 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, E. P. King 8. First quarter 3 and 4.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith M. Corby 1, Doris E. Colgate 2, Lucile M. Corby 3, Isabel M. Pearce 4, D. Woodcock 5, A. J. Corby 6, P. A. Corby (cond.) 7, W. J. Manning 8.

SHEPshed, LEICS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Wright (first of Triples) 1, Patricia Farmer (first 'inside' of Triples) 2, Mary Barras 3, J. E. Manners (cond.) 4, G. Butler 5, M. Roberts 6, E. Walley 7, R. Jordan (first quarter) 8.

SHUSTOKE, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): N. Ensor 1, K. Taylor (cond.) 2, L. L. Willis 3, M. Edwards 4, E. H. Hill 5, A. Ensor 6.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Moore 1, H. Hazell 2, S. G. Peck 3, J. Weaver 4, W. Wainwright 5, E. Beauchamp (cond.) 6, L. Gates 7, W. Gates 8.

STANHOPE, MIDDx.—On Jan. 31st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. Miller (first quarter) 1, T. Carless 2, Mrs. J. Hopwood 3, Miss S. White 4, Miss E. Emmett 5, E. J. Leversuch 6, L. North 7, B. Matthews (cond.) 8.

STANTON HARCOURT, OXON.—On Jan. 30th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: P. Crane 1, Miss G. Wilce 2, Miss A. Baldwin 3, J. M. Preston 4, R. Wharton (cond.) 5, R. Wilson 6.

STISED, ESSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jennifer Millbank 1, Josephine Quilter 2, Jennifer Syder 3, S. Warne 4, A. R. Syder 5, R. J. Lindsell 6.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain): J. Harrison 1, Jean Harrison 2, J. Payton 3, W. Savill 4, D. Tubbs (cond.) 5, D. Lodge 6.

STOULTON, WORCS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Sheppard (14) 1, Rosalind Porter (13) 2, Andrew Jopp (11) 3, Mrs. A. A. Jopp 4, A. A. Jopp (cond.) 5, K. Harvey (first quarter, 13) 6. First quarter by a local band.

STOWE, BUCKS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Yates 1, Mrs. W. A. Yates 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, R. A. Vickers 4, G. W. Holland 5. First quarter on the bells.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Sangwin 1, A. E. Bisset 2, H. Heard 3, E. Nunn 4, C. Sangwin 5, H. Stacey 6, F. Sangwin (cond.) 7, R. C. Cann 8.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: D. White 1, F. C. Lyne 2, P. S. Bennett 3, A. J. Print 4, G. Ingram 5, A. J. Collings 6, R. J. Chapman 7, A. Foster (cond.) 8, C. R. Steed 9, F. J. West 10.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss E. Martin (first quarter) 1, Miss S. M. Haskins 2, A. R. Peake (cond.) 3, D. White 4, V. Griffin 5, Miss P. Lansley 6.

SWANSEA.—At St. Mary's, on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): Marilyn Evans 1, P. Lewis 2, H. Charles 3, D. J. Williams 4, R. Dobbins 5, J. T. Williams (cond.) 6, T. Willis 7, J. P. Thomas 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Jan. 24th, at Christ Church, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Miss J. Davidge 1, Mrs. J. Minchin 2, M. D. Penney 3, Miss S. Little 4, W. W. T. Daniell 5, P. Minchin 6, A. G. Wells 7, P. Spackman (first of Stedman Caters 'inside') 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, L. Picknell 10. Also in memoriam Mrs. Emmie Wells, aged 90. Also on Jan. 31st, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. E. Jaques (first of Caters) 1, Mrs. J. Minchin 2, Miss J. Davidge 3, Miss S. Little 4, M. Scowen (first of Caters 'inside') 5, M. Penney 6, D. Carr (first of Caters) 7, P. Minchin 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, L. Picknell 10.

TADCASTER, YORKS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. H. Lindley 1, J. Harrison 2, P. Harrison 3, A. S. Hick 4, W. Stead 5, C. Solitt 6, W. Hick (cond.) 7, A. Barker 8.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. E. Cawser (cond.) 1, A. A. Rackham 2, Vivienne M. Rigby 3, Beryl E. Cawser 4, P. J. Rigby 5, D. C. Oates 6, A. Evans 7, J. Hodgkiss 8, G. H. Peers, jun. 9, N. W. Attaway 10.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): P. Day 1, R. Humphries 2, Miss C. Slater 3, G. Page 4, A. G. Newman (cond.) 5, P. Tummey 6, L. Fletcher 7, S. Luckett 8.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Garrod 1, D. Digby (first quarter) 2, J. Weaving 3, J. D. Chamberlain (cond.) 4, P. Owen (first quarter) 5, H. Shire 6.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Andrews (first as cond.) 1, Rachel Orman 2, G. Button 3, Daisy Andrews 4, D. Munro 5, A. Gladwin 6.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. F. Lewis 1, W. Lewington 2, W. Marsh 3, A. Haines 4, D. Everett 5, Mrs. Pat Lewington 6, F. Lewis (cond.) 7, G. Runham 8.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Doubles in four methods (7, 6, 8 covering): I. P. Cox 1, D. A. Burt 2, J. R. Hobbs 3, A. F. Lee (cond.) 4, Shirley A. Cox 5, J. H. Thompson 6, M. J. Hawkins 7, R. L. Coles 8. Most methods by all except 2 and 4.

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Mrs. B. Watts 1, K. Stacey 2, Mrs. S. Clark 3, W. Knight 4, R. Clark (cond.) 5, J. Watts 6.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian M. Smith 1, Mrs. C. A. Ecle 2, Mrs. J. Sharpe 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, M. J. Smith (first of Triples 'inside') 5, C. A. Ecle 6, H. Smith (cond.) 7, A. Burton 8.

WADDINGTON, Lincs.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Rich 1, L. Thompson 2, D. Langton 3, D. Sutton 4, G. Hallam 5, R. F. Smith (cond.) 6.

WALLINGTON, HERTS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Hannah 1, Miss M. Pine 2, T. R. Hatchett (cond.) 3, L. Hatchett 4, R. Sheldrick 5, E. Ward 6.

WALSOKEN, CAMBS.—On Jan. 24th, at All Saints', 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. K. Phillips 1, M. R. Reed 2, G. Knight 3, T. R. Bush 4, N. Greenacre 5, G. J. Mann (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 31st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. K. Phillips 1, T. R. Bush 2, M. R. Reed 3, P. J. Stokes 4, N. Greenacre 5, G. J. Mann (cond.) 6. A muffled peal attempt brought round at second 720 because of a slipped muffle.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 27th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Jane Chapman 1, D. Hawkins 2, June Whitcher 3, I. L. Dear 4, D. E. Cobb 5, E. Newham 6, H. Duncan 7, M. C. Austin 8, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 9, D. S. Billimore 10.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. W. Young 1, Ruth A. Elmes 2, C. T. Brown 3, M. J. Young 4, P. R. Keough 5, J. W. Blackwood 6, G. W. Elmes (first Bob Triples as cond.) 7, C. G. Cherrett 8. First Bob Triples 1, 2, 5 and 8. Also on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Elmes 1, M. J. Young 2, Ruth A. Elmes (first Grandsire Triples 'inside') 3, Christine M. Fuller 4, P. R. Keough 5, R. W. Young 6, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 7, C. T. Brown 8.

WARFIELD, BERKS.—1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and St. Simon's): Rosamond W. Murrell 1, Joan A. Rance 2, Sandra Goodship 3, S. G. Scott 4, G. C. J. Murrell (cond.) 5, G. Shepherd 6.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Gibbs 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 3, R. J. Moore 4, W. Lampard 5, D. M. Smith 6.

WARGRAVE, BERKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 1 and 2 leading): Veronica Perry 1, S. Kirby 2, A. Burton 3, Nicola Hayes-Allen 4, G. Whiteside 5, M. Smith 6, D. Theodora (cond.) 7, A. Smith 8.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—2,160 Westminster Surprise Minor: F. Cooke 1, Mrs. H. Poyner 2, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 3, G. Challons 4, J. Gow 5, H. Poyner 6. Rung after a peal attempt came to grief after a shift course.

WELLAND, WORCS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Lawrence 1, D. Price (cond.) 2, Rev. C. J. Kay 3, J. Lawrence 4, J. Clements 5, L. Dovey 6.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Moore 1, C. H. Webber 2, Mrs. M. M. Riddle 3, P. J. Kingscote (first of Triples) 4, K. W. Thorne 6, I. G. Hughes (cond.) 6, D. T. North 7, W. A. Riddle 8.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Horseman 1, P. H. Hull 2, Miss S. Hallett 3, M. Heymann 4, T. Harris 5, M. Foster 6, G. Salmon (cond.) 7, R. D. Short 8. First of Triples 3 and 4. Half-muffled.

WENTWORTH, W. YORKS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): Miss E. H. Cherry 1, D. Hutton 2, A. King 3, M. A. Beaumont 4, M. King (cond.) 5, A. Beaumont 6.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 cover): R. Myhill 1, J. Taylor 2, J. Weller 3, M. Cosgrove 4, R. Sherlock 5, R. Waterhouse (cond.) 6, P. Myhill 7, P. Townsend 8. Immediately following the quarter the tenor bell was tolled for 90 strokes.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On Jan. 26th, 1,480 Plain Bob Minor (two separate extents): W. C. Darke 1, Miss D. E. Austin (first 'inside') 2, Mrs. L. E. James 3, M. Ostler 4, S. E. James (cond.) 5, Miss H. M. Palmer 6.

WICKHAM ST. PAUL'S, ESSEX.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Corder 1, R. Rippingale 2, C. Weavers 3, A. Bird 4, T. Bird (cond.) 5.

WINCHESTER.—At St. Mary's College, on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): R. L. Underwood (first quarter) 1, B. R. M. Johnson 2, R. H. Youdale 3, R. Dycknot (first as cond.) 4, C. W. Daws 5, R. A. Freeland 6. First in six methods for all.

WITHCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Williams (first of Triples) 1, N. Shepherd (first of Triples) 2, D. Wills 3, Jane Hurrell (first of Grandsire Triples) 4, Mary Elmes 5, H. Crisp 6, F. Mack (cond.) 7, A. Knight 8.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Whittingham 1, Miss M. Longhurst 2, K. R. Goddard 3, Miss M. Coles 4, W. J. Pearce 5, H. E. Mitchell 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, K. C. Begrie 8.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Elizabeth Foster 1, J. C. Shonfield 2, P. W. Hawcock 3, P. Humphrey 4, Susanna Poppleston 5, S. Humphrey 6. Rung silent and unconduted.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Biddulph 1, Lesley W. Kinston 2, P. S. Whalley 3, Madeline McCallion 4, E. H. Edge 5, T. L. Walley 6, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 7, G. Perry 8.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. H. Tanner 1, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 2, C. R. Steed 3, J. F. West 4, A. J. Collings 5, J. J. Green 6.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Lovell 1, S. Lewis 2, R. Ballam (cond.) 3, J. Lampard 4, G. Prescott 5, G. Kinadon 6.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Lord (first quarter of Minor) 1, M. Warren (first 'inside') 2, B. Vaughan 3, P. Pitt 4, E. Leggett (cond.) 5, N. Avis 6.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): J. Belshaw 1, Mrs. B. Park 2, Mrs. R. Sheldon 3, M. Edwards 4, H. Fitter (cond.) 5, K. Park 6, R. Weeks 7, C. Aubury 8.

YEovil, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Wyatt 1, T. A. Cross 2, G. Gaylard 3, T. E. Marks 4, D. S. Beaufoy 5, R. J. Fox 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, T. J. Setter 8.

The Graye Family and the Haddenham Bell Foundry

By TREVOR A. BEVIS



... he "whipped up" pewter pots and culinary vessels ...

MILES GRAYE, popularly known in his day as 'Colchester Graye,' was undoubtedly a craftsman of outstanding ability whose unerring workmanship earned him the coveted title 'Prince of Bellfounders.'

Over 300 years have passed and Colchester Foundry has vanished into the mists of time. Nevertheless, bells from that ancient enterprise continue to sound in the counties of Essex, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire, the latter-mentioned having received in the region of 50, the more notable being those at Fordham.

Followers of campanology are generally aware that it is for his so-called 'matchless' tenor bell at Lavenham by which Miles' skill is measured against that of present-day artisans. Weighing a little over one ton, that fine mellow bell celebrates its birthday in June of each year when the magnificent tower, which would have often been seen by the lady composer of 'Twinkle, twinkle little star,' sends out its message over the gently undulating Suffolk countryside through the efforts of diverse people, some of whom travel great distances on the day.

Lavenham's sonorous tenor has been likened to the appealing, vibrant notes of a mighty organ, and in that respect is particularly comparable from within the church. It would be unwise to say that this bell is the finest in all England, but it goes a long way to being just that.

CIVIL WAR DECLINE

The 'Prince' was heavily engaged in foundry work between 1610 and 1641, but his business, like many other professions, sadly declined due to the merciful rigours of Civil War. Indeed that undesirable strife between Englishmen wrote in capital letters 'finis' to Graye's formerly thriving enter-

prise. The Parliament assault on Colchester wrought much havoc to the founder's premises situated below Headgate, and fire brought a complete end to foundry activities.

It was an unfortunate episode which proved to be the beginning of the end for Graye. Weak in body and crazed with age but in perfect mind and memory, he died in the month of June, 1649.

Hostilities had deprived the family of many essential possessions, but nearly all that remained Miles left to his wife. His daughters, Ann Darbye and Mary Starlinge each received a shilling, and to James, one of three sons, went the remainder of leasehold property 'to him and his heyres for ever.' Christopher—the black sheep—received nothing at all.

The successor to the foundry business—what little remained of it—was Richard Bowler, who was probably assisted by Graye's foreman or helper, William Harbert, but Miles Graye the younger continued in practice as a bell founder, casting a few good bells including five for Stansfield in 1652.

In practice at the time of old Miles, Brend of Norwich seems to have experienced a good trade. He made a few good bells, but the majority of his ware is inferior to bells cast by his Colchester rival. It would appear that a commercial 'feud' existed between these two men, a struggle for topmanship which was continued by their respective offspring.

USED CITY ARMS

Brend employed a pretty device on his bells, this taking the form of the arms of Norwich city. Occasionally he used a monogram of himself and his wife, Alice. The site of this founder's activity was that established by the Brasers, but Brend eventually moved to

another place. After his death in 1634 Brend's possessions were received by his wife and son, both of whom accepted at the signing of the will a silver spoon and hammer.

Brend the younger was an even greater contender for honour, and strove dutifully for recognition against that of the son of his father's rival, Miles the Younger. Miles supplied a treble for Thranderton in 1654 and also cast complete rings of five for Blaxhill and Yoxford. He tried to emulate the skill of his father and some of his work is creditable.

Brend II, on the other hand, was inclined to be a boisterous fellow, and was apt to run before he could walk. Whenever opportunity presented itself he could never resist a 'dig' at the Graye family—a sort of begrudging compliment to old Miles—but not so the son! Brend inscribed a bell, destined for Wickham Market:

The monument of Graie
Is past awaie;
In place thereof doth stand
The name of John Brend.

Christopher Graye, a degenerate son of Colchester Miles, was imbued with nomadic qualities. Unable to settle long, he spent a little time in Staffordshire, and plied his trade as a bellfounder in Bedfordshire, living in 1659 at Amptill.

The Isle of Ely seemed to hold some fascination for him, however. Turning his back on Bunyan's county, Graye made his way to the Fens, and established a foundry at the delightful village of Haddenham. His stay continued at this place for 15 years.

Evidently Christopher experienced reasonable business at Haddenham. The majority of

The Graye Family—Continued

bells cast by him are average; like his brother, he could never attain the same desirable standards of his famous father.

Graye eventually vacated the scene and Haddenham foundry passed into the hands of Charles Newman, who later handed the business to Thomas Newman (born at Haddenham in 1682), this founder finally removing the practice to King's Lynn.

Thomas Newman commenced his trade at Norwich at the age of 19. In his lifetime he cast a great many bells, several of which are known for their inability to sound in equal strength with their fellows. Newman cast Tunsted, Norfolk, bells in the churchyard with no remarkable success.

This founder, like Christopher Graye, appears to have been a rolling stone, having also practised at Cambridge as well as at Bury St. Edmunds. He did not excel in this work but had a reputation of sorts for quaint verse, an example being:

I tell all that doth me see:

That Newman of Brackindell did new cast me,

This one, I think, takes the biscuit:

Pull on brave boys: I am metal to the backbone

But will be hanged before I crack.

Harking back again to Haddenham, there is a remarkable story which I suppose to be true, concerning one of the founders, Thomas Newman. Passed down succeeding generations, the story reveals an amusing incident to the effect that on one memorable occasion when the operation of melting the metal had reached a critical stage it was found that there was a deficiency in the supply of materials.

One might imagine the founder, frantic with frustration, exploring every nook and cranny of his establishment, willing the appearance of suitable material, but finding none. A few moments more and the process would be endangered if not spoilt.

The founder, foiled at every angle of his fruitless search, spotted a solitary pewter pot, and was immediately motivated with sudden inspiration. Acting at once on the oft-used maxim 'the end justifies the means,' our traditional man-of-metal grabbed a sack, and pounded his way along the street to a nearby inn—the Rose and Crown—making a most unceremonious raid upon the building, whipping up pewter pots and measures as well as culinary vessels available, to the utter astonishment of landlord and patrons alike. The 'spoil' was quickly conveyed to the foundry and cast into the furnace in time, let us hope, to meet the exigencies of the case.

Thomas Newman cast four bells for Holy Trinity, Haddenham. Late last century while digging for foundations of a new tower, a cavity was discovered containing cinder ashes, portions of bell metal and mussel shells, from which circumstances it has been conjectured that the bells were, for convenience sake, cast on the spot over which they were destined to hang.

Time honours no man, least of all man-made habitations. Haddenham foundry and its colourful characters, like old Graye, 'is past away.'

5,000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL.

BY M. J. THURMOTT

W H 234567890

— B 524367089

— 2345

— 4235

— 3425

— 4ths 532467908

— In 245367890

— 5243

S — 4325

— 2543

— 4253

— 5423

S 3425

Repeat last four courses four times, adding bob at home in last course of 1-3 repetitions.

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65234 —

36254 — 6 (BBSBBS)

23564 — 3 (SBB)

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Essex Association peal at Great Bardfield, Essex, marked the 21st birthday of James L. Towler, who rang the tenor.

The peal at Beeston, where the Nottingham University Society paid their tribute to Sir Winston Churchill, was the first on the bells for 28 years.

We regret the duplication of the peal at Edith Weston which appears on pages 66 and 83. It was sent to our office from two different sources.

The quarter peal at Christ Church, Swindon, on January 24th, was rung on the 40th anniversary of the first ring of their new ten bells.

We are asked to state that Miss A. Horsford is the new assistant secretary and treasurer of the S. and W. District of the Midlex Association, and not as printed in recent announcements.

London University Society's tribute to Sir Winston Churchill at St. Olave's, Hart Street, enabled Timothy Petts to ring his 25th peal. It was also the first on eight bells as conductor for Richard Humphries.

Mr. P. J. Bird points out that the peal of Bristol at Yatton on January 23rd (page 97) was not the first on the bells. The method was rung there on January 25th, 1964, by the U.B.S.C.R., conducted by T. P. Edwards.

In Macclesfield's Churchill tribute—Plain Bob Royal on January 30th—also was remembered Mr. William Galkimore, an ex-churchwarden of Christ Church, who was one of the foremost workers when money was being raised for rehanging the bells in 1947.

The ladies connected with the Penn. Staffs, ringers would like it to be known that refreshments will be available for all who attend the Stafford Archdeaconry practice night at Penn on February 27th. The ladies think this will encourage the menfolk to bring along their wives and sweethearts.

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Ringing at Bladon for Sir Winston's Funeral

As soon as the grave of Sir Winston Churchill had been filled in on Saturday six officers of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of Plain Bob Minor on the light six at St. Martin's, with a tenor of 6½ cwt. Special passes had been provided for the ringers to get through the heavy traffic, as two of the band were chiming Great Tom at Oxford while the train carrying the great statesman passed through Oxfordshire.

On the previous Thursday there was a rehearsal and Mr. Frederick Sharpe spent the greater part of the day fixing ropes from Launton Church, oiling and tightening the nuts on the frame. The officers who rang were the Master, Deputy Master, honorary secretary, honorary treasurer, Ringing Master and Secretary of the Witney and Woodstock Branch.

Australia Observes

The passing of Sir Winston Churchill has been observed in most towers with special half-muffled ringing. To get their quarter peal at Turramurra, N.S.W., there was Churchillian determination. First they started with Kent Treble Bob Minor but this inexplicably failed in the last few changes of the 720. Then a start was made to ring a quarter peal of Doubles, but soon after the start the cord on one of the muffles tore through the leather. This was fixed and another start was made, but half way through, the same muffle snapped again. However, they continued and a quarter peal of Grandsire and Plain Bob was scored.

Other quarter peals were planned at All Saints', Parramatta, and St. Mary's (R.C.) Basilica.

Wife Called The Tune!

The memorial peal at Little Chart was unusual. The Rector rang a peal on his own bells, conducted by his wife. It was 14 years since Mrs. Betty Robbins called a peal. She hopes that as family ties get less, as three of her four children can ring in various stages, she will be able to do more peal ringing.

Accident at Norwich

Those who took part in the peal at St. Peter, Mancroft, Norwich, are grateful to Mr. John Knights, who accepted a rope at a moment's notice. He took the place of Mr. John Cox who, half a mile from the church, was involved in an accident. Fortunately, although his car is a 'write-off,' Mr. Cox sustained only slight injury.

The Bures Tribute

The two trebles at Bures, Suffolk, are a memorial to Dr. Thomas Wood, who journeyed to Australia during a vital period of the war to deputise for Sir Winston Churchill. This tower is in the Stour valley and quarter peals bring complaints, but it is interesting and a tribute that the peal rung as a memorial to Sir Winston, was at the request of a number of parishioners, some of whom afterwards thanked and congratulated the ringers.

Last Peal 35 Years Ago

The peal for the passing of Sir Winston at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton, was the first on the bells since 1929 and it is unlikely that there will be another attempt for many years to come. The area around the church is very built up and there are always complaints from local residents about the noise of the bells. For this reason practices are restricted to fortnightly instead of weekly and ringing, other than on Sundays, is very limited. This is a great pity because the bells are a very pleasant eight. There were no complaints on this occasion.

Apocryphal the break of a peal silence on these bells for 35 years, Mr. S. E. Armstrong writes that the ring of eight was cast and hung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1927, and the first peal was rung by the St. Peter's band in that year. The second (and last) was rung in 1929, being Stedman Triples by mainly a band of visitors, but both peals were conducted by Keith Hart.

Two Churchills Conducted

Recounting memories of 4 a.m. duty with shotguns on the local common, members of the Luppitt (East Devon) Home Guard paid their tribute to a great and inspiring leader on the evening of January 30th, by ringing a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles on the half-muffled bells of St. Mary's.

The treble and tenor ringers turned up wearing well-preserved Home Guard great-coats, and the quarter was conducted by their own Mr. C. Churchill.

There was another Churchill among our conductors. At the Bedfordshire village of Hushorne Crawley, Robert R. Churchill conducted a peal of Plain Bob Major, which was his first as conductor.

Ringing at St. Mary's, Stafford

It was in 1946 that Sir Winston, then Mr. Winston Churchill, honoured Stafford by graciously accepting the Honorary Freedom of the Borough. Upon hearing of his death on the morning of January 24th, it was fitting that the bells of St. Mary's Church should ring out half-muffled for the services on this day. This ringing was commented upon in the B.B.C. Midland News on Monday morning. The bells were rung half-muffled for the Commission Day of the Assize on the 25th and for the Assize service on the 26th. On Sunday, the 31st, the Mayor and Corporation attended morning service in state, a service observed as one of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Winston Churchill. For this service, and as a last tribute to the memory of so great a man, statesman and freeman, 1,277 Grandsire Caters was rung with the bells half-muffled. The ringers were: Jennifer Beech 1, E. Fairbrother 2, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 3, F. R. Wiggin 4, F. Eley 5, F. Beech 6, C. Hone 7, A. E. Garbett 8, R. K. Mowforth 9, R. Stanley 10. First of Caters 1 and 2. A. E. G.

A First Peal

The peal at Haslingfield, Cambs, was the first peal on the bells since they were rehung four years ago, when a new band commenced learning to ring under the direction of Mr. W. J. Ridgman. It is thought that it is probably the first peal ever to be rung here. The members of the band who rang it are all Sunday service ringers at this church.

A Disappointment

A peal of Stedman Triples was attempted on January 27th at Westerham, Kent, his parish church, in memory of Sir Winston Churchill. Unfortunately this was lost after an hour's very good ringing and due to other activities in the church there was no opportunity for another attempt during the week. It is hoped to attempt a commemorative peal on one of the great war anniversaries.

The first peal of Churchill Surprise Major was rung at Westerham on his 90th birthday, and those who took part in that peal and others who participated in the special ringing at Westerham at that time are now particularly proud as each received a personally signed message of thanks from Sir Winston.

Ladies' Peal of 50 Years Ago Recalled

The peal at St. Peter's, Portishead, on January 30th, was rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal ever rung by a band of ladies from one tower. (Is it still the only one?) There was at Portishead in those days a very capable band of lady ringers under the leadership of Mr. William Gillingham. One of the band of that day, Mrs. M. Briggs, who, as Miss M. E. N. Jukes, rang the tenor to the 1915 peal, heard the muffled peal for Sir Winston Churchill, as she lives in Wraxall Lodge, immediately under the tower.

Youngest Band

Probably the youngest band to ring on this memorable occasion was at Cranfield, Beds, where the average age of those taking part was about 15 years. Pauline Hillson, the conductor, was celebrating her 15th birthday, the treble ringer (13) was ringing his first quarter, and David P. Manton, who rang the 14-cwt. fourth bell, is 12 years old.

To Herbert E. Audsley

Best wishes to Mr. Herbert E. Audsley, of Crayford, on his 65th birthday on January 31st. One of our thousand pealers, Bert probably holds the record for ringing his large number of peals in the smallest number of towers. At St. John's, Erith, where a great many of his peals have been rung, he was to have rung a peal for his birthday, but alas, this had to be postponed and Bert's services were used to conduct a half-muffled peal of Bristol Surprise Major in memory of Sir Winston Churchill.

Completed Circle in 33 Years

By ringing the second bell to a peal at his former home tower of Cheshunt, Herts, on January 30th, Mr. Alfred J. House, of Rayleigh, Essex, completed his 'circle' of the tower. A few unsuccessful attempts have lengthened the span of these peals to 33 years, but the recent peal made this more worthwhile as two local members were able to score a creditable first peal.

On the night of Sir Winston's death, the bells of St. John-the-Baptist, Hillingdon, were rung fully muffled with the tenor open at backstroke. On the day of his funeral they were rung to a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters, half-muffled.

IN MEMORIAM SIR WINSTON SPENCER CHURCHILL, K.G.

Peals expressing the Nation's Sympathy and Gratitude to a Great Leader

Born November 30th, 1874; Died January 24th, 1965

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

(The St. Paul's Cathedral Guild of Bellringers).
LONDON, E.C.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 62 cwt. in B flat.

Roger F. Overington .. Treble	Dennis Randall 7
Brooke K. Lunn 2	Jack A. Waugh 8
William T. Cook 3	Michael V. Chilcott .. 9
James Phillips 4	Michael P. Moreton .. 10
John Phillips 5	John H. Crampion .. 11
John Chilcott 6	Wilfred Williams ..
	William J. Rawlings .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John Chilcott.

Rung half-muffled.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
BATH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
Twerton-on-Avon.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*Thomas W. Harris .. Treble	David J. Orledge 5
Norman G. N. Knee .. 2	†Raymond E. J. Baker .. 6
*Robert J. Purnell .. 3	Edward J. Chivers .. 7
David A. Burt 4	Alan F. Lee Tenor

Composed by N. Pistow.

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* First peal of Surprise. † First in method. First in the method as conductor. First in method on bells.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Jan. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
William A. Whetham .. Treble	Sidney W. White 4
Gilbert W. Rendell .. 2	Albert W. Dyer 5
Raymond P. Selway .. 3	William E. Turner Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

Rung half-muffled.

BATHFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Swithun.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in A flat.
*Margaret B. Pidgeon .. Treble	William H. Hurford .. 4
Julian E. Newman .. 2	George J. Hawkins .. 5
Peter M. Giles 3	John W. Owen Tenor

Conducted by George J. Hawkins.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

LOCKING, Somerset.—At the Church St. Augustine.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 6 six-score each of Union, Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon;
8 six-scores of Plain Bob; and 16 of Grandsire.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*Yvonne Criddle (aged 14) Treble	June Legg 4
Marjorie Legg 2	*Robin Venn 5
John Coombs 3	*James Lambard Tenor

Conducted by Marjorie Legg.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled by the Sunday service band.

WANSTROW, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callines).	Tenor 10 cwt.
A. T. Harris Treble	†T. Nickolls 4
P. Hull 2	†H. Crabbe 5
*J. E. Metcalfe 3	H. Smith Tenor

Conducted by J. E. Metcalfe.

* 50th peal. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung half-muffled.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Beds.—At the Church of St. James.

On Wed., Jan. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

Stephen Ivins Treble	Jeffery Cloughton 5
Ronald J. Sharp 2	Keith C. Fleming 6
*Barbara Butterworth .. 3	Alfred E. Rushton 7
*Barry J. Elliott 4	Robert R. Churchill Tenor

Composed by B. Annable.

Conducted by Robert R. Churchill.

* First peal. First as conductor.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Michael on the Mount Without.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
*Christine A. Snelling .. Treble	†Michael G. R. Zobel .. 4
C. Martin Foster 2	†Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 5
Derek B. Williams 3	Peter T. Hurcombe Tenor

Conducted by Peter T. Hurcombe.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal. ‡ 75th peal.

Rung half-muffled.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

H. E. Bishop (Selwyn) .. Treble	R. W. H. Hayes (Caius) .. 5
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) 2	K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) .. 6
G. H. Jones (St. John's) 3	S. P. Darvall (Downing) .. 7
R. M. Damerell (Corpus) 4	T. A. Getty (Churchill) .. Tenor

Arranged and conducted by Hadley Hunter.

Rung half-muffled.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

John Cartledge Treble	David Atkinson 6
Edward F. Potts 2	Basil Jones 7
John Worth 3	Donald Pearson 8
Stephen Chapman 4	A. Hedley Wood 9
Harold C. Lonyon 5	Alan A. Potts Tenor

Composed by H. Tucker.

Conducted by John Worth.

Rung with half-muffled clappers.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Jan. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Neil Bennett Treble	Dennis Latham 5
Christine Andrew 2	Alan McFall 6
John A. Booth 3	Derek Butterworth 7
Peter J. Wychley 4	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by Peter J. Wychley.

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

First peal in the method by all the hand and on the bells. 150th peal as conductor.

BIRKENHEAD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Saviour, Oxtou.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E.

*Stephen W. S. Pasterfield Treble	William A. Boote 5
Elizabeth J. Land 2	John D. Heron 6
*Mrs. A. J. Martin 3	Alexander J. Martin .. 7
Ernest T. Carvell 4	*Derek Hobbs Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope.

Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.

* First peal. Rung half muffled by members of the Sunday service band.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb.

David Hogg Treble	Alan J. Brown 5
Frances Fairbank 2	C. Kenneth Lewis 6
Derek Yates 3	John Robinson 7
Alan Twyman 4	Denis Mottershead Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett.

Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

Rung half-muffled.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

DARFESBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.			
Frank Brayendale Treble	Harry W. Howard 5		
Ashley C. P. Pugh 2	Roy Foster 6		
Brian Schofield 3	John Ryder 7		
Cynthia Woods 4	Harold Worrall Tenor		

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by H. Worrall.
Rung half-muffled.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.			
Bruerton's Twelve-Part.			
* Pamela C. Baker Treble	† Alan B. Rothwell 5		
Derek F. Yates 2	Robert B. Smith 6		
William H. Dowse 3	Alan McFall 7		
Frank Osbaldiston 4	† Anne P. Smith Tenor		

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Triples.
First peal on the eight bells by the Sunday Service Band.
Rung half-muffled.

DAVENHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Tues., Jan. 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent Cambridge Surprise, two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.			
Ashley C. P. Pugh Treble	Victor Neal 4		
Reginald W. Worrall 2	John Scott 5		
A Gordon Lawrence 3	Harry W. Howard Tenor		

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
Half-muffled.

WILMSLOW, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Wed., Jan. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods: (1) St. Clement's, (2) London Surprise, (3) Kent T.B., (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.			
Peter Oliver Treble	John Robinson 4		
Rev. Christopher Rees 2	Neil Lomas 5		
Alan Sharples 3	Denis Mottershead Tenor		

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
Rung half-muffled.

KNUTSFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Jan. 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.			
David Vincent Treble	A. Doreen Edwards 4		
Adrian Hough 2	Christopher Jones 5		
Norman Hough 3	Harry W. Howard Tenor		

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
Rung half-muffled.

SUTTON, Macclesfield.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.			
Peter W. Horn Treble	Hilary L. Horn 4		
Denis Heapy 2	E. Millicent P. Lawton 5		
Charles W. Lawton 3	Anthony W. Lawton Tenor		

Conducted by Peter W. Horn.
First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

ALLESLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.			
Colin Sweeney Treble	Geoffrey W. Randall 5		
K. Frederick Gardner 2	John W. T. Taylor 6		
Frederick M. Robottom 3	David J. Allan 7		
S. Frederick Royal 4	Frederick Shallcross Tenor		

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies.
Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

CULHAM COLLEGE SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

APPLEFORD, Berkshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sun., Jan. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.			
* Ian J. Henderson Treble	Robert G. Oakley 4		
John Gentleman 2	Anthony D. Sansom 5		
† K. Bruce A. Knight 3	* J. Mark Hutchinson Tenor		

Conducted by Anthony D. Sansom.
* First peal. † First 'inside.' First as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DERBY.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in D flat.			
David W. Friend Treble	Michael A. Willis 6		
Gordon A. Halls 2	Harold Taylor 7		
Joseph C. Woolley 3	Sampson Walklate 8		
John F. Murfin 4	Michael R. Blore 9		
Wm. Arnold Morley 5	John Morton Tenor		

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by David W. Friend.
Rung half-muffled.

SANDIACRE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Four callings. Tenor 16½ cwt.			
Arthur Sheppard Treble	Girling Rigby 4		
* Vivien Smart 2	* Ivan Barlow 5		
* Nora Carlisle 3	Denis R. Carlisle Tenor		

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.
* First peal in the method.
First peal in the method by a Sandiacre band.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

FAKENHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.			
Alan W. Payne Treble	George E. Thoday 5		
Alan M. Barber 2	Geoffrey A. Lucas 6		
Jane K. A. Cook 3	Kenneth J. Hesketh 7		
Donald F. Murfet 4	Mansfield Ginn Tenor		

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Alan M. Barber.
Rung half-muffled.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

GREAT BARDFIELD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising 576 each of Ashted, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 Bristol and 384 each of London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 130 changes of method.
Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

Anne Edwards Treble	Andrew S. Hudson 5		
* Claire Dillamore 2	Dennis A. S. Symonds 6		
Joe E. G. Roast 3	Patrick W. Saltmarsh 7		
Peter J. Eves 4	James L. Towler Tenor		

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First of 10 Spliced Surprise Major. Rung fully muffled.

WOODFORD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's. Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.			
Colin G. Wright Treble	Kenneth Warner 5		
Anthony Faulkner 2	Andrew R. F. C. Crowson 6		
Charles A. Hughes 3	Dennis A. Hewitt 7		
* Thomas R. Sharp 4	Dennis Ellidson Tenor		

Conducted by Dennis Ellidson.
* First peal.
Rung half-muffled.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Jan. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. One extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb.			
Donald V. Robinson .. Treble	Gerald D. J. Sandwell .. 4		
Harry S. Stebbings .. 2	David E. Belcham .. 5		
David Hodgson .. 3	Alfred J. House .. Tenor		

Conducted by A. J. House.
Rung half-muffled.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's Bob, Double Court Bob, Single Court Bob, Single Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.			
* Leslie Ward Treble	* Stephen Humphrey 4		
* Paul E. Thompson .. 2	* Brian Vaughan 5		
Frank G. Oliver 3	Bernard W. Fairhead .. Tenor		

Conducted by B. W. Fairhead.
* First peal in five methods.
Rung half-muffled by members of the tower.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

SHENFIELD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 720 of Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, and 720 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Michael Houghton Treble	Harry Turner 4
Colin M. Tiffin 2	*Desmond G. Mayell .. 5
*David C. Isgrove 3	Laurence H. Turner .. Tenor

Conducted by H. Turner.

* First peal in 12 methods.
Rung half-muffled.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wilts.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5184 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 576 changes each of Rutland, Bristol, London, Yorkshire, Cambridge, Superlative, Pudsey, Lincolnshire and Ashted, with 138 changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 17 lb.

W. Bertram Kynaston .. Treble	Anthony R. Peake 5
Jennifer M. Taylor 2	James R. Taylor 6
Michael J. Hobbs 3	Rev. Roger Keeley 7
Brian Bladon 4	Victor Griffin Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

Composed by Norman Smith.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

WALTON-ON-THAMES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part, Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.	
Christopher K. Hill .. Treble	John F. M. Maybrey .. 5
Roy Collins 2	Douglas A. R. May .. 6
Dennis G. Blows 3	E. John Wells 7
David W. Struckett 4	Martyn W. Harbott .. Tenor

Conducted by E. John Wells.

Rung fully-muffled.

ASH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two extents each of London and Surfleet, one of Beverley and two of Cambridge. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Angela Hawes Treble	Colin J. Champion .. 4
Peter G. Smart 2	Stanley T. A. Russell .. 5
Peter G. Sherwood .. 3	Tom Page Tenor

Conducted by Tom Page.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

ALMELEY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Jan. 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 10 methods/variations, being one each of Rev. St. Bartholomew and Northrepps and five extents of April Day, Seighford, Kennington, Plain Bob, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Rev. Canterbury and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

Arthur W. Williams .. Treble	Richard J. Lloyd 4
W. John Clayton 2	Robert A. Hatcher 5
John W. Hope 3	*Keith Squires Tenor

Conducted by John W. Hope.

* First peal.
Rung half-muffled.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt.

Joyce Dodds Treble	*Keith J. Walpole 6
Christopher Forster .. 2	Geoffrey Dodds 7
*Gillian Brearley 3	Michael D. Frost 8
A. Rowland Tysoe 4	George W. Debenham .. 9
Peter T. Dale 5	Christopher E. Slade .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.
Conducted by George W. Debenham.

* First peal on ten bells.
Rung half-muffled.

KNEBWORTH, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin and Thomas a Becket.

On Thurs., Jan. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Eric Edmondson .. Treble	J. Richard Castledine .. 5
Claudia A. Critchley .. 2	Colin A. S. Harwood .. 6
*Rosemary A. Spicer .. 3	John R. Mayne 7
G. William Critchley .. 4	*Bert Jones Tenor

Composed by A. J. Corrigan. Conducted by Claudia A. Critchley.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

NORTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, being 1440 each of London and Rutland, 800 Bristol and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire with 125 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt.

Julia A. Fellows .. Treble	Vernon Green 5
Christine M. Rimmer .. 2	C. Martin Press 6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 3	Gerald Penney 7
Eric Edmondson 4	Roger Baldwin Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Gerald Penney.

Rung half-muffled.

REDBOURN, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Jan. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*Gillian S. Martin .. Treble	†George A. Reading .. 4
†Joe Hobbs 2	†Augustin V. Good .. 5
Walter Ayre 3	Brian M. Barker .. Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal together. ‡ First peal of Minor 'inside.' Rung half-muffled.

APSLEY END, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two extents of London, two of Cambridge and three of Norwich. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Clare Higby .. Treble	Augustin V. Good .. 4
Walter Ayre 2	Antony R. Kench .. 5
Brian M. Barker .. 3	*Kenneth R. Dunstan .. Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* 200th peal for the Association.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS

BELFAST.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Rosemary Thompson .. Treble	John T. Dunwoody .. 5
*Janet E. Maybin 2	Jean Jeffery 6
Harry Brown 3	Gerald D. Brown .. 7
William A. Patterson .. 4	*Jonathan S. N. Porter .. Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by J. S. N. Porter.

* First peal on eight bells. First of Major as conductor.
Rung fully-muffled.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BECKENHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*Tony Lewis .. Treble	Freda Cannon 6
John W. Smith 2	A. Ronald Ling 7
Mrs. Christine Shiers .. 3	*D. Paul Smith 8
Percy J. Spice 4	Percival W. Cave 9
Maxwell F. Oakshett .. 5	†David E. Beach .. Tenor

Composed by the late Sir A. P. Heywood.

Conducted by Percival W. Cave.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. Rung half-muffled.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Fri., Jan. 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Frederick J. Cullum .. Treble	Cyril S. Jarrett 5
Arthur G. Mason 2	Philip A. Corby 6
Lucile M. Corby 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Herbert E. Audsley .. 4	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Herbert E. Audsley.

Half-muffled.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BROMLEY COMMON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

R. Thomas Newman .. 11	Ralph Bird .. 5
*Mary S. Taylor .. 2	John Faircloth .. 6
Arthur G. Mason .. 3	John S. Barnes .. 7
*Richard G. Crosland .. 4	Ian H. Oram .. Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung half-muffled.

EDENBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.
*Lynn Taylor .. Treble	Colin H. Cook .. 5
Edward J. Jenner .. 2	John E. Warner .. 6
David J. M. Cox .. 3	Brian E. Jeffrey .. 7
Graham S. E. Winter .. 4	Leslie J. Fox .. Tenor

Conducted by Brian E. Jeffrey.

* First peal of Triples. Rung half-muffled.

TONBRIDGE Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. in E.
Angela W. Burgess .. Treble	*Lawrence T. Pope .. 5
Hilary A. Swallow .. 2	Walter H. Dobbie .. 6
Raymond A. Large .. 3	Stanley Jenner .. 7
Ann Jenner .. 4	Cyril W. Hancock .. Tenor

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* 25th peal.

Rung half-muffled by members of the local band.

HALLING, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sun., Jan. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being Morris' 240 and 40 extents.	Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.
Christopher T. Osenton .. Treble	*Peter S. Muchlinski .. 4
Cyril S. Jarrett .. 2	Martin L. Howe .. 5
*Charles T. Davidson .. 3	David S. Osenton .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist

On Thurs., Jan. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents as follows: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Single Oxford, (3) Cambridge, (4) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Double Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) Kent T.B.	Tenor 13 cwt. in F.
Katharine M. Guy .. Treble	Duncan P. Smith .. 4
Richard G. Crosland .. 2	*Tony Lewis .. 5
John W. Smith .. 3	Andrew M. Macve .. Tenor

Conducted by Andrew M. Macve.

* First in seven methods.

Rung half-muffled.

ADDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary, the Blessed Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 7 extents in 9 methods: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Ipswich and Cambridge, (4) Single and Double Oxford, (5) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (6) Cambridge, (7) Kent.

*†Jennifer Brown .. Treble	†Eric G. H. Godfrey .. 4
†Katharine M. Guy .. 2	†Tony Lewis .. 5
†Margaret C. Godfrey .. 3	Andrew M. Macve .. Tenor

Conducted by Andrew M. Macve.

* First peal. † Most methods to a peal. Most methods as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

BIGGIN HILL, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.	
*Penelope Kift (12) .. Treble	*Rupert C. Kift .. 4
*Brenda M. Stocker .. 2	*H. Michael Williamson .. 5
†Doreen F. Williamson .. 3	*Joshua T. Naden .. Tenor

Conducted by H. Michael Williamson.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Doubles. First peal by local band. Rung half-muffled.

CANTERBURY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.
James Stockbridge .. Treble	Anthony E. Davies .. 4
Gladys W. Stockbridge .. 2	Bertram J. Luck .. 5
*Cyril W. Beeching .. 3	Derek C. F. Chatfield .. Tenor

Conducted by Derek C. F. Chatfield.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

Rung half-muffled.

LITTLE CHART, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 6 cwt.
John L. Anderson .. Treble	Rhian N. Bagshaw .. 4
Rev. Peter T. Robbins .. 2	*Peter M. Bradford .. 5
Rev. Stanley M. Evans .. 3	Mrs. P. T. Robbins .. Tenor

Conducted by Mrs. P. T. Robbins.

* First peal of Minor. Rung half-muffled.

WILLESBOROUGH, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.
*James C. Hillis .. Treble	†J. Lyn Garraway .. 4
*Philip R. Staples .. 2	Raymond J. Carlton .. 5
Elizabeth John .. 3	Crawford T. Hillis .. Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

* First of Minor. † First peal. Rung half-muffled.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

SCORTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., Jan. 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt.	
*John Ascroft .. Treble	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 5
†Betty Faunch .. 2	†Denis H. McCormick .. 6
Margaret Crossthwaite .. 3	Cyril Crossthwaite .. 7
Stanley Anderton .. 4	Frank Stead .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

Rung half-muffled.

ACCRINGTON, Lancs.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sun., Jan. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.
Anthony Helliwell .. Treble	Michael Bell .. 4
Raymond Helliwell .. 2	Derek Sanderson .. 5
Philip Woods .. 3	Roger Leigh .. Tenor

Conducted by Anthony Helliwell.

First of Minor as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

On Mon., Jan. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt.	
Herrick B. Bowley .. Treble	Derek Tranter .. 7
Monica M. Jelley .. 2	Shirley Burton .. 8
John M. Jelley .. 3	Russell S. Morris .. 9
Brian S. Chapman .. 4	Peter J. Stanforth .. 10
Malcolm Wade .. 5	William J. Root .. 11
Roland Cook .. 6	Alan E. Hartley .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

HATHORN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 HATHORN SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.
Valerie Carter .. Treble	John Tickle .. 4
Celia Harris .. 2	Ron Carter .. 5
Judy Exon .. 3	Tom Harris .. Tenor

Conducted by Tom Harris.

Rung half-muffled.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

LINCOLN.—In St. Hugh's Tower at the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.	
Joyce M. Gurnhill .. Treble	H. Leslie Pask .. 7
A Robin Heppenstall .. 2	Walter Tomlinson .. 8
Norah M. Randles .. 3	George H. Randles .. 9
Jack L. Millhouse .. 4	John Walden .. 10
Raymond F. Smith .. 5	John Freeman .. 11
Peter A. Sharp .. 6	Geoffrey R. Parker .. Tenor

Composed by D. E. Parsons (CC. No. 23).

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

Rung half-muffled.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Jan. 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.).	Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.
Ronald Chafer .. Treble	*W. Arthur Crowder .. 5
C. Aubrey Harrison .. 2	Michael W. Crowder .. 6
Jack Bray .. 3	Arthur Pashley .. 7
John H. Parker .. 4	Robert Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by Jack Bray.

* 100th peal. Rung half-muffled.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

SPALDING, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicolas.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

Frank Taylor Treble	Denis Woods 5
Joy Noon 2	George R. Dawson 6
*Bernard B. Tyrrell .. 3	Cyril R. Burrell 7
*Janet Hubbard 4	Ronald C. Noon Tenor

Composed by J. Platt.

Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.

* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled.

SWINESHEAD, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

William B. Dawson .. Treble	*Derek J. Jones 5
Philip H. Reynolds .. 2	Gerald Reynolds 6
Keith R. Davey 3	Harold Barsley 7
J. Martin Thorley .. 4	Alan G. Payne Tenor

Composed by P. O. Bixby.

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

* 25th peal of Major. Rung half-muffled.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Peter at Gows.

On Fri., Jan. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: one of Single Court, one of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

Fred Dixon Treble	John F. Pearson 4
Geoffrey R. Parker .. 2	Albert Drury 5
Walter Tomlinson .. 3	Philip C. Pitchford .. Tenor

Conducted by Philip C. Pitchford.

Rung half-muffled.

ULCEBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Mon., Jan. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Norwich, London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet, Bourne and Cambridge.

Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.

Septimus Neave .. Treble	John Hall 4
Ronald Chafer 2	Jack Bray 5
*Geoffrey Bromfield .. 3	Michael W. Crowder .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Jan. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents called differently (110 Singles, 51 Bobs).

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in G.

*Andrew Colborne .. Treble	Graham J. N. Colborne .. 4
H. Leslie Squires .. 2	Vaughan P. Evans 5
David J. Hopkinson .. 3	Denis A. Frith Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled.

BOURNE, Lincolnshire.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's, one each of Norwich, Cambridge, Primrose and Ipswich Surprise, Plain Bob, Single Oxford and Single Court.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

C. Leonard Blanchard Treble	Cecil Wade 4
Frederick W. French .. 2	Harvey E. Burrell 5
*Douglas Reeson 3	James W. Haw Tenor

Conducted by Cecil Wade.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled.

BRANSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965 in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents called differently (110 Singles, 51 Bobs).

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

William E. Green .. Treble	Charles V. Cade 4
Walter S. Smith 2	Phillip C. Pitchford .. 5
Amos Ingall 3	Louis Willders Tenor

Conducted by Louis Willders.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

DUNHOLME, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: two each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and one of Single Oxford.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

Christopher J. Sharp .. Treble	Walter S. Smith 4
Margaret A. Parker .. 2	Geoffrey R. Parker .. 5
William R. Parker .. 3	Louis Willders Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Parker.

Rung half-muffled.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

USK, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

Thomas Stephens .. Treble	Jack Alsop 5
Spencer G. A. Kear .. 2	David L. Taylor 6
David J. Hughes .. 3	Donald G. Clift 7
Robert Stephens .. 4	*Peter S. Kay Tenor

Conducted by Donald G. Clift.

* First peal.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.

On Thurs., Jan. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being two 240's and 38 six-scores.

Tenor 16 cwt.

Trevor J. Froley .. Treble	Thomas E. Hiddins .. 4
D. R. Lynn-Jones .. 2	D. Walford Davies .. 5
William T. Petty .. 3	Harold Preece Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

Rung half-muffled.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*Pamela E. Brown .. Treble	Francis D. Bishop .. 6
Alan R. Paterson .. 2	Frank B. Lufkin 7
Patricia Rogers .. 3	†Michael Hatchett .. 8
Michael P. Thomas .. 4	Wilfrid G. Wilson .. 9
Peter N. Felton .. 5	Norman F. Felton .. Tenor

* First peal. † 150th peal. Rung half-muffled.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

CUDHAM, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

Philip G. Erith .. Treble	Anthony H. Smith .. 5
Yvonne Edwards .. 2	Richard O. Humphries .. 6
Robert E. J. Dennis .. 3	Alan J. Frost 7
Roger W. Powell .. 4	Nicholas J. Davies .. Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge.

Conducted by Nicholas J. Davies.

Rung half-muffled.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

HAMPTON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Frederick R. Scott .. Treble	J. Keith Ward 5
Frank C. Price .. 2-3	Robin G. Leale 6
Timothy G. Pett .. 4	Robert C. Kippin .. 7

William S. Deason Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Robin G. Leale.

Rung half-muffled.

HACKNEY, E.—At the Church of St. John-at-Hackney.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

Clive W. Simpson .. Treble	Bryan C. Burrough .. 5
John R. Ketteringham .. 2	Alan A. Paul 6
Roger D. Bailey .. 3	Bernard E. Matthews .. 7
Roger W. Smith .. 4	Graham C. Paul Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. L. James.

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

The conductor's 100th peal. Rung half-muffled.

LEYTON, E.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965 in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

27 course block reduced.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	Roger D. Bailey 5
*Bryan C. Burrough .. 2	Clive W. Simpson 6
*Bernard E. Matthews .. 3	Graham C. Paul 7
Roger W. Smith .. 4	Alan A. Paul Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

* 75th peal together. Rung with the bells open.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

BURTON-ON-TRENT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 28½ cwt.

David Eames .. Treble	George L. Roobottom .. 6
Derek P. Jones .. 2	John K. Smith 7
Richard J. Clifton .. 3	Gordon H. Lane 8
Joseph W. Cotton .. 4	Ronald H. Dove 9
Arthur E. Rowley .. 5	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

Rung half-muffled.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

COLE-ORTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Thurs., Jan. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Norman W. Cotton .. Treble	Richard J. Clifton .. 5
William H. Curson .. 2	John A. Underwood .. 6
*Edwin Deakin .. 3	Arthur E. Rowley .. 7
Joseph W. Cotton .. 4	Roland Beniston .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roland Beniston.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

NORTON-LE-MOORS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sun., Jan. 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

W. H. Pickett .. Treble	*David Bennett .. 5
*Paul Phillips .. 2	Owen Williams .. 6
†Barbara A. Johnson .. 3	J. Michael Jack .. 7
Alban J. Jack .. 4	J. Leslie Shenton .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by J. Leslie Shenton.

* First peal. † First of Surprise. First as conductor.

Rung half-muffled.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

KING'S LYNN, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Tues., Jan. 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' Variation of J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

M. Rowland Reed .. Treble	Rev. Giles C. Galley .. 5
Shelagh R. Collins .. 2	†Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 6
*David Cawley .. 3	Norman V. Harding .. 7
Tom Bush .. 4	Leslie W. Houghton .. Tenor

Conducted by Norman V. Harding.

* First peal of Triples. † 200th peal. The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

EAST DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Wed., Jan. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.
George T. Bunning .. Treble	Kevin S. Hohl .. 5
George P. Adams .. 2	Bert Gogle .. 6
Edward Howes .. 3	Nolan Golden .. 7
Sidney Marshall .. 4	F. Charles Goodman .. Tenor

Conducted by Nolan Golden.

Rung half-muffled.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Thurs., Jan. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb.

David Heighton .. Treble	Peter Adcock .. 5
John Cox .. 2	David Cubitt .. 6
Martin Cubitt .. 3	Herbert H. Howlett .. 7
H. William Barrett .. 4	Thomas R. Simmons .. Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden.

Conducted by David Heighton.

Rung half-muffled.

KENNINGHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

William Clover .. Treble	Henry Tooke .. 5
Desmond P. Mortlock .. 2	Harry Fuller .. 6
Thomas Spight .. 3	Leslie F. Bailey .. 7
Robin Churchill .. 4	Peter Adcock .. Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden.

Conducted by Peter Adcock.

Rung half-muffled.

NORWICH.—At the Church of St. Peter, Mancroft.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 55 lb. in F.

H. William Barrett .. Treble	Stanley W. Gall .. 5
John Knights .. 2	Nolan Golden .. 6
Martin Cubitt .. 3	George Sayer .. 7
F. Charles Goodman .. 4	David E. House .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

Rung half-muffled.

WROXHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sun., Jan. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford T.B., and three of Plain Bob.

Desmond P. Mortlock .. Treble	Henry Tooke .. 4
William Clover .. 2	*Leslie Bailey .. 5
Roger B. Lubbock .. 3	*Peter Adcock .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter Adcock.

* 25th peal together.

Rung half-muffled.

THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BEESTON, Notts.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. R. Pritchards.	Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr.
Richard C. L. Brown .. Treble	Peter J. Bruce .. 5
Ann Harris .. 2	David R. Ingram .. 6
*Robert Woodward .. 3	John W. Coleman .. 7
John G. Hallett .. 4	Edmund Shuttleworth .. Tenor

Conducted by John W. Coleman.

* First of Major. Rung half-muffled.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BANBURY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SYON COURT BOB ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

Herbert H. Alexander .. Treble	William Birmingham .. 6
Alice E. J. Lester .. 2	Giles R. Shedden .. 7
Christopher C. Clarke .. 3	Sydney M. Bailey .. 8
Reginald W. Rex .. 4	George W. Holland .. 9
Eric Sutton .. 5	Alan R. Pink .. Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

First peal in the method for the Guild and by all except the ringers of the fourth and tenor.

Rung half-muffled.

WITNEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Jan. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.
D. Kay Adkins .. Treble	Peter Pearce .. 5
Frederick W. Soden .. 2	†William H. Clarke .. 6
Bertram J. Coggins .. 3	Brian W. Hall .. 7
*Terence J. Hester .. 4	Henry G. Bunce .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick W. Soden.

* First peal. † First on eight bells

Rung muffled.

WINDSOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Wed., Jan. 27, 1965 in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's 'Original.'	Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.
Sydney M. Bailey .. Treble	William Birmingham .. 5
Edward S. T. Farr .. 2	Michael Hatchett .. 6
Frederick W. Goodfellow .. 3	Wilfrid G. Wilson .. 7
Christopher F. Mew .. 4	W. David Ward .. Tenor

Non-conducted.

Rung half-muffled.

BUREORD, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr.
Terence J. Hester .. Treble	William J. Dixon .. 5
Frederick W. Soden .. 2	Thomas W. Timms .. 6
D. Kay Adkins .. 3	Brian W. Hall .. 7
Charles Coles .. 4	John J. Westmacott .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick W. Soden.

Rung muffled.

AMERSHAM, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sun., Jan. 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1 and 2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford T.B. (4 and 5) Kent T.B., (6 and 7) Plain Bob.	Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.
Frances Procter .. Treble	Stanley E. Darmon .. 4
Howard Oglesby .. 2	Antony K. Fortin .. 5
Ronald Snack .. 3	John E. Camp .. Tenor

Conducted by John E. Camp.

Rung half-muffled.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, Berks.—At the Church of SS. Michael and

Mary Magdalene.

On Sun., Jan. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven different extents.	Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.
*Nigel W. Rapley .. Treble	*Sandra L. Goodship .. 4
Stanley G. Scott .. 2	A. John Rance .. 5
Joan A. Rance .. 3	Frank C. Price .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank C. Price.

* First peal.

Rung fully muffled.

CHENIES, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Mon., Jan. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.	Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.
Donald A. Bedford .. Treble	Peter W. Harper .. 4
Walter Ayre .. 2	Keith D. Waples .. 5
D. Joseph Goodman .. 3	Brian M. Barker .. Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

Rung half-muffled.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BLADON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents,	Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.
E. D. Patching Treble	Arthur D. Barker 4
Marie R. Cross 2	Frederick Sharpe 5
David Floyd 3	Elliot Wigg Tenor

Conducted by Elliot Wigg.

Rung half-muffled after the interment.

PANGBOURNE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Less.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor 10 cwt.
*Alfred E. Burt Treble	Philip Murduck 4
Bradley Murduck 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd 5
Susan E. Burt 3	Reginald F. Crook Tenor

Conducted by Reginald F. Crook.

* First peal.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. Specially arranged so that the peal was in progress as the train passed close by the church, en route to Bladon church.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

OXFORD.—At Carfax.

On Sun., Jan. 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 17 cwt.	
Bruce Wakefield Treble	John W. Thorp 4
Hilary F. Pardoe 2	M. Roger Ashmore 5
Roger M. Heyworth 3	Nicholas J. Martin Tenor

Conducted by Bruce Wakefield.

Rung half-muffled.

OXFORD.—At the University Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 21 cwt.	
Hilary F. Pardoe Treble	Bruce Wakefield 4
Paul A. Brand 2	M. Roger Ashmore 5
John W. Thorp 3	Nicholas J. Martin Tenor

Conducted by Bruce Wakefield.

Rung half-muffled.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

KETTERING, Northants.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.	
*David Witchell Treble	†Michael J. Staley 6
†Sheila J. Staley 2	Geoffrey E. Watson 7
†John G. Mitchell 3	†James Mitchell 8
Denis C. Bowen 4	Murray A. Coleman 9
†Denis G. Pearson 5	†Ian W. Hall Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First peal. † First of Caters

Rung half-muffled.

HELMDON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In three methods, being two extents of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and three of Cambridge Surprise.	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.
*Anthony R. Wills Treble	Montague Saunders 4
Robert T. Somerton 2	Charles E. Truman 5
William J. Chester 3	J. George Shellard Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

* First peal.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

(And the Yorkshire Association)

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 34½ cwt.	
*Anthony Douglas Treble	Cyril Rusby 6
Elsie Chaddock 2	Norman Chaddock 7
Richard E. Price 3	Stuart Armeson 8
Kathleen Higgins 4	John N. D. Chaddock 9
John J. L. Gilbert 5	Neil Donovan Tenor

Composed by J. Carter.

* First peal on ten bells.

Rung half-muffled.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Tues., Jan. 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.	
J. Alan Ainsworth Treble	Robert E. Hardy 7
John R. Insley 2	Martin D. Fellows 8
Michael J. Fellows 3	Norman J. Goodman 9
Geoffrey J. Hemming 4	Gerald C. Hemming 10
George E. Fearn 5	John A. Anderson 11
Maurice G. Ingram 6	Peter D. Warren Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

Rung half-muffled in the inverted titlums and handstroke home positions.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Jan. 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 PRITTLEWELL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.	
J. Alan Ainsworth Treble	Edward W. Colley 7
Maryl R. Crosswaite 2	Martin D. Fellows 8
Susan Funnell 3	Norman J. Goodman 9
Roderick W. Pipe 4	David J. Purnell 10
Michael J. Fellows 5	Clifford A. Barron 11
George E. Fearn 6	Peter Border Tenor

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

Rung half-muffled.

SOLIHULL.—At the Church of St. Alphege.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SOLIHULL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 39 lb. in E flat.	
Muriel Reay Treble	Michael J. Fellows 6
Susan Funnell 2	David J. Purnell 7
Martin D. Fellows 3	Peter Border 8
Norman J. Goodman 4	J. Alan Ainsworth 9
R. Kingsley Mason 5	George E. Fearn Tenor

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

Rung half-muffled.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

EAST RETFORD, Notts.—At the Church of S. Swithun.

On Mon., Jan. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5111 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt.	
Katharine Burchnall Treble	Colin W. Reed 6
Grace Burchnall 2	*John Coates 7
*Anne Bateson 3	James W. Raithby 8
†Doreen Metcalfe 4	Harry Poyner 9
Mary C. Poyner 5	†John Gow Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter.

Conducted by Harry Poyner.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First on ten. First of Caters in the method as conductor.

Rung half-muffled.

EAST MARKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Tues., Jan. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

J. W. Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F.	
Grace Burchnall Treble	Peter A. Sharp 5
Katharine Burchnall 2	Geoffrey R. Parker 6
*Susan J. Moxon 3	Jack L. Millhouse 7
Anne E. Bateson 4	Harry Poyner Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Stedman.

Rung half-muffled.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Mon., Jan. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt.	
S. Jane Dowse Treble	C. Raymond Larkin 4
Robert D. Marsh 2	James A. Heaps 5
Ruth Blackshaw 3	Maurice W. Harrison Tenor

Conducted by James A. Heaps.

First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

BABWORTH, Notts.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Jan. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising two extents of Single Oxford and five of Plain Bob, differently called.	Tenor 7½ cwt.
*Linda Wilkinson Treble	†Doreen Metcalfe 4
Mary C. Poyner 2	Harold Denman 5
†Susan Moxon 3	Harry Poyner Tenor

Conducted by Harry Poyner.

* First peal. † First in two methods. 100th as conductor.

Rung half-muffled.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
TUXFORD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

John Coates	Treble	Colin W. Reed	5
John Gow	2	David A. Whetton	6
C. Anthony Parsons	3	Harry Hawcroft	7
David D. Parsons	4	Harry Poyner	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Harry Poyner.

Rung half-muffled.

CROPWELL BISHOP, Notts.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 ALL SAINTS DOUBLES

Tenor 10 cwt.

S. Jane Dowse	Treble	Ruth Blackshaw	3
C. Raymond Larkin	2	Sydney Adams	4
		Maurice W. Harrison	Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

Rung half-muffled.

WEST BRIDGFORD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*Penny Miller	Treble	J. W. D. Miller	4
Jane Blackler	2	P. K. Else	5
†Juliet Stamper	3	R. Blackler	Tenor

Conducted by R. Blackler.

* First peal. † First peal inside.

Rung half-muffled.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
GNOSALL, Staffs.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

Being 42 extents, ten callings.			
*Graham Hall	Treble	Barnabas G. Key	4
E. Marion Key	2	Ian Friend	5
Pamela E. Key	3	John W. Dyke	Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled by the local band.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

BURES, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*Greta F. Spurgin	Treble	Frank W. Pike	5
Mrs. Leslie Mills	2	Stuart T. Hume	6
Janet M. Besant	3	Leslie D. Mills	7
Janet M. Spurgin	4	Donald L. Mills	Tenor

Composed by A. P. Knights.

Conducted by Donald L. Mills.

* First peal attempt.

Rung half-muffled.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Frank A. Willis-Betts	Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe	5
Clifford R. Lovett	2	Frank G. Bloomfield	6
Michael C. Daniels	3	Alan R. Bridges	7
Ernest G. Pearce	4	Cecil W. Pipe	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Cecil W. Pipe.

Rung half-muffled.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

*Alison M. Mann	Treble	*Kevin Taber	6
*Christopher F. Mew	2	Alan E. Bagworth	7
R. James Cook	3	John Schofield	8
*Richard C. Stevens	4	Frank E. Darby	9
Roydon Davies	5	Raymond E. Finch	Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Roydon Davies.

* First of Stedman Caters. First of Stedman Caters as conductor.

Rung half-muffled.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

*Brian J. Bull	Treble	Alan E. Bagworth	5
*Christopher F. Mew	2	J. Keith Ward	6
Thomas J. Lock	3	David P. Hilling	7
Alan R. Patterson	4	Frederick R. Scott	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of the Good Shepherd.

On Tues., Jan. 26, 1964, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Leonard Stilwell	Treble	Stanley E. Armstrong	5
Angela Grainger	2	Albert W. Bond	6
*Angela M. Wright	3	W. Arthur Riddington	7
Reginald V. Johnson	4	Bernard J. Stone	Tenor

Conducted by Leonard Stilwell.

* First peal of Grandsire and of Triples. First peal on the bells since 1929.

Rung fully muffled.

UCKFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., Jan. 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Leonard Stilwell	Treble	Alan R. Baldock	5
*Rosemary Earl	2	Thomas M. Barlow	6
†Janet M. Percy	3	Ian V. J. Smith	7
†Betty Percy	4	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde.

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal of Major. † First of Yorkshire. The conductor's 70th tower in Sussex for a peal.

Rung half-muffled.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and

All Angels.

On Sun., Jan. 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

*Glenda M. Beckett	Treble	Richard D. Divall	5
†Rosemary H. Heighes	2	Frank I. Hairs	6
*Jean Osbon	3	*Colin Osbon	7
*Roger Osbon	4	Ernest J. Ladd	Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.

* First peal of Major. † First in the method.

Rung half-muffled.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Mrs. T. H. Francis	Treble	Peter Joyce	6
*Carolyn Vibert	2	Thomas H. Francis	7
R. Roger Savory	3	David J. Forder	8
O. Neville Curtis	4	Maurice J. Butler	9
John R. Faithfull	5	Michael J. Thomas	Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Conducted by Thomas H. Francis.

* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled. Also for M. D. G. Northway, late captain of St. Mary's, Eling.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

HALESOWEN, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John-the-

Baptist.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

*Michael L. Lashford	Treble	†Aubrey Pickering	5
Harold J. Shuck	2	†Thomas Greenhall	6
†Molly Tromans	3	†A. Bryan Ellsmore	7
*M. Irene Ellsmore	4	*Ivor Shilcock	Tenor

Composed by John Holt.

Conducted by A. Bryan Ellsmore.

* First peal. † First in the method. First as conductor of Triples.

Rung half-muffled

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

Adrian C. Boorman	Treble	Peter A. Kirkby	6
Jane Thurmott	2	Harold B. Schofield	7
A. William Kirkby	3	Frederick A. Munday	8
Mrs. H. B. Schofield	4	Roy Bettley-Cooke	9
Maurice J. Thurmott	5	S. Barry Schofield	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Maurice J. Thurmott.

Rung half-muffled by the Cathedral Sunday service band.

(Sheffield and District.)

THRYBERGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Mon., Jan. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr.

Being seven different extents.			
Sandra Crossley	Treble	John N. D. Chaddock	4
*Tessa Hollies	2	David Nichols	5
Neil Donovan	3	Stuart Armeson	Tenor

Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung half-muffled.

OTHER PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb.

Harold C. Lonyon Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis 5
Alan J. Brown 2	William H. Dowse 6
Robert J. Warrihow 3	Robert B. Smith 7
Basil Jones 4	John Worth Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Basil Jones.
A birthday compliment to Miss Kathleen M. Lewis.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

MORTLAKE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Joan Beresford Treble	*Andrew J. Strathdee 5
*Mikaela Erik 2	John S. Barnes 6
Claire Dillamore 3	Tom Page 7
Stanley G. Ponting 4	Derek E. Sibson Tenor

Composed by F. Dench.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal in the method.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Tues., Jan. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

Seven callings.	
Nora Carlisle Treble	Jack Chadwick 4
Joan Moore 2	Arthur Sheppard 5
Ivan Barlow 3	Denis R. Carlisle Tenor

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.

* First peal.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In four methods, viz.: (1) London, (2, 3) Norwich, (4, 5) Ipswich, (6 and 7) Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt. in G sharp.

Harold S. Peacock Treble	Albert J. Davey 4
Alan M. Barber 2	Donald F. Mufet 5
Frank R. Nicholls 3	Geoffrey A. Lucas Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At Christ Church with St. Ewen.

On Mon., Jan. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt.

*Reginald G. Hooper Treble	*Brynley A. Shackleton 6
*Gillian M. Hussey 2	D. John Hunt 7
*Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 3	*Philip M. J. Gray 8
Jennifer M. Taylor 4	James R. Taylor 9
*Michael J. Hobbs 5	Ralph G. Edwards Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First of London Royal. † 100th peal for the Association. First of London Royal in the City and for the Association. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of Emmanuel, Clifton.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 15 lb. in F.

Jennifer M. Taylor Treble	Michael J. Hobbs 5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2	*Patrick J. Bird 6
Gillian M. Hussey 3	James R. Taylor 7
John H. Taylor 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal of Rutland. † First of Surprise on the bells.

Rung for the 96th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Fri., Jan. 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 FILTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E. flat.

Richard J. Bowden Treble	Don C. Exell 5
Jennifer M. Taylor 2	Philip M. J. Gray 6
Michael J. Hobbs 3	D. John Hunt 7
Gillian M. Hussey 4	James R. Taylor Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

First peal in the method, H. & M. 2109.

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BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount-Without, City.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

*†D. John Hunt Treble	\$John H. Taylor 4
†Gillian M. Hussey 2	Reginald G. Hooper 5
\$Michael J. Hobbs 3	†Brynley A. Shackleton Tenor

Conducted by Brynley A. Shackleton.

* Has now 'circled the tower.' † 75th peal together. ‡ Has now completed the Cambridge family. § First of Surprise Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHOBHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

Parker's Twelve Part.	
*Dennis G. Blows Treble	\$Peter J. Privett 5
James W. Priest 2	Christopher K. Hill 6
*†Roy Collins 3	E. John Wells 7
†Anne S. Pickering 4	Ronald G. Collins Tenor

Conducted by E. John Wells.

* 25th peal together. † 75th peal together. ‡ First peal. § First of Triples and Grandsire.

A 20th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Collins.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

TENTERDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mildred.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in C.

Cyril S. Jarret Treble	Giles B. Thompson 5
Christopher T. Osenten 2	S. Geoffrey Waters 6
David S. Osenten 3	Bernard F. L. Groves 7
Alex Waddington 4	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Giles B. Thompson.

Organised especially as a compliment to Lt.-Col. and Mrs. J. Thompson, parents of the conductor, who were married in this church 25 years previously. The bells were rung half-muffled in deference to public feeling on this day.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

*Andrew J. Strathdee Treble	Alan J. Frost 7
Brian J. Woodruffe 2	John Hill 8
Diana M. Frost 3	Philip Mehew 9
Edward F. P. Bryant 4	John Armstrong 10
†Derek E. Sibson 5	Noel J. Diserens 11
*Nicholas J. Davies 6	John R. Mayne Tenor

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus for the Society.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

KINGSCLEERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt.

Grove's trans. of Parker's Twelve-Part.	
Bradley Murduck Treble	*Philip Murduck 5
Paul G. Holmes 2	Reginald W. Rex 6
Denby Murduck 3	*Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
Michael S. Holbrook 4	Reginald F. Crook Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* 50th peal together. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. D. J. Shearlock, who was inducted as Vicar of Kingsclere at the end of December.

CATHERINGTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Jan. 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in three methods, viz.: 1-10, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure; 11-20, Grandsire; 21-30, Plain Bob; 31-42, Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

Andrew Dixon Treble	Geoffrey J. Gammon 4
Patricia M. Samuel 2	K. Paul Gilliver 5
*R. Ian Bowron 3	Alan A. J. Buswell Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.

* First peal in more than one method.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Pat Samuel.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

KINGSWINFORD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*M. Irene Ellsmore Treble	Maurice G. Ingram 5
Michael J. Fellows 2	John C. Eisel 6
Clifford Skidmore 3	Martin D. Fellows 7
*C. Frederick Jukes 4	Denis N. Layton Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by Denis N. Layton.

* First peal of London Surprise Major.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

DOWNS.—On Tuesday, January 26th, 1965, at Clacton Maternity Hospital, to Kathleen (née Yeo) and Maurice, a son, Andrew David—a brother for Carol. 6264

MARRIAGE

BARBER—BOUMPHREY.—On January 30th, 1965, at Palmerston North, New Zealand, Joseph Howell Ashby, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Barber, of Palmerston North, New Zealand, to Rita Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bumphrey, 11, Merefell Road, Bolton-le-Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire (recently of Glasgow). 6276

DEATH

COX.—On February 2nd, 1965, Kathryn Elizabeth, aged 20 months, beloved daughter of Anthony and Doreen Cox. 6269

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

GRIFFIN.—From February 16th, the address of Barbara and Victor Griffin, with family, will be 82, Upper Road, Kennington, Oxford. 6272

PERSONAL

MR. RICHARD HOUGH would like to thank the ringers of the Guildford area, and especially the band of Holy Trinity, Guildford, for their warm welcome during his recent stay there. He wishes them every success in the future. 6267

'For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.' (Hebrews x, 26.)

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ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.—The Secretary is now Mr. Alan R. Bridges, 8, Shrubland Avenue, Ipswich. Tel. 41948, to whom all correspondence should be sent. 6256

SURPRISE MAJOR PRACTICE at Shalford, on Thursday, February 18th. Methods: Dorchester, Wembley, Bristol, London, Cambridge, Pudsey, Superlative Spliced, and as requested.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Ewerby, nr. Sleaford

A three-day flower festival is to be held in the beautiful church of St. Andrew, from July 2nd to 4th. You are invited to come and see the flowers and ring on this fine ten between 2.30 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 3rd. Refreshments available throughout the day.

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Swaffham Prior (6) and Bottisham (5), Saturday, February 13th. Swaffham Prior bells 3 p.m. Service at Swaffham Prior 4.30 p.m. Tea at British Legion Club, Bottisham, 5.30 p.m. Bottisham bells after meeting.—B. D. Threlfall, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6236

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting to be held at Hereford St. Nicholas', on February 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5, business meeting to follow. Ringing in the evening from 6.30 to 8.45 at Hereford Cathedral (10) and also St. Nicholas'. Names for tea to R. G. Powell, 9, Green Lane, Kingstone, Hereford. 6231

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, February 13th

St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside 2-3; St. Clement Danes', Strand, 4-5.30; service 5.30 followed by tea and meeting George Hotel, Strand. Handbell Competition. Social Evening. Names essential to Miss M. E. Powell, 56, Narbonne Avenue, S.W.4. KEL 2390. Annual Dinner February 27th, 1965. Tickets at A.G.M.—Miss V. E. Dupre, Hon. Sec., 63, Woodlawn Road, S.W.6. REN 4423. 6189

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North and East District.—Annual District meeting on Saturday, February 13th at Barnet. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Further ringing until 8 p.m.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 6229

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—A.G.M. will be held at Reading on Saturday, February 13th. St. Giles' 3-4 p.m.; St. Mary's 3.45-4.30 and 6.30-7.15; St. Laurence's 7-9. Service at St. Mary's 4.30. Tea and meeting. St. Mary's Church House, 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to Mrs. A. Diserens, 15, Hartshourne Road, Earley, Reading. Tel.: Reading 81818. 6230

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Martin's, nr. Oswestry, on Saturday, February 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. 6266

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Orston on February 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, 'St. Ouen's', Whatton.—R. Blackshaw. 6208

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Annual Divisional meeting on Saturday, February 13th. at Arundel. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. and after the meeting. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Please notify for tea R. Waite, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. Tel.: Sidlesham 325. 6213

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Evening practice Upper Weston, Bath (8), Tuesday, February 16th, 7.30-9 p.m.—M. de J. 6251

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Yatton (8), on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 6238

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Evening meeting on Saturday, February 20th. Dinder (6) 7 p.m.—P. Hull, Hon. Sec. 6242

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Wistaston, February 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by February 17th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 6275

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Saviour's, Oxtown, February 20th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtown, Birkenhead. 6274

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Meeting at Kenilworth, Saturday, February 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, February 17th, to Mr. S. Royal, 33, Waverley Road, Kenilworth. 6247

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Blaydon, Saturday, February 20th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne, Co. Durham. 6259

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting at Walpole St. Peter, Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6258

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—North Cerney, February 20th. 5.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. Wenban, Hon. Sec. 6263

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Monthly practice at Stonehouse, Saturday, February 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Numbers for tea before 16th.—E. Cribble, France Lynch. 6255

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting at Ledbury, February 20th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woodfields Farm, Coddington, Ledbury. 6253

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Wheatthampstead, on February 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. R. Brown, 10, The Hill, Wheatthampstead.—R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 6250

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Pluckley, Saturday, February 20th. Bells (6, tenor 12 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Homewood, The Street, Pluckley, near Ashford, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 6223

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual District social will be held at St. Michael and All Angels' Parish Hall on Saturday, February 20th, commencing at 7 p.m. Association and District members and friends very welcome. Tickets 2s. 6d. Please apply Miss D. M. Groves, 50, Heather Drive, Maidstone.—M. L. Howe, Dis. Sec. 6227

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Radcliffe, on Saturday, February 20th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome so please come.—Philip A. Mason, Branch Sec. 6237

LADIES' GUILD (Central District), **MID-DLESEX ASSOCIATION** (South and West District), **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—Joint meeting on Saturday, February 27th, at High Wycombe. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please send names for tea to Mr. S. Bailey, 7, Cockpit Close, Great Kingshill, High Wycombe, by Tuesday, February 23rd. 6252

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting, February 20th at Coleorton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. No tea and service provided. 6279

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting on Saturday, February 20th. Oadby bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 6268

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—A.G.M. at Boston, Saturday, February 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, February 15th.—P. J. Kilner, Hon. Sec., 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 6268

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham, on February 20th. Service in All Saints'. 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church House 5 p.m. Notify for tea to Mrs. B. C. Castle, 419, Reading Road, Winnersh, Wokingham, by February 15th. Ringing. All Saints' 3 p.m., both towers after meeting.—B. C. Castle. 6246

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting at Ramsbury, on Saturday, February 20th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 6271

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Annual meeting at Beccles (10), Saturday, February 20th. Bells 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 17th, to Mr. R. Bickers, 6, Ballygate, Beccles. 6246

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—District meeting at Cavendish, Saturday, February 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by February 25th, please, to Miss E. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures, Suffolk. 6241

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual divisional meeting on Saturday, February 20th, Brighton. St. Nicholas' bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing at St. Peter's. Names for tea essential, by Wednesday previous please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hursipierpoint. 6270

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Annual meeting at Petersfield, February 20th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Peter's Hall. Business meeting follows. Numbers for tea by 16th to C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton. 6245

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Next meeting February 20th, at Felixkirk (6) 2—4.15 p.m. Tea, Thirsk, 4.30 p.m. Names to Mr. Elsdon Metcalf, 14, Ingramgate, Thirsk, by 18th. Thirsk (8) after tea.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec. 6277

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Halesowen (8), on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me by February 24th, please.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 6233

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual general meeting at Swaffham on Saturday, February 27th. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, February 24th, to Mr. J. Sutton, 2, Stable Cottages, Didlington, Thetford, Norfolk.—C. Tovell, Hon. Sec. 6278

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V. W. H. Branch.—Annual meeting at Faringdon, on Saturday, February 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, Wheatheaf Hotel. Names please by Wednesday, February 24th, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 6273

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Annual meeting at St. Clement's, Hastings (8), on February 27th. Ringing: St. Clement's 3-4.30 and 6.45-8; Christ Church, St. Leonard's 7.30-8.45 Service (St. Clement's)

4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please help arrangements by sending names for tea by Tuesday, February 23rd, to I. Smith, Sec., 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle. **YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Southern District). **DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**.—Join meeting at Arksey, February 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster, by 25th. All welcome.—J. Loughston and J. J. L. Gilbert. 6265

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SHERWOOD YOUTHS

The annual general meeting of the Society of Sherwood Youths was held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on January 23rd, when ringing was enjoyed before and after the meeting and ranged from rounds to Surprise Royal.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Master, Mr. H. T. Rooke (Warsop); secretary, Mr. P. Nix (Hucknall); assistant secretary, Mr. R. A. G. Benfield (Wollaton); treasurer, Mr. W. Nicholls (St. Mary's, Nottingham); trustee, Mr. D. Stainsby (St. Peter's, Nottingham).

It was agreed that Mr. W. Nicholls and Mr. D. Stainsby, being trustees, should receive and take care of all old documents and records of the Society.

Eight new members were elected, making a total of 73 members for 1964.

The policy of holding some meetings away from Nottingham is to be continued, and meeting places were proposed on all sides of the area.

At the close of the meeting, members were informed that 1972 will be the tercentenary year for the Society. No plans were discussed, but members were asked to bear this in mind for the next annual general meeting, when the subject would be discussed.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

South Croydon is always a popular venue for a meeting, and January 23rd proved to be no exception when the Northern District held its annual meeting there. The service was conducted by the Vicar of St. Peter's, and the address was given by one of the Association's vice-presidents, the Bishop of Croydon.

Sixty-seven ringers, 51 of them members of the District, enjoyed an excellent tea prepared by the local ladies in the Church Hall. The business meeting followed, during which 18 new resident members were elected.

In the committee's report it was stated that the instructional courses were being continued and there was pleasing progress in the advancement of the young people attending them but more skilled help was required.

The membership of the District had shown an increase of two on the year to a total of 235. The average attendance at meetings was 42, which is one less than the previous year.

Twenty-nine peals, all on tower bells, were recorded during the year. Nine ringers rang their first peal. Miss J. Geiringer's first peal as conductor is believed to be the youngest ladies' peal, average age 16 years 10 months. Quarter peals totalled 164, two more than the record set up in 1963.

The following officers for 1965 were elected: Master, Mr. N. Bagworth; hon. secretary, Mr. N. Steere; assistant secretary, Mr. B. Bull; auditor, Mr. R. F. Layton; committee members, Rev. A. Clayton, Mr. C. Mew and Mr. W. Jackson. The retiring District Master, Mr. F. E. Collins, was thanked by Mr. N. Bagworth, and the General Master, Mr. A. P. Cannon, for his work for the Association.

After the usual votes of thanks further ringing concluded a successful day. N. G. T. S.

QUARTER PEALS

HALF PEAL

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—On Dec. 31st, at St. Michael and All Angels', 2,632 Plain Bob Major: Trudy Seipel 1, P. J. Malloch 2, Eileen Cross 3, Wendy Lee 4, Margaret Wright 5, T. Sansom 6, D. J. Marshall 7, J. Brannan (cond.) 8. Rung as a first birthday compliment to David Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harrison, ringers at this church.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Jan. 31st, a quarter peal by Wendy Wallace 1, Margaret Godfrey 2, R. Rayfield 3, Carol Cousins 4, E. Godfrey (cond.) 5, C. Macve 6. Rung for Matins, and an engagement compliment to Andrew Macve, tower captain, and Katharine Guy, of Lewisham.

ALBERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pauline Kingston (first quarter as cond.) 1, Miss D. Webb 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Kingston 5. Rung to honour the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Webb.

BILSTON, STAFFS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. G. Davies 1, J. Wilkinson 2, T. J. Graves 3, R. B. Dorrington 4, D. J. Bates 5, R. M. Hodister (first in method as cond.) 6. First quarter of Treble Bob by a local band.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Jan. 14th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: D. P. Treble 1, Catherine M. Powell 2, Angela Wright 3, Peggy C. Taylor 4, B. J. Stone 5, R. I. Vaughan 6, M. J. Bew 7, S. E. Armstrong (cond.) 8, A. W. Bond 9, D. P. Snowsall 10. A 21st birthday compliment to Catherine Powell and Michael Bew.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Michael, on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Jenkins 1, Maureen Simons (first quarter) 2, P. T. Hurcombe 3, Pauline Bligh-Chesman 4, J. I. Parsons (first of Minor as cond.) 5, N. W. H. Simon 6. Rung by members of U.B.S.C.R.

BUCKFAST, DEVON.—At St. Mary's Abbey, on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Alison Read (first quarter) 1, J. Read (first quarter) 2, Mary Russell 3, Rev. Paschal Dowling 4, W. G. Lavers (cond.) 5, Rev. Paulinus Angold 6. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the first six score of Grandsire Doubles rung in Devon, January 21st, 1865.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.—On Jan. 21st, 1,260 Spliced Triples (Oxford Bob and Grandsire): Miss M. Retter 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, Miss V. Look 4, E. E. Retter 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8. First of spliced 1 and 4, Rung on the centenary of the first change ringing in Devon.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Jones 1, Katharine M. Guy 2, Barbara J. Leigh 3, J. Machell 4, A. Lewis 5, A. M. Macve 6, Dr. D. G. H. Hollis (cond.) 7, M. Ferrier 8.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Jan. 24th, 1,320 St. Paul Doubles: D. G. Oliver 1, L. R. Porter 2, R. H. Jones 3, N. D. Deam (cond.) 4, A. Gammon 5. First quarter in the method for all the band and on the bells. Rung for Evensong, for the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Honeywood 1, J. A. Avis 2, N. V. Avis 3, S. Humphrey 4, B. J. Vaughan 5, P. G. Pitt (first as cond.) 6.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 17th, 1,312 Plain Bob Major: E. H. Chadderton 1, Wendy Lee 2, Lesley Wilson 3, J. R. Heap 4, D. Chadderton 5, P. J. Malloch 6, D. J. Marshall 7, J. Brannan (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 St. Martin's Doubles: Miss J. Burleigh 1, Miss V. R. Mathews 2, Miss J. E. M. Hills 3, T. G. Hull 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. First in the method by all and on the bells. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 2nd.

PERSHORE, WORCS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. J. Stephens 1, J. H. Firkins 2, A. C. Berry (cond.) 3, A. A. Jupp 4, A. P. White 5, J. Attwood, jun. 6, J. E. Whittall 7, E. W. Bick 8. First in the method by all the band. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. C. Mason, former organist and choirmaster, interred today.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 17th, 1,272 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. Steer 1, C. Jenkins 2, Rosemary Eccleston 3, D. Welch 4, S. Hough 5, I. Jenkins (cond.) 6. A farewell to D. Welch, who is leaving for Rugby.

LATE NOTICE

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting Gt. Yarmouth, February 13th. Bells available (please note from 3.30 p.m. not 2.30).—N. C., Branch Sec. 6293

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ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On Dec. 6th, at St. Peter's Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Monica Collins 1, R. K. Russ 2, R. A. S. Adams (first quarter 'inside') 3, B. R. Cox 4, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 5, D. J. Bleby 6. Also on Dec. 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. O. Goulter 1, Kaye Lynas 2, Monica Collins 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, R. K. Russ 5, W. B. Pitcher (first of Major as cond.) 6, B. R. Cox 7, D. J. Bleby 8. First of Major 1, 2 and 8. First quarter of Major on the bells by a resident band.

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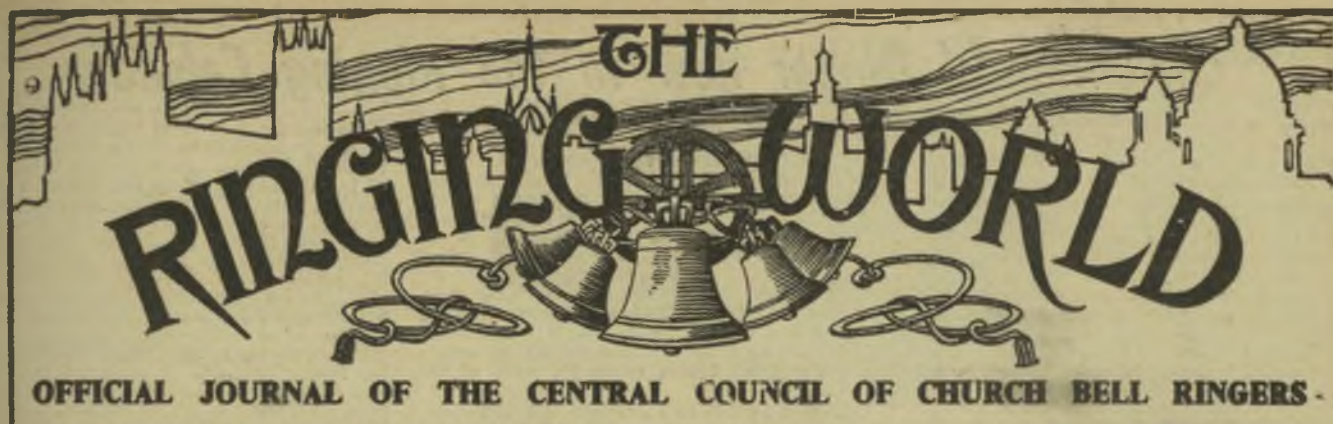
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A SIDESMAN BELLHANGER

A SIDESMAN at Middleton Parish Church, Lancashire, Mr. Victor Tyreman, a 59-year-old toolmaker, has completed almost single-handed an 800-man-hour job of repairing and renovating the eight bells in the tower.

These bells were unsafe through lack of maintenance. The bronze bearings were worn, the clappers were loose and bolts corroded. Six were hung 250 years ago in 1714 and two more were added in 1791. The job took Mr. Tyreman nine months to complete and was mainly done on Saturdays and Sundays.

Telling his story to the 'Middleton Guardian,' to whom we are indebted, Mr. Tyreman mentioned that except for a few hours he was alone with the eight massive bells—St. Leonard's has a tenor of 12½ cwt. in G—60 feet up in the bell tower. It was eerie, almost frightening at times. Often, at about 11 p.m., because of a trick of the wind, the big wooden louvres which form the upper part of the tower walls would start rattling. 'I was scared to death the first time,' said Mr. Tyreman. Later, when the tapping started, he used to call out: 'Come in, if there's anybody there.'

What he decided to do was this: take out the old half-circular bronze bearings carrying the shafts and replace them with full ball-bearing races. This meant that he had to lift the bells, the lightest being 5 cwt. He devised his own screw-jack and lifted up each end of the shafts of the bells in turn. For the two biggest, his employers, Fairwood Engineering, of Middleton Junction, loaned blocks and tackle, and two men helped to haul the bells up. That was almost the only assistance he had.

With the shafts clear, he released the old bearings by clearing out corroded bolts. Then he used an electric drill to make new holes through nine-inch oak beams that were almost rock-hard. These were to locate the new ball races which had to be push-fit on the shafts. The long years of ringing had slowly worn the shafts out of true, and Mr. Tyreman spent scores of hours hand-filing the shafts to a true circle.

This he regarded as one of the hardest, muscle-aching jobs he had ever attempted. But, still alone, he carried

on, using a micrometer to ensure accuracy within thousandths of an inch.

Another tricky operation was providing new bolts for the clappers of seven of the bells. This had to be undertaken with the bells raised, and Mr. Tyreman had to lean inside the bell to release the clapper—a job not without danger, as if it went off the balance he might well have been crushed against the massive oak frame.

One clapper was hanging loose, secured by only one bolt which had lost its lock-nut. If the bell had been rung the clapper might have flown off out through the louvres. The bell-wheels and other parts also needed repair.

When all was finished a Rochdale expert climbed over the bells, and after a thorough examination approved of the work. The 'go' of the bells is excellent and recently a quarter peal was rung—the first since pre-war days.

The praiseworthy service of Mr. Tyreman to his church has resulted in saving many hundreds of pounds; but we would add a word of caution to any amateurs who might feel inclined to emulate his example. It is 'don't.' Bell-hanging is a highly professional skill. It does not come within the ambit of the village blacksmith, still less that of the enthusiastic young ringers.

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Cumberlands' Dinner now in the Ringing Calendar

BIG PROVINCIAL BACKING

THE star of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths is in the ascendancy. Their annual dinner on the first Saturday in February has a firm place in the ringing calendar, and the record attendance of 175 at the Church House Restaurant had a particularly happy evening. The Master, Mr. Dennis Beresford, was an admirable chairman, having the benefit of previous experiences and his light touch enabled the proceedings to go with a swing.

The principal guest was Mr. John Freeman, of Lincoln, vice-president of the Central Council. He brought with him his film of Washington Cathedral visit—and told the story entertainingly. Two other members of the gallant ten who flew across the Atlantic were present—Mr. Peter Staniforth and Mr. Harry Parkes. There was also handbell ringing—this time Stedman Caters rung with a good rhythm.

It is becoming a tradition for Mr. W. R. Winterton to propose the toast of 'The Church.' He is this year the Master of the Company of Drapers, and in an entertaining manner introduced his subject. He regretted the absence of the Vicar of St. Martin's (the Rev. Austin Williams) and the Rev. Meredith Davies, who had always been a good friend of the Society and was now in charge of prisons in the whole of the Home Counties. Welcoming the clergy present he said they had worked out a sort of partnership with the parsons, and it was nice to see them in unfamiliar surroundings. 'You don't have a tankard of beer with a friend you don't like,' he added.

COMPLEMENTARY

The Rev. Gordon Blacktop, Vicar of Thames Ditton, who replied, said the relationship between the Church and the ringers was like a marriage bond, as each was complementary to each other. The Church had the bells, but what would be the use of the bells to her without the ringers, or what would be the use of ringers without bells? To-day it was a very happy union, but there was a time when the relationship between the ringers and the Church was uneasy and there were times when it was a case of armed neutrality. His experience at Thames Ditton was that the situation was very different from that, and it was very different everywhere else. They had ringers who enjoyed their ringing and used their skill as part of their Christian exercise and were doing their ringing in their stewardship of time and talents.

The toast of 'The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths' was again submitted by Mr. E. A. Barnett, the hon. secretary of the Central Council of Church Bellringers. He said his thoughts went back to a speech he made a year or two ago, in which he referred to the question of membership of the Society and the desirability of increasing it. He then made special reference to the efforts of their Master in that direction. This year they could, perhaps, apply that congratulation to the officers generally.

As they saw, they were now under slightly new management—Dr. Sibson, he presumed—and no doubt somebody would pay tribute to the work of Mr. Frank Matthews as secretary over the past few years, during which time he had ably carried on the family tradition.

They might be interested to know that the handbells which would be used later were given by the Vicar of Henley, Suffolk, by the name of William Carter Pearson, who was the founder in 1879 of the Clare Society of Ringers which afterwards became the Cambridge University Guild and a very old member of the Society.

Referring to membership, Mr. Barnett said the most representative gathering that evening did show how the message of the Society had spread. Their friends at Ludgate Circus had a very efficient recruiting system: they had a number of unpaid recruiting officers, whose duty it was to shepherd into the College Youths those worthy of membership. He thought it was something they could imitate.

Mr. Barnett said he did not know if there were any College Youths present, but he had always been received by them with the utmost friendliness and courtesy.

FIRST IN LONDON

If they (the Cumberlands) had been too modest about their Society, it was not always the case. He was looking at a footnote to a peal of London rung by the Society at St. James', Clerkenwell, on May 18th, 1895, which read:—

'Very few if any other band have gone into practice of this intricate method in London, and certainly this is the first to achieve success. A tablet worthy of such a performance should adorn the walls of the belfry.'

Taking part in that peal was Albert Pittam, who also took part in the record length peal of Double Norwich. They might think from that footnote they were very simple men. Perhaps they were: but times had changed, and they now knew that the minimum qualification now to enter a belfry was three A levels, preferably physics, maths and chemistry.

The proposer quoted some verses by J. S. Goldsmith to conclude:—

Who is it from the old church tower
Sends forth the chimes at every hour
To keep the milk from turning sour?

The bellringer!

Who is it in the steeple high
Some strange new method oft will try
Until the nearby stream runs dry?

The bellringer.

Who is it tries on summer's night
To cheer us up with music bright,
But makes us shut our windows tight?

The bellringer.

Who finds an outlet for his skill
By ringing peals and peals until
The people cry out: 'Peace, be still'?

The bellringer.

Who sounds their bells while we're abed
On Sunday morn, with tired head,
Until we wish that he were dead?

The bellringer.

GREATEST ENCOURAGEMENT

The Master, who replied, said as Master the greatest encouragement one could have was a gathering like that. Their attendance was 175, compared with 134 last year. It was the greatest gathering the Society had had in one room. They had a larger gathering on the occasion of their bicentenary at 'The Bell,' but it was in two rooms.

In welcoming the visitors, the Master mentioned that they came from Lincolnshire, Birmingham, Nottinghamshire, Cheshire and a large contingent from Leicester. He hoped that the first Saturday in February would be a day they would always reserve. The past year had been very successful, and it was demonstrated by the large gathering that night. The interest that had been created in the Society and its achievements meant that members were pleased to travel and join them at their annual dinner.

They had a substantially higher number of peals with 17; it was not many by the standard of the territorial associations, but it reflected a great interest in the Society. They were pleased to have with them Jack Millhouse, and it was a tremendous encouragement to them to hear of the peals for the Cumberlands he had rung in the Lincoln area.

Five years ago the Society was undoubtedly in the doldrums; ten years ago the heading to their gathering was 'Apathy in the Society.' Now people came to London to ring and to their annual dinner, and he felt the Society had settled down to a period of expansion and successful achievement. Financially, they had done extremely well, and their bank balance had increased to a satisfactory extent.

'MASTER DONE IT'

It had been his privilege to lead the Society for the past few years, but he must pay due regard to the support he received from the officers, and the members had been extremely kind in accepting his authority. Looking through one of the Society's books he noticed that one name had been totally obliterated. There was a note by the side: 'Master done it,' and he thought of the fate of that man.

During the past three years they had been extremely fortunate in having Frank Matthews as their secretary. He had done a great deal to put the Society on its feet and also a great deal of research into their affairs. He was handing over the Society in a very well run condition. As Mr. Barnett had said, it was the tradition of the Matthews family to serve the Society. Just 50 years ago John Matthews, Frank's grandfather, was Master of the Society and his maternal grandfather and his mother were well-known members.

In a welcome to the College Youths present, the Master said one of the great things they had done was the building up of happy relations with that Society. Concluding, he said, 'The success of the Society was only as good as the Society made it. The Society now attracted members to come to London to ring with us because they like our standard and our fellowship, but there is a lot that could be done by our country members to initiate interest in the Society, and we would be grateful for any effort they can make.'

The speech was followed by a touch of Stedman Caters on handbells rung by E. A. Barnett 1-2, Miss Beresford 3-4, the Master 5-6, D. E. Sibson 7-8, Leslie Weller 9-10.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. Ian Oram with wit and polish.

Mr. John Freeman, vice-president of the Central Council and secretary of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, admitted that with many others there he was a College Youth. There was a saying, he said, 'If you have a Cumberland for a friend you don't need an enemy.' But that gathering had an atmosphere of harmony and goodwill.

CUMBERLANDS OF NOTE

That was the first occasion that he had attended a dinner of the Cumberlands, but he had been his good fortune to ring with many members of their Society. The first Cumberland he recalled was Alf Pulling, well known for his prowess as a ringer—he rang more than 1,000 peals—and for the long lengths of Stedman in hand which he rang. For a short time Peter Bond lived in Lincoln and was teaching in Lincolnshire, and the Education Committee had not yet recovered from the shock. Then there were Mr. and Mrs. Barnett, who were secretary and assistant secretary respectively to the Central Council. Another with them was Harry Parkes, who went to Washington with them at the special request of the Dean. Harry had previously hung the bells in the Cathedral and made a good job of it.

For many years there had been a strong link between the Cumberlands and Lincoln. Since the war they had rung at least one peal at the Cathedral, and in Jack Millhouse they had a veritable champion: he seemed to inveigle all the young ringers into the Cumberlands and added Mr. Freeman, 'I ring with a number of them each week.'

Concluding the speech-making, the Master thanked Mr. Jack Phillips for his tremendous help to the Society in allowing them the use of a number of towers that day—Jewry, Bow, Cripplegate and Cornhill. He also thanked the incumbents of those churches and Mr. Frank Matthews for the way he had organised the dinner.

THE COMPANY

The Master, accompanied by Mrs. D. Beresford, was supported on the top table by Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Barnett, the Rev. G. Blacktop, Mr. and Mrs. J. Freeman, Dr. P. A. F. Chalk, Mr. W. R. Winterton, the Rev. and Mrs. W. Rowett, Mr. I. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Sibson.

Others present were: Mr. and Mrs. D. J. King, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Bowley, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jelley, Mr. and Mrs. P. Staniforth, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. G. Roast, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Symonds, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. R. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. P. Eves, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. V. Green, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dobbie, Mr. and Mrs. R. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Leale, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Bould, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. K. Newman, Mr.

ROVING RINGERS' REUNION

The Roving Ringers' Reunion was held during the week-end of February 6th and 7th. The first tower was St. Peter's, Derby, where a touch of Spiced Grandsire and Stedman Triples and a course of Yorkshire got us off to a good start. A high standard of striking was again attained at St. Luke's. After a rather hurried lunch (Chinese style), we drove out to Duffield, where Little Bob Royal and Kent were among the touches rung. For train spotters, the eighth provided an advantage point for watching British Railways at work. Burton-on-Trent was the last tower of the day, and the Stedman Caters and half-course of Cambridge Royal was a pleasure to listen to.

Back to the hotel and dinner, after which we held a short business meeting. The Master spoke of the good standard of striking which had been achieved during the day, which he hoped would be maintained on the tour. Suggestions for the tour included Norfolk and Suffolk, Sussex and Kent, and Warwick and Oxford. The last-named was chosen with the week-end in Oxford. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Frank Lewis, president (three years); George Even-den, Master; Don Cobb, secretary; Adrienne Gibson, tour secretary; Richard Fentiman, recorder.

Next year's reunion was discussed, bearing in mind that the tour had been moved to the end of August, to coincide with the Bank Holiday, and that there had always been six months between the reunion and the tour. It was decided to move the reunion to the last Saturday in February next year. After the meeting, with Michael at the piano, we sang into the early hours of the morning.

Sunday ringing included visits to St. Alkmund's, St. Andrew's, Derby Cathedral and Lichfield.

We should like to thank all incumbents and the Sunday service bands in Derby and Lichfield for allowing us such extensive use of the bells on Sunday.

A. G.

CUMBERLANDS' DINNER—Cont.

and Mrs. W. H. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Raithby, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Audsley, Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Mayer, Mr. and Mrs. H. Heath, Mr. and Mrs. C. Tester, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Leach, Mr. and Mrs. S. Jenner, Mr. and Mrs. P. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. J. Huxter, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. R. May, Mr. and Mrs. G. Ponting, Mr. and Mrs. L. Weller, Mr. and Mrs. F. Diserens, Mr. and Mrs. A. Diserens.

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50 YEARS A RINGER AT DUNSTER



THOSE who have visited the Somerset tower of Dunster will probably have met Mr. Arthur Tudball, who has just completed 50 years as a ringer in this tower. His fellow ringers would not let the occasion pass unnoticed, and our photograph shows Mr. H. W. Lloyd presenting him, as a mark of their high esteem, with a gold-plated table lighter.

Mr. Tudball was made a probationer in 1915 and a full member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association in 1924. Although not a great peal ringer (he has rung eight), he has been a faithful Sunday ringer. For 30 years he has been tower steward and secretary of the Dunster branch of the Association since 1952.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The first meeting of the North and East District in 1965 was held at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Stanmore, on January 9th, where an average attendance of members and friends enjoyed ringing in a variety of methods.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. S. R. Skemp); Mr. E. J. Leversuch, the local captain, read the lesson, while Brian Burrough was the organist.

Following tea, a short business meeting was held at which the following were elected members of the Association: Miss A. Metcalfe and P. D. Dawson-Taylor (Edgware), Philip Taylor (Finchley), Martin Hickman (Pinner), Jane and John Emmett and Nigel West (Stanmore). The provisional elections of Christine McNair (Marple, Cheshire) and Jennifer M. Cook (Birmingham) as non-resident life members were ratified.

Before proposing a vote of thanks to the Rector and the Stanmore members, Mr. H. G. Hart (chairman) offered the best wishes and sincere congratulations of the meeting to Lorna and Clive Simpson, enthusiastic and popular members of the Harrow-on-the-Hill band notice of whose engagement had recently appeared in 'The Ringing World.'

E. H. K.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD North Lindsey Branch

The overshadowing event of this memorable and historic day was uppermost in everyone's mind at the annual meeting of the North Lindsey Branch held at Barrow-on-Humber on January 30th. The bells were half-muffled for the afternoon ringing as a token of respect to Sir Winston Churchill; and his trust in his fellow Englishmen formed the theme of the Rev. O. A. Comely's address.

The secretary reported a slight decline in membership and a corresponding loss on the year's working.

The Branch president, the Rev. J. E. Swaby, was re-elected, as was the secretary, Mr. C. A. Harrison. Mr. Moody, the retiring Branch Ringing Master, was thanked by several members for his past 20 years' work in office as secretary and Master, and the meeting warmly endorsed these thanks.

Mr. Michael Crowder was unanimously elected as the new Branch Ringing Master. The committee is composed of Messrs. R. Chafer, W. A. Crowder, G. Moody and S. Neave.

The further ringing that took place was a pointer to the youthful enthusiasm which is becoming more apparent, and augurs well for the Branch.

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Letters to the Editor

Ernest Morris Window

Dear Sir,—At last a design has been received and approved for the 'Ernest Morris Memorial Window.' It depicts five ringers in action with a view of the bells, and also includes Ernest's other interests, fonts, door-knockers, horse brasses and a picture of St. Margaret's.

The work has been put in hand, and the artist says that if all goes well we should have the window in by the end of April. As it is costing a little more than we first estimated to allow more subject matter in the design we still need approximately £100.

Donations from those who are not yet associated with this memorial would be gratefully received by me.

The date of the dedication will be given in good time in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours sincerely,

GORDON A. OLLIFFE.

43, Fernhurst Road, Braunstone, Leicester.

Mispronunciation in Calling

Dear Sir,—I am beginning to feel extremely sorry for anyone called 'Bob' who may be the friend of any ringer who aspires to conducting. The diction of most of our conductors is deplorable.

While visiting a London tower recently, a prominent member of the Exercise was conducting a touch. He distinctly called, 'Urp' each time he meant 'Bob,' and at the end of the touch 'saul' sounded much more like 'Bob' than had any of his previous calls. The utterance which everyone took to mean 'Stand' sounded much more like 'Ten' to me.

In my own tower we have one conductor who calls 'Pops,' another whose 'Bobs' sound rather like loud hiccoughs, and another who actually says 'Burp'!

Another word which is invariably mispronounced is 'Grandsire.' One often hears 'Gransia,' 'Granser' and occasionally 'Grantser,' but rarely is the 'd' or the end of the word heard. I always try to make a point of calling 'Go Grandsire,' but this causes some of the older ringers in particular to raise their eyebrows, and I'm sure that they consider me to be a 'square.'

Is this practice of gross mispronunciation an expression of individuality on the part of a conductor or should 'up and coming' conductors be taught to use correct English?

I should be interested to hear other ringers' comments and perhaps a further selection of 'Bobs,' 'Ups,' 'Baps,' etc.—Yours faithfully,

ANGELA GRAINGER.

Brighton.

Fairy Bells

Dear Sir,—After reading the article re Fairy Bells, I am prompted to write to say that I, too, possess an octave of them, which was made by an employee of the Taylor foundry who was at that time rehanging the recast bells of the Warsop Parish Church. While engaged on the work he lived with our family. After the completion and rededication on April 27th, 1913, he presented me with the above-mentioned set, which I greatly cherish, as it occurred on my 34th birthday. The length is 23 inches by 6½ inches wide, the wires are stretched on a slab of oak, two sides, end, and half top are composed of polished mahogany.

I have taken part with it in concerts, also on the local theatre stage: now through old age and infirmity, I can only amuse myself at home with it. Several years ago my son, who is a ringer, was presented with one, which has 12 strings. I have tuned mine to scale of D flat, which gives a most pleasing effect when imitating rise and fall.—Yours truly,

T. R. FLINT.

Worksop.

Early Ringing for Mr. Churchill

Dear Sir,—The whole country was shocked to hear of the death of Sir Winston S. Churchill, and I was no exception. However, I was equally shocked to read in the Belfry Gossip (page 95) where your correspondent states that he was one of the first to ring for the death of Sir Winston.

This subject has been brought up many times before, and each time letters have appeared deploring this 'competition' that goes on for such a sad occasion, yet people still write up and claim this doubtful privilege. Surely the idea of ringing on such an occasion is in memory of a well-known person, in this case one of the greatest Englishmen of our time, and not as a battle to see which band can get into their belfry first after the announcement.

No doubt your correspondent wrote in all good faith, but he plainly acknowledges that his band were among the first to grab their ropes, and under the circumstances I do not consider that this is in any way the correct procedure to pursue.

I hope your correspondent realised the gravity of the occasion for which he was ringing, and that this practice of grabbing ropes at such sad times will very soon develop into a serious heartfelt tribute to the person they are remembering. It seems to me that occasions such as this are becoming to some people just another excuse for ringing the bells.—Yours in disgust,

Codsall, Staffs. PHILIP R. JOHNSON.

Note.—We do not think the individual tower took any pride in the achievement of early ringing, but mentioned it as being in accordance with the responsibility of ringers indicating to the public as soon as possible a great national occasion. Before 10 a.m. that Sunday morning the Editor had rung in touches of Cambridge Minor and Plain Bob Major with the bells muffled. This was because the main service was at 10 a.m. The flag was flying half-mast from the tower at 9.10 a.m.

When is a Peal not a Peal?

Dear Sir,—I have often been puzzled by the point which is raised by the correspondence between Messrs. Morton and Butler. The question seems to be, when does a peal end? I have not any official rule-books with me, but I was under the impression that a peal consisted of so many true changes, or complete 720's, etc. (according to the number of bells) rung without intermission and beginning and ending with rounds.

It would appear that Mr. Morton and his band did ring 42 complete 120's beginning and ending with rounds: the fact that they followed it immediately with a touch of 60 is quite irrelevant. Usually one terminates a peal with a few extra rounds before calling 'Stand,' but these are not held to invalidate the peal; but what if instead of calling 'Stand' the conductor said 'Go again'?

Surely the peal proper ends as soon as rounds come up; what happens after that has nothing to do with it. This would mean, of course, that Mr. Morton is wrong in claiming a peal of 5,100, but I think it is quite unjust if he is not allowed to have rung a peal of 5,040, and if this is in fact so under the rules, then they should be amended—there would still be no point in ringing the odd 60, should a band wish to do so, but it should not be allowed to invalidate the peal which has been in fact correctly rung preceding it.

Of course 'peals' on less than seven bells are anomalous and bound to be subject to some sort of arbitrary restriction: for example, one would disallow the peal if the 60 were inserted so that rounds did not in fact come up at the 5,040th blow, and this is fair if it is felt that a peal on five or six bells must consist of exactly 5,040 changes, as on seven. But Mr. Morgan specifically tells us that the extra 60 came at the end, and I hope he will press his claim to have rung a proper 5,040 and get this anomaly cleared up.—Yours faithfully,

A. R. PARGETER.

Tiverton, Devon.

The Bells were Rung—Enough

Dear Sir,—When our late great statesman and leader died on January 24th I mentioned to one of my ringing friends that within a fortnight letters would appear in 'The Ringing World' claiming that the bells had been rung up and down the country within minutes of Sir Winston's death. Were we the first? Is this really necessary? Surely the fact that the bells were rung in his memory for this sad occasion is enough.

Peals and quarter peals were rung not so that our names appeared in print but because, as ringers, we had the skill and the initiative to show our appreciation for all that Sir Winston did for this country and the world, in this way. As a church organisation we should feel satisfied with our performances and never seek praise for what we have done, or make claims that we were quicker off the mark than some of our fellow members.

I was fortunate enough to ring a quarter peal myself at Smarden on the same date. My thanks are due to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to five of my ringing friends who rang with me, thus giving me the opportunity of showing my own appreciation. Please stop making all these uncalculated claims and, instead, praise those who were patient enough to teach you the art of change ringing in the first place.

Regarding the last entry in 'Belfry Gossip' (page 96), my sincere congratulations to the young band on their 200 call changes. I am sure you all did your very best. My best wishes to you all for your first quarter peal.—Yours sincerely,

J. F. RICHARDS.

Bethersden.

All Singles Bob Major

Dear Sir,—Perhaps Mr. Geoffrey Dodd will be interested in the following composition of 9,760 Bob Major by Ernest Morris.

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OBITUARY

MR. EDWARD RUDKIN

With the passing on February 2nd of Mr. Edward Rudkin, at the age of 78 years, Weston Favell, Northampton, has lost a loyal ringer and worshipper—a true Christian to all who knew him.

He originated from Ridlington, Rutland, and in 1911 when the three bells there were augmented to four, Ted Rudkin learned to ring in this humble way. After World War I he moved to Northampton to take up work as a parks foreman for the town council. He was an authority on horticulture and often gave good advice to ringers on gardening matters.

He did not take up ringing again until 1951, when, at 65, he retired. One Sunday he introduced himself in Weston Favell tower, saying he would again like to try his hand on a bell after a lapse of over 30 years; this he did with success. He preferred ringing the treble, unless only four strong, when he would take a bell 'inside' to Minimus. He rang many quarter peals of Doubles. At the age of 72 he rang his one and only peal—the treble to Doubles at Boughton on October 11th, 1958. He last rang on January 31st.

The funeral was on February 6th and the minor five bells were rung as the cortege entered and left the church; a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled as a last tribute by: H. Marlow 1, Miss G. H. Ashby 2, W. Allen 3, G. F. Roome (cond.) 4, P. Amos 5. P. A.

MR. STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL

Mr. P. G. Smart writes concerning Mr. Stanley T. A. Russell, general secretary of Guildford Diocesan Guild and vice-captain of Ash tower:

Stan started ringing in about 1916 at Rotherfield, Sussex, where he rang for many years before moving to Tunbridge Wells. It was not until 1952 that he moved to Ash, where he soon became an active member of the church. His kindness and friendly welcome to visiting ringers will be remembered by many, as will his many stories of ringing and ringers, and particularly of his beloved home at Rotherfield, where he was laid to rest.

The tower at Ash bears witness to the many hours he spent in it, splicing ropes, tending the bells and fittings, and doing all the odd jobs about the tower. Stan will be missed but not forgotten and in retrospect his life's motto may have been: 'Never absent, never late.'

MR. J. JEFFERIES

The Cathedral and St. John's companies of ringers in Worcester lost their oldest member by the death of John J. Jefferies on January 23rd. Jack Jefferies learned to ring in the Cirencester district before the First World War. He came to Worcester in 1919 and joined the Cathedral Guild of Ringers, of which he was later ringing master.

In his earlier days he taught bands of ringers at St. Nicholas', Worcester, Claines and Kempsey. For his services at Claines he was presented with a gold watch by the late Mr. E. P. Thomas, who had paid for the augmentation of the bells.

He had been unable to ring at the Cathedral in recent years owing to his age, but rang regularly at St. John's, where he last rang on the Sunday before he died—his 85th birthday.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Northern Division

This year the Northern Division visited the 'country' town of Crawley for its annual Divisional meeting, but the 'country' part of the town is sadly missing these days, now that the 'new' town has surrounded the lovely old church with cheap dolls' house like shops, which give an atmosphere of cheap-jacks behind a grid of concrete and glass, and street lamps towering upwards and casting a ghost-like light on all below. One wonders what Fred and Jack Rice, Jim Parker and Oliver Sippetts would think of Crawley now!

Despite this modern monstrosity, a very successful meeting was held. The Rector conducted a homely service in the famous old church, after which justice was done to the tea, ably supervised by Mr. and Mrs. George Jennings and helpers. The Master of the Association presided at the business meeting, and congratulated the Divisional secretary (Mrs. E. L. Hairs) on the businesslike manner of all her arrangements and for her hard work in building up the Northern Division. After the usual first item on the agenda, 22 new members were elected, a most gratifying sign. The officers were all re-elected, Mr. E. Knapp joining the committee in place of the member who had resigned. The Rev. Peter Scott (Rector of Withyham) reported progress on the new "Form of Service" book. The substantially-built tower stood up to the strain of the 60-odd ringers present.

It was decided to hold a striking competition in the summer. Northern Division members please note! E. L. H.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Mansfield District

The annual meeting of the Mansfield District was held at SS. Peter and Paul's, Mansfield, on Saturday, January 30th. As the arrangements for the meeting had been made in advance, the bells were rung half-muffled on this, the day when the whole nation paid tribute to Sir Winston Churchill. Those present at the service were reminded, too, of the strength and character of this great man during an inspiring address given by a fellow ringer, Church Army Captain Michael Amos.

Approximately 50 people attended at Grove House for tea, following which the chairman, Mr. S. W. Fossey, opened the business meeting. New members elected were Misses T. Walker, A. Walker and S. Potter, of Greasley; A. Daykin, B. Morran, P. Mellor, R. Spencer and Miss J. Booth, of Warsop.

Miss L. M. Jacques and Mrs. A. A. Rooke were elected hon. vice-presidents, and the following District officers were returned: Chairman, Mr. S. W. Fossey; secretary, Mr. D. J. Beach; Ringing Master, Mr. H. T. Rooke; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. F. Adcock; committee member, Mr. D. H. Rooke.

It was reported that during 1964 the District had shown an increase both financially and in membership. Ringing afterwards included Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise as well as rounds and call changes.

Next meeting: Warsop, March 27th.

D. J. B.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH
DIOCESAN GUILD

The 1965 annual general meeting of the Portsmouth District was held on February 6th at St. Mary's, Portsea, and was attended by 41 members and friends. A short service was conducted by the Rev. Glynn Jones, followed by a fine tea served by the ladies.

The Master of the Guild, Canon K. Felstead, sent his apologies for not being able to attend. Ringing members elected were: Mr. W. Tate (unattached), Mr. D. Luckett (Fareham), Mr. T. Hargreaves (Curdridge), Mr. D. Pike (Alverstoke) and Mr. G. Gammon (Portsmouth Cathedral). Ratification of tower elections of the following compounding members was made: Mr. A. Dixon, Miss Patricia M. Samuel, Mr. R. Ian Bowren and Mr. K. Paul Gulliver. One ringing member, Mr. A. Cope, transferred to compounding membership.

The secretary's annual report indicated that ringing throughout the District showed an improvement over 1963. New members elected during 1964 were: Ringing 12, Junior 9, Associate 1, Compounding 17. L. D. D.

THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales District

The South Wales District of the Ladies' Guild held its annual District meeting at Newton Nottage, Porthcawl, on January 30th. Despite the bitterly cold weather and a bus strike, the meeting drew an attendance from a very wide area, and the bells were well used throughout the afternoon and evening. Mr. Trevor Roderick and the Rev. D. Ford were waiting to welcome the visitors.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon W. Roach, assisted by the Rev. D. Ford. Mr. Roderick read the lesson and Miss D. Packwood was at the organ. Tea was waiting in the Church Hall, prepared by the young people of 'Cynry'r-Groes.' Mr. Arthur Hoare thanked this active youth group.

At the business meeting six new members were elected. Mrs. Catherine Coles was re-elected vice-president, Mrs. J. S. King secretary, and committee members were Mrs. Whitworth, Mrs. Brutten, Miss D. Hulbert, Miss H. Way, Miss P. Welch and Miss C. Glastonbury.

It was decided to try to hold meetings on May 22nd and October 23rd at Llandall and Ebbw Vale.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT
SOCIETY

In spite of competition from the Northern Universities' meeting in Sheffield and Rotherham area, a successful meeting of the above Society was held at Killamarsh on February 6th.

In addition to catering for less experienced ringers, a variety of Treble Bob and Surprise Minor methods was rung before and after tea.

Mr. F. Parr, captain of Killamarsh ringers, played the organ for the homely service prior to tea, which, as usual, was of a very high standard and at a very low price.

Instead of a business meeting, those present were entertained to Grandsire Caters and Little Bob Minor on handbells before returning to the tower.

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LONG LENGTH

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 28th, 2,880 Plain Bob Minor: M. E. Nisly 1, A. J. Davey 2, J. K. A. Cook 3, E. J. Whiting 4, G. W. Massey 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Jan. 27th, 1,440 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Rosemary A. Woodward 1, J. H. Hayne 2, N. J. Hayne 3, J. I. Glyde 4, H. J. Ford (cond.) 5, D. J. Wood 6.

ABBOT'S LEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): J. Butler 1, R. Fitzgeorge 2, N. Coombs (cond.) 3, C. Coombs 4, M. Gregory 5, G. Moore 6.

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Wyatt 1, Diana Reeves 2, P. Davis 3, Pamela E. Powell 4, Charlotte A. Bennett 5, M. Sayers 6, R. A. Reeves (cond.) 7, F. Churn 8.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Palfreyman 1, S. H. Reader 2, A. J. Yorke (cond.) 3, C. J. Lovatt 4, D. B. Ongley 5, T. G. Clay 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 6. First quarter by an all local band since 1920.

ANDOVER, HANTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Pitman 1, Mrs. T. Tarrant 2, O. Smart 3, L. Dean 4, T. Tarrant 5, W. Mulford 6.

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. I. F. White 1, Mrs. J. A. Woodruff 2, A. J. White 3, D. G. Wheeler 4, R. Woodruff (cond.) 5, W. J. Pitkin (first quarter) 6.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. G. Phillips 1, J. Brain 2, C. Kortright 3, L. Derrick 4, W. P. Blake 5, E. T. Lee 6, D. G. Yeo (cond.) 7, W. J. Lott 8.

BANBURY, OXON.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Wightman 1, Mrs. M. Olive Gillett 2, H. H. L. Alexander (cond.) 3, J. Bishop 4, G. Hankin 5, C. Herbert 6, J. M. Stretton 7, H. Bishop 8.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Newman 1, S. Brook 2, F. Smith 3, Mrs. W. Brook 4, A. Turner (cond.) 5, D. Newman 6. Also on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Smith 1, P. Hills 2, M. Hills 3, A. Turner (cond.) 4, S. Brook 5, F. Smith 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): T. Bryant 1, R. Parker 2, F. J. White (cond.) 3, Mrs. P. Crocker 4, A. Callow 5, W. Prescott 6.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Jan. 30th, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Henderson (first of Doubles) 1, C. J. N. Dalton 2, E. Dodds 3, L. C. Way 4, P. J. Bushell (cond.) 5, F. A. Benn 6.

BENTLEY, YORKS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. E. Anderson 1, Mrs. E. Wylie 2, Miss P. Leigh 3, A. Mullinger 4, J. Whitham (cond.) 5.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Payne 1, B. Johnson 2, Miss C. Wood 3, G. Grant 4, R. Benstead 5, H. Deacon (first as cond.) 6, F. Goodearle (tenor cover).

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 1st, at St. Mark's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. W. J. Vann 1, L. A. Whewall 2, J. A. J. Loveday (first 'inside') 3, W. E. Burnell 4, A. Campden (first as cond.) 5, M. Flander (first quarter) 6.

BRAY, BERKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (1, 2 leading): Juliet Hall 1, C. Burridge 2, Janice M. Penning 3, Wenda R. Harris (first 'inside') 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, R. Blewitt 6, Doreen Hague 7, John E. Norsworthy 8. Plus 90 whole pull and stand. First in the method for all the band.

BRENCHELY, KENT.—On Jan. 25th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: T. E. Sone 1, Carole Sone 2, P. Bayes 3, M. R. T. Lambert 4, R. T. Lambert (cond.) 5, R. E. Lambert 6.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Furbank 1, Sylvia Hayward 2, J. Sitch 3, B. Hines 4, A. Pryke 5, P. Bedford (cond.) 6, E. Sitch 7, H. Flanders 8.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob): P. Gibson 1, Rosemarie A. Friih 2, Marion R. Pantan 3, A. R. Groves 4, M. J. Cowling 5, I. R. Pantan (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: C. H. Blake 1, S. Miles 2, W. G. Saunders 3, F. C. Arnold 4, F. Pearson 5, C. F. Philippo (cond.) 6.

Third Instalment of Quarter Peals

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary F. D. Thompson 1, Stella M. Knight 2, Janet M. Bailey 3, Jean M. Hall 4, D. S. Anderson 5, D. L. Hall 6, K. C. Knight (cond.) 7, A. Brown 8.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. E. Davies 1, T. C. Phillimore 2, Mrs. D. C. Chatfield 3, D. C. Chatfield 4, D. G. Mitchell 5, B. J. Luck 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, T. H. Holmes 8, R. G. French 9, E. A. Dixon 10.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Haddon 1, Mrs. W. Sherrell 2, T. Haddon (cond.) 3, W. Haddon 4, J. Nichols 5, W. Sherrell 6.

CHELSEA, KENT.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: P. Lane 1, Hilary Martin 2, Jennifer Payne 3, Jillian Outwaite 4, D. C. Manger (cond.) 5, R. W. Hinde 6.

CANNINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): A. Webber 1, L. Pople 2, F. Fackrell 3, W. Heyward 4, H. Pople (cond.) 5, W. Bartholomew 6.

CHELTENHAM, GLOS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: W. A. Farmer 1, C. A. Wratten (cond.) 2, E. T. Newbury 3, Miss V. Willard 4, P. Baker 5, L. Edwards 6, Rev. J. B. T. Homfray 7, W. Newman 8.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Slade 1, D. E. Cobb 2, I. L. Dear 3, E. Newnham 4, R. J. Chapman 5, E. Pickett 6, F. W. Ellis (cond.) 7, D. S. Billimore 8.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. H. Payton 1, M. J. Bura 2, M. D. Fuller (first as cond.) 3, T. J. Wellen 4, J. F. Payne 5, L. Connor 6.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Corcoran 1, Miss J. A. Suffolk 2, J. E. Lloyd 3, J. Draycott 4, Mrs. E. M. Wood 5, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 6, G. A. Bell 7, W. J. Day 8, A. H. Beamish (cond.) 9, Miss M. J. Mason 10.

CHIRTON, WILTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Cannings 1, D. Stone 2, F. Stone 3, C. Smith (cond.) 4, B. Smith 5, J. Cannings 6.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Chaplin (first quarter) 1, J. Walton (cond.) 2, K. Gatehouse (first 'inside') 3, C. Avery (first quarter) 4, R. Dare 5.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At the Parish Church, on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Telling (first on eight) 1, H. L. Cooke 2, Rev. T. P. Hearn 3, P. Morgans 4, E. H. Jefferies 5, P. Law 6, F. J. Lewis, jun. (cond.) 7, G. Thompson 8. The bells at Holy Trinity, Watermoor, were also rung.

CLAVERTLEY, SALOP.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Courtman 1, W. Francis 2, V. Parton 3, E. Drew (cond.) 4, C. Jones 5, F. Bennett 6, F. Hinton 7, A. Nurse 8.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.—At Emmanuel Church, on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Dixon 1, C. T. Rawlings 2, J. T. Parsons 3, W. F. Bonner 4, M. H. Gregory 5, W. Willans (first 'inside') 6, A. W. T. Cleaver (cond.) 7, R. J. Tapsfield 8.

CLYST ST. GEORGE, DEVON.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Reeves 1, D. Wills 2, M. F. Lock (cond.) 3, Miss J. Smith 4, P. Colton 5, H. Crisp 6.

COLLINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. A. Crow 1, Jenny Saunders 2, J. Warwick 3, G. A. Atkins 4, S. Newman (cond.) 5.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): K. Gatehouse 1, Miss B. Pearce 2, P. England 3, V. James 4, A. Fisher (cond.) 5, J. Howell 6. First in method 2, 3, 6.

CROPTHORNE, WORCS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods/variations): R. J. Stephens 1, I. Lloyd 2, A. C. Berry (cond.) 3, Ann Collett 4, James Atwood, jun. 5, E. W. Bick 6.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCs.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Hobson 1, S. Osborne 2, D. Vincent 3, J. Thornley 4, F. Brownlow 5, H. Worrall 6, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 7, T. W. Smith 8.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods/variations): P. Whale 1, R. Fisher 2, Pamela Osborne 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6.

DOVER, KENT.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 changes: Miss I. Williams (first quarter) 1, Mrs. H. George 2, C. George 3, J. Eagles 4, M. Godfrey 5, J. Walker 6, G. Gray (cond.) 7, G. Ruck 8. Also in memory of the Mayor of Dover (Ald. Bushell).

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Saviour's, on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Siedman Triples: Miss K. Rivett 1, Mrs. B. Percy 2, Miss J. Percy 3, H. Reynolds 4, I. White (first of Siedman) 5, I. Smith 6, A. Baldock (cond.) 7, T. Barlow 8.

EAST HARTING, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. E. Sheldrake 1, Dr. P. H. A. Jonason 2, L. W. King 3, J. H. Tinney 4, B. J. Hammond (cond.) 5, H. E. Lock 6.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Summerhayes 1, A. D. Flood 2, Miss S. Aveyard 3, Mrs. D. L. Hiscock 4, J. W. Priest 5, W. A. Peck 6, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 7, G. R. Tickner 8.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Miss G. Reeve 1, J. Yorke Parker 2, Mrs. Ivings 3, Miss D. Reeve 4, H. Fuller 5, H. Ivings 6, N. Watson 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8.

ERCHFONT, WILTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. P. Heath 1, Jennifer Alexander 2, W. Cook 3, G. Heath 4, W. Alexander (cond.) 5, D. Cook 6.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Jue 1, G. M. Boyd 2, R. Sturges 3, Cdr. J. Merritt 4, S. A. Scott 5, R. K. Hawkins 6, G. F. Miles 7, J. H. Hunt 8, A. H. Sturges (cond.) 9, J. W. Stevenson 10.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): A. C. Carter 1, J. Strawford 2, C. Timms 3, F. H. Whapp 4, C. R. Miles 5, J. Moore 6, C. I. J. Pearce (cond.) 7, F. C. Carter 8.

FECKENHAM, WORCS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Blanthorn (first quarter) 1, J. W. Perkins 2, M. D. Leek 3, R. H. Hunt 4, E. Styler (cond.) 5, R. C. Barker 6.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Smith 1, Mrs. R. Wake 2, Susan Main (first quarter) 3, P. Stevens 4, R. Wake (cond.) 5, P. Wills 6. Also on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Bob Minor: P. Stevens 1, Mrs. R. Wake (first of Minor) 2, Anne Smith 3, Felicity Pocock 4, R. Wake 5, M. J. Wake (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

FILTON, GLOS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rachael M. Morse 1, Ruth C. J. Sheldon 2, Mary N. Haslam (first as cond.) 3, D. C. Haslam 4, A. Howard 5, M. E. Buckler 6.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Minor (Kent 1 B, Plain Bob): K. J. Chapman 1, C. Richardson 3, E. J. Chapman 4, R. J. Cowley 5, E. G. Buckley 6, D. G. Pearson (cond.) 7, J. Worley (cover) 8.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): J. Lindsey 1, I. E. Lindsey 2, H. Collin 3, C. T. H. Bradley (cond.) 4, J. H. Musson 5, C. Wilkinson 6.

FREINTON, Lincs.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Minor (Single Court, Plain Bob): D. Walmedy 1, A. Pearson 2, A. Goldsmith (first quarter) 3, F. Leggett 4, H. Harper 5, G. Dawson 6.

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): F. Foreman 1, Mrs. Ivings 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, N. Watson 4, H. Fuller 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6.

GLASTON, RUTLAND.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. W. Reynolds 1, G. T. Norris (first of Minor) 2, L. H. Atton 3, R. R. Sparrow 4, J. G. Beadman 5, E. A. Jacques 6. First of Minor 3, 4 and 5.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Kent: B. C. Mann (cond.) 1, G. Emery 2, C. Southgate 3, A. Appleton 4, W. White 5, H. R. Appleton 6, F. Southgate cover.

GOSFIELD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. H. Moore 1, H. Moore 2, Miss J. Sprague 3, F. Clavdon 4, W. Arnold 5, Miss H. G. Snowden (cond.) 6.

GREAT AMWELL, HERTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Coptcoat 1, Mrs. F. Andrews 2, F. Cooke 3, R. Berry 4, R. Hornby (cond.) 5, C. Pawsey 6.

GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,320 Doubles (five methods/variations): A. Sturges 1, Pamela Osborne 2, B. Osborne 3, R. Whiting 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, R. Bailey 6.

IN MEMORIAM SIR WINSTON S. CHURCHILL

GREAT DALBY, LEICS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob): T. Field 1, J. T. P. Thorpe 2, D. Toon 3, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 4, C. E. Cooper 5.

GREAT HALE, Lincs.—On Feb. 1st, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): June Bird 1, Daphne P. Brown 2, Patricia F. Rooney 3, A. Bird (cond.) 4, M. Rooney 5, G. T. Brown 6.

GREAT HORWOOD, Bucks.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Moore 1, F. G. Edmans 2, J. Hall 3, H. France 4, M. Jamison (cond.) 5, F. Bull 6.

GRETON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. M. Reynolds 1, Miss E. W. Woolton 2, G. T. Norris 3, R. R. Sparrow 4, G. W. Reynolds (cond.) 5.

HALESTAD, Essex.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Trendell 1, F. Claydon 2, Mrs. H. Moore 3, H. Moore 4, R. Martin 5, Miss H. G. Snowden 6, W. Arnold (cond.) 7, J. Whitbread 8.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. A. Muggridge 1, Mrs. G. Levett 2, Susan H. Gladwish 3, S. H. Buckland 4, C. A. Levett (cond.) 5, A. J. Parcell 6.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): B. D. Sims 1, S. Swift 2, M. Matthews 3, R. H. C. Johnson 4, M. Hall (cond.) 5, R. Foster 6.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDD.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. E. Simpson 1, Mrs. M. G. Gage 2, Miss P. J. Laycock 3, C. W. Simpson 4, Mrs. J. Rose 5, R. A. Gage 6, B. A. Rose 7, J. Elliott 8.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Hibbert 1, D. Jordan 2, C. Garlick 3, L. Cox 4, J. Napper (cond.) 5, W. Gilks 6, W. Corderoy 7, D. Bosley 8.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 31st, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: Elizabeth Taylor 1, Gillian Sims 2, G. T. Cousins (cond.) 3, D. M. Morton 4, Julie A. V. Caligari 5, J. F. I. Turney 6, P. D. Sell 7, M. C. W. Sherwood 8, A. T. Wingate 9, T. Wood 10.

HERTFORD.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): B. Foley 1, J. Thorn 2, J. Kemp 3, C. Springham 4, C. Hayer (cond.) 5, J. Game 6, P. Searle 7, D. Pullen 8.

HOLME HALE, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Jeffery 1, Miss F. A. M. Frost 2, A. R. Wile 3, B. Bennett 4, S. H. Waterfield (cond.) 5, R. H. Harmer 6.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): C. Manley 1, C. Summers 2, W. Baker 3, W. Webb 4, R. Watts 5, B. Harvey 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, J. Real 8.

KEMERTON, GLOS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Onions 1, F. Wood (cond.) 2, M. Walker 3, C. Brazier 4, D. Devereux 5, R. Jones 6.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Zass 1, A. Millidge 2, Hilary M. Johnson 3, N. Watts 4, Deborah Hopkins 5, M. Bangham 6, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 7, D. Wilkins 8.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Newby 1, Mrs. S. E. Newby 2, Rev. F. C. Whitaker 3, N. M. Newby (cond.) 4, O. Gere (first quarter) 5, N. M. Newby, Jun. 6.

KINGWESTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): T. Bryant 1, Mrs. P. Crocker 2, Miss J. Crocker 3, A. Callow 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5.

KIRK ELIA, E. YORKS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Campbell 1, H. C. Palmer (cond.) 2, K. Kirk 3, G. K. Smith 4, K. Goldthorpe 5, A. B. Cooper 6. Also on Jan. 1st, 1,259 Single Oxford Minor: M. J. Wilson 1, K. Goldthorpe 2, K. Kirk 3, A. B. Cooper 4, H. C. Palmer 5, D. S. Johnson (cond.) 6.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Rothwell 1, F. J. White (cond.) 2, Mrs. P. Crocker 3, C. Clarke 4, R. Parker 5, H. Westlake 6.

LEIGH, GLOS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Palfrey 1, K. Poulton 2, I. Goulter (cond.) 3, H. Poulton 4, W. Poulton 5, F. Palfrey 6.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Insley 1, H. B. Whitney 2, J. D. Clapp (first of Grandsire) 3, J. Vickers 4, R. Woodruff (cond.) 5, K. Jackson 6, A. Jeffs 7, P. G. Williams 8.

LEYLAND, LANCs.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Walmsley (cond.) 1, M. Fish 2, W. H. Hunter 3, D. Marsden 4, G. Mee 5, J. E. Sumner 6.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): T. Eales 1, P. Westerman 2, Rev. E. Orland 3, E. Gautrey 4, J. Goddard (cond.) 5.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Jan. 30th, 1,092 Stedman Triples: Angela Quick 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, G. S. Morris 3, M. Hiller 4, H. G. Keeley 5, F. G. Knight 6, C. W. Powell (cond.) 7, J. Davis 8.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 31st, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Peters 1, Mrs. R. Wake 2, J. Pelham (first quarter) 3, C. H. Shepherd 4, R. Wake (cond.) 5, G. Lee 6.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): E. Cribble 1, H. G. Blanchard 2, J. Mace 3, E. Player 4, H. E. Blacker 5, D. Dunnett 6, L. K. Grey (cond.) 7, J. E. Billings 8.

MARK, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Puddy (first quarter) 1, F. B. Comer 2, Miss K. Hine (first quarter) 3, I. J. Burrough (cond.) 4, S. Body 5, P. Ham 6, Miss M. Puddy (first quarter) 7, Mrs. D. G. Burrough 8.

MEPPERSHALL, BEDS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. W. Firmin 1, S. H. Ashton 2, M. E. Simons 3, H. W. Lawrence 4, P. G. Rogers (first as cond.) 5, First quarter 1 and 3.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDD.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Cuckson 1, A. Price 2, C. King 3, R. Fraser 4, C. Ward 5, W. Bradbrook 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, W. Langley 8.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): L. Childs 1, L. Derrick 2, T. G. Phillips 3, J. Brain 4, C. Kortright (cond.) 5, W. J. Lott 6.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Smith 1, G. Davis 2, G. Cowlin 3, B. Branson 4, M. Parker 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Hines 1, Miss B. Syrett 2, A. G. Harrison 3, G. Maynard 4, R. Churchill 5, L. Minns 6, H. Fuller 7, W. J. Platt (cond.) 8.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Blain 1, Mrs. R. Houghton 2, R. Quince (first 'inside') 3, C. Blain 4, Miss J. Ashton (cond.) 5, R. Houghton 6.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,440 Doubles (12 methods): Miss S. Meredith 1, Mrs. C. Mills 2, F. Bradley and T. Dutton 3, Mrs. D. Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss G. Reeve 1, Mrs. Ivings 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, H. Ivings 4, J. Paul 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Hutley 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, A. Richardson 3, F. Bird 4, T. Camp 5, W. M. Fraser (first quarter) 6. Fully muffled.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 27th, 720 Kent T.B.: 540 Plain Bob: Cyril Cousins 1, W. Cousins 2, J. Fox (cond.) 3, R. Newson 4, H. Follen 5, C. Cousins 6.

WESTERLEIGH, GLOS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ferris 1, Jenny Coombs 2, M. Webb 3, Margaret Wild 4, H. T. Ferris (cond.) 5, F. Smith 6.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Binsted 1, P. Fox (first of Doubles and 'inside') 2, J. M. Swift 3, I. Smith 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, J. Evans 6.

WOODBURY, EXETER.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Briggs 1, N. Millett 2, A. Gooding 3, G. West 4, G. Ellett 5, L. K. Dawe 6, J. Glanvill (cond.) 7, J. Gooding 8.

WORCESTER.—At the Church of St. Swithun, on Jan. 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. M. Grosvenor 1, D. G. Franklin 2, M. J. Robinson 3, R. J. Adams 4, F. C. Pugh 5, P. Cattermole (cond.) 6.

YAXHAM, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Moore 1, Janet Hohl 2, A. Moore 3, K. Hohl (cond.) 4, P. Stevenson 5, R. Huisson 6, First quarter 1 and 5.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): K. Park 1, Mrs. B. Park 2, Mrs. R. Sheldon 3, M. Edwards 4, H. Fitter (cond.) 5, J. Belshaw 6, R. Weeks 7, C. Aubrey 8. A farewell to the Vicar, Canon Charles Crowson, who has been appointed chaplain to the British Embassy and Vicar of Athens.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Margaret Eddy, a member of the Wollaton, Nottingham, tower, has left to live in Germany. Before leaving, she rang her first quarter peal (Plain Bob) 'inside.'

The peal rung by the University of London Society at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, was to the memory of Sir Winston S. Churchill. It was inadvertently published on page 98 without the appropriate footnote.

Mr. G. K. Dodd desires to make a correction to the footnote to the peal of Bob Major rung at Overton on January 16th. It was the get together of Philip and Denby Murduck and the 30th together for Geoffrey Dodd and Denby Murduck and not as printed.

Among the many young people who rang their first peals on this national occasion was Miss Linda Illison, who took part in a peal at Stotfold. She has been learning hardly a year and responded to her first attempt extremely well, reports Mr. P. Mehew.

If Mr. Clark, of Harrogate, who sought information concerning his grandfather taking part in a millenary peal at Ripon would communicate with Mr. Edward Hudson, of Singleton Cottage, Sharow, Ripon, he will visit him and supply some information.

The peal at Knebworth on January 16th (page 82) was rung in 2 hours and 35 minutes and not 2 hours and 25 minutes, as reported. The 'untrained secretary' to the conductor desires to refute any responsibility for giving a wrong impression of undue speeding by the tenor ringer.

The many friends of Mr. Ernie Pearce (District secretary of the South East Suffolk Guild) will be sorry to learn he has returned to hospital for an operation and is now in Prettyman Ward, Foxhall Hospital, Ipswich. A letter or two will cheer things up enormously.

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Things We Should Not Have Done

With the memory of a phrase used by Mr. E. A. Barnett in our ears: 'The brain will only absorb as much as the seat will endure,' we must acknowledge with regret the errors that occurred in our last issue. Although the Editor was at his desk until after 10 p.m. on two vital days before publication had his seat and brain held out these might not have happened.

The peal at St. Albans was not at the Abbey, but at St. Peter's, where we faltered on our front page.

Two pages inadvertently slipped into the eight pages of peals in honour of Mr. Churchill—at Burford on January 16th and at Putney on January 23rd.

St. Paul's Was His 100th

Mr. W. J. Rawlings, of Beckingham, Kent, a respected member of the St. Paul's Society, has just completed his 100 peals, which have been spread over 53 years. His first was rung in 1911, but 71 peals have been rung since 1945. They have been rung in 40 towers for nine societies with 312 ringers and 52 conductors. He regards his most memorable peal as that rung at St. Paul's on January 31st for the funeral of Sir Winston Churchill. Then his pupil, Roger Overington, who is only 20, rung the treble whilst he was privileged to 'strap' the tenor.

Actual details of the peals—all on tower bells—were Doubles 1, Triples and Major 60, Caters and Royal 31 (includes one spliced Grandsire and Stedman, also one spliced Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob), Cinques and Maximus 8.

The Middlesex Tribute

The Oxford Diocesan Guild was not the only one to honour the passing of Sir Winston Churchill with an officers' peal. A similar tribute was arranged by the Master of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (Mr. John R. Mayne). This included two officers from each district as well as the Master and general secretary. It was rung at Harrow Weald on January 26th, and the method selected was Wembley Surprise Major. As Sir Winston was the first honorary freeman of Harrow and attended the school on the hill, the choice of tower was appropriate.

Verena's First

Sixteen-year-old Verena Simpson is to be congratulated on the capable way in which she rang her first quarter peal recently in memory of Sir Winston Churchill. The quarter peal, Bob Major, as Staveley, Derbyshire, was quite an achievement for Verena, as only the week previous she had rung her first 120 of Bob Minor.

Lights Tampered With

Two 14-year-olds—Catherine M. Salter and Mary Eyres—had hard luck in their first peal attempt at Radley, on January 30th, as the funeral train of Sir Winston passed through the village. It was lost after 4,080 changes of Doubles in six methods had been rung, because someone tampered with the lights. Miss M. R. Cross, the conductor, reports that up to then no mistakes had been made by them. The seventh method had not then been introduced.

Leading Peal Ringers

We are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Taylor for completing their titanic task of the personal peal analysis for 1964. It must approach the celebrated publication of 'Wisden's' for details. They write:

The results are interesting and, we feel, surprising in content.

The number of active peal ringers (3,663) exceeds all expectation, but nearly half of these took part in one performance only. A distribution curve of number of peals plotted against number of peal ringers takes the form of a decaying exponential, but there is a significant increase in the number of ringers at the magic figure of 25.

The list of composers reveals that contemporary workers are more than holding their own against those of earlier periods.

We have listed, separately from the main table, the leaders in various fields of attainment, so that the limelight may be dispersed more evenly. Of course an analysis of this type makes no attempt to distinguish between levels of achievement, and indeed recognises no difference between handbell peals in a single Minor method and handbell peals of multi-Spiced Surprise Major, for example.

The project involved 26,000 entries made on about 3,900 cards which were filed alphabetically. For all errors we must humbly apologise, and claim ambiguity of names and initials as the main source of trouble. In response to the Editor's requests, 78 peal ringers submitted check totals, out of which 14 had rung one peal less than our cards indicated. This amounts to an accuracy of about half of one per cent., but it seems to us that some peals may have been published twice without subsequent correction. In all cases where check totals have been sent, we have used them in the main table even when we disagreed.

The complete details will be published next week but the following are the leaders in the respective divisions:

COMPOSERS

Stephen J. Ivin	143
J. J. Parker	91
C. Middleton	90

MEN, TOWER BELLS

George E. Fearn	89
Martin D. Fellows	86
Michael J. Fellows	84

MEN CONDUCTORS

Peter Border	49
Roderick W. Pipe	48
John R. Mayne	46

TENOR RINGERS

Peter Border	50
R. Kingsley Mason	43
George E. Thoday	36

WOMEN RINGERS

Hazel Way	107
Susan Funnell	77
Maryl R. Crosswaite	58

WOMEN, TOWER BELLS

Susan Funnell	77
Meryl R. Crosswaite	58
Ckudia A. Critchley	56

MEN, HANDBELLS

J. Arthur Hoare	101
Brian J. Woodruffe	101
Gerald D. Penny	36

Daventry's New Bells

Last week the Rector of Daventry and his warden, Mr. P. I. Chapman, visited the Loughborough bell foundry to witness the casting of the new treble for Daventry Parish Church. The moulds for the other new bells were in preparation, and these will be cast shortly.

The dedication of the ten bells has been fixed for the Saturday of Whitsun week-end at 12 noon, when it is hoped that the Bishop of Peterborough will officiate. A buffet luncheon will be served after the service, and all ringers will be most welcome, including of course those members of the Central Council arriving early at Northampton.

The bells will be available all day, so there will be plenty of time for everyone to ring. Final details will be announced later, but mark your diaries!

Proud of Being a Ringer

Mr. Jack R. Worrall, who is recuperating from a minor operation at the R.A.F. Hospital, Wegberg, Germany, writes: 'The half-muffled ringing from St. Paul's Cathedral as it came over the radio made me think of all other ringers who were likewise paying tribute to the G.O.M. I certainly felt proud of being a ringer.'

The Suffolk Guild of Ringers

A humble expression of gratitude came from the Suffolk Guild in connection with the passing of Sir Winston Churchill. This was a peal of Doubles on the five at Winston, a remote country village—the first peal on the bells for 60 years.

First Peal for 53 Years

The peal rung at Radyr on the morning of Sir Winston Churchill's funeral was the first rung at Radyr for 53 years, even though the bells are an excellent Taylor eight. This has been due to local complaints about noise which in the 30's was at times extremely violent. That no complaints were voiced this time would suggest the deep feelings felt locally at the passing of W.S.C.

Disappointments

Among the disappointments was the loss of a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles at St. David's, Exeter, on January 30th. After the failure the band rang the eight bells to call changes for half an hour, changes being made every third handstroke.

With 20 minutes to go, after 2 hours and 40 minutes of some really good striking, two bells crossed over and rounds came up prematurely in a peal attempt at Bob Triples at Soberton, Hants, on February 3rd. Had this tribute to Sir Winston succeeded, it would have been the first in the method for all the band and first of Triples for the conductor, Mr. Paul Gilliver.

HANDBELL CONDUCTORS

Brian J. Woodruffe	100
John R. Mayne	30
Gerald D. Penny	22

WOMEN, HANDBELLS

Hazel Way	96
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	24
Joyce Dodds	15

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SECOND INSTALMENT

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

PORTISHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 16 cwt. in F.
Mrs. Gwen Simmonds .. Treble	Ronald J. Gale .. 5
Edgar T. Skipsey .. 2	Frederick Sandy .. 6
Michael Bartlett .. 3	Rev. Roger O. Fry .. 7
Arthur Gould .. 4	David Gale .. Tenor

Conducted by Rev. Roger O. Fry.

Rung half-muffled.

UPHILL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Fri., Feb. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

*Michael T. Hebden .. Treble	Roy W. Rice .. 4
P. John Hall .. 2	George Prescott .. 5
Marjorie Legg .. 3	Horace R. Toogood .. Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

LUTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 25 cwt. 26 lb.
*Keith Lewin .. Treble	Frederick Jacklin .. 5
M. Amy Coburn .. 2	James G. Newman .. 6
Jim A. Herbert .. 3	Alfred E. Rushton .. 7
*Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 4	George Hawkins .. Tenor

Conducted by Alfred E. Rushton.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

TOTTERNHOE, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*Roy Stripp .. Treble	*Albert G. Stripp .. 5
*Ian Knox .. 2	John W. Sinfield .. 6
Ronald J. Sharp .. 3	*Jeffrey L. Claughton .. 7
*Christine Smith .. 4	R. John Scott .. Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard.

Conducted by Jeffrey L. Claughton.

* First peal in method. First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., Feb. 1, 1964, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Holt's Original.	Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.
James H. Edwards .. Treble	Robert L. Piron .. 5
Mary E. Edwards .. 2	Philip Mehew .. 6
Rodney H. French .. 3	Stephen Ivin .. 7
Arthur Gibbs .. 4	Jeremy Ames .. Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

Rung half-muffled.

STOTFOLD, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 lb. in G.

*Linda Ellison .. Treble	Peter Woollven .. 4
Robert D. Bellamy .. 2	Philip Mehew .. 5
Verna Rix .. 3	Audrey R. Alexander .. Tenor

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

* First peal at first attempt. Rung half-muffled.

EDLESBOROUGH, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St.

Mary-the-Virgin.

On Mon., Feb. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 13 cwt.
*Christine Smith .. Treble	William G. Sear .. 4
*Roy Stripp .. 2	Jeffrey L. Claughton .. 5
Ivor Pett .. 3	John W. Sinfield .. Tenor

Conducted by John W. Sinfield.

* First peal of Minor. Rung half-muffled.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Mon., Jan. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Christine Johnson .. Treble	Cynthia Warrilow .. 5
Eileen M. Fearn .. 2	John R. Gilden .. 6
Kathleen Pilsbury .. 3	Robert J. Warrilow .. 7
Carol Fernley .. 4	Basil Jones .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Robert J. Warrilow.

Rung half-muffled.

NANTWICH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Holt's Original.	Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.
David Vincent .. Treble	*Frank R. Morton .. 5
John E. Brough .. 2	Harry W. Howard .. 6
Frederick S. Sutton .. 3	Herbert Sutton .. 7
George A. Packer .. 4	Wilfred Smith .. Tenor

Conducted by David Vincent.

* 50th peal for the Guild. Rung half-muffled.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

STONELEIGH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*Peter C. Randall .. Treble	†Paul Reading .. 4
F. Mark Robottom .. 2	Stephen F. Royal .. 5
†Anthony J. Cox .. 3	†Geoffrey W. Randall .. Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.

* First peal of Cambridge. † First peal. ‡ 25th peal. †† First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since augmentation. Rung half-muffled.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

Joyce M. Gurnhill .. Treble	Jack L. Millhouse .. 6
Anne E. Bateson .. 2	Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 7
Mikaela Erik .. 3	James L. Towler .. 8
Claire Dillamore .. 4	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 9
Joe E. G. Roast .. 5	Peter A. Sharp .. Tenor

Composed by Chas. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

THE CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

CLEATOR MOOR, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.
Geoffrey Tembey .. Treble	Graham McKay .. 5
Roger Wetenhall .. 2	Leslie Boumphrey .. 6
*Marjorie E. Pearson .. 3	Stanley Richardson .. 7
Harry Byrom .. 4	*Brian Street .. Tenor

Conducted by Stanley Richardson.

* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D.

William A. R. Chamberlan Treble	George E. Bonham .. 5
Robert D. Bellamy .. 2	Peter Woollven .. 6
Mary E. Edwards .. 3	Philip Mehew .. 7
Terry R. Hatchett .. 4	David R. Sanderson .. Tenor

Composed by Henry Hubbard.

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

Rung half-muffled.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
HASLINGFIELD, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 16 extents of St. Martin's Bob and 26 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

Gerald Barnard Treble	William J. Ridgman .. 3
Ernest W. Brown 2	Brian Horrell 4
Alan Ling Tenor	

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.

Rung half-muffled.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

BRAINTREE, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

*Josephine A. Quilter .. Treble	Alan R. Syder 5
†Michael J. Cowling .. 2	Ronald Suckling 6
Robert J. Lindsell .. 3	Ian R. Pantan 7
†Jennifer M. Syder 4	Albert Wiffen Tenor

Composed by J. Pagett.

Conducted by Albert Wiffen.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BRISTOL.—At the Church of Holy Nativity, Knowle.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 MAURETANIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

Elizabeth A. G. Bowden Treble	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 5
Jennifer M. Taylor .. 2	Bernard G. North 6
Gillian M. Hussey .. 3	*D. John Hunt 7
Michael J. Hobbs .. 4	James R. Taylor Tenor

Composed by Stephen S. Ivin.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

First peal in the method. * 50th different Surprise Major method to a peal. Rung half-muffled (at handstroke).

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

Gillian M. Hussey .. Treble	Brynley A. Shackleton .. 5
Elizabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	Richard J. Bowden 6
Reginald G. Hooper .. 3	Peter Bridle 7
Philip M. J. Gray .. 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

Rung half-muffled (at backstroke).

ALVESTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).

Tenor 15 cwt.

*Stanley Poole Treble	Andrew Howard 4
Henry Taysom 2	Anthony W. Gibbs .. 5
†Gilbert Collins 3	William Cook Tenor

Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

Rung half-muffled by a representative band from the Bristol Rural Branch.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERSHOT, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A flat.

Edward J. Bragg .. Treble	†Edna Siggery 5
*Sylvia J. Tate-Mitchell .. 2	William H. Viggers .. 6
†Dudley P. Elsmore .. 3	G. Kenneth Williamson .. 7
†John Collier 4	Tom Page Tenor

Composed by A. Knights.

Conducted by Tom Page.

* First peal on eight bells. † First in the method.

Rung fully muffled.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CHESHUNT, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

*Andrew J. Slade .. Treble	Michael C. Austin 5
Alfred J. House .. 2	Robert J. Chapman .. 6
Donald E. Cobb .. 3	Frederick W. Ellis .. 7
Ernest T. Newnam .. 4	*Dennis S. Billimore .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker.

Conducted by Donald E. Cobb.

* First peal. First of Triples as conductor. Rung with bells half-muffled.

MAURETANIA S. MAJOR

x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 12 x 38. 14 x 34. 78 2nds 5738264

THORLEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A.

Douglas R. Hutley .. Treble	Frederick Bird 4
Peter Warboys 2	Thomas Camp 5
Albert Richardson .. 3	Michael Camp Tenor

Conducted by Peter Warboys.

Rung with bells fully muffled.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

ORMSKIRK, Lancashire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr.

*Jean Brown Treble	*W. Gordon Ellison .. 5
*Eric Garner 2	Norman Heaps 6
*Thomas W. Eason .. 3	John Ellison 7
James Dilworth .. 4	Henry Robinson Tenor

Conducted by Norman Heaps.

* First peal attempt. Rung half-muffled.

REDDISH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Elisabeth.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.

John A. Booth Treble	Geoffrey R. Gardner .. 5
Alan Sharples 2	William Birmingham jun. 6
Joyce Grainger 3	Alan F. Scholfield .. 7
Margaret P. Booth .. 4	John Robinson Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard.

Conducted by John Robinson.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

FLOOKBURGH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

*David H. Garnett (13) .. Treble	Alan Capstick 4
Nicholas M. Newby .. 2	William Wall 5
Nicholas M. Newby jun. 3	Thomas F. Metcalfe .. Tenor

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung fully muffled.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SWINDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

Gerry W. Mason .. Treble	Roland H. Cook 6
Brian S. Chapman .. 2	William A. Lacey .. 7
Ernest W. Rawson .. 3	Alan E. Hartley .. 8
Geoffrey M. Brewin .. 4	A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 9
Malcolm E. Wade .. 5	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by David G. Wilford.

Conducted by William A. Lacey.

SOUTH WIGSTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (7th observation).

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Brian G. Warwick .. Treble	Alan R. Mildred 5
Mark G. Wood 2	David W. Stenson .. 6
Keith H. Mildred .. 3	Roger K. Stretton .. 7
Carol I. V. Corton .. 4	*Martin P. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

* First peal. 500th tower bell peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

BLABY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores.	Tenor 10 cwt.
Mary E. Prophet .. Treble	Brian C. Law 3
Richard A. Cobley .. 2	Ron Chapman 4

A. James Poynor Tenor

Conducted by A. James Poynor.

Rung half-muffled.

GREAT BOWDEN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 13 extents of Plain Bob, 13 St. Simon's and 16 Grandsire.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb.

Edward W. Martin .. Treble	Arnold S. Goad 4
*Philip Bosworth .. 2	Raymond H. Martin .. 5
Judy Morris 3	Michael Brooks Tenor

Conducted by Raymond H. Martin.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARKFIELD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Double Oxford, (2) Single Oxford, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*Patricia Farmer Treble	Brian G. Warwick 4
*Mary Barrass 2	*Ronald D. Hughes 5
*Stephen Hall 3	*George M. Pickwell .. Tenor

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung half-muffled.

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BROMBOROUGH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. E flat.

Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. Treble	Malcolm A. Phillips .. 5
Roger J. Shea 2	Jeffrey J. Fox 6
David G. Wilford 3	Christopher K. Cooper .. 7
Richard S. Starkie 4	John H. Fielden Tenor

Conducted by John H. Fielden.

First peal on eight by a resident band. Rung half-muffled.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Denis.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of April Day, 6 Plain Bob, 10 Grandsire, and 7 240's Grandsire (3 Morris' and 4 Price's). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*Yvonne Brook Treble	Edgar A. Cole 4
Henry P. Collin 2	James H. Musson 5
†Richard A. Hunt 3	Frederick Derry Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

* First peal, first attempt. † First of Doubles. The tenor ringer has 'circled the tower.'

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

RADYR, Glamorgan.—At Christ Church.
On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb.

Donald G. Clift Treble	W. James Goodfellow .. 5
Brian J. Woodruffe .. 2	Roger G. Havard 6
Penelope J. Welch .. 3	David J. Llewellyn 7
Mary E. Pryor 4	Trevor T. Lewis Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Trevor T. Lewis.
Rung half-muffled during the State funeral.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane.

On Mon., Feb. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven differently called extents. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

Timothy G. Pett Treble	Richard O. Humphries .. 4
Diana M. Frost 2	Roger W. Powell 5
Anthony H. Smith .. 3	Alan J. Frost Tenor

Conducted by Alan J. Frost.

Rung half-muffled.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Jan. 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Freda Clayton Treble	H. George Hart 5
Elsie K. Hart 2	William S. Deason 6
John R. Mayne 3	Thomas J. Lock 7
John Hill 4	David J. Taylor Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett.

Rung half-muffled.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Feb. 1, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 19 cwt. 4 lb. in E.

Parker's Twelve-Part .. Treble	David J. Taylor 5
Lorna E. Simpson 2	Leonard J. North 6
Clive W. Simpson 3	Barnard E. Matthews .. 7
Bryan C. Burrough .. 4	*Robert W. Sanders Tenor

Conducted by Bernard E. Matthews.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled by representatives of the four ringing towers in the borough of Harrow, in memory of its first Freeman, Sir Winston Churchill

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT YARMOUTH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
Gorleston

On Thurs., Jan. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. approx. in A.

J. Barry Pickup Treble	William B. Durean 5
*Diane Toone 2	Peter Kindred 6
Alfred G. Fulcher 3	Stephen F. High 7
Thomas J. Beach 4	A. William Bird Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

HETHERSETT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Remigius.

On Wed., Feb. 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb in G.

Charles H. Moore Treble	George Sayer 5
Raymond G. Lofly 2	F. Charles Goodman .. 6
*Peter W. Salter 3	Bert Gogle 7
Roy W. Wiles 4	Nolan Golden Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, two each of Plain Bob and Kent T.B.

Tenor 10 cwt

Albert I. Walpole Treble	Ernest A. Long 4
James W. Forder 2	Godfrey G. Walpole .. 5
Norman P. J. Cossey .. 3	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Conducted by Godfrey G. Walpole.

First peal on the bells since rehanging, etc., by John Taylor and Co.
Rung half-muffled.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Bell Tower.

On Wed., Jan. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

H. Johnson's var. of C. Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt. 16 lb. in G sharp.

*Richard Bateman Treble	‡James Attwood jun .. 5
†Ann E. Collett 2	Ian Lloyd 6
Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 3	Arthur C. Berry 7
†John E. Whittall 4	Gerald C. Hemming .. Tenor

Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Surprise. ‡ First of Surprise 'inside.' Rung half-muffled.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Barnsley and District Society.)

CAWTHORNE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods: London Victory, Sporthorough, Ecclesfield, London Delight, Wath Delight, Killamars, Duke of York.

Tenor 9 cwt.

Fred Cowling Treble	Christopher A. Moxon .. 4
Harold Chant 2	Herman Rusby 5
Peter Carbatt 3	Noel F. Moxon Tenor

Conducted by Noel F. Moxon.

Rung fully muffled.

WENTWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 St. Clement's and 3,600 Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

*David Hunton Treble	‡M. Alec Beaumont .. 4
Sandra Crossley 2	Michael King 5
†Andrew King 3	Michael R. Meadows .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael R. Meadows.

* First peal. † First in more than one Minor method.
Rung half-muffled.

HANDBELL PEAL

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

and the Gresham's School Society

HOLT, Norfolk.—At Gresham's School.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITCHURCH BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in four variations of calling. Tenor size 13 in E.

Peter N. Mackley .. 1—2	Richard A. J. Bower .. 3—4
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Paul Royds-Jones (cond.) 5—6

Conductor's first peal. First peal for the Society.

(More In Memoriam Peals next week)

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising one 720 each Norfolk, Primrose, Surfleet, Beverley, London, York and Ipswich. Tenor 16 cwt.
Eric C. Wadman Treble David K. Adnett 4
Edward J. Chivers 2 Adrian P. Beck 5
Ronald G. Beck 3 Robert E. Beck Tenor

Conducted by Adrian P. Beck.

WICK ST. LAWRENCE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 extents of Stedman, 12 of Plain Bob, and 20 of Grandsire.
Marjorie Legg Treble John Coombs 3
George Prescott 2 Leonard Derrick 4
Sydney Smith Tenor

Conducted by Marjorie Legg.

Rung as a compliment to Mary Parsons and Henry Parsons (captain of this tower) after their marriage. Tenor 16 cwt.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

WOBURN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Six-Part. Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.
Arthur Gibbs Treble Roger Cadamy 5
Alan S. Smith 2 *Keith R. Fleming 6
*Rodney H. French 3 Stephen Ivin 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4 Alfred E. Rushton Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

* First peal of Stedman.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. George, Jesmond.

On Wed., Jan. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*James A. Sturrock Treble *Eric N. Harrison 5
Andrew G. Craddock 2 James Crowther 6
Janet Warwick 3 William Davidson 7
M. Elaine Murcott 4 Michael Maughan Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal. † 200th peal of Surprise.

LANCHESTER, Co. Durham.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Durham S., (2) York S., (3) Cambridge S., (4) Surfleet S., (5) Cambridge S., (6) Beverley S., (7) Cambridge S.

*Alan C. Walker Treble James Crowther 4
Rodney A. Yeates 2 William Davidson 5
Andrew G. Craddock 3 Michael Maughan Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

Average age of band 16 years 10 months. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. G. Beckwith. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BALDOCK, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 12, 1964, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

Claudia A. Critchley .. Treble Richard Castledine .. 5
Edwin G. Buck 2 C. Michael Orme 6
G. William Critchley .. 3 Jack S. Dear 7
*J. Stuart Hutton 4 Colin A. S. Harwood .. Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton.

Conducted by Richard Castledine.

* First of Surprise Major 'inside.'

ASTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 3, 1964, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In fourteen methods, being an extent each of Chester and Munden, Lincoln and Coldstream, Bourne and Netherseale, Beverley and Surfleet, London and Wells, York and Durham, Cambridge and Ipswich. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in G.

James S. Hutton Treble Colin A. S. Harwood .. 4
David R. Sanderson .. 2 G. William Critchley .. 5
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3 Richard Castledine .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard Castledine.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ST. LAURENCE-IN-THANET, Kent.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

David S. Osenton Treble Andrew M. Macve 6
Cyril S. Jarrett 2 Christopher T. Osenton .. 7
*Katharine M. Guy 3 W. Arthur Riddington .. 8
†Alexander Waddington .. 4 Martin L. Howe 9
Monty W. Gilbert 5 Bernard F. L. Groves .. Tenor

Composed by W. Pye.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of Royal in the method.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version. Tenor 24 cwt.
Tudor Edwards Treble Philip Davies 6
*Richard Starkie 2 Derek Butterworth 7
†John Booth 3 Frederick Shallcross .. 8
Neil Bennett 4 Neil Lomas 9
*Anthony Sansom 5 Denis Mottershead Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

* First peal of London Royal. † First of Surprise Royal 'inside.'

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

BRANSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Court, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb in F sharp.

*Vaughan P. Evans Treble Walter S. Smith 4
Charles V. Cade 2 William R. Parker 5
Amos Ingall 3 Louis Willders Tenor

Conducted by Louis Willders.

* First in seven methods.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Single Court and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Vaughan P. Evans Treble Walter S. Smith 4
Philip C. Pitchford 2 Geoffrey R. Parker 5
Amos Ingall 3 Louis Willders Tenor

Conducted by Louis Willders.

Rung for the 13th anniversary of the accession of H.M. the Queen.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

STOKE D'ABERNON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Feb. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) London, (2) Bourne, (3) Norwich, (4) Norfolk and Primrose, (5) Hexham and Berwick, (6) Surfleet and Beverley, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich. Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Robert E. J. Dennis .. Treble Timothy G. Pett 4
P. Gerald McIlhone 2 Richard O. Humphries .. 5
Anthony H. Smith 3 Roger D. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Feb. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble Alick Cutler 5
Joan Beresford 2 Thomas J. Lock 6
*Ruth Foreman 3 Dennis Knox 7
Vernon Green 4 John Hill Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

Conducted by John Hill.

* First peal of London Surprise Major.

CRANFORD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

Elsie K. Hart Treble H. George Hart 4
Derek Fowles 2 John Hill 5
Jeffrey M. Britchford .. 3 William H. Coles Tenor

Conducted by John Hill.

First peal of Kent T.B. Minor by all the band.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
QUIDENHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Thurs., Feb. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5184 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Harry B. Fuller Treble	William Clover 5
Frank C. J. Arnold 2	Thomas E. Spight 6
Martin Cubitt 3	Leslie F. Bailey 7
Henry Tooke 4	Peter M. Adcock Tenor

Composed by Henry W. Wilde. Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.
 Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Philip and Mary Standley and a first grandchild to Mr. and Mrs. W. Clover. Also to mark the engagement of Stephen Kenneth Shakeshaft, of Rayleigh, Essex, and Gillian Tansley-Thomas, daughter of the Vicar and Mrs. Thomas, of Wymondham.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
HUGHENDEN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-Part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.
Percy Newton Treble	Robert H. Newton 5
Arthur Newton 2	David A. Cornwall 6
Joyce I. Barton 3	Roland Biggs 7
*Meryl Newton 4	†Keith H. Gould Tenor

Conducted by Roland Biggs.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' † First of Stedman.
 Rung to mark the 21st birthday of Meryl Newton.

RICKMANSWORTH, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 EBURY COURT BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Keith D. Waples Treble	Robin J. Trebilcock 6
J. Keith Ward 2	Sydney M. Bailey 7
Frederick R. Scott 3	Wilfrid G. Wilson 8
Alice E. J. Lester 4	William Birmingham 9
Michael Hatchett 5	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
 The first peal in the method. Rung within the octave of the Feast of the Purification.

KIRTLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*Alan R. Pink Treble	Anthony D. Sansom 5
Frederick W. Soden 2	Brian W. Hall 6
D. Kay Adkins 3	Edward R. Venn 7
Peter J. Heritage 4	Christopher C. Clarke .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by Edward R. Venn.
 * 800th peal.

STANTON HARCOURT, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, being 30 extents of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob.
 Tenor 11 cwt.

John A. H. Betts Treble	†Albert E. Hicks 4
*Susan Cantwell 2	David Floyd 5
†John R. Browning 3	Herbert Miles Tenor

Conducted by David Floyd.

* First peal 'inside.' † First of Doubles. ‡ First peal. First as conductor.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Wed., Feb. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 FINCHAMPSTEAD DELIGHT MINOR

Comprising seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Stanley G. Scott Treble	*Sandra Goodship 4
Graham C. J. Murrell 2	A. John Rance 5
Joan A. Rance 3	Frank C. Price Tenor

Conducted by Frank C. Price.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

APPLETON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

Andrew N. Stubbs Treble	M. Roger Ashmore 6
Hilary F. Pardoe 2	Nicholas J. Martin 7
Paul A. Brand 3	David T. Darby 8
Bruce Wakefield 4	F. John Nelson 9
David A. H. Bennett 5	John E. Camp Tenor

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WARSOP, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Fri., Jan. 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*Barry Moran Treble	John Coates 4
George Challans 2	Herbert T. Rooke 5
David Whetton 3	Frank Cooke Tenor

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke

* First peal, first attempt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

EASEBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Dec. 7, 1964, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb. in G sharp.

E. Jane Sibson Treble	George Francis 5
Patricia Diserens 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Ronald F. Diserens 7
Stanley G. Ponting 4	W. Leslie Weller Tenor

Composed by Stanley Jenner. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

PETWORTH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 Pudsey and Superlative, and 416 Lincoln: with 121 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Patricia Diserens Treble	George Francis 5
Joan Beresford 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	W. Leslie Weller 7
Ronald F. Diserens 4	Denis Beresford Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of Holy Trinity.

On Sun., Jan. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol, and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative: with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Patricia Diserens Treble	Ronald F. Diserens 5
Edgar R. Rapley 2	Stanley G. Ponting 6
*J. Richard Wilson 3	*Raymond P. Wood 7
C. Martin Press 4	Derek E. Sibson Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal of spliced. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

PULBOROUGH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Jan. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol, and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative: with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

Stanley G. Ponting Treble	Derek E. Sibson 5
Patricia Diserens 2	C. Martin Press 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Ronald F. Diserens 7
*Robert Wake 4	W. Leslie Weller Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal of spliced.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Tues., Jan. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONGPARISH DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

*John W. Cheney Treble	Christopher H. Smith 4
Geoffrey K. Dodd 2	Reginald F. Crook 5
Penelope A. Goddard 3	Frank R. Tonge Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal on a working bell. First peal in the method/variation.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Agg-Lage, Rector of Longparish, and Miss P. Goddard.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At 'Iona,' Sudbrooke Lane.

On Sun., Jan. 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Delia E. Heppenstall .. 1-2	A. Robin Heppenstall .. 5-6
Margaret A. Parker .. 3-4	Geoffrey R. Parker .. 7-8

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by A. Robin Heppenstall.

* First peal 'in hand.'

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, Worcestershire.

On Mon., Jan. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C sharp.

Vivien Barns 1-2	Joseph D. Johnson 5-6
Mrs. J. Thomas 3-4	*Arthur C. Berry 7-8

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.

* First peal on handbells.

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MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD ANNUAL DINNER

March 13th, at

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at the Methodist Church Hall, Bicester, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 13th.—Marie R. Cross. 6315

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—Practice for February 20th is now cancelled.—C. F. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 6296

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Wheatthampstead, on February 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. R. Brown, 10, The Hill, Wheatthampstead.—R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 6250

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual District social will be held at St. Michael and All Angels' Parish Hall on Saturday, February 20th, commencing at 7 p.m. Association and District members and friends very welcome. Tickets 2s. 6d. Please apply Miss D. M. Groves, 50, Heather Drive, Maidstone.—M. L. Howe, Dis. Sec. 6227

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Annual divisional meeting on Saturday, February 20th, Brighton. St. Nicholas' bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing at St. Peter's. Names for tea essential, please, to J. R. Norris, 117, Cuckfield Road, Hurstpierpoint. 6270

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Uphill, Saturday, February 27th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 6284

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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Long Eaton (8), joint with the Ilkeston District and the SHERWOOD YOUTHS, Saturday, February 27th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Marshall, 52, Wyvern Avenue, Long Eaton, Nottingham.—M. A. Willis, Dis. Sec. 6292

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Blyton, Saturday, February 27th. Bells (5) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Bob Doubles and Stedman.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 6309

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WORCESTER.—On Feb. 4th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Sheppard 1, D. R. Morris 2, S. T. Holt 3, J. Hinton 4, R. Adams 5, D. R. Sayers 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, J. J. Stanier 8, T. W. Lewis 9, F. C. Pugh 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. J. Jefferies, died January 23rd, aged 85 years.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Bridgnorth Branch

The annual meeting was held at Bridgnorth on February 6th. Ringing took place during the afternoon at St. Mary's, followed by the service, which was conducted by the Rector, Rev. G. Abel.

Tea was very kindly provided by the wives of St. Leonard's ringers and served in the Old Grammar School.

There was an attendance of 45 at the meeting. Miss V. Edge, secretary-treasurer, presented the accounts, which showed a slight increase in balance on the previous year. The attendance at the meeting, however, she said, left room for improvement.

There was a change of officers as both Mr. A. Bayley, Ringing Master, and Miss Edge wished to resign their positions. In their places Mr. A. Jones, of Bridgnorth, was elected Ringing Master and Mrs. Joan Bennett, of Claverley, became the new secretary-treasurer. Mr. A. Elsmore accepted the position of deputy Ringing Master.

Mr. Bayley and Miss Edge were thanked for the good work they have done for the branch during their years in office.

Provisional meetings arranged for the year were: May 1st, Madeley; September 4th, Alveley; November 6th, Worfield. There will be an evening practice at Much Wenlock on March 27th.

The bells of St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, were available in the evening. J.B.

QUARTER PEALS

GREITON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. M. Reynolds 1, R. R. Sparrow 2, L. Atton 3, G. T. Norris 4, G. W. Reynolds (cond.) 5, A 21st birthday compliment to Miss E. A. Sadler.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary Magdalen's, on Jan. 6th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. A. Deverell 1, G. A. Parsons 2, A. Turner 3, R. Newman 4, C. W. Otley 5, A. W. J. Butler 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, A. F. Warren 8. For the Epiphany Festival service, with the former Vicar, Bishop Goodwin Hudson, present.

OTLANDS PARK, SURREY.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. N. Broadbridge 1, Miss J. Smith 2, Mrs. V. Smith 3, B. W. White 4, C. D. J. Webb (cond.) 5, V. Smith 6. For the dedication of new Church Hall.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss R. V. Hawkins 1, Mrs. B. M. Burton 2, Miss M. Booth 3, Miss M. Ridgway 4, J. M. Pepper 5, D. C. Dobson 6, S. J. Belfield 7, J. G. Burton (cond.) 8. For Harvest Festival. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. B. M. Burton 1, Miss R. V. Hawkins 2, Miss M. Booth 3, S. J. Belfield 4, J. M. Pepper 5, J. G. Burton (cond.) 6. For midnight service.

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QUARTER PEALS

FOR SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. H. Blake 1, S. Miles 2, C. F. Philippo 3, F. Pearson 4, F. C. Arnold 5, W. G. Saunders (cond.) 6.

OFFTON, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. P. Roxburgh (first quarter) 1, Christine P. Steward 2, G. R. Goodship 3, E. J. Lockwood 4, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Turner 1, E. Marks 2, Mrs. Y. Woodley 3, R. Woodley 4, J. Quick 5, E. Summers 6, C. Deam (cond.) 7, J. Arbury 8.

PERMARSH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. H. Moore 1, H. Moore 2, G. Trendell 3, V. Buttle 4, W. Arnold 5, Miss H. G. Snowden (cond.) 6.

PERSHORE, WORCS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods/variations): R. J. Stephens 1, A. C. Berry (cond.) 2, Ann Collett 3, I. Lloyd 4, R. G. Bateman 5, E. W. Bick 6.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on January 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Dixon 1, G. Love 2, R. I. Bowron 3, G. J. Gammon 4, A. A. J. Buswell 5, W. H. Riddle 6, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 7, A. E. Hoodless 8.

RAINFHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. M. Sayers (first quarter) 1, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 2, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 3, S. V. Rayfield 4, B. D. Sayers (first 'inside') 5, Miss C. Hart 6, R. Pearce 7, P. Thomas 8.

RIPON, YORKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): J. A. Brown 1, A. Willis 2, A. G. Dalton 3, A. Bashforth 4, E. Metcalfe 5, J. Reed 6, E. Hudson (cond.) 7, E. G. Payne 8. Followed by whole pull and stand.

SALFORD, LANCs.—At Sacred Trinity, on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob): I. N. Goldthorpe 1, R. L. Coley 2, A. S. Taylor 3, C. R. Calton 4, J. W. Gander 5, D. J. Baker (cond.) 6. By the M.U.G.C.R.

SALISBURY, RHODESIA.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 6, 8 covering): Mrs. E. Mason (first quarter) 1, Monica Blagrove 2, Frances Pellatt 3, H. P. Raynor 4, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 5, G. Skidmore 6, K. S. Cross (first 'inside') 7, N. F. Mason 8.

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CONTESTS, OLD AND NEW

'RECENTLY,' said the Professor, 'I have had occasion to wade through Hoyle's "History of Barnsley." I think "wade" is the correct term. The task occupied several weeks and involved many visits to the public library. There are several references to bellringing in this massive tome, three of which allude to contests.'

'Indeed,' I said politely. Although contests are events upon which I consider myself an expert, I allowed him to continue in the hope that he would have something of moment to offer.

'In days gone by contests were contests,' he continued, 'and the case of one held at Darton, near Barnsley, in 1837, in which 12 sets of ringers took part, is typical of the era. Each team had to ring three 720's and the ringing, as was customary, extended overnight. We are informed that [consulting his notes]: "Much inconvenience was felt by the village not affording sufficient accommodation for the immense assemblage of people, many of whom had travelled a long distance. The inns were filled the whole of the night on account of the great number who could not procure beds."

'Wath, who in 1826 had challenged all England for a stake of £30 and had been defeated by Darton, could only manage to come third in this contest.

'Similar contests,' he went on, 'took place at intervals, and each one mentioned by Hoyle is described as a "Famous" contest, as, indeed it could well have been. One can imagine that when there was little else to capture the public imagination a contest such as the one held at Barnsley St. Mary's in 1842 would create quite a stir. Fifteen teams took part, each of which was required to ring "Three True Treble Peals," and although one or two "rang out" they must have consumed the best part of two days, especially as "The Barnsley team welcomed their brother ringers by three peals"!

'No half-measures there,' I observed. 'But were these all prize contests?'

'Yes indeed. In the last-mentioned contest there were four prizes of £6, £4, £2 and £1 respectively, representing in those days a tidy sum; in addition, ten shillings were given to each of the teams Mirfield and Meltham "who had come the furthest distance".'

'Was prize-ringing peculiar to Yorkshire?'

'Certainly not. In "Church Bells," 1881, a contest is reported at Drewsteignton in Devon in which there was "a wasteful expenditure of ten pounds" for prizes, the contest itself being attacked as a "prostitution of the goods of the Church." In the "Bell News" also an acrimonious correspondence developed concerning a prize contest at Credi-

ton which, if I may so express myself, reflected Little Credenon either side!'

I snorted. His jokes are usually feeble; this one, I considered, was positively senile. He, however, was unperturbed.

'The local parson and an anonymous "Devonshire Clergyman," plus Charles D. P. Davies and several others, took part. The Devonians rang what is rather sarcastically described with editorial eloquence as "Ups and Downs, Rounds and Rounds".'

'As a boy,' I remarked, 'my grandfather took me to Belle Vue at Manchester to hear the handbell contests. There were, of course, tune-ringing contests in which Crossland Moor, I remember, on one occasion carried away the prize. I don't suppose there are any records of handbell change-ringing contests?'

'On the contrary, there are many. The Liversedge company, for example, in the '80's won many contests on handbells, both for change- and tune-ringing, whilst they were also able, from the same band, to have a team of men to ring changes on eight bells in the tower.

'Are you in agreement with prize-ringing on church bells, or do you consider it a sacrilegious act?'

'It may have been during the past, especially when over-keen competition led to rather doubtful practices, but contests nowadays are pretty innocuous. A biscuit barrel or a fruit bowl for each member of the winning team makes the contest more interesting, and the article can have pride of place on a sideboard as a reminder of the day the cup or shield was won.'

'Do you think that contest ringing is beneficial to the Exercise?'

'Undoubtedly. It gets ringers together (which is always a good thing) in greater numbers than monthly meetings, and I think there is little doubt that it tends to develop better striking. Mr. C. D. Potter, that G.O.M. of the Barnsley Society, maintained that the general standard of striking improved after the introduction of contest ringing into the Society in 1926, and this opinion was endorsed by the late J. R. Brearley who judged many contests.

'What about those ringers who are not actually taking part in the contest, the young and immature and the more advanced who are not in any team; might they not object on the grounds that they are being robbed of a certain amount of ringing?'

I don't think so. The older ones enjoy listening, criticising and assessing the ringing; the younger ones learn by listening, both to the ringing and the social intercourse, anecdotes and reminiscences of the older ringers. I've never heard complaints on that score. In any case, most contests nowadays are timed to be over round about tea time or just afterwards, giving opportunity for a ring after the business meeting.'

'Are you satisfied with the system of judging the contest—the fault-finding equipment?'

'Not entirely. It seems to be the best method of assessment yet devised; its very simplicity is a good thing—but I am not sure that it is entirely foolproof.'

'Neither am I: but can you suggest a better?'

'No. I understand though that there has been a reversal of the system devised in the Notts-Derby area, and that whereas hitherto the team with the least number of faults has won the contest with the new set-up each team starts with a set number of marks—say 200 or 300—and marks are deducted for each faulty blow or change, so that the team wins who at the end has the highest number of marks. Moreover, the system includes, I understand, bonus marks for method difficulty, e.g., teams ringing "Delight" methods receive 10 or 20 marks, and teams aspiring to "Surprise" 30 or 40 marks!'

'Sounds interesting.'

'Very!' said the Professor.

H. C.

INDIVIDUAL PERSONAL ANALYSIS FOR 1964

Position	NAME	TOWER				HAND		Grand Total	Total	Cond.	Turned in	Tenor	Total	Cond.
		Total	Total	Cond.	in Tenor	Total	Cond.							
1	Brian J. Woodruffe	150	49	26	24	101	100							
2	J. Arthur Hoare	119	18	—	—	101	1							
3	Hazel Way	107	11	—	—	96	—							
4	John R. Mayne	93	60	46	35	33	30							
5	George E. Fearn	89	89	2	29	—	—							
6	Martin D. Fellows	86	86	6	8	—	—							
7	Michael J. Fellows	84	84	13	12	—	—							
8	Roderick W. Pipe	82	82	48	2	—	—							
9	J. Alan Ainsworth	77	77	33	33	—	—							
9	Susan Funnell	77	77	—	—	—	—							
11	D. John Hunt	76	76	35	13	—	—							
11	George E. Thoday	76	76	28	36	—	—							
13	Peter Border	74	74	49	50	—	—							
13	Kenneth J. Hesketh	74	74	3	4	—	—							
13	Gerald Penney	74	38	14	7	36	22							
16	R. Kingsley Mason	73	73	11	43	—	—							
17	Jack L. Millhouse	71	70	45	6	1	—							
18	Tudor P. Edwards	70	70	21	5	—	—							
19	Norman J. Goodman	68	68	—	—	—	—							
20	Robert B. Smith	66	49	15	25	17	10							
21	Bernard F. L. Groves	65	65	37	20	—	—							
22	Geoffrey R. Parker	64	64	8	15	—	—							
23	David J. Allen	63	62	10	11	1	—							
24	Malcolm C. C. Melville	62	54	5	3	8	6							
24	Philip J. Rothera	62	62	—	8	—	—							
26	Joseph W. Cotton	61	61	—	—	—	—							
26	Martin L. Howe	61	61	7	12	—	—							
26	Thomas J. Lock	61	47	5	10	14	—							
29	John H. Fielden	60	60	12	12	—	—							
29	James R. Taylor	60	56	1	1	4	—							
31	Stephen J. Ivin	59	58	41	35	1	1							
32	Maryl R. Crossthwaite	58	58	1	—	—	—							
32	Robert C. Kippin	58	58	25	28	—	—							
32	J. Barry Pickup	58	58	8	13	—	—							
32	Richard S. Starkie	58	58	2	—	—	—							
36	Alan E. Hartley	57	57	—	7	—	—							
37	Brian Bladon	56	46	—	22	10	—							
37	Claudia A. Critchley	56	56	3	—	—	—							
37	John C. Eisel	56	56	2	3	—	—							
37	Jennifer M. Taylor	56	51	—	—	5	—							
41	G. William Critchley	55	55	19	—	—	—							
41	Basil Jones	55	55	14	5	—	—							
41	Geoffrey Paul	55	55	6	12	—	—							
44	Geoffrey K. Dodd	54	54	42	12	—	—							
44	Gordon W. Land	54	44	6	8	10	—							
44	Philip Mehew	54	54	8	15	—	—							
47	Ruth M. Blackshaw	53	53	7	—	—	—							
47	Cyril S. Jarrett	53	53	3	3	—	—							
49	Maurice W. Harrison	52	52	9	10	—	—							
49	Gillian M. Hussey	52	52	1	—	—	—							
49	David J. Llewellyn	52	52	7	8	—	—							
52	Peter S. Bennett	50	49	12	15	1	—							
52	Joan Beresford	50	47	1	—	3	—							
52	John Robinson	50	50	6	13	—	—							
55	Roger Baldwin	49	23	14	—	26	6							
56	Roger D. Bailey	48	48	9	4	—	—							
56	Arthur C. Berry	48	48	8	3	—	—							
56	Edgar R. Rapley	48	47	2	—	1	—							
59	Alan A. Paul	47	47	5	5	—	—							
59	Anthony R. Peake	47	38	24	1	9	9							
59	Frederick Ross	47	47	—	1	—	—							
62	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	46	22	—	—	24	—							
62	Leonard Goodall	46	42	21	9	4	4							
62	Brian D. Harris	46	46	20	28	—	—							
62	F. John Nelson	46	45	9	3	1	1							
62	Richard J. Parker	46	46	8	5	—	—							
67	A. Patrick Cannon	45	45	28	33	—	—							
67	Ronald F. Diserens	45	45	19	12	—	—							
67	Frank B. Lufkin	45	45	39	1	—	—							
67	George W. Massey	45	45	16	5	—	—							
71	Clifford A. Barron	44	44	2	17	—	—							
71	Joyce M. Gurnhill	44	44	—	—	—	—							
71	Stanley Jenner	44	44	22	16	—	—							
71	Antony R. Kench	44	43	4	7	1	—							
71	Derek E. Sibson	44	44	27	4	—	—							
71	Neville F. Whittle	44	44	1	2	—	—							
77	H. William Barrett	43	41	8	17	2	—							
77	Neil Bennett	43	35	10	3	8	1							
77	William Birmingham	43	43	2	—	—	—							
77	Ann Jenner	43	43	—	—	—	—							
77	Ian C. Maycock	43	42	22	10	1	1							
77	Graham C. Paul	43	43	15	8	—	—							
77	Richard E. Price	43	43	13	25	—	—							
84	Edward W. Colley	42	42	—	—	—	—							
84	Geoffrey Davies	42	40	14	3	2	—							
84	Roger W. Smith	42	42	1	1	—	—							
87	Christopher T. Osenton	41	41	4	1	—	—							
87	George H. Randles	41	41	—	—	—	—							
87	E. Jane Sibson	41	41	—	—	—	—							
87	J. Martin Thorley	41	41	24	15	—	—							

Position	NAME	Grand Total	TOWER			Turned in		HAND	
			Total	Cond.	Tenor	Total	Cond.		
87	Edward R. Venn	41	41	7	8	—	—	—	
87	A. Peter Whitehead	41	38	3	6	3	—	—	
93	Margaret E. Chilton	40	40	3	2	—	—	—	
93	Margaret E. Fort	40	40	—	—	—	—	—	
93	Michael J. Hobbs	40	40	—	1	—	—	—	
96	Wilfrid F. Moreton	39	37	21	13	2	—	—	
96	Wilfrid G. Wilson	39	37	4	2	2	—	—	
96	Christopher W. Woolley ..	39	14	3	6	25	—	—	
99	Richard J. Clifton	38	38	—	2	—	—	—	
99	George A. Dawson	38	38	7	3	—	—	—	
99	Robert W. Hinde	38	38	—	—	—	—	—	
99	Alan E. McFall	38	33	2	2	5	—	—	
99	Norah M. Randles	38	38	—	—	—	—	—	
104	Anne E. Bateson	37	37	—	—	—	—	—	
104	Roland H. Cook	37	37	6	2	—	—	—	
104	Andrew J. Corby	37	37	6	—	—	—	—	
104	Trevor A. Cross	37	37	2	10	—	—	—	
104	Patricia Diserens	37	37	—	—	—	—	—	
104	John M. Jelley	37	26	15	4	11	—	—	
104	Roger J. Lumley	37	36	2	3	1	—	—	
104	Anthony H. Smith	37	36	1	2	1	—	—	
104	Derek F. Yates	37	36	—	—	—	—	—	
113	Derek A. Ashton	36	32	5	1	4	—	—	
113	J. Richard Castledine ..	36	36	4	9	—	—	—	
113	Christopher C. Clarke ..	36	36	1	5	—	—	—	
113	Eric N. Harrison	36	36	9	11	—	—	—	
113	Barnabas G. Key	36	35	30	5	1	—	—	
113	Edmund J. Morris	36	36	—	21	—	—	—	
113	Ronald J. Sharp	36	36	—	—	—	—	—	
120	Philip J. Crossthwaite ..	35	35	1	—	—	—	—	
120	J. Henry Fielden	35	34	13	12	1	—	—	
120	David P. Hilling	35	35	9	6	—	—	—	
120	Alice J. Lester	35	35	—	—	—	—	—	
120	David S. Osenton	35	35	—	1	—	—	—	
120	Stanley G. Ponting	35	35	—	1	—	—	—	
120	C. Martin Press	35	35	—	1	—	—	—	
120	Peter A. Sharp	35	35	8	6	—	—	—	
120	Leonard Stilwell	35	35	2	1	—	—	—	
120	Cyril A. Wratten	35	35	11	—	—	—	—	
130	Michael Hatchett	34	32	4	—	2	—	—	
130	Barrie Hendry	34	32	10	10	2	—	—	
130	Dennis Knox	34	34	6	3	—	—	—	
130	A. Maxwell Lindsey	34	34	—	2	—	—	—	
130	Muriel Reay	34	34	—	—	—	—	—	
130	Frederick Smallcross ..	34	32	8	10	2	—	—	
136	Alan E. Bagworth	33	33	1	2	—	—	—	
136	Philip A. Corby	33	33	10	24	—	—	—	
136	Cyril Crossthwaite	33	33	7	2	—	—	—	
136	Ann E. Fellows	33	33	—	—	—	—	—	
136	Ian H. Oram	33	33	19	—	—	—	—	
136	Frank C. Price	33	21	8	11	12	—	—	
136	Alan Sheppard	33	33	5	2	—	—	—	
143	Colin A. S. Harwood	32	32	1	1	—	—	—	
143	Iris M. E. Lemare	32	32	—	—	—	—	—	
143	B. Stedman Payne	32	25	7	3	7	—	—	
143	Dan S. Pont	32	25	2	2	7	—	—	
143	David J. Purnell	32	32	—	2	—	—	—	
143	Charles E. Truman	32	32	9	1	—	—	—	
149	Raymond A. G. Benfield ..	31	31	14	—	—	—	—	
149	Jack S. Dear	31	31	—	12	—	—	—	
149	G. Ronald Edwards	31	31	—	15	—	—	—	
149	David J. Forder	31	27	8	4	4	—	—	
149	Geoffrey J. Hemming	31	31	2	4	—	—	—	
149	Gerald C. Hemming	31	31	17	12	—	—	—	
149	Ian M. Holland	31	30	17	18	1	—	—	
149	E. Marion Key	31	30	—	—	1	—	—	
149	Ian Lloyd	31	31	—	—	—	—	—	
149	Michael Maughan	31	31	9	8	—	—	—	
149	John F. Underwood	31	31	—	2	—	—	—	
149	Makcolm E. Wade	31	31	—	—	—	—	—	
149	John Worth	31	27	14	—	4	—	—	
162	W. Eric Critchley	30	30	15	—	—	—	—	
162	Alick Cutler	30	30	—	—	—	—	—	
162	Raymond M. Daw	30	30	—	4	—	—	—	
162	C. Barrie Dove	30	30	24	16	—	—	—	
162	Derek J. Jones	30	30	1	1	—	—	—	
162	Derek P. Jones	30	30	25	14	—	—	—	
162	A. James Poynor	30	30	11	12	—	—	—	
162	Christopher H. Rogers ..	30	28	4	1	2	—	—	
162	Melvyn A. Rose	30	30	—	—	—	—	—	
171	Gordon Benfield	29	29	1	1	—	—	—	
171	William H. Dowse	29	27	—	4	2	—	—	
171	Peter G. Brown	29	29	—	—	—	—	—	
171	Ralph G. Edwards	29	29	—	10	—	—	—	
171	Victor Griffin	29	29	—	7	—	—	—	
171	John Potts	29	29	—	4	—	—	—	
171	Alfred E. Rushton	29	29	—	1	—	—	—	
171	Kenneth B. Sissons	29	29	5	3	—	—	—	
171	Robert J. Warrilow	29	29	—	—	—	—	—	

DEDICATION

ST. KATHERINE'S, MERSTHAM

Sunday, January 31st, was an exceptionally fine winter's day, and a number of ringers and friends took advantage of the good weather to attend the dedication service in St. Katherine's, Merstham. Now augmented to eight, the bells will give added strength to the Southern District of the Surrey Association both by their presence and by the addition to the Association of new ringers who will learn there.

Before the turn of the century there were five bells with a tenor reputed to be 14 cwt., then a new treble bell was added to make the ring to six. Up till last year they have remained so. Even in the old days they were noted for their hard going, and it was not surprising that after 1945 a depleted band found it difficult to encourage learners. The movement of the tower at the old belfry floor level could be likened to a ship labouring in a heavy sea. The condition of one of the two large oak beams that supported the bells and braced the tower was more alarming. At one end a penknife blade could be pushed easily into the wood. Another contributory factor to the tower's instability was the height of the bells. The position of the frame is now much better. The level of the bells has been lowered, so as to gain more strength from the church walls. Six steel girders brace the tower below the bell frame, and the bells are now rung from the ground floor in full view of the congregation.

Ringings commenced under the direction of the tower captain, Mr. Alec Cheasly, and continued until 4.30 p.m., when all adjourned to the Church Hall for a magnificent tea. This was capably organised by the tower secretary, Miss Beryl Searle, helped by the ladies of Merstham. The District Master, Mr. T. Bird, on behalf of the company of 50 present, proposed a hearty vote of thanks. Ringing continued in many methods until the service. The final touch was Stedman Triples, rung by A. P. Cannon 1, A. Bull 2, C. H. Cook 3, W. Dunn 4, T. Bird 5, J. Euston 6, K. G. Game 7, A. Cheasly 8.

The church was filled to capacity, and the service, conducted by the Rector, Rev. J. H. Biddell, commenced with a favourite hymn of Sir Winston Churchill, followed by a memorial prayer. The lessons were read by Mr. Constant and Mr. Lachelin, relatives of the two departed in whose memory the two new trebles were given. During the singing of the hymn after the third Collect, the Rector, churchwardens, captain of the tower, representatives of the families of those in whose memory the two new bells were given, the architect and representatives of the bell-founders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the builders' firms assembled in the tower for the dedication of the bells.

In his sermon the Rector said how happy he was to see so many ringers from far and wide at this great moment in St. Katherine's history. It was a glorious thing when a new ring could peal out calling us to worship and reminding those who for reasons of heart or mind could make no willing response. He retraced the initial steps towards the work of restoration of the tower and bells, how the plan for rehanging the old six was amended through the generosity of the Lachelin and Constant families. He was doubtful that so much would have been achieved but for the interest of Mr. Douglas Hughes. The Rector made an appeal for ringers and teachers from other towers. After the service 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung by A. P. Cannon 1, A. Bull 2, D. Atfield 3, W. Dunn 4, T. Bird 5, A. Streeter 6, K. G. Game (cond.) 7, C. H. Cook 8.

OBITUARY

MR. J. MACBETH

Nayland is on the Essex and Suffolk border and the birthplace of Challis F. Winney. On February 13th four of us from Suffolk and two from Essex attended the church to bid farewell to John Macbeth. His membership of the Boy Scouts commenced in 1911, and he was honoured with the rank of A.D.C. For many years he struggled to maintain service ringing when everything was against him, a small village containing few youngsters and very bad going bells, no experienced ringers living near who could help and, in his own words: "I know so little myself I cannot help them much."

He regularly undertook on his cycle the tedious up hill and down dale journey to Wormingford with his pupils, and never left this tower without thanking Ted Leggett and his ringers for their help. He had great admiration of those who mastered change ringing, and it was a proud day when Donald J. Mills asked him to ring the treble to a peal of Plain Bob Minor at Wormingford in 1957. This was his only peal, but he rang many quarters, and he considered it to be amongst his proudest moments when his daughter was ringing an inside bell with confidence.

Nayland bells are stored at the foundry, £1,400 being needed to reinstall them and when John realised that his days on this earth were numbered he said to his Vicar: "I shall never hear our bells again."

As the cortege left the church all of us ringers, Boy Scouts and British Legion members must have had the same thoughts: "We will remember him" by seeing that those things for which he worked so hard are carried on. L.D.M.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Biggleswade District

Even the bitterly cold north wind could not mar the attendance at the meeting of the Biggleswade District at Clifton on February 13th. During the afternoon 37 members and friends were present, and with the arrival of more ringers after tea, numbers swelled until at one point as many as 60 people could be counted in the church. The local tower captain and ringing Master for the meeting, Mr. G. Mayers, had a hard task to satisfy everyone.

Mr. P. Rogers played the organ at Evensong, which was conducted by the Rector, Rev. F. Hall. Mr. P. Mehew took the chair at the short business meeting which followed a sumptuous tea prepared by the local ladies.

Ringings during the evening ranged from rounds for the less experienced to London Surprise Major, and included the special method St. Clement's College Bob Major. Next meeting: Old Warden, March 13th. A.R.A.

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The same team of officers was re-elected at the annual meeting of the Barnsley and District Society at Barnsley on February 13th. viz., Noel F. Moxon, president; Harold Chant, treasurer; James W. Buxton, secretary; vice-presidents, J. W. Moxon, A. D. Birch and H. Mann; auditors, C. Moxon and P. Carbutt. Three new members—Claire Skelehan and C. Earnshaw (Kirkburton) and Mr. H. L. Roper (Selby)—were elected, and Mr. Roper was called upon to propose the vote of thanks. The Society has now badges on sale for 3s. 9d.

Canon A. P. Morley conducted a short service with Mr. Noel F. Moxon as organist. Next meeting: Kirkburton, March 13th.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT

Before the commencement of business at the A.G.M. of the Leatherhead District at Leatherhead on February 6th, those present stood in silence as a token of respect to the Guild general secretary, Mr. S. T. Russell, who had died suddenly on the previous Wednesday.

At the service which preceded the meeting, the Vicar reminded members that the day was the anniversary of the Queen's Accession, and he combined parts of the Accession Service from the Book of Common Prayer with the Guild's own form of service. The Vicar based his address on the responsibility of Queenship.

The District Committee's report showed that £270 had been collected in the District for the Guildford Cathedral Bells Fund.

The following new members were elected: The Misses Shelagh Hards, Susan Cuthbert, Denise Liddicott and Mr. Michael Edwards (Marrow) and Mr. Tony Skilton (Ashted).

Mr. David Herschell, who was recently featured in the "Up and Coming Youngsters" series, was elected District Master and Miss Adrienne Gibson District secretary. Mr. Herschell thanked the members for electing him, and paid tribute to Mr. A. P. Cannon for the work he had done on behalf of the District during his Mastership.

The new Master announced that a District striking competition for six-bell bands would be held at Leatherhead on May 8th.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

East Devon Branch

A quarterly meeting of the East Devon Branch was held at Broadhembury on February 13th. The service was conducted by the Rev. V. R. A. Cowper, and afterwards tea was taken at a local inn. Mr. John Sage (chairman) conducted the business meeting and extended a warm welcome to all.

Members stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of Mr. Charles Woodley, a past chairman of the branch, who died suddenly earlier in the day.

Six new members were elected, and Guild certificates were presented to Martin Pring and Geoffrey Casely, both of Hemyock. After giving a brief but most interesting talk on Broadhembury bells, the chairman thanked the Rev. Cowper and the local ringers for their efforts in making a successful meeting. Methods rung during the meeting were Grandsire Stedman, Plain Bob, Single Oxford and Cambridge.

MILES GRAYE III

Dear Sir,—Being an East Anglian, born at Stoke-by-Nayland, I was naturally very interested to read T. A. Bevis' article on Miles Graye, the bell-founder. Could Mr. Bevis tell us who Miles Graye III. was and where he fits into the picture?

The Rev. W. C. Pearson's book on 'The Principal Rings of Bells in the Eastern Counties' lists various bells by Miles Graye III., notably the tenor at Hadleigh, Suffolk, date 1680; the 5th at Clare, 1661; 4th at Sudbury All Saints, 1671. Also three bells in Essex, the latest date being for the 6th at Great Bentley, 1683. All these dates come long after the original foundry was taken over by Richard Bowler, and after Miles the younger had given up, according to Mr. Bevis' accounts—Yours faithfully,

Stockport.

PETER LAFLIN.

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Letters to the Editor

Faults in New Leeds Church Proposals

Dear Sir,—Mr. Fred L. Fleetwood writes this week (February 12th) regarding a proposed new church near Leeds. While it is pleasing to know that the authorities are considering having a ring of bells I sincerely hope that they will think again before adopting the plan of tower which Mr. Fleetwood explains. If ever there was an example of 'how it should not be done' this is it! To leave the tower open on one side would expose frame and fittings to the full effects of the weather. A snowstorm with drifting might even gum things up completely and make the bells unringable for a time. Bells so exposed would sound very hard and harsh and, reflected by the walls and the flat roof (? concrete), would beat down most unpleasantly on to the incoming congregation. Anyone living nearby on this side would have a very justifiable cause for complaint. To fill this wall with glass would keep out the weather, but would not control the sound. I have heard bells in towers where the windows have been glazed; the sound is very little reduced in volume, while the tone of the bells becomes more harsh and metallic. I think it is the worst possible material to put anywhere near bells.

The whole scheme is in direct contravention to the advice of the Central Council. I would advise Mr. Fleetwood to study the C.C. Handbook on the Installation, Preservation and Repair of Bells, particularly the section on sound control, and bring this to the attention of the authorities and the architect.

In the leading article ('Ringing World,' January 1st) Mr. Norman Chaddock described the steps recently taken to ensure sound control at Rotherham. To do this in an existing tower may be a difficult and expensive business. But all these advantages may be had in a new tower at little or no extra cost.—Yours sincerely,

C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath.

P.S.—Mr. Chaddock might be interested to know that an almost exactly similar job to the one he describes was carried out at Bushey about a year ago. Old bricks from a demolished greenhouse in the Rectory garden, a quantity of old timber and some old roofing felt left in the churchyard by a firm who had been relaying part of the church roof were used. The results were very satisfactory.

C.W.W.

Long Length of Yorkshire Surprise Major Attempt

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice that by kind permission of the Rev. J. C. Cunningham an attempt will be made to ring 11,520 Yorkshire Surprise Major at St. Mary's Church, Hanbury, Worcestershire, on Saturday, March 27th, 1965. Ringing will commence at 1.45 p.m. and, if successful, the peal will be credited to the Worcestershire and Districts Association

11,520 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR COMPOSED BY JOHN SEGAR

234567	5ths	Out	M	W	4ths	H
352764					IN	3
573624		x				
237465	2			—	x	
246537			IN	—		
365247	—				x	
215447				—		
456237	—				x	

Four times repeated.

Easter Monday Peals

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. E. H. Martin's letter (page 108) I feel sure that almost everyone taking part in the two peals mentioned knows the unforgettable fact that the Ely Diocesan Association is holding its A.G.M. in Cambridge on Easter Monday.

I understand that permission has not been given for the evening ringing at Great St. Mary's, not because of the peal attempt there in the morning, but because it might affect the number of visitors climbing the tower to see the city (at 7 p.m. on Easter Monday!!!).

In reply to the second paragraph, it is obvious why this situation has arisen, as the tower captain (the same for both the R.C. and Great St. Mary's) is not a member of the Ely Diocesan Association, and is not interested in it or its members; therefore, we get a deadlock, which will not be resolved until negotiations are under way.

Action is called for, so let us sit back and observe this spectacle.—Yours sincerely,
'DISCONTENT.'

The Marbury Peal

Dear Sir,—I think Mr. F. R. Morton has misunderstood the purport of my letter.

A peal of 5,100 changes may well be discounted, but if, in the Marbury peal, a blow in rounds was clearly struck, both at the beginning and end of 42 six-scores, I believe this performance rates as nothing less than a peal of 5,040 changes—and, personally, I know of no rule or regulation which may invalidate it as such.

The fact that 60 extraneous rows—whether changes, queens, titmums or anything else—are added afterwards cannot in any wise detract from a peal of 5,040 changes which has already been accomplished.—Yours sincerely,
TOM BUTLER.

Marbury—More Advice

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. F. R. Morton's letter (page 108) on the Marbury peal, we are told that the peal was withdrawn 'because' of the 60 changes rung at the end.

From this statement can one assume that 42 extents had been rung and then another 60 changes, starting from and ending in rounds, constituted the performance of 5,100 changes?

If so, then it seems to me that the fact that the ringers went on to ring an additional 60 changes after completing a true 5,040 is beside the point.

A peal of Doubles must start and end in rounds and consist of 42 extents in between. Did the first 5,040 changes of the Marbury performance fulfil these criteria? If they did, then I would suggest that a peal was rung! Are the efforts of the ringers of this peal to be invalidated because the conductor did not call, 'That's all,' when 5,040 true changes had been rung? If so, then I am glad that ringing peals of Doubles is not one of my vices!

May I suggest to Mr. Morton that, if his first 5,040 changes constituted a true peal, he resubmits his band's efforts at Marbury as a peal? If, however, he pushed an odd '60' into the middle of the performance, then he has no option but to leave things as they are.—Yours sincerely, ROGER SAVORY.

Marchwood, Hants.

Not the Author

Dear Sir,—Re the letter in "The Ringing World" of February 2nd, 1965, page 92, concerning St. Andrew's, Newcastle, I wish to point out that I am not the author of the said letter. Could it be a mistake by the compositor?

I left London ten years ago, and I did not reside in N.I. I do not know the church in question.

Maybe the real author will register his realisation of the mistake made.—Yours faithfully,
R. H. BEGRIE.
Crowthorne, Berks.

Two Questions Answered

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. P. G. K. Davies' inquiry whether the composition on page 104 of 'The Ringing World' is the first in five standard methods to contain all the work in a regular three-part, doubtless it depends on what one means by 'standard.' However, if Pudsey has as good a claim as Bristol, the following five-method arrangement may be of interest; I put it together on July 3rd, 1951:—

5,088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR	
E. A. BARNETT	
23456	B W H
24536	— YSPYCSS
52436	— SPYCLCP
43526	— LCLPPLL
54326	— YLCLYCY
35426	— CYPSSSP
35264	x — LLLS
23564	— PSSYSPS

Twice repeated. Contains 1,152 Superlative. 1,056 Cambridge, 1,056 Lincolnshire, 960 Pudsey and 864 Yorkshire, with 128 changes of method and all the work of the five methods.

As regards Mr. G. K. Dodd's request for a peal of Bob Major with singles only, these are not difficult to obtain and probably you will be inundated with them. But I think the following may be worth putting forward as an example:

5,088 BOB MAJOR	
E. A. BARNETT	
23456	W 5-4 M H

64325	S	S	S
63425			S
24365	S		S
23465			S
32465	S	SS	S
34265			S
52436	S	S	S
54236			S
32456	S		S
34256			S
63254	S	SS	S
62354			S
53264	S		S
52364			S
25364	S	SS	S
23564			S

Rung on August 24th, 1936.

Twice repeated. This has the 36 4-5-6 course-end combinations.

So far as I can recall, neither of these compositions has been inflicted on anyone before.

—Yours faithfully,
Crayford, Kent.

E. A. BARNETT.

Thank you

Dear Sir,—I feel I must write to thank you for producing such an excellent 'Sir Winston Churchill Memorial Number.' I for one and, I am sure, a great many more, appreciate the immense amount of work you have put into it.

It must have been a colossal job sorting out the memorial peals from the others, as there are 118 of them and 14 other peals, besides numerous quarter peals.

I am afraid a lot of us take it for granted when the postman drops our journal in the letter box every Thursday morning with almost unfailing regularity, and once again very many thanks for all you do to give us such a splendid paper every week of the year.—Yours sincerely,

Woking

ERNEST R. WARNER.

Not Accepted by Guild

Dear Sir,—A handbell peal of Plain Bob Major was rung on May 27th, 1964, at 105, Nottingham Road, Spondon, Derbyshire, and credited to the Southwell Diocesan Guild. We cannot accept this peal as two of the band are not members.

The address was wrongly published as 105, Borrowash Road. This address does not exist.—Yours faithfully,

H. POYNER, Peal Secretary.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The winter quarterly meeting of the Leicester Diocesan Guild was held in the Syston District on February 13th. During the afternoon the bells at Thurstaston, Rothley, Wanlip and Birstall were available for ringing. A ringers' service was held in the recently enlarged Church of St. James-the-Greater, Birstall, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. A. Lander. This was the first time that a general meeting had been held there and an unusually large number of ringers and friends attended despite the one-day bus strike.

Over 140 sat down to tea prepared by Mr. J. Morley, Mrs. Smalley and other Birstall ringers. The business meeting followed. After the president had thanked everyone for the success of the day, he welcomed Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish (president and treasurer of the Coventry Diocesan Guild). The meeting then stood as a token of respect to Mr. H. Broughton (Leicester Cathedral), Mr. A. J. Cooke (Leicester, St. John-the-Divine) and Mr. G. Hadfield (Hugglescote), who had died since the last meeting.

The committee had decided to transfer the two trustees, Mr. C. Harrison and Mr. J. P. Fidler, both of Loughborough (and Messrs. John Taylor and Co.) and Mr. H. O. Over, of Hugglescote and until lately chairman of the Loughborough District, to the list of Honorary Life Members in recognition of their many years' service to the art of ringing.

The following had been nominated for the general offices, the elections to take place at the annual general meeting: President (one required), Mr. B. S. Payne (Barrow-on-Soar, a vice-president); and Mr. A. E. Rowley (Ibstock, a former treasurer). Vice-presidents (two required), Mr. J. E. Adams (Leicester, St. Margaret); Mr. J. H. Cook (Asfordby, and chairman of the Melton Mowbray District); and Mr. P. L. Taylor (Loughborough, a vice-president); general secretary, Mr. B. G. Warwick, of Leicester; treasurer (one required), Mrs. B. G. Warwick (treasurer), and Mr. J. M. Jelley (Leicester Cathedral); peal secretary, Mr. R. H. Cook (Asfordby); trustees (two required), Messrs. C. Harrison and J. P. Fidler (Loughborough).

Notice was given of the following alterations and additions to rules which would come before the annual general meeting: Rule 5 (a), line 3, after "to elect the officers" to insert "with the exception of the president, who shall be elected every third year." Proposed by D. Manship, seconded by F. K. Measures.

Notice was given of alterations of rules dealing with the president, who it is proposed should be elected every third year and the office be vacated if absent from three consecutive committee meetings: ceases to be a member of the Guild if by notice in writing he resigns his office.

FORTY-TWO NEW MEMBERS

Seven non-resident and 35 resident members were elected, viz.: Non-resident: J. H. Fielden, G. E. Thoday, P. S. Bennett, G. Penny, C. M. Press, E. Deakin and J. Pearson. Rosemary Brooks (Great Bowden), J. Hunting

and Mrs. Jelley (Leicester Cathedral), C. P. Davis (Houghton-on-the-Hill), T. Natt (Aylestone), J. H. Billson, C. Billson, Anne Hughes, G. Pickwell, D. Seal, D. Mee and J. R. J. Angell (Markfield); B. Nixon, Joyce Pickering, C. Baliol-Key, Gillian McKay, Josephine Flint, Christine Flint, N. Davis (Thurcaston); Phyllis Turner (Birstall); P. Chambers (Barrow-on-Soar); Mrs. D. J. Niblett (Syston); Rebecca Coates (Shepshed); Valerie Greaves and R. Wilson (Loughborough); G. Geary (Croft); A. Faulkes and T. Wykes (Hinckley); Mrs. R. Burrows, L. Burrows, Keith Isaacs, Kevin Isaacs and D. M. Brown (Sapcote); C. Castell, Leicester All Saints'.

Mr. Jack Adams reported that the Ernest Morris Memorial window will be completed within the next three months, and the Vicar had agreed that the dedication service should be held on a Saturday, so that ringers would be able to attend. The date will be publicised in "The Ringing World."

The secretary announced the arrangements for the annual general meeting, which would be held in Leicester on April 24th. The service would be in the Cathedral, and the Rev. R. J. Hunting (Vicar of Sibley and an honorary member) had agreed to preach.

The Guild Striking Competition would be held at Queniborough on May 15th; entry form to be submitted by May 1st. The judges are Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish and Mr. J. P. Fidler.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. P. J. Staniforth showed the 50-minute cine film which he took while on his visit to the U.S.A. to open the bells at Washington Cathedral. A collection for the general fund realised £7 13s.

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ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire, Plain Bob): P. Francis (first quarter) 1, Miss I. Gocher 2, C. M. Godfrey 3, J. D. Nelson 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5. For Sung Eucharist.

Anonymity

Dear Sir,—I have read Mr. Worrall's letter with much interest, and although I am normally against too protracted correspondence on one issue, I believe that this is one which will bear further scrutiny.

First of all, I would point out that I had no intention of discussing the points raised by our unknown correspondents; my letter was purely a protest against the increasing, and apparently indiscriminate, use of the pseudonym. Neither did I accuse the writers of hypocrisy, only of a certain lack of courage.

Indeed, I most firmly believe that every man has a right to his own point of view and the right to state it publicly if he so desires. Let me take Atheist as an illustration. He has probably given a great deal more, and deeper, thought to the question of religion than many of the rest of us, blindly believing in what we were brought up to believe. He has reached an honest conclusion, and should be respected for it. But why—and this is the important point—does he feel it necessary to keep his identity a secret?

I am reluctant to believe any man a hypocrite. But it seems to me that Atheist must take one of two courses. Either he is open about his views—and if he does not mind his friends knowing, why should he object to a lot of strangers, whom he will probably never meet?—or else he hides them. And if he hides them, does he enter a church and behave there like a Christian? For if I were attending the service at, say, a meeting, and Atheist were in the same church intoning the Lord's Prayer, I'm afraid I would certainly call that hypocrisy.

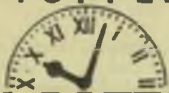
Now, Mr. Worrall presents a point of view which I had not previously very seriously considered; that the fear of ostracism is a very real and well-grounded one. He has suffered from it himself; I don't understand why, but not being in possession of the facts am not qualified to comment. However, I bow to his superior knowledge, and this brings us to a second point.

It is a very disquieting thought that a person who writes to a paper mainly concerned with the Christian Church should feel compelled for this reason to shelter behind a nom-de-plume. It is a severe reflection on the rest of us. Are we so narrow-minded that we cannot allow our fellows to hold their own opinions on religion, government and the price of "The Ringing World"? It is not a Christian principle to ostracise a man because of his opinions. It is not broad-minded or tolerant or even humane. It is worse to pick on one man who has expressed (showing some degree of courage, I agree) the views held by more of us than care to admit it; nobody can deny that there are many ringers who do use the bells simply for their own pleasure and not for any divine purpose. Now, if the attitude of a whole section of the Church has led a man to believe he would be badly treated if his opinions became generally known, I suggest that it is time we reviewed that attitude. It is not one calculated to convert even a vacillating atheist.—Yours faithfully,

Tavistock.

D. A. BRAY.

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OTHER PERFORMANCE

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Jan. 30th, 4,080 Doubles (Winchendon, St. Martin, St. Nicholas, St. Simon, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire): Catherine M. Salter 1, Daphne J. Pollard 2, D. Sturge 3, C. J. Jones 4, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 5, Mary Eyres 6. Rung while the funeral train passed through Radley. Part of a seven method peal attempt lost because someone tampered with the church lights. First peal attempt 1 and 6.

HALF PEAL

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 2,520 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. Rowland 1, Mrs. M. Poolman 2, F. Markham 3, D. Heath 4, W. Poolman (cond.) 5, E. Williams 6. First half peal and longest length 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung fully muffled, backstroke of tenor open, on the day of the funeral.

ADLINGTON, LANCS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Moss 1, Pauline Turner 2, A. McNutt 3, T. Turner 4, B. Moss (cond.) 5, M. Arrowsmith 6.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Freda Prime 1, K. Cavill 2, D. Dean 3, Angela French 4, K. Prime (cond.) 5, Janice Haggett 6.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Schofield 1, Elizabeth Farrow 2, Andrea Tilley 3, G. R. Smerdon 4, A. E. Cheesman 5, N. Hobden 6, H. N. Pistow (cond.) 7, G. Huxley 8.

BARKBY, LEICS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): B. S. Payne (cond.) 1, M. D. Barsby 2, R. A. Clarke 3, M. R. A. Kirk 4, G. M. Brewin 5, F. Faulkner 6.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Hill 1, M. D. Barsby 2, R. A. Kendrick 3, J. R. Perkins 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, F. Faulkner 6.

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincs.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Minor (Single Court and Plain Bob): G. Spencer (first quarter) 1, F. T. Carford 2, G. S. Collishaw 3, S. R. Wilson 4, B. H. Dalton 5, L. P. Wilson (cond.) 6.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Gunstone 1, P. Beavan 2, R. Harrison (first of Doubles) 3, B. Carter 4, P. Gaisford (cond.) 5, F. Box 6.

BREWOOD, STAFFS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. L. Askew (first quarter) 1, W. Allsop 2, S. C. Dumbell (first 'inside') 3, L. K. Roberts 4, R. W. Broughton 5, D. R. Hawksworth 6, R. L. Hawksworth (cond.) 7, C. A. Allsop 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's, on Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Williams 1, J. A. Bennett 2, Mrs. J. M. Taylor 3, M. J. Hobbs 4, Miss G. M. Hussey (cond.) 5, D. J. Hunt 6, J. R. Taylor 7, F. R. Hussey 8.

BRISTOL.—On Jan. 24th, at SS. Philip and Jacob's, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: D. C. Exell 1, J. R. Taylor 2, M. J. Hobbs 3, Jennifer M. Taylor 4, B. North 5, R. J. Bowden 6, F. D. Mack 7, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 8.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob, Grandsire): W. Hinkman 1, D. R. Hinkman 2, A. Wall 3, W. H. Woodyatt 4, T. Cooper (cond.) 5, C. Wall 6.

CAMPTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Blackburn (first on the treble) 1, S. H. Ashton 2, B. W. Lake 3, H. Lawrence 4, P. G. Rogers (cond.) 5.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Jan. 30th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Pitt (first of Stedman) 1, N. Avis 2, J. Avis 3, G. N. Orman 4, A. R. Andrews 5, E. E. Davey 6, E. P. Duffield (cond.) 7, H. J. Millatt 8.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Jan. 31st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: S. Zvesintzou (first of Major) 1, Jennifer Sceny 2, Brenda Cooke 3, R. A. Yeates 4, W. Tyson (first in the method) 5, A. G. Craddock 6, W. Davidson 7, M. Maughan (cond.) 8.

CRANFORD, MIDDY.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Woodyer 1, Josephine Pole 2, J. Britchford 3, D. Fowles 4, T. Baker 5, C. Stevenson (cond.) 6.

FOURTH INSTALMENT

CUCKFIELD, SX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. V. Johnson 1, Miss R. A. Stevens 2, S. Upton 3, R. Durnford 4, J. Jeffery 5, J. Herbecq 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Matheson 1, Valerie J. Howard 2, J. H. Griffin 3, D. Mitchell 4, M. P. Howard 5, R. I. F. Parsons 6, F. H. Hicks 7, J. A. Howard (cond.) 8.

EDINBURGH.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. Graham (first of Stedman) 1, Miss M. S. Taylor 2, Mrs. L. Martin 3, Miss M. A. B. Wilson 4, R. S. Wilson 5, M. J. Marriott 6, M. M. Peterson (cond.) 7, F. E. Collins 8.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Fowkes 1, Miss S. Law 2, Miss M. Pettitt 3, Miss M. Clarke 4, R. Huckle 5, R. Law (cond.) 6.

GAYWOOD, KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Shipp 1, E. Greenacre 2, R. Harrop 3, J. Coston 4, C. Tovell 5, E. Shipp (cond.) 6.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. Edwards (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Edwards (first 'inside') 2, J. Cook 3, Mrs. E. Arnold 4, J. H. Edwards (cond.) 5, R. H. French 6.

GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Edmonds (first quarter) 1, J. A. Ball 2, D. P. Jones 3, D. Perry (first 'inside') 4, D. Eames (cond.) 5.

HEDDINGTON, WILTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hacker 1, D. Hacker 2, E. Speary 3, Margaret L. J. Hacker 4, Wm. Hacker (cond.) 5, H. White 6.

HEIGHINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Kitching (first quarter) 1, W. Thompson 2, J. Robinson 3, R. Bowser 4, J. Schofield 5, E. Thompson (cond.) 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Feb. 1st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. B. Davey 1, J. K. A. Cook 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, A. J. Davey 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Jan. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Helen Grierson (first quarter) 1, U. Wildney 2, Sheelah Harrison 3, R. Isgar 4, Susan Bogtack 5, Heather McArthur 6, R. Harrison 7, F. Luftkin (cond.) 8.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): G. Paget 1, Barbara Sawden 2, M. Hutchings 3, G. Cox 4, G. Lightfoot (cond.) 5, Norma Riley 6, R. Hutchings 7, P. Kedghe 8.

LEIGH, SURREY.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. J. Bull 1, D. Athfield 2, C. Dalton 3, G. Charlton 4, W. Dunn (cond.) 5, K. Richardson 6.

LOWER HEYFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. A. Denny (first quarter) 1, F. Browning 2, I. R. Nightingale (first of Minor) 3, R. J. Danby 4, E. C. Garrett 5, W. H. Collins (cond.) 6.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Osborne 1, A. Honeywood 2, J. Honeywood 3, Gillian Brown 4, A. E. Honeywood 5, U. Wildney (cond.) 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles, on Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Williams 1, G. F. Roope (cond.) 2, Miss H. Leleux 3, Miss J. A. Downing 4, R. A. Eldridge 5, R. Kirby 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: H. DeCombe 1, K. Tipper 2, D. Sansom 3, D. Hughes 4, D. White 5, Comdr. Jackson 6.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. Evans 1, P. Dawes 2, D. Sturge 3, D. J. Salter 4, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 5, O. Thompson 6. First in three methods by 1, 2. Also 1,320 Doubles (three methods): Catherine M. Salter 1, Jocelyn M. Cooke 2, Janet M. Turner 3, C. J. Jones 4, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 5, Mary Eyres 6. First in three methods 1, 2, 3, 4.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Mead 1, R. Hill 2, B. Spiers (cond.) 3, J. Bennett 4, C. Hallings 5, Joan Gainey 6.

RUDDINGTON, NOITS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Simpson 1, N. Handley 2, R. Whitworth 3, S. Adams 4, D. Oliver (cond.) 5, L. Butler 6.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Duck 1, C. W. Jose 2, A. Locke 3, G. F. Dunstan 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, A. Beattie 6. 25th together 3 and 5, and the conductor's 25th of Grandsire Doubles.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Simpson 1, Cynthia Webb 2, Nita West 3, W. Simpson 4, A. Humphrey 5, J. Harvey 6, D. Marshall 7, R. Newsum 8.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. P. R. Shepherd 1, G. Norcliffe 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, R. Welch 4, K. Welch 5, P. England 6.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. R. Left (first of Minor) 1, H. Mann 2, T. R. Harris (cond.) 3, R. Ashby (first 'inside') 4, P. J. Lawton 5, P. J. Ashby 6.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy S. Austin 1, G. Kenward 2, Mrs. G. Nicholson 3, J. E. Clark 4, E. C. Barton 5, G. A. Taylor (cond.) 6, S. B. Dobbie 7, G. Nicholson 8.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Bourner (first quarter) 1, H. F. Goodcarle 2, Lynne Payne 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (first as cond.) 5, G. Grant 6. First in method 3 and 5.

STAFFORD.—On Jan. 31st, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Jennifer Beech 1, E. Fairbrother 2, R. T. Warrilow (cond.) 3, F. R. Wiggan 4, F. Eley 5, F. Beech 6, C. Hone 7, A. E. Garbett 8, R. K. Mowford 9, R. Stanley 10. First of Caters for 1 and 2.

STAMFORD, Lincs.—At All Saints' Church, on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Towell 1, W. Beddow 2, Dylis Gray 3, E. Tyers (first quarter) 4, V. Chamberlain 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6.

STORINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wood 1, Jean Horton 2, J. Taylor 3, M. Davies 4, B. H. Farhall (cond.) 5, G. Mercer 6. First in method 1 and 3.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Perkins 1, M. White (cond.) 2, R. Spray 3, E. Styler 4, J. Perkins 5, G. Stock 6.

TAYNTON, OXON.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. W. Soden 1, T. J. Hester 2, T. W. Timms 3, W. J. Dixon 4, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 5, B. W. Hall 6.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. B. Skinner 1, Miss J. Horton 2, J. Taylor 3, F. Brooks 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, R. Seth 6.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Lawrenson 1, W. Butler (cond.) 2, R. Christopher 3, R. Pike 4, D. Mottram 5, R. Rex 6, W. Hunt 7, A. Christopher 8.

THURNBY, LEICS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. D. Glenton 1, Mrs. J. R. Cadwallader 2, H. L. Wykes 3, P. F. Pawley 4, J. G. Glenton 5, J. J. Pawley (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

TUDDENHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Patricia M. Clark 1, D. H. P. Buxton 2, K. Nunn 3, A. Dillely 4, R. G. Crooks 5, J. L. Girt (cond.) 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, ES.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Mrs. D. Neal 2, C. A. Gray 3, D. Neal (cond.) 4, J. A. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. W. Gray 7, J. M. Steele 8.

WANSTEAD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: S. Jennings 1, K. A. Hughes 2, J. Chalk 3, C. Wright 4, J. Eyre 5, A. Faulkner (cond.) 6.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Woodbridge 1, R. Howes 2, J. McIlhorne 3, J. Playdads 4, V. Fox 5, C. Woodward 6, F. Absalom (cond.) 7, D. Exon 8.

WHEATHAMPS EAD, HERTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): R. D. R. Brown 1, A. Wilby 2, K. J. Walpole (cond.) 3, F. W. Ellis 4, Gillian M. Brearley 5, M. J. Sherrick 6.

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QUARTER PEALS

DATE TOUCH

HARROGATE, YORKS.—At St. Peter's, on Dec. 29th, 1964 Little and Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Fisher 1, D. Fisher 2, C. Watson 3, P. English 4, W. McQuiggin 5, E. Hudson (cond.) 6. Rung by local company. First touch of more than 720 changes on the bells and by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Orme (first of Major) 1, C. Harwood (cond.) 2, A. Buck 3, S. Hutton 4, R. Castledine 5, D. Salisbury 6, D. Sutcliffe 7, J. Dear 8.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. A. Connoily 1, D. J. Wimbush 2, Judith R. Cox 3, K. Medhurst 4, Mary R. Andrews (cond.) 5, M. D. Edey 6.

BICESLAR, OXON.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: H. H. Alexander (cond.) 1, Diana Reeves 2, R. A. Reeves 3, P. J. Heritage 4, E. J. Evans 5, E. G. Jones 6, C. C. Clarke 7, C. H. Kinch 8.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SWITWELL, BERKS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. V. Aldridge 1, Sue M. Heyworth 2, Angela M. Ayres (cond.) 3, R. Coe 4, R. A. Partridge 5, E. J. Aldridge 6. For the Patronal Festival, and for the birthday of F. C. Castell, a ringer in this tower for over 60 years.

BRISTOL.—At St. Werburgh's, on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: S. G. Riches (cond.) 1, L. H. Clasn 2, R. W. Sweet 3, A. J. True 4, I. J. Free-stone 5, A. J. Ingham 6. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—On Jan. 23rd, at St. Stephen's, 1,349 Grand-sire Caters: 1. C. Maycock 1, D. J. Marshall 2, C. M. Foster 3, R. Blackler 4, J. C. Baldwin 5, P. J. Bird (cond.) 6, D. M. Sawyer 7, I. Trueman 8, A. R. Keach 9, D. Heighton 10. Rung by the Master and Past Masters of the University of Bristol Society.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (1, 2 leading): Meryl Smith 1, Pauline Wildman 2, Susan Lane (first quarter) 3, Shelagh C. Guthrie 4, Susan J. Devey 5, R. D. Baker (first 'inside') 6, G. Bradbury (cond.) 7, E. Borley 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. L. Barker, wife of Alfred and mother of Peter Barker, both ringers at this church.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. Weal 1, M. J. Bura 2, J. F. Payne 3, T. J. Wellen (first 'inside') 4, Miss E. Stevinson (cond.) 5, J. H. Payton 6.

CHISLEA, KENT.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Cox (first of Minor) 1, Gwynneth James 2, J. M. Elaine Dixon 3, M. Ostler 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, A. Davies 6.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Todd 1, Miss M. Pearson 2, J. Vickery 3, R. S. Skelton 4, S. Zvegintzou 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6.

CRANFORD, MIDD.—On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. James 1, Josephine Pole 2, P. Woodgery 3, J. Britchford 4, D. Fowles 5, C. Stevenson (cond.) 6. For the induction of the Rev. Stephen Beebe as Rector of Cranford.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Susan Heather (first quarter) 1, M. Bura 2, L. Warner 3, T. Wellen 4, Elizabeth Stevinson (cond.) 5, N. Smith 6.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Lynn Taylor 1, Peggy Butcher 2, A. W. Fuller 3, Betty Butler 4, A. J. Butcher (cond.) 5, A. E. W. Baines (first quarter) 6. 25th quarter on the bells.

CRUYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Feb. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. E. Collins 1, R. Davies 2, M. Parry 3, N. Brown 4, K. Taber 5, R. G. Abbott 6, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 7, A. Brown 8. Rung on the back eight.

ECKINGTON, WORCS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: C. Prosser 1, T. Newbery 2, R. Loxley 3, D. Trentfield 4, J. Attwood, sen. (cond.) 5, J. Attwood, jun. 6.

ELFORD, STAFFS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. C. Bowen 1, N. C. Bowen 2, L. E. Monk 3, Lucy Smith 4, C. T. Collins 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 2.

EXETER.—At St. David's, on Dec. 21st, 1,260 Mixed Doubles, being 480 Plain Bob, 780 Grand-sire: A. Giles 1, V. Mellish 2, F. Mack 3, P. Pavey 4, A. White (cond.) 5, K. Wannell 6. Rung for the 25th anniversary of the Vicar's (the Rev. T. Pritchard's) ordination.

HOLME PIERREPOINT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,320 Doubles (two methods): R. Blackshaw 1, C. R. Larkin 2, S. J. Dowse (cond.) 3, M. W. Harrison 4, J. A. Heaps 5. Rung for Evensong.

HOLYWOOD, CO. DOWN.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss R. Thompson 1, G. D. Brown 2, J. S. N. Porter 3, F. E. Dukes 4, H. Brown 5, R. A. Vere Hodge 6, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, J. T. Dunwoody 8. First quarter on the bells since rehanging. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss A. E. Sadler.

INGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grand-sire): A. F. Ballam (cond.) 1, K. L. Stannard 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, D. Rowlands 4, W. Goodship 5. For the induction service for the Rev. H. I. Noakes.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Wilson 1, Dianne Bird 2, Gillian Graney 3, Frances Massey 4, D. W. Beard (cond.) 5, H. L. Hatfield 6.

LUITON, BEDS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: N. Garrard 1, M. Garrard 2, J. G. Newman 3, A. J. Smith 4, G. Hawkins 5, H. Wood 6, A. E. Rushon (cond.) 7, J. Cheney 8. For morning service. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. E. L. Davies, verger, whose funeral took place the previous day.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grand-sire): Elizabeth Todd 1, A. Neilson 2, R. P. Brotherston 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmel 6.

MERTHAM, SURREY.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: A. P. Cannon 1, A. Bull 2, D. Atfield 3, W. Dunn 4, T. Bird 5, A. Streeter 6, K. G. Game (cond.) 7, C. H. Cook 8. First quarter on the augmented eight. Rung following the dedication service.

MICKLETON, GLOS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. C. Lyne 1, A. J. Brazier 2, F. Kinchin 3, R. C. Chapman 4, A. J. Print 5, C. R. Stead 6, A. G. Foster (cond.) 7, F. Powell 8.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss C. Duckling (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. Poolman 2, Miss A. Rowland 3, F. Markham 4, D. Heath 5, E. Williams (cond.) 6, W. Poolman 7, H. Perry 8. A farewell to the ringer of the treble on the eve of her departure to the U.S.A. on a 12-month visit. Also on Feb. 7th, 1,440 Grand-sire and Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Poolman 1, Miss A. Rowland (first 'inside' in more than one method) 2, F. Markham 3, E. Williams 4, W. Poolman (cond.) 5, D. Heath 6.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: J. Hartless 1, P. J. Jackson 2, J. R. Faithfull 3, H. J. Page 4, D. Greenlaw 5, M. J. Butler (cond.) 6, D. C. Jackson 7, K. J. Jacobs 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam M. D. George Northway, for 12 years a ringer at this tower and at Eling.

SALFORD, LANCs.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. L. Coley 1, A. Twyman 2, A. S. Taylor 3, C. R. Cotton 4, P. Coddington 5, J. W. Gander (cond.) 6. By M.U.G.C.R. in memoriam the Earl of Woolton, Chancellor of Manchester University.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Norma Jennings 1, A. Stacey 2, D. Mottram 3, R. Rex 4, W. Butler (cond.) 5, A. Christopher 6. To mark the baptism of Elizabeth Ann Butler.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jane Chapman 1, June Whitcher 2, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 3, D. Hawkins 4, M. C. Austin 5, I. L. Dear 6, R. J. Chapman 7, D. S. Billimore 8. For Matins.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Feb. 7th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Ruth A. Elmes (first of Surprise) 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, M. J. Young 3, G. W. Elmes 4, J. W. Blackwood 5, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 6. First in the method by all, and on the bells.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Avert 1, S. Laud (first 'inside') 2, D. Laud 3, R. G. Smith 4, R. D. Bell 5, W. G. Paul 6, R. G. Bell 7, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 8.

WEST QUANTOXHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss B. Jervis 1, R. Somerfield 2, R. Penny 3, W. Smith 4, J. Aldridge (first as cond.) 5. An 18th birthday compliment to Miss B. Jervis. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,272 Oxford T.B.: G. Pearl 1, C. Brown 2, F. Flatt 3, W. Cracknell (cond.) 4, A. Lawes 5, A. Flatt 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. G. J. Filby, a local ringer whose funeral took place this day.

YOXALL, STAFFS.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. C. Bowen 1, P. C. Bowen (first 'inside') 2, C. T. Collins 3, L. E. Monk 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5, Lucy Smith 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Ringers in and around Falmouth, Cornwall, might be interested to know that 'The Sound of Bells,' by Edgar C. Shepherd, can be obtained from Falmouth Public Library.

Mr. G. Dodd thanks readers who have sent him compositions of Bob Major with all singles. An attempt to ring one of them has already been arranged.

The four ringing towers in the borough of Harrow were each represented in the peal rung at St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the-Hill, on February 1st. Sir Winston was not only a schoolboy at Harrow, but was the borough of Harrow's first honorary freeman.

The quarter peal of Bob Royal at Brighton on January 30th was the hundredth peal for Miss Angela Grainger. The conductor (Mr. M. J. Bew) has now conducted six quarter peals, one each of Doubles, Minor, Triples, Major, Caters and Royal.

Mr. W. J. Rawlings informs us that the peal he rang at St. Paul's Cathedral on the day of the State funeral of Sir Winston Churchill was his 101st. His 100th peal was rung at the Commonwealth Institute on November 14th, 1964 for the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles.

The peal rung at West Clandon on February 13th as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. Peter Taylor, came within a few days of the funeral of the general secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Mr. Stanley T. A. Russell. He was remembered by the ringers participating.

Mr. John Hunt writes: The place notation of Mauretania Surprise Major, first rung at Knowle, Bristol, on January 25th, should read: x 38 x 14 x 58 x 16 x 12 x 38,14,56,34,78. The notation published in 'The Ringing World' of February 19th was in fact that of Lyme Surprise Major. Mauretania is No. NZ 209 of Shirley Burton's collection, and the conductor is grateful to Mr. Burton for pointing out the error.

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First of Minor in Scotland

Members of the Sunday Service band at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, all of whom are resident in Edinburgh except Mr. Martyn Marriott, who is at the University for 30 weeks in the year, have rung at Alloa the first peal of Minor for the Association. Scotland has no ringable rings of six, so Alloa was the only reasonable choice of tower, as all the other rings of eight are far too heavy for a peal to be rung on the back six in comfort. Two of the band scored their first peal, one her first of Minor, and it was the most number of methods rung to a peal for all the band.

After the performance the ringers were greeted by the local captain and ladies who had prepared a huge tea, and so ended a very successful afternoon. 'We are all proud of the performance, rung by a local band in a local tower, even if that tower is 34 miles away,' writes Mr. Marriott.

Epsom Misfortune

On January 30th, a peal of Plain Bob Royal was lost after 2hr. 55min. at St. Martin's, Epsom, being only 20 minutes from the end. The deeply muffled bells were rung by five people from St. Martin's, Epsom, and five from Epsom Common, and was to have been in memoriam for Sir Winston Churchill. Also if it had been successful, it would have been the first peal for Mr. Geoffrey Stevens, who rang the treble extremely well, and the first of Royal for the other ringers. The conductor, Mr. David J. Horschell, had to stop the attempt as two bells had crossed over. However, another attempt is planned in the near future.

Cup Winners Married

Two active members of the Southwell Diocesan Guild who have many friends throughout the country, Miss Christine Froggatt and Mr. Brian Mills, were married just before Christmas at Shelford, their home tower. They brought distinction locally by being in the band which won the coveted Crawford Cup in 1964, and also both took part in the first peal of Minor in 27 methods for the Guild.

Through unforeseen circumstances the peal attempt which had been arranged was not possible, but a quarter peal of 1.440 Minor (Single Oxford and Plain Bob) was rung at nearby Cotgrave by Graham Smith (first quarter) 1. Susan Meredith 2. S. Dutton 3. Doreen Bradley 4. F. Bradley (cond.) 5. B. Buswell 6.

Darryl of Northenden

Behind the brief announcement of the quarter peal at Northenden, Manchester (page 112), there is a story of devotion to our art. About a year ago this band for one reason or another lost four of their best ringers, whom they could ill-afford to lose. These included the belfry leader, Miss Darryl Gillespie, although the youngest member (at the time only 16) took over a depleted band and with much hard work kept them at it. As ringing had been confined to Doubles, the quarter of Plain Bob Major was an encouraging achievement. The band are hoping that before another young ringer goes to college they will ring a quarter of Kent T.B.

Big Send-off from Washington

Immediately before Mr. Fred Price's departure from Washington for England, a tea party was held in the ringing chamber of the National Cathedral. Sarah Irwin, one of the girls in the National Cathedral School for Girls, composed this lyric, which was sung by some 20 or so of Mr. Price's students. 'Mr. Price did a wonderful job here,' writes Mrs. Alice W. Shurdiff in forwarding the lyric.

TO MR. FRED PRICE

Good rounds, good striking and a good course of Grandsire;

Talking and cookies and tea by a warm fire;

Dark purl sallies and full ten-bell rings;

These are a few of our favourite things.

Hunting and coursing and dodging and snapping;

Right pulls and wrong pulls and muffles tapping;

Watching the world like birds high on the wing;

These are a few of our favourite things.

When your 'plane leaves for old England

And we're feeling sad,

We'll think of a few of our favourite things,

And then we won't feel so bad.

Climbing stone staircases, running elevators;

Hoping that someday we'll ring Stedman

Caters;

Christmas, and New Years and Saturday

rings;

These are a few of our favourite things.

Studying methods, and wishin' and hopin'

That we'll be the ones to ring open;

Watching the bells as they turn in full

swing;

These are a few of our favourite things.

When your 'plane leaves for old

England

And we're feeling sad,

We'll think of a few of our favourite things,

And then we won't feel so bad.

Blewbury Peal Time

With the peal of Stedman Triples at Blewbury, Berkshire, on February 13th, Harry Wells, formerly tower leader at Nettlebed, Oxon, rang his first peal for over nine years.

The writer has the feeling that the time of 2hr. 35min. taken for the peal would not meet with the approval of a certain lady ringer from Suffolk, now resident at Westminster College Oxford.

From Nottingham to Louth

Holme Pierrepont ringers are sorry at the impending departure for Louth, Lincs, of Mr. James A. Heaps, who conducted his first peal on January 25th (see page 123). For about three years the band had been trying to get him to stand in a peal, but until last week without success. Mr. Heaps is churchwarden at Holme Pierrepont and also headmaster of the Church school there. He has been ringing for many years.

Northleigh Progress

We have received an encouraging report concerning the progress made at St. Mary's, Northleigh, due primarily to the encouragement of Mr. David Smith and others who spent many frustrating hours over a long period, in getting the band off call changes on boards to method ringing. So enthusiastic are the ringers that the first ever peal board is now in the tower and two more are being prepared.

Two young ringers, Peter Holden and James List, have progressed from Plain Bob Doubles to Surprise methods and visit other towers to gain additional tuition and experience. Peter rang his first peal as conductor last month. Both of these ringers have younger sisters who ring, and it is hoped that they will follow in their brothers' footsteps. There is also a reasonable tune ringing handbell team in the tower whose services were in great demand at Christmas. Method ringing on handbells is also progressing.

Two Firsts, Two Fifties

On Saturday, February 14th, Mr. R. Nalliah joined the Wentworth ringers for ringing for the morning service. Mr. Nalliah, who is a dental surgeon, is one of the latest recruits to the Wentworth band. Priory to Evensong on the same day another member of the Wentworth band—Mr. T. Cairns—rang his first quarter peal. This quarter peal was the fiftieth quarter of Doubles for two members—Mr. Alec Beaumont and Mr. A. King.

Another Band is Blossoming

The first quarter on the restored bells at Caddington, Beds., was rung on February 12th with two members of the new band who started learning about a year ago on the treble (the tower captain) and the tenor. There were no ringers at all in the parish when the bells were rededicated, and the Vicar had to ask for help in training his many volunteers. They now ring Plain Hunt Doubles for Sundays, and are learning to hunt the treble through Grandsire on Fridays. The departure of the Vicar to Kempston deserved a special effort, hence the two "senior" ringers in this their first touch.

Corrections

The peal of 5.040 Minor rung at Barrowby, Lincs (February 12th issue) contained four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, not as printed.

The ringer of the fourth in the peal at West Wickham for the Kent County Association (page 120) should read D. Paul Smith.

The 5.003 Grandsire Caters at Isleworth on January 30th was a composition by Gabriel Lindoff, conducted by Mr. Frank B. Lufkin.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at St. Andrew's, Cambridge, by the Cambridge University Guild on January 30th in memory of Sir Winston Churchill, was the first Guild peal in which a member of Churchill College has rung.

IN MEMORIAM SIR WINSTON SPENCER CHURCHILL, K.G.

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Born November 30th, 1874; Died January 24th, 1965

A FURTHER INSTALMENT

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION COMPTON BISHOP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 2,400 Plain Bob and 2,640 Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*Terry Feltham Treble	John S. Walton 4
†P. John Hall 2	Harold Hooper 5
Harold Spencer 3	Jeffrey Phillips Tenor

Conducted by Harold Hooper.

* First peal. † First in two methods 'inside.'
Rung half-muffled.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Hubert G. Summers .. Treble	*Ian D. Thompson 5
*Edward Holdsworth .. 2	Ernest J. Gower 6
Frank W. Perrens 3	Ian C. Maycock 7
Percy Stone 4	Geoffrey Pratt Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

* First peal in the method.
Rung half-muffled.

EXHALL-BY-COVENTRY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Mon., Jan. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being in seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B flat.

*Ian P. Unsworth Treble	George P. Hammond 4
†John G. Webb 2	Keith F. Gardener 5
Raymond D. Hart 3	David J. Allen Tenor

Conducted by David J. Allen.

* 25th peal. † First of Cambridge 'inside.'
Rung half-muffled.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION TERRINGTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Clement

On Fri., Jan. 29, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

Stanley G. Elsey Treble	John Fox 5
*Michael Bryan (13) .. 2	Roland Reed 6
Wallace W. Cousins .. 3	Ernest H. Mastin 7
Harry Follen 4	Claude Cousins Tenor

Composed by N. Golden.

Conducted by Ernest H. Mastin.

* First of Major.
Rung half-muffled.

MAGDALEN, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.

On Tues., Jan. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

(1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Kent T.B., (4) Plain Bob, (5) St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Peter Gagen Treble	John Fox 4
*Michael Bryan (13) .. 2	Ernest H. Mastin 5
Wallace W. Cousins .. 3	Claude Cousins Tenor

Conducted by Ernest H. Mastin.

* First peal, first attempt.
Rung half-muffled.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sun., Feb. 14, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt 3 qr. in D.

Richard J. Parker Treble	†J. Colin Ashworth 5
John P. Partington .. 2	Tudor P. Edwards 6
Margaret E. Fort 3	†Ivan Kay 7
*Jeffrey Kershaw 4	Derek Butterworth Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

* 50th peal. † First in the method. First in the method on the bells. The tenor ringer is the first person to 'circle the tower' to peals.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

WEST DERBY, Liverpool, Lancs.—At the Church of St. James.

On Thurs., Feb. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Cambridge, one combined Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., two Oxford T.B. and two Kent T.B. Tenor 12 cwt.

*David C. Simpson Treble	Edwin C. Birkett 4
James Dunbavin 2	Thomas W. Hesketh 5
Thomas S. Horridge .. 3	Terence Fitzgerald Tenor

Conducted by Thomas W. Hesketh.

* First peal.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Fri., Feb. 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

Jack Bray Treble	Septimus Neave 5
C. Aubrey Harrison .. 2	W. Arthur Crowder 6
Ronald Chafer 3	John Hall 7
George E. Feirn 4	Michael W. Crowder Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.
Rung half-muffled.

WINTERTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Feb. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of York Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Bourne Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G sharp.

Harry Baldwin Treble	John Hall 4
Ronald Chafer 2	Harold Judd 5
Jack Bray 3	Aubrey Harrison Tenor

Conducted by John Hall.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

AYLSHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Kent T.B., one Oxford T.B. and four Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Arthur C. Wells Treble	†Derick J. Gray 4
Daniel T. Phillips .. 2	Roy E. Cullington 5
*John R. Smith 3	Derick W. Pardon Tenor

Conducted by Derick W. Pardon.

* 400th tower bell peal. † First in three methods.
Rung half-muffled.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTHLEIGH, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*Peter R. Coveney Treble	James F. List 4
T. Geoffrey Holden .. 2	Bertram J. Coggins 5
Roy H. Jones 3	Peter G. Holden Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Holden.

* First peal of Minor. First as conductor. Rung half-muffled.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

KIDLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's Trans. of Thurstons' Four-Part. Tenor 23½ cwt.

Walter F. Judge Treble	John G. Pusey 5
Edward R. Venn 2	Frederick A. H. Wilkins .. 6
Roger M. Heyworth .. 3	Edgar J. Smith 7
Neil I. Allnatt 4	J. Richard Chaundy Tenor

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

Arranged and rung with the bells half-muffled.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

OAKHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Jan. 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (7th observation).	Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.
Mrs. Michael T. Stimson <i>Treble</i>	E. Alan Jacques .. 5
Ronald J. Hill .. 2	Roland H. Cook .. 6
Victor Chamberlain .. 3	J. Martin Thorley .. 7
Michael T. Stimson .. 4	Gerald W. Reynolds .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

Rung half-muffled.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

GREASLEY, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Feb. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part	Tenor 13½ cwt.
Shelagh Fitzpatrick .. <i>Treble</i>	Donald J. Beach .. 5
Herbert T. Rooke .. 2	*E. Andrew Harrison .. 6
George Challans .. 3	Peter Nix .. 7
Mrs. Minnie I. Foscett .. 4	Frank Cooke .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by Peter Nix.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung half-muffled.

GAMSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Feb. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob.	Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb in A.
Sidney Carnall .. <i>Treble</i>	David D. Parsons .. 4
Katherine Burchnall .. 2	A. Harry Hawcroft .. 5
Grace Burchnall .. 3	Harold Denman .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by Harold Denman

Rung half-muffled.

COTGRAVE, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., Feb. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF ALL SAINTS' DOUBLES

S. Jape Dowse .. <i>Treble</i>	C. Raymond Larkin .. 4
Robert D. Marsh .. 2	Maurice W. Harrison .. 5
Ruth Blackshaw .. 3	Albert Foster .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.

Rung half-muffled, and also in memoriam John Barnes.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

EYE, Suffolk.—At the Church of SS Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

William Clover .. <i>Treble</i>	Thomas E. Spight .. 5
*Albert G. Harrison .. 2	Henry Tooke .. 6
Harry B. Fuller .. 3	Peter Adcock .. 7
Leonard E. Last .. 4	Leslie F. Bailey .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow.

* First peal in the method.

Rung half-muffled.

WINSTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., Jan. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Plain, 6 each of Stedman and St. Martin's, 3 each of Winchendon Place and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and 2 each of Grandsire and St. Simon's.	Tenor 7 cwt. in A.
Andrew T. Beckwith .. <i>Treble</i>	Lawrence R. Pizzey .. 3
Neville F. Whittell .. 2	Howard W. Egglestone .. 4
George W. Pipe .. <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by George W. Pipe.

First peal on the bells for 60 years. Rung half-muffled.

BARKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Feb. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five different extents of Plain Bob.	Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.
Robert E. Lester .. <i>Treble</i>	Mrs. E. J. Lockwood .. 4
Neville F. Whittell .. 2	Raymond F. Taylor .. 5
E. James Lockwood .. 3	John J. Prentice .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by Robert E. Lester.

Rung half-muffled.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

WANDSWORTH, London.—At the Church of Holy Trinity, West Hill.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

Christopher F. Mew .. <i>Treble</i>	Bria J. Bull .. 5
Alison M. Mann .. 2	Alan R. Patterson .. 6
*Robert J. Cooles .. 3	Alan E. Bagworth .. 7
D. Paul Smith .. 4	†Michael J. Uphill .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. Middleton.

* First of Surprise Major. † First of Cambridge Major. First of Major as conductor. First of Surprise on the bells. Rung half-muffled.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sun., Jan. 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.
Michael J. Uphill .. <i>Treble</i>	Leonard W. Allen .. 5
Alan R. Millidge .. 2	Brian J. Bull .. 6
Alison M. Mann .. 3	Alan R. Patterson .. 7
Christopher F. Mew .. 4	Brian H. Coatsworth .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

The tenor ringer has 'circled the tower' in eight peals.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

EAST GRINSTEAD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Swithun.

On Wed., Jan. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (6th observation).

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Diana J. Butcher .. <i>Treble</i>	M. Peter Howard .. 5
Valerie J. Howard .. 2	Frank H. Hicks .. 6
Gillian R. Parsons .. 3	John A. Howard .. 7
Derek Slater .. 4	*Andrew Matheson .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

* First peal attempt. Rung with bells half-muffled.

PETWORTH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

*Ian Robinson .. <i>Treble</i>	*M. Iain Davey .. 5
Edward F. Fosberry .. 2	†Christopher M. Godfrey .. 6
Diane M. Mullins .. 3	David D. Smith .. 7
Edgar R. Rapley .. 4	W. Leslie Weller .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. Knights.

Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

* First peal. † First peal on eight.

Rung half-muffled.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary de Haura.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (6th observation).

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

Valerie J. Howard .. <i>Treble</i>	Herbert W. Woolven .. 5
Derek Slater .. 2	Frank H. Hicks .. 6
*Jean M. Pike .. 3	W. Arthur Riddington .. 7
John A. Howard .. 4	†James M. Mills .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. Rung half-muffled.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION

LONG STANTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

F. Charles Hobson .. <i>Treble</i>	Michael C. E. Hodge .. 5
Christopher H. Rogers .. 2	James B. Cooke .. 6
Marilyn C. Smith .. 3	Vivian Nutton .. 7
John A. Harrison .. 4	S. Clarke Walters .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by S. Clarke Walters.

Rung half-muffled.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

(Selby and District Society).

HUNTINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sa., Feb. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings).	Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in D.
*Mary I. Hildred .. <i>Treble</i>	A. Colin Banton .. 3
†Jennifer Pearce .. 2	Susan E. Thompson .. 4

Christopher J. Groome .. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

* First peal attempt. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Grandsire for all the band. Rung half-muffled on the minor five.

(More Memorial Peals next week)

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
MARSTON BIGOT, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*Thomas S. Bryant .. Treble	Arthur Callow .. 4
*Janet Crocker .. 2	Robert Parker .. 5
Dorothy E. Crocker .. 3	Francis J. White .. Tenor

Conducted by Francis J. White.

* First peal and first attempt.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BULKINGTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 TURRAMURRA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in G.

Peter Border .. Treble	Shallcross .. 5
Anthony D. Sansom .. 2	Fielden .. 6
K. Frederick Gardner .. 3	Allen .. 7
Geoffrey W. Randall .. 4	.. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.
First peal in method for all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUNDERLAND, Co. Durham.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Wed., Feb. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F.

George S. Deas .. Treble	William Davidson .. 5
Jennifer Sceeny .. 2	Eric N. Harrison .. 6
Michael Maughan .. 3	David J. Marshall .. 7
M. Elaine Murcott .. 4	Bryan Pattison .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by Bryan Pattison.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

RAYLEIGH, Essex.—At the Church of Holy Trinity.

On Tues., Feb. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt.

Philip H. Avey .. Treble	Alfred J. House .. 5
*Joan Spreadbury .. 2	*David E. Belcham .. 6
*Bernard C. Sadler .. 3	*Andrew J. Salisbury .. 7
Gerald D. J. Sandwell .. 4	William F. Ward .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Alfred J. House.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a welcome to Alison Elizabeth, daughter of Liz and Gerald Sandwell and first grandchild of the Rev. G. W. and Mrs. Hatch, of this parish.

BENTLEY COMMON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being 240 Stedman, 960 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 1,920 Plain Bob and 1,920 Grandsire. Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*Helen Coppertwaite .. Treble	Victor J. C. Dale .. 3
*William R. Chandler .. 2	Ronald J. Brown .. 4
Barbara Fisher .. Tenor	

Conducted by Barbara Fisher.

* First peal at first attempt, aged 15. † First in four methods. First as conductor.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

WEST CLANDON, Surrey.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

Parker's Twelve-Part .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting .. 5
Jill M. May .. 2	Roy Collins .. 6
Christopher J. W. Webb .. 3	Douglas A. R. May .. 7
*Stuart M. Cobbe .. 4	John F. M. Maybrey .. Tenor

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Peter Taylor, who was inducted on the previous day.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

GRAVELEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt.

G. Michael Orme .. Treble	ack S. Dear .. 4
Elizabeth Wills .. 2	Eric Edmondson .. 5
Richard Castledine .. 3	Colin A. S. Harwood .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard Castledine.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Fri., Feb. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 UNION TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

James T. Stevens .. Treble	*Martin L. Howe .. 5
Arthur G. Mason .. 2	*Cyril S. Jarrett .. 6
Frederick J. Cullum .. 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Herbert E. Audeley .. 4	Thomas W. Blewitt .. Tenor

Composed by J. Carter.

Conducted by Martin L. Howe.

* First peal in the method. First of Triples as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

OLDHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sun., Feb. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb. in D flat.

Tudor P. Edwards .. Treble	John Robinson .. 6
Richard S. Starkie .. 2	Ba il Jones .. 7
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 3	Cyril Crossthwaite .. 8
Dennis Latham .. 4	John H. Fielden .. 9
Alan McFall .. 5	Derek Butterworth .. Tenor

Composed by James E. Groves.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

Rung after meeting short for Cinques.

GISBURN, West Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Kent and Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Double Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

Derek Butterworth .. Treble	John P. Partington .. 4
Margaret E. Fort .. 2	Geoffrey Cheetham .. 5
Jeffrey Kershaw .. 3	Richard J. Parker .. Tenor

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

First peal on the bells since rehanging.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.

On Sat., Feb. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

J. Edward Cawser .. Treble	Russell S. Morris .. 5
Beryl E. Cawser .. 2	E Alan Jacques .. 6
Roland H. Cook .. 3	A Maxwell Lindsey .. 7
W. Ernest Rawson .. 4	R Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by William Barton.

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

LINCOLN.—In St. Hugh's Tower at the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Thurs., Feb. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

A. Robin Heppenstall .. Treble	Jack Bray .. 7
*Anne E. Bateson .. 2	*Harold F. Gibson .. 8
Norah M. Randles .. 3	G.orge H. Randles .. 9
Margaret A. Parker .. 4	John Walden .. 10
Jack L. Millhouse .. 5	Geoffrey R. Parker .. 11
H. Leslie Pask .. 6	Peter A. Sharp .. Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Peter A. Sharp.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

Rung for the installation of the Ven. M. D. S. Peck, Archdeacon of Portsmouth, as Dean of this cathedral.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EPWORTH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

John Hall Treble	Jack Bray 5
Michael W. Crowder .. 2	Michael Whiting 6
Ronald Chafer 3	George E. Feirn 7
Harold Judd 4	C. Aubrey Harrison .. . Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.
First peal in the method by all the band, and on the bells.

BARKSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Thurs., Feb. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb. in G.

Seven different callings.	Graham J. N. Colborne .. 4
Andrew Colborne .. . Treble	Thomas A. Relf 5
Vaughan P. Evans .. . 2	Denis A. Frith Tenor
David J. Hopkinson .. . 3	

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

WELBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINIMUS

Being 210 extents in three methods, viz.: 75 Reverse Bob, 65 Double Bob and 70 Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr.

Patricia F. Rooney .. . Treble	David J. Hopkinson .. . 3
Peter A. Slight 2	David R. Baxter Tenor

Conducted by David R. Baxter.

First of Minimus by all the band, and believed to be the first for the Guild.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CADOXTON, Neath, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Cattwg.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OSWALD DELIGHT MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B.

A 2,160 and four different extents.	J. Arthur Hoare 4
Raymond Hosking .. . Treble	Gwyn I. Lewis 5
Brian J. Woodruffe .. . 2	David J. Llewellyn .. . Tenor
Penelope J. Welch .. . 3	

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

Dennis Brock Treble	*James B. Cooke 6
*Rosamund M. Rawlings .. 2	Harold W. Rogers 7
Hadley Hunter 3	*Andrew M. Johnson .. 8
Olive L. Rogers 4	Christopher H. Rogers .. 9
*Richard W. H. Hayes .. . 5	*Michael J. Bangham .. . Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Hadley Hunter (No. 2).

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Stedman.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BLEWBURY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

Heywood's Transposition.	Clifford J. Garlick 5
Harold W. Dun den .. . Treble	Michael Bishop 6
Angela M. Ayres 2	Robert B. Blond 7
Harry Wells 3	Claude Corderoy Tenor
Henry L. Bishop 4	

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

DORCHESTER-ON-THAMES, Oxon.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Thurs., Feb. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

John W. Thorp Treble	Roger M. Heyworth .. . 5
Anthony P. Foster 2	Bruce Wakefield 6
*G. Robert Mordaunt .. . 3	M. Roger Ashmore .. . 7
Hilary F. Pardoe 4	Nicholas J. Martin .. . Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Nicholas J. Martin.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Society. Tenor 15½ cwt.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

COTTESBROOKE, Northants.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 21 lb.

In seven methods, being extents of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.	Alan A. Paul 4
Roger W. Smith Treble	Charles E. Truman .. . 5
*Patrick I. Chapman .. . 2	James Linnell Tenor
Barry E. Saunders 3	

Conducted by Alan A. Paul.

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to James and Graham Linnell.

COTTESMORE, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Cambridge, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Double Bob and Single Oxford, (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Kent T.B. (6) and (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Ronald Russell Treble	Derek J. Jones 4
Gerald W. Reynolds .. . 2	Alan G. Payne 5
Keith R. Davey 3	J. Martin Thorley .. . Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

In memoriam Milton C. Fowler, of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers.

WHITTLEBURY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 extents, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

James Linnell Treble	Christopher C. Clarke .. 3
Ernest G. Jones 2	William A. Yates 4

George W. Holland .. . Tenor

Rung silent and non-conducted.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Cave's variation of Washbrook's. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

Robert E. Hardy Treble	Norman J. Goodman .. . 5
J. Alan Ainsworth .. . 2	John N. Lindon 6
John A. Anderson .. . 3	Clifford A. Barron .. . 7
Henry H. Fearn 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

A farewell to the Vicar, Canon Ronald Allen, on his retirement.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

DEVIZES, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Mon., Feb. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.

Alexander T. Weeks .. . Treble	Walter Beaven 4
Sidney G. Grapt 2	Colin H. Smith 5
Derrick P. Bailey 3	Joseph S. Weeks Tenor

Conducted by Joseph S. Weeks.

Rung in honour of Mr. A. T. Weeks' completion of 50 years as a ringers in this tower.

GREAT CHEVERELL, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 21 different methods/variations: 240 each of All Saints, Rushall, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Thurlby Delight, St. Blaise, Fortune, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Little A-ton, St. Columb, Southrepps, Wychhold, Plain Bob, April Day, Seighford, Old Kennington, Norfolk, Dedworth and Grandsire. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

Richard S. Fisher .. . Treble	K. Barry Osborne .. . 4
Pamela A. Osborne .. . 2	William T. Alexander .. 5
Derrick P. Bailey 3	*Paul A. Barrett Tenor

Conducted by Derrick P. Bailey.

* First peal, first attempt. First peal in 21 methods by all. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION and
THE ST. CUTHBERT'S SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.
ALLOA, Clackmannanshire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods as follows: (1) London Surprise, (2) Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., (3) Primrose Surprise, (4) Double Court Bob, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's College Bob, (7) Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*Elizabeth A. Graham .. . Treble	Roswald S. Wilson .. . 4
*Margaret A. B. Wilson .. 2	Magnus M. Peterson .. . 5
*Lois M. Martin 3	Martyn J. Marriott .. . Tenor

Conducted by Martyn J. Marriott.

* First peal at first attempt. * First of Minor. First in ten methods for all the band, and first of Minor for the Association.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

BABWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A.

Richard Hobbs Treble	*C. Anthony Parsons .. 4
Thelma E. Staples .. . 2	*David T. Williamson .. 5
*David D. Parsons 3	William L. Exton Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* First peal in three Minor methods.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
SUTTON BONINGTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE ASTON DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.
 Ruth M. Blackshaw .. Treble | Maurice W. Harrison .. 3
 Margaret E. Chilton .. 2 | George A. Dawson .. 4

John R. Pratchett .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Guild.

A birthday compliment to Maurice W. Harrison.

WILLOUGHBY-ON-THE-WOLDS, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.

On Wed., Feb. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 18 extents Kennington and 24 of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 lb.
 *Graham W. Smith .. Treble | S. Jape Dowse .. 3
 Robert D. Marsh .. 2 | Ruth Blackshaw .. 4

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

* First peal.

A 17th birthday compliment to John Alan Blackshaw.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
SHARESHILL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of London, Wells, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Cynthia M. Follis .. Treble | *Richard G. Paxton .. 4
 D. Kay Moore .. 2 | Michael W. Fairey .. 5
 P. George Golder .. 3 | *John H. Allen .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Fairey.

* First peal of seven Surprise Minor 25th peal on the bells.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

CADOXTON, Neath, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Cattwg.

On Sat., Jan. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5760 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and two extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B.
 Edmund J. Morris .. Treble | *Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 4
 Penelope J. Welch .. 2 | Gwyn I. Lewis .. 5
 Brian J. Woodruffe .. 3 | *David J. Llewellyn .. Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal on London Surprise Minor.

Rung after meeting too late to ring 11,520 London Surprise Minor.

CADOXTON, Neath, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Cattwg.

On Mon., Feb. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being 1,440 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and 720 Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt 2 qr. 2 lb. in B.

*Richard T. Smith .. Treble | J. Arthur Hoare .. 4
 *Penelope J. Welch .. 2 | Brian J. Woodruffe .. 5
 *Raymond Hosking .. 3 | Gwyn I. Lewis .. Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal in four methods.

BAGLAN, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE MINOR

A 2,160 and four extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.
 Edmund J. Morris .. Treble | J. Arthur Hoare .. 4
 Penelope J. Welch .. 2 | Gwyn I. Lewis .. 5
 David J. Llewellyn .. 3 | Brian J. Woodruffe .. Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild and by all except the ringer of the 5th.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dorothy Mary Llewellyn, benefactor of this church.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, containing 1,280 each of London, Bristol and Cambridge, and 1,312 Superlative, with 112 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 16 cwt. 43 lb. in F.

Derek C. Jackson .. Treble | Robert C. Kippin .. 5
 *Carolyn Vibert .. 2 | *Michael J. Thomas .. 6
 *John R. Faithfull .. 3 | David J. Forder .. 7
 *Peter J. Joyce .. 4 | Tom Chapman .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods.

In memoriam M. D. George Northway, of Romsey Abbey.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
ANDOVER, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 16 cwt.
 Reginald F. Crook .. Treble | Denby P. Murdock .. 5
 Philip Murdock .. 2 | Reginald W. Rex .. 6
 Michael S. Holbrook .. 3 | Geoffrey K. Dodd .. 7
 *Bradley Murdock .. 4 | S. Frank Tuffley .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples on an 'inside' bell.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
HANBURY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

*Richard Bateman .. Treble | Martin D. Fellows .. 5
 *James Attwood, jun. .. 2 | Michael J. Fellows .. 6
 Ian Lloyd .. 3 | Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 7
 Arthur C. Berry .. 4 | Gerald C. Hemming .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe (No. 2).

Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

* First peal of Yorkshire. † First of Yorkshire 'inside.'

Rung to welcome Gillian Mary, daughter of Brenda and Gerald Hemming, born January 22nd, 1965.

OLDSWINFORD, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Jan. 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 22 variations in 42 extents; 4 extents each of Plain Bob, April Day; 3 extents of Grandsire; 2 extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Fortune, Northrepps, Hillmartin, Aveley, Windrush, Salwarpe, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Simon's and Old Doubles; 1 extent each of Wollaston, All Saints', Antelope, Litchurch, St. David, St. Colum and Oldswinford.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

*Michael Clewes .. Treble | Jeremy A. Tandy .. 4
 C. Roger Tandy .. 2 | Peter L. Bill .. 5
 †Anna K. Sadowska .. 3 | Brian Wootton .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter L. Bill.

* First peal. † First of Doubles. Most methods by all to a peal. Believed to be the greatest number of Doubles methods for the Association to a peal. 75th peal on the bells.

Rung as a farewell to the curate, the Rev. G. A. Buckler, leaving for Droitwich.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

DRIGHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Thurs., Jan. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. Treble | Bill Kirkby .. 5
 Susan M. Rhodes .. 2 | Harold B. Schofield .. 6
 Len Goodall .. 3 | Alfred B. Sullivan .. 7
 Adrian Boorman .. 4 | R. John Lumley .. Tenor

Composed by Amburn Wilson.

Conducted by Len Goodall.

WHISTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene. (Sheffield and District Society).

On Mon., Jan. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Neil Donovan .. Treble | *David Nichols .. 5
 Mrs. Elsie Chaddock .. 2 | John N. D. Chaddock .. 6
 Herbert O. Chaddock .. 3 | Stuart Armeson .. 7
 Jeffrey Kershaw .. 4 | Norman Chaddock .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

* First peal of Yorkshire 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. Redrove, M.A.

ARKSEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods: (1) Norwich S., (2) Sandal and Kingston T.B., (3) London Scholars' and Oxford T.B., (4) Cambridge S., (5) Kent T.B., (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

Geoff Graham .. Treble | Denis Mottershead .. 4
 *Roger A. Smith .. 2 | †Frederick J. Jackson .. 5
 John F. Pearson .. 3 | John E. Cook .. Tenor

Conducted by John E. Cook.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual dinner on March 6th. Ringing: Cherry Hinton. 1.45-2.45: St. Bene't's. 2.30-3.30: Great St. Mary's. 3.30-4.30: R.C. Church 5-6; St. Andrew's. 6-7.30. Dinner at Selwyn College. 8 for 8.30. Tickets 25s. from K. J. Darvill, St. Catharine's College, Cambridge. 6335

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LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—No practice on Tuesday, March 2nd. Practice, for that week only, will be held on Monday, March 1st. 6356

PUTNEY.—Practice for Monday, March 1st, will be from 7 to 8 p.m. due to Saint's Day service.—C. F. M. 6329

ST. NICHOLAS', WARWICK.—Practice night changed to Monday commencing Monday, March 8th, for the period of Lent. Revert to Thursday, April 22nd.—J. L. G. H. 6359

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CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The postponed annual meeting will be held at Stockport St. Mary, February 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea advise Mr. F. S. Dodd, 208, Turncroft Lane, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis. 6307

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Long Eaton (8), joint with the Ilkeston District and the SHERWOOD YOUTHS, Saturday, February 27th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Marshall. 52, Wyvern Avenue, Long Eaton, Nottingham.—M. A. Willis, Dis. Sec. 6292

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Halesowen (8), on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me, please.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Wores. 6233

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Eynesbury, Saturday, February 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6310

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 27th. St. George's Church, Upper Cam. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to G. Minors, 28, Ranger's Avenue, Dursley, Glos. 6351

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at East Molesey on Saturday, February 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. approx. Names for tea to G. E. Matravers, 47, Walton Road, East Molesey. 6305

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bagshot (8) on February 27th between 6 and 9 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore. 6281

LADIES' GUILD (Central District). MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (South and West District). OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (East Berks and South Bucks Branch).—Joint meeting on Saturday, February 27th, at High Wycombe. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please send names for tea to Mr. S. Bailey, 7, Cockpit Close, Great Kingshill, High Wycombe. 6252

LADIES' GUILD.—Devon Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, on Saturday, February 27th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Goodbody's, Mutley Plain. Ringing also at Old St. Budeaux. 7 p.m.—Y. C. Porter, Dis. Sec. 6338

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Blyton, Saturday, February 27th. Bells (5) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me Special methods: Bob Doubles and Stedman.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 6309

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Bradpole, Saturday, February 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 6290

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—District meeting at Cavendish, Saturday, February 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss E. Cansdale, 8, Brook Street, Bures, Suffolk. 6241

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Annual meeting at St. Clement's, Hastings (8), on February 27th. Ringing: St. Clement's 3-4.30 and 6.45-8: Christ Church, St. Leonard's 7.30-8.45. Service (St. Clement's) 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please help arrangements by sending names for tea to I. Smith, Sec., 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District). DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting at Arksey, February 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster. All welcome.—J. Laughton and J. J. L. Gilbert. 6265

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), on Monday, March 1st at 7 p.m.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Curry Mallett on Saturday, March 6th. Service 4.30. Usual arrangements.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 6348

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Long Sutton (6), Saturday, March 6th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, by March 2nd to: R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 6333

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting at Willington, Saturday, March 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Further ringing after tea.—C. M. Payne. 6320

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Whitnash on March 6th. Bells 3 and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Village Hall at 5. Election of District officers at this meeting. Names for tea to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Whitnash. Tel.: Leamington Spa 26089. —P. S. Bennett, Sec. 6337

DEVON GUILD. —Aylesbeare Branch.—Meeting, Topsham, Saturday, March 6th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 3rd to R. Berry. 45, Retreat Road, Topsham. 6291

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Sutton (6), Saturday, March 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting and further ringing. Special methods: Single Court and Nether-seale. 6342

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Practice meeting at Offley, Saturday, March 6th, 5.30 p.m. — E. Buck. Dist. Sec. 6322

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —Rochester District.—By-meeting at Halling on March 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea for those who notify Miss J. Underdown, 12, Barn Meadow, Upper Halling, Rochester, by previous Wednesday. —L. Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 6308

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Rishton, Saturday, March 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5, followed by business meeting.—Brian A. Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 6332

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's Hindley (8), Saturday, March 6th at 3.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea supplied free to all those notifying Mr. J. Halsall, 82, Lord Street, Hindley, Wigan, by Wednesday, March 3rd. —D. R. Jones, Hon. Sec. 6346

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District.—Meeting, March 6th, Aylestone, Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Parish Hall. Names by March 4th to A. J. Poynor, 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone. 6353

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — S. and W. District.—Meeting at Staines, Saturday, March 6th. Ringing at St. Mary's from 2.30 p.m. and St. Peter's from 6.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Subscriptions now due to Miss A. Horsford, 41, Cross Deep Gardens, Twickenham, Middlesex, but any peal booking fees to me, please: W. S. Deason, 12, Cardinal's Walk, Hampton, Middlesex. 6360

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. —Meeting at Biddulph on March 6th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea, not later than 3rd, to Mr. J. Stanway, School House, Biddulph, Stoke-on-Trent. — D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 6344

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—Meeting, Corfe Mullen, Saturday, March 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing: Sturminster Marshall. 6.45-8.15. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 3rd to Mr. Rideout, East End, Wimborne Road, Corfe Mullen. 6349

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting at Thorne, March 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (moderate charge) 5. Names please, before 2nd, to Miss

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H. Bell, 24, Tennyson Avenue, Thorne, Doncaster.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6350

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 6th, Lenton (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. J. Ward, 163, Harrington Drive, Lenton Sands, Nottingham, by March 4th. —S. Adams. 6354

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Next meeting at St. John's, Ranmoor, March 6th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Tea and annual meeting 5. Names, please, by Thursday, March 4th, to Miss E. Webster, 28, Ranmoor Road, Sheffield, 10. 6328

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting at Baglan, Saturday, March 6th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea to J. A. Hoare, 3, Lon Derw, Tycosh, Swansea. 6288

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Truro Branch.—Method ringing practice will be held at Mabe Parish Church, Saturday, March 6th at 3 p.m. 6339

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Meeting at Powick, Saturday, March 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Leigh (6) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names by Tuesday, March 2nd, to A. A. Jopp, Church Road, Stoulton, Worcester. 6302

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary Within-the-Walls, Chester, Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Numbers for tea before Thursday, March 11th, please, to R. C. H. Sibley, 35, Appleyards Lane, Chester. 6357

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District.—Meeting at Great Horkesley, Saturday, March 13th. Bells 2.30 and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea at Women's Institute Hall, near Yew Tree Inn at 5.15. Little Horkesley (5) also available after tea. Names to F. H. Erith, Ardleigh, Dist. Sec. 6336

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting on March 13th. Service, tea and meeting in Holy Trinity Church and Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. J. May, 15, Rydes Close, Old Woking. Ringing at St. Mary's and Stoke, 3 to 4.15; Holy Trinity, 3 to 4.25; Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas' after meeting. 6326

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Herne, Saturday, March 13th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Cost of tea and other details to District towers.

LADIES' GUILD. —Sussex District.—Meeting at Little Horsted (6) on March 13th. Ringing 3 till 5 and 6 till 8. Please bring own tea. —R. Earl. 6331

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea to Mr. E. A. Tyson, Broughton House, Broughton-in-Furness.—T. F. Metcalfe, Sec. 6349

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Branch.—Meeting at Waddington (6), Saturday, March 13th. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. R. F. Smith, Wendover, Station Road, Waddington, Lincoln. —S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 6343

SUFFOLK GUILD. — N.W. District.—Practice meeting at Lakeheath (6), Saturday, March 13th. Bells from 6.30 to 9.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 6345

SUFFOLK GUILD. —S.E. District.—Annual general meeting at Henley, Saturday, March 13th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Egglestone, 2, Taylors Cottages, Paper Mill Lane, Claydon, Ipswich. 6321

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. —Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, March 13th at Great Combarton (6). Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, please. Little Combarton bells available after meeting.—W. J. Newmap, Manor Farm, Hinton, Evesham. 6262

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.E. District.—Meeting at Ingatestone, Saturday, March 20th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to J. P. Brandon, 424, Baddow Road, Chelmsford (72100) by Thursday, March 18th. Visitors welcome 6340

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —Annual general meeting on Easter Monday, April 19th. Service, Canterbury Cathedral, 12 noon. Lunch and meeting to follow. Further details later. One-day school, Leeds, nr. Maidstone, May 1st, 10.30 a.m. onwards. Cost 6s. Early applications, please, with cash, to P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec., 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks. 6347

LATE NOTICES

BIRTH

NEWMAN. —To Susan and Ken, at Epsom District Hospital on Sunday, February 21st, 1965, a daughter, Joanna Margaret. 6361

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SCEENY. —The address of Jennifer Sceeny, during term time, is now 21, Whitfield Road, Forest Hall, Newcastle 12.

LADIES' GUILD. —Devon Branch.—Annual meeting at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, on Saturday, February 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Ringing at Plymouth St. Budeaux after meeting. 6364

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. —Business meeting at 'The Rising Sun,' Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, March 2nd, at 8.15 p.m. Practices in March, all commencing at 6.30 p.m.: 2nd and 30th, St. Paul's Cathedral; 9th, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side; 16th, St. Olave's, Hart Street; 23rd, Southwark Cathedral.—John Chilcott. 6366

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. —Annual general meeting, Saturday, March 13th, at Edenbridge. Ringing in the afternoon at: Cowden (6), 2.30-4 p.m. and Edenbridge (8), 3-4.15. Service 4.15. Tea and annual general meeting 5. Evening ringing: Hever (6), 7-8.30 and Edenbridge 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. C. Leigh, Homesdale, Snitlands Cross, Edenbridge, Kent, by March 12th. 6363

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD. —Quarterly meeting at Pembroke, Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Rogers, 31, Woodbine Terrace, Pembroke.—R. Warburton, Hon. Sec. 6362

FARINGDON, BERKS. —On Feb. 2nd, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): A. C. Carter 1, J. Strawford 2, C. R. Miles 3, D. Vincent 4, F. H. Whipp 5, J. Moore 6, J. I. C. Pearce (cond.) 7, F. C. Carter 8. Runge half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Diana Wareham, a member of this tower until August last and who was interred earlier this day at Impington, Cambridge.

LATE NEWS

DEATH OF CANON C. C. COX

With deep regret we record the death of Canon C. Carew Cox, president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, of St. Francis' Lodge, Morecombelake, Bridport, Dorset, on Friday, February 19th. Cremation took place last Monday at Whitechurch Canonorum. By request there were no flowers and any ringing is to be open.

QUARTER PEALS

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STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss R. V. Hawkins 1, Miss M. Booth 2, Miss M. Ridgway 3, Mrs. B. M. Burton 4, S. J. Bellfield 5, J. G. Burton (cond.) 6, J. M. Pepper 7.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—On Jan. 31st, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters: J. Hingley 1, P. Bryan 2, Miss C. Turner 3, A. Hubble 4, D. Willetts 5, R. Staite 6, A. Hingley (cond.) 7, M. Cadwallader 8, B. Morton 9, M. J. Poulton 10.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Comber 1, S. Comber (first of Doubles 'inside') 2, D. Roberts 3, J. Leppard 4, D. Slater (cond.) 5, B. Parke 6.

WHITCHURCH, OXON.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Burt 1, Susan E. Burt 2, Joyce Lovett (first quarter) 3, A. D. Smith 4, R. F. Crook (cond.) 5, D. Wesley 6.

WHITECHURCH CANONICUM, DORSET.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Knight 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, H. Arscott 3, M. Hiller 4, H. G. Keeley 5, C. W. Powell 6, F. G. Knight (first as cond.) 7, A. Walbörne 8.

WHITWICK, LEICS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Hilary Underwood 1, R. Beniston 2, D. Waldrum 3, C. Lord 4, W. Lord 5, J. W. Rawson (cond.) 6, J. Hawtin 7, J. Lord 8.

WILLOUGHBY, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. L. Mitchell 1, G. H. Hancock (cond.) 2, S. G. Ivens 3, F. W. Hancock 4, R. J. Hancock 5, C. J. Jarvis 6.

WORCESTER.—On Jan. 30th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Hinton 1, R. Sheppard 2, R. G. Morris 3, P. Cattermole 4, D. R. Sayers 5, J. J. Stanier 6, D. Beacham 7, D. R. Morris (cond.) 8, T. W. Lewis 9, F. C. Pugh 10.

WORCESTER.—On Jan. 24th, at All Saints', 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Haines (first quarter) 1, P. Cattermole 2, M. J. Robinson (first on eight) 3, D. Franklin 4, R. Adams 5, J. J. Stanier 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, J. C. Slater 8.

WORTH, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Laker 1, A. E. Laker 2, A. Stoner 3, C. Stoner 4, E. Knapp (cond.) 5, B. T. Kay (first quarter) 6.

WOTTON UNDERWOOD, BUCKS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Corker 1, L. J. Gregory 2, C. East 3, H. G. Rand 4, J. Eustace (cond.) 5, W. H. Ayris 6.

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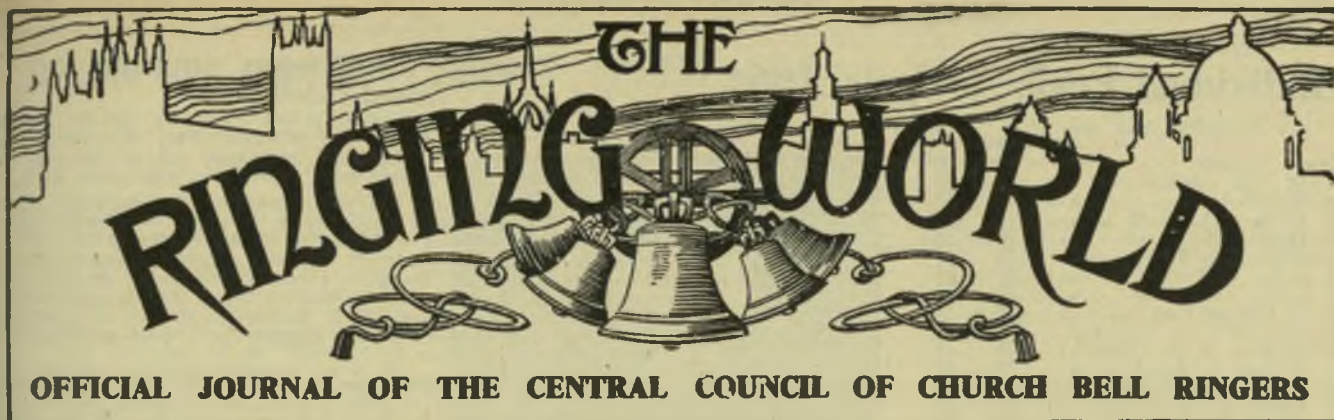
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HEMISPHERICALS, TUBES & TING-TANGS

By CLAUDE RUSH

SUFFOLK is one of the counties rich in bells—240 rings of five or more and beaten only by Devon, Somerset and Yorkshire.

Considering this, it is remarkable that, in this county, in an area roughly rhombic in shape lying to the south-east of Ipswich and bounded by that borough, the tidal waters of the rivers Orwell and Deben, and by the sea, there is only one tower with as many as five bells and these are chimed by wall ropes only.

Yet there are 17 parish churches (12 of them village churches) with one or more bells which range in age from less than 50 years to several centuries—29 bells altogether and not one of them rung full circle.

Felixstowe, a popular and growing seaside urban district at the mouth of Harwich Harbour, with some 17,000 people, is included in this area and here there are five churches with bells totalling but six:—

SS. Peter and Paul, with stumpy tower, has a 1627 Miles Graye (chimed sometimes).

S. Mary, Walton, with small tower, a 'Sancte Johannes ora dio nobis' ('clocked').

S. John Baptist, tower and spire about 150 feet, built 1914 by Mr Ernest Geo. Pretymann, of Orwell Park, as a memorial to his relatives—a 7 cwt. Taylor in A of about 1920, hung dead and 'clocked' electrically—much used.

S. Edmund, turret, one small bell, believed to be the 4 cwt. Taylor cast 1895 for S. John's—parent church, chimed.

S. Andrew, two bells somehow fastened to the nave parapet. For services one of these is rocked sufficiently to make sound but this is far inferior to a blacksmith's anvil. The proposed, somewhat elaborate tower here (not yet embarked upon) planned, but not moving at present.

Now this is the position in the rural parishes in this area:—

Brightwell—S. John Baptist, one bell of 1657, swing-chimed.

Bucklesham—S. Mary, one Miles Graye of 1623, swing-chimed.

Falkenham—S. Ethelbert, four bells—two 1666 Darbies and two 1728 Gardiners. Have not been sounded in any way for years.

Hemley—All Saints (do not confuse with S. Peter, Henley, that ringing tower), one Gardiner bell of 1714, chimed.

Kirton—S. Mary, one bell, chimed. Rector says, 'sounds awful!'

Levington—S. Peter, three bells, at least the tenor from Stephen Tonniss', Bury St. Edmunds, foundry. Swing-chimed (one in each hand and a stirrup).

Martlesham—S. Mary, three bells—two ancient and one Miles Graye recast. The inscription on this now reads 'Miles Graye made me 1631, recast 1963 in memory of George Alexander Bolton Bell. R. B. Calder, Rector, B. R. Thomas and L. Finch, Wardens,' chimed.

Nacton—S. Martin, five bells—a 1625 Miles Graye and a 1662 Darbie. Three bells were added about the turn of the century. The five are chimed by wall ropes but can be heard very little either inside or outside the church. The stumpy tower has three very small louvred windows.

Newbourne—S. Mary, one bell, a 1621 Miles Graye, recast 1885, chimed.

Trimley—S. Martin, one bell.

Trimley—S. Mary, one bell. Both chimed. These are the two churches in one churchyard beside the main road nearing Felixstowe.

Waldringfield—All Saints, one bell of 1714, apparently a Gardiner, chimed.

So it can be seen that there are plenty of ting-tangs hereabouts. What a district!

But we have a set of eight tubes, by Taylors, I believe, in S. Mary's, Walton. They are chimed quite a lot but are in a poor state now—they need a thorough overhaul.

However, as though to compensate in some way, in an elaborate red brick campanile about 60 ft. high at Orwell Park, Nacton, formerly the residence of Mr. Ernest Geo. Pretymann, M.P., D.L., J.P., now a boys' school, there are 16 hemispherical bells by Mears and Stainbank, 1871, installed for Colonel Tomline who then lived at the hall. The total weight of these is 46½ cwt., their weights range from ½ cwt. to 9½ cwt., diameters from 16 inches to 42½ inches, and thickness of metal from about ½ inch to 1½ inches.

The notes are interesting, and are apparently in the key of C sharp. From treble to tenor they are: G sharp, G, F sharp, F, D sharp, C sharp, C, B, A sharp, G sharp, G, F sharp, F, D sharp, C sharp, F sharp. So they range over more than two octaves, but there is a drop of five notes between the 15th and the tenor, for the clock hour bell, I expect. They are deeper-sounding than church bells proper of the same diameter. In fact a note on hemispherical bells which I took some years ago from a Mears and Stainbank booklet of about 1900 reads—'a bell of 40 inches diameter would weigh about 10 cwt. and sound note G an octave deeper than that of an ordinary shaped bell of the same diameter.'

These bells are hung in three stacks and they take up the whole area of the bell chamber: one could not walk round them, but, to get amongst them, would have to crawl under one stack and come up in the middle.

The chiming machine is by Messrs. Lund and Blockley, of Pall Mall—Imhoff's patent (German).

Shall we ever have a ringing octave this way? The not-yet-built tower of S. Andrew's, Felixstowe, might provide the answer one day, though I know that Mr. John Oldham, of Messrs. Taylors, visited S. John's, Felixstowe, in 1919, preparatory to the installation of the one bell there and at that time noted that the tower would take a lightish ring of eight.

The residents of Felixstowe—as a body—know nothing about bells and ringing, but we have at least four peal ringers and some others less proficient residing here with no opportunity for action. Until recently I doubted if we had a set of handbells in the town, but I know of two now, and of course there may be more. But what a miss those ringing church bells are to those folks who have lived with them in days gone by!

Individual Peals Analysis, 1964

(Continued from page 146)

Position	NAME	TOWER		HAND	
		Grand Total	Total Cond.	Turned in Tenor	Total Cond.
180	D. Kay Adkins	28	28	17	2
180	Walter Ayre	28	23	17	2
180	Margaret A. Boulton	28	28	—	—
180	Peter Bridle	28	28	—	—
180	William L. Exton	28	28	16	6
180	Julia A. Fellows	28	14	—	—
180	Jeffrey J. Fox	28	28	2	3
180	H. George Hart	28	28	—	—
180	John Hill	28	28	1	2
180	Maurice R. A. Kirk	28	28	7	4
180	William A. Lacey	28	28	11	—
180	C. Raymond Larkin	28	28	2	3
180	Robert E. Lester	28	28	4	—
180	Harold C. Lanyon	28	28	—	—
180	Frank Osbaldeston	28	28	—	6
180	Ian R. Panton	28	28	1	7
180	John P. Partington	28	28	—	—
180	Malcolm A. Phillips	28	28	—	—
180	Alan R. Pink	28	28	21	20
180	W. Arthur Riddington	28	28	4	2
180	Thomas E. Sone	28	28	—	—
180	David Vincent	28	28	—	—
180	Wilfred Williams	28	28	12	20
203	George E. Bonham	27	27	—	—
203	K. Paul Gilliver	27	27	8	3
203	Harry Poyner	27	24	10	8
203	Reginald W. Rex	27	27	—	—
203	David R. Saunderson	27	27	1	6
203	Michael J. Thomas	27	27	—	—
203	James L. Towler	27	27	—	5
203	John Walden	27	27	—	—
211	Sydney M. Bailey	26	26	—	—
211	Cyril R. Burrell	26	26	1	6
211	Rupert A. Clarke	26	19	1	7
211	Thomas Cullingworth	26	26	—	14
211	David W. Friend	26	26	3	6
211	Alan J. Frost	26	26	—	2
211	Elsie K. Hart	26	26	—	—
211	Martyn L. J. Jordan	26	16	—	10
211	C. Kenneth Lewis	26	24	9	2
211	James M. Linnell	26	26	—	6
211	Norman Mallett	26	26	8	4
211	M. Elaine Murcott	26	26	—	—
211	Alan G. Payne	26	26	5	7
211	Joe E. G. Roast	26	26	16	1
211	Olive D. Tester	26	26	—	—
211	Henry Tooke	26	26	5	1
211	Brian G. Warwick	26	25	19	2
211	John Watkins	26	26	1	6
229	Dennis Beresford	25	24	13	17
229	Ralph Bird	25	25	2	—
229	Flisabeth A. G. Bowden	25	25	—	—
229	Michael E. Brown	25	25	23	19
229	Frank E. Darby	25	25	7	8
229	Philip G. K. Davies	25	25	4	4
229	Eric Edmondson	25	25	—	—
229	Vernon Green	25	25	—	—
229	Robert E. Hardy	25	25	—	2
229	A. Trevor Hawkins	25	18	—	7
229	Jeffrey Kershaw	25	25	1	1
229	Martin F. Lock	25	25	1	—
229	Brian J. Luff	25	25	2	3
229	Frank D. Mack	25	25	3	7
229	F. William Midwinter	25	25	1	—
229	Russell S. Morris	25	25	—	—
229	Philip Murduck	25	25	1	3
229	Colin W. Reed	25	25	2	3
229	Nicholas W. H. Simon	25	25	6	3
229	Colin A. Tester	25	25	2	5
229	Giles B. Thompson	25	17	3	2
229	Alan Tubbs	25	25	—	—
229	W. Leslie Weller	25	25	4	16
229	Dennis Woods	25	25	—	—

Leading Composers of 1964

Stenhen J. Ivin 143, J. J. Parker 91, C. Middleton 90, J. R. Pritchard 70, A. J. Pitman 66, A. P. Heywood 60, C. W. Roberts 59, N. J. Pitsoy 58, C. J. Sedgley 56, Gabriel Lindoff 50, C. K. Lewis 41, R. F. B. Speed 41, James W. Washbrook 41, T. B. Worsley 39, A. Craven 38, John Carter 35, Arthur Knights 34, Norman Smith 33, Dennis Knox 31, J. W. Parker 31, W. E. Critchley 29, F. Nolan Golden 27, John R. Mayne 27, Roger Baldwin 25.
Total number of composers for 1964, 187.

Distribution of Personal Peal Totals

Number of peals: 1, Number of ringers, 1,406; 2, 573; 3, 298; 4, 212; 5, 149; 6, 107; 7, 89; 8, 87; 9, 65; 10, 54; 11, 48; 12, 49; 13, 35; 14, 38; 15, 33; 16, 35; 17, 32; 18, 9; 19, 23; 20, 23; 21, 12; 22, 21; 23, 10; 24, 8; 25, 24; over 25, 228.
Grand total: 3,668 peal ringers.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Annual Dinner, 1965

WITH 13 towers open, the Oxford University Society annual dinner day on February 6th provided plenty of material for the tower grabber. As this year the dinner fell on one of the Oxford Society's ringing days more towers than usual were open.

The day began with two peal attempts. At Appleton, 5,040 Yorkshire Surprise Royal was rung in 2 hours, 39 minutes, by a band made up of past and present officers of the O.U.S. They were: A. N. Stubbs (ex-Master), Hilary F. Pardoe (secretary), P. A. Brand (treasurer), B. Wakefield (Master), D. A. H. Bennett (ex-treasurer), M. R. Ashmore (ex-Master), N. J. Martin (ex-Master), D. T. Darby (ex-secretary), F. J. Nelson (ex-Master), J. L. Camp (conductor and ex-Master). An attempt for a peal of Minor at Berrick Salome was lost.

Back in Oxford, ringing began at Carfax tower and St. Aldate's. Oxford Society ringing at New College also attracted visitors for what would probably be their last chance to ring on the bells before they are taken down and rehung. After lunch the heavy and unusual eight at Merton College proved to be much more popular than the 4-cwt. eight at St. Ebbe's. But the highlight of the afternoon was the ringing at Magdalen College. The ten bells have just been rehung, and for most people this was their first opportunity to ring there since the rehanging. Consequently this was the most popular tower of the day. Unfortunately ringing had to be seriously curtailed because of a choir practice in the chapel. The final ringing of the day was on the heavy six at St. Mary the Virgin's, and once again the 27-cwt tenor remained the champion.

The dinner was held in the dining hall of Jesus College at 8 p.m. An expertly drawn up seating plan enabled the 75 guests and visitors to find their places with ease. Congratulations to the dinner committee.

After the loyal toast, Mr. J. W. Thorp, of the Oxford University Society, by means of several limericks and Shakespearean misquotations, proposed the toast of 'The Church.' In reply, the president, Canon C. Elliot Wigg, referred to a letter he had received from an irate military gentleman complaining about ringing, which said that if it wasn't for the support given by the Church, the ringing of bells would have been banned long ago.

Mr. G. R. Mordaunt, of the Oxford University Society, then proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' Among those he introduced was the guest of honour, Mr. R. B. Meadows, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, replied for the visitors.

The final toast, that of 'The Society,' was proposed by Mr. S. C. Walters, Master of the Cambridge University Guild, who, having been banned from telling his story of a lovesick Dalek, found himself giving a discourse on how to fill up the front pews of a church. In reply, Mr. B. Wakefield, the Master, after first saying that the Oxford University Society reminded him of a hive of bees, told the company that despite its many activities the O.U.S. managed to find a 'time and place for everything.'

With the speeches over, a move was made to the College bar, where activities varied according to taste. B.W.

DEDICATION

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS

The two trebles, recently cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for Farnborough Parish Church, were dedicated at Evensong on February 14th. These two bells were in the sanctuary, and during the service the Rector (Canon B. Hutchinson), assisted by officers of the tower, dedicated them.

The large congregation at this memorable and inspiring service included many ringers, and representatives from Aldershot, Farnham, Ash, Hawley, Yorktown, Godalming and Woking. Taking part in the service were Mr. G. S. C. Joyce (tower captain), Mr. R. H. Mills (vice-captain), Mrs. C. H. Kippin ((secretary), Mr. D. A. R. May (Guild Master) and Mr. T. Page (Farnham Dist. Ringing Master).

After the service, refreshments were served in the Church Hall, and the churchwarden (Mr. R. Peters) gave an interesting talk on the history of the church and tower. The Rector then presented Mr. Joyce with a framed photograph of the church, inscribed:

'Given to Sydney Joyce by members of the old Parish Church, Farnborough, at the dedication of the two bells, which complete the eight. His outstanding leadership as captain of the tower, constantly supported by his wife and son, has been an inspiration to us all.'

Mr. Joyce, in accepting the gift, spoke in appreciative terms of the help and support given by the various contributors to the bells fund, mentioning particularly the Rector and his wife, who had been at all times exceedingly helpful and had given one of the bells themselves.

Mr. D. May congratulated the Rector, his wardens and the ringers of Farnborough on their great efforts and welcomed the new octave to the Guild. There were a good number of ringers—good ringers—at Farnborough, and he hoped they would find enjoyment in ringing the eight bells—the lightest eight in the Guild—and help others less fortunate and not so experienced as themselves.

During the following week the bells would be hung in the tower and it was intended to try them out on the following Friday, prior to the first ringing for church services on the Sunday following.

DEATH OF CANON CHARLES CAREW COX

POET, PRIEST, BELLRINGER

The passing of a great man marks, in many ways, the passing of an era. C. Carew Cox has been a leading name in the ringing world for over 50 years. His career began in the early years of the century in London, where, among his first few peaks, he conducted Holt's Original, a composition he has used on many occasions. When he first came into the Salisbury Diocese in 1914 his ability both as ringer and tutor were soon to be known. For many years he was chairman of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers and for 21 years he was Master of the same Guild—a record. He took the office in 1940 and had the immediate task of piloting the Guild's fortunes through the world war. In 1961 the Guild paid him the fitting compliment of electing him president in succession to the Earl of Shaftesbury. Perhaps he will be best remembered for the band he founded at Lyme Regis.

In reference to stalwarts of the Guild, Canon Cox often would call them 'giants.' Now the Guild he loved and served so well pays its tribute to the one who, in affection, might well have been called the greatest giant of them all. The S.D.G.R. had its Office revived and enriched by him with ringers' hymns of his own composing. The present strength of the Guild is due to a large extent to his inspired leadership.

Readers of 'The Ringing World' will remember the leading articles from the pen of Canon Cox at the great festivals of the Church year. Until very recent years he was an active president of the Guild of Clerical Ringers, an office he held up to his death.

Some of us knew him as their parish priest. He served as curate of Stratford-on-Avon from 1907 to 1914, when he went to Symondsburry in Dorset. From there he went to West Moors and in 1927 became Vicar of Lyme Regis. To one who for the latter part of his ministry, the lasting impression was not of one who tried to be this or that 'type' of parson, but a faithful Father-in-God to all his people. He was an enthusiastic supporter of the Franciscans, whom he often entertained in his home. In 1951 he was made a Canon of Salisbury Cathedral.

I hope I may be allowed a personal note. In a letter to me on the eve of ordination, as well as giving his blessing and good wishes, he even deprecated the failures of his own ministry. That this thought should still be in my mind is, I believe, significant. True greatness is always clothed with humility.

To Mrs. Cox the Exercise extends its deepest sympathy.

May he rest in peace.

ROGER KEELEY.

AN APPRECIATION

The passing to higher service of Canon C. Cox creates a gap in the Exercise which will not easily be filled, and we shall remember him for his piety—he was a good priest—for his very fine leading articles written on the great Christian festivals and especially for his tremendous enthusiasm for our art.

I first met him when he was a young curate at Shotton, near Stratford-on-Avon, over 50 years ago. The Warwickshire Guild had just been formed and he took part in many of its first performances. Some that come to mind are the first peal of Treble Bob Major at Bedworth, and the first peal of Stedman Caters at Solihull, both of which he con-



CANON C. CAREW COX.

ducted. I remember one peal of Minor which he conducted at Claverdon, in which John Pinfold, then a rather fat boy in knickerbockers, took part.

Canon Cox used to cycle every Friday from Shotton to Stoke-in-Coventry to attend our weekly practice, and always dropped in at my house for tea. Both he and his cousin, E. V. Cox, possessed boundless enthusiasm and would travel anywhere to promote the art. They were both very fine men—now, alas, gone from us, but we shall always treasure their memory and be proud to have associated with them.

Other pens will doubtless describe Canon Cox's work in the South, but in the Midlands he will never be forgotten by the older generations and we thank God for his great example to us all.

JAFUS.

'C.C.' AND THE CLERICAL GUILD

On October 11th, 1910, the Rev. C. Carew Cox and his cousin, the Rev. E. V. Cox, rang in a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Mary's, Warwick, the fifth recorded clerical peal. They rang three more clerical peals together before the First World War. They were both in the first peal rung for the newly-formed Clerical Guild in 1938, which 'C. C.' conducted. His last peal for the Guild, again as conductor, was in 1950.

In 1946 'C. C.' was elected president of the Guild in succession to Canon G. F. Coleridge. He attended every one of the 21 annual ringing weeks so far held, and was looking forward to being present at Nottingham this year. He had become the centre around which the meetings revolved. While he was the unquestioned and unassuming leader of the party, he also had something of the position of the father of a family, and the members who meet this year will feel in a sense orphaned without him. They will ever remember him with affection.

J. H. B. A.

MR. GEORGE APPS

With deep regret the ringers of Holy Trinity, Cuckfield, report the passing of Mr. George Apps on February 10th at his home in Chatfield Road. He was 79 years of age.

George first started ringing under the instruction of his father-in-law, Mr. William Gibson, and he learned to ring at Cuckfield, where he became a tower member for the rest of his life. He rang his first long length in 1910 and his first peal in 1911 to Parker's 12 part Grandsire Triples. Although an enthusiast, he was not a prolific peal ringer and it is estimated that he took part in about 50 successful peal attempts in various Sussex towers.

Widely known and respected throughout the Exercise, he was an active ringer and never reticent or reluctant to express his opinions. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, a founder member of the East Grinstead and District Guild, and in his day both captain (1925-34) and secretary (1944 until his death) of his tower. He served as a Royal Engineer in World War I and in civilian life was a self-employed plasterer by trade. He was as widely known for his work in plastering as he was for his abilities in ringing. He retired in 1956 at the age of 70.

The funeral service, held at Cuckfield on February 16th, was attended by relatives and close friends. Half-muffled ringing followed in the afternoon and the evening and Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung by members of the tower band and by other close ringing friends.

In memoriam, an 'open' quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung before Evenson on February 21st by the following ringers: R. Johnson 1, Miss R. A. Stevens 2, S. Upton 3, J. W. Jeffery 4, R. Durnford 5, J. Herbecq 6, F. S. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8.

He was a good friend, a dedicated bellringer, and our tower is the worse for his loss. G. R.

REV. ALBERT JAMES

The sudden death on February 4th of the Rev. Albert James, Rector of Tredunnock, Monmouthshire, has come as a great shock to his parishioners and many friends. More especially, the ringers of Gwent will remember his keen interest in the bells of his ancient little Church of St. Andrew and for the warm welcome which he always had for visitors.

In the years following his induction at Tredunnock in 1951, the six bells were barely ringable. With his permission and encouragement a complete overhaul of the frame and fittings was carried out in 1962, and he himself spent many hours in the tower helping with the work. After arranging a special thanksgiving service for this restoration he set himself the task of forming a team of learners and also learned to ring himself. It is a fitting tribute that due to these efforts the bells have been rung for almost every service since.

On February 20th members of the team which rang the first peal on the bells after 'the restoration joined together with a local ringer and an officer of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, in a thanksgiving quarter peal for the life and ministry of the Rev. Albert James.

SWANSEA, GLAM.—On Feb. 7th, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles (1, 2 leading): N. Jones 1, J. M. Roberts 2, H. Charles 3, R. Dobbins 4, J. T. Williams (cond.) 5, D. J. Williams 6, Ch. Insp. T. Willis 7, T. Thomas 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam D. L. Griffiths, churchwarden.

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Record Attendance at Derbyshire Association Dinner

ALTHOUGH it was only in 1962 that the venue of the Sir A. P. Heywood Memorial Dinner was first changed from the Corporation Hotel at Derby to the much larger Midland Drapery Restaurant, it was soon obvious that an even larger place would be needed to cope with the ever-increasing numbers. Unfortunately, as there was nowhere else suitable in Derby, this meant moving elsewhere, and so for the first time this year's dinner (the 13th) was not held in Derby but at the Odeon, Chesterfield, on February 20th. There was, however, no doubt as to the success of the venture as over 230 members and friends were present—100 more than last year. Prior to the dinner, ringing was enjoyed on the grand 25-cwt. ring of ten at Chesterfield Parish Church, with its famous 'crooked spire.'

Supporting the president, the Provost of Derby and Mrs. R. A. Beddoes on the top table were the Mayor and Mayoress of Chesterfield (Councillor and Mrs. E. C. Hancock), the Archdeacon of Chesterfield (the Ven. T. W. Ingram-Cleasby), the guest speaker (Mr. F. Sharpe) and the Rector of Darkey Dale and president of the Lancashire Association (the Rev. D. St. John Smith) and Miss A. Smith.

SURVEYED OVER 2,000 CHURCHES

Following the loyal toast, the president said they were immensely grateful to Mr. Sharpe for coming to the dinner, as in addition to being a former president of the Central Council he was one of the foremost authorities in the world on bells and ringing.

Thanking the Provost for his welcome, Mr. Sharpe said that proposing the toast of 'The Church and the Exercise' was almost like proposing his own health, as he was a member of both. One thing he had noticed during his survey of over 2,000 churches was the much greater interest in church buildings nowadays, with fabric restorations being very much on the increase. Unfortunately there did not seem to be a corresponding increase in church life, one reason for this being that the clergy seemed to be far too involved with committees and other organised time-wasters than being hard at work amongst the rank and file.

With regard to the Exercise, Mr. Sharpe said although there was no other aspect of church life in which young and old mixed so readily as in the belfry, many ringers did not realise that the art of campanology embodied many other different arts.

First, there was the art of the bellfounder, the province of few but of interest to many, particularly as there was, in certain circumstances, almost 900 different ways of tuning a single bell. Then there was the art of the musician and, coupled with this, the ringer's art in balancing a bell, with as little as one-sixteenth of a second making a vital difference.

The art of engineering also was involved, both in the installation of chimes as well as swinging bells, whilst another art was that of the carillonneurs, who considered themselves ringers and disliked being pushed out of it. And then, of course, there was the art of ringing both tunes and changes on handbells, the former being immensely popular in America, with over 2,000 ringers attending the annual handbell convention.

AN OFFICIAL VOICE

In conclusion, Mr. Sharpe paid tribute to Sir Arthur Heywood, whose memory they were honouring that evening, as he was interested in every type of art connected with bellringing. Not only that but due to his wonderful foresight in the formation of the Central Council, that body could now speak on behalf of all Associations as an official body of the Church.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed Mr. D. R. Carlisle, the peal secretary, who paid a special welcome to the president's wife (Mrs. Beddoes). Mr. Sharpe, the Archdeacon of Chesterfield, the Mayor and

Mayoress and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cooper. Mr. Cooper, he said, was for many years general secretary and a former vice-president of the Association until he left the county a few years ago, also Chesterfield District secretary, and as such was no doubt very proud of this splendid gathering.

Replying on behalf of the visitors, the Mayor of Chesterfield said both he and his wife were very pleased to welcome the company to Chesterfield and had been very impressed by everything they had seen and heard although until now he had to confess he didn't realise there were as many ringers in the world, let alone in Derbyshire! He hoped the Association would go from strength to strength and that its members would continue to ring out messages of joy and peace all over the world.

The formal part of the evening over, the entertainment began with a selection of tunes on handbells by the Bolsover company, after which the Chesterfield District Male Voice Choir sang one or two witty songs about various ringers.

'THE MOST NOBLE ORDER'

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the insignia of the most noble order of Capita Magnissimus to the most worthy belfryman of the year in the Association. After a lengthy preamble in which the 'crimes' of this year's contenders were reviewed, the medal was presented to Mr. C. Hughes, the Chesterfield District Ringing Master.

The citation was as follows: 'It may come as a surprise to many that one so young as Chris Hughes has been chosen as the first man from the Chesterfield area ever to receive this coveted award. Originally a man of simple upbringing you were, until a few years ago, one of the illiterate Hughes of Chesterfield. By your own efforts you have changed from signing your name with a cross to a Chris.'

'And now because of your brilliant articles to "The Belfry News" you are an envied and famous man. Your first article, entitled "Through the Drinking Glass," was very reminiscent of "Alice in Wonderland" and was no doubt influenced by your recent experiences at an Association committee meeting at Matlock.'

'Your next article, on the subject of Ringing Masters, was acclaimed both far and wide, and "The Belfry News" office was inundated with letters of praise for it. Yourself, unaware of your meteoric rise to fame, had also written a letter to the Editor, completely dissociating yourself from the article on account of one or two minor alterations. This was rather a setback for you as the plaudits which should have fallen on you had to be reluctantly accepted by the Editor instead.'

'You write under the pen-name of "Tombstone," and no doubt this refers to the granite-like structure of your brain. However, because of your literary success, and as you are a ringer from Old Whittington, we suggest a far more appropriate pseudonym for your future articles would be "The Half Wit from Old Whit".'

'Your efforts at composing peals have not gone unnoticed and are worthy of mention, particularly as your ability to splice courses of Ashbourne College Bob with several glasses of whisky and soda breaks new fields as well as all the rules.'

'In presenting this medal to you, Chris, the Association not only honours you but the whole of the Chesterfield District and not least your own band at Old Whittington, who with great fortitude and determination have aspired to such fame as to win last year's District striking competition despite your many efforts to the contrary.'

Dancing was then enjoyed until shortly after 11.15 p.m.

THE COMPANY

In addition to those mentioned supporting the president on the top table, others present included Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. A. Aldridge, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ashby, Mr. and Mrs. P. Attwood, Mr. and Mrs. D. Astridge, Mr. and Mrs. W. Barwell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bunting, Mr. and Mrs. D. Camm, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Carlisle, Mr. and Mrs. M. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. D. Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. B. Dawson, Dr. and Mrs. G. Futers, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gascoigne, Mr. and Mrs. C. Gould, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Halls, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hibbard, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. B. Kidd, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. S. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. F. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. M. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. A. Morley, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. G. Naylor, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. R. Newsum, Rev. and Mrs. P. G. Norman, Mr. and Mrs. A. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Rigby, Mr. and Mrs. F. Roby, Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Rollinson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Roobottom, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sheppard, Mr. and Mrs. H. Sherratt, Mr. and Mrs. A. Smart, Mr. and Mrs. D. Southwell, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. H. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. C. Thrower, Mr. and Mrs. A. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wagstaff and Mr. and Mrs. E. Walker.

Mesdames E. Bannister, V. Lancashire, M. Phipps, R. Shorman, E. Siskock and D. Smith.

The Misses J. Attrill, J. Bennett, I. Coleman, K. Cooper, B. Crofts, V. Dorricott, I. Fogg, S. Ford, G. Fanshaw, A. Higgins, J. Hinchcliffe, P. Hopkinson, C. Hughes, M. Hunt, C. Jackson, R. Kilbourne, M. Leigh, J. Longmate, K. Marsden, R. Mather, S. Mellor, L. Morgan, L. Morris, M. Murfin, C. Nevins, E. Osborne, E. Phipps, R. Phipps, I. Poplewska, E. Revell, J. Rutland, L. Shaw, J. Sheppard, V. Simpson, D. Slaney, B. Slatcher, J. Stewart, P. Tomlinson, D. Turner, P. Walker, I. Weatherhead, N. West, L. Yates.

Messrs. J. Arkwell, K. Aldridge, G. Ball, D. Bannister, D. Barnes, B. Bateman, C. Bewick, T. Bethel, G. Bird, M. Blore, L. Boulter, J. Bradshaw, D. W. Camm, M. Camm, R. Chambers, T. Clay, F. Cooper, V. Cunningham, D. Davis, D. Derbyshire, G. Faulkes, A. Ferguson, C. Geary, G. Goodall, L. Goodall, G. Griffin, C. Hughes, A. Humphrey, A. Keller, A. Kidd, D. Kingman, A. Kirk, A. Laughton, R. Marchbank, J. Morley, J. Morton, D. Nash, G. Newman, T. Nicholson, D. Nuthall, H. Paddison, D. H. Paulson, G. Pears, D. Peers, S. Pemberton, T. Plumtree, M. P. Phipps, J. Price, R. W. Revell, H. Rice, A. Robinson, P. Robinson, G. Sadler, S. Scattergood, P. Smith, S. Stanton, M. Stanway, J. Stennitt, S. Sterland, P. D. Taylor, J. Timmons, J. Tranter, J. Watkins, Rev. T. L. Weatherhead, T. Willey and J. C. Woolley.

M. P. P.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Marlborough Branch

A silent tribute to the memory of Canon C. C. Cox, president of the Guild, was paid at the meeting of the Marlborough Branch at Ramsbury on February 20th. The meeting heard with regret that Mr. T. A. Palmer, of Aldbourne, the Branch hon. secretary, was ill with influenza. Mr. G. Newman, who presided, was asked to convey to him sympathy and 'get well' greetings.

Visitors were present from Marlborough College, Enford, Devizes and York Minster and a pleasant afternoon and evening's ringing was supervised by the Rev. Roger Kealey (Ringing Master). The Rev. A. Bennett conducted the service, with Mr. W. Lowe as organist, and Mrs. P. Smythe and helpers were responsible for a splendid tea.

LETTERS

'Mauretania' Surprise Major

Dear Sir,—I was most interested to see the publication on page 138 of 'The Ringing World' of the first peal of a method named 'Mauretania' Surprise Major, rung in Bristol recently. Can we expect Mr. Hunt to provide us next with 'Volunteer', 'Ship' and 'Artichoke' Surprise Major?

If the idea catches on, perhaps from Liverpool we shall have 'Pig and Whistle' Surprise Major: the possibilities are endless.—Yours sincerely,

Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

A. R. KENCH.

P.S.—I think these methods ought to have extensions, preferably to midnight.—A. R. K.

Dear Sir,—Please note that the method given as 'Mauretania' Surprise Major, rung at Knowle, Bristol, on January 30th, was first rung at Lyme Regis on March 31st, 1951, and is correctly named Lyme Surprise Major. The peal is reported in 'The Ringing World' dated April 20th, 1951, and the method appeared in the issue of July 6th, 1951.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE W. MASSEY.

Frome, Som.

Note.—We thank Mr. John R. Mayne, Mr. E. W. Tipler and other readers for pointing this out.—Ed.

Doubles Peals

Sir,—The argument must be of interest to all Doubles ringers, not least those who are trying to break away from the dreary repetition of Grandsire. For if it be correct that a peal must consist of 42 six scores, it automatically rules out the 240's and any other variation.

I have always taken it for granted that a peal was a peal if it consisted of every possible change, repeating 42 times. It can be 42 repetitions of the same calling, which is enough to drive anyone mad with boredom, especially the conductor, and yet cannot consist of something much better worth while and which will keep the conductor awake. That is to split your opening 120 between the beginning and the end and varying the split for each quarter; thus you begin your 120's with varying changes, your peal begins and ends with rounds and you have all the necessary changes.

I have never rung a peal of that nature, but I have rung and conducted quarters on the same principle, splitting the odd change between the beginning and the end. And it has never occurred to me that they were not quarters. It is far more interesting and keeps a beginner team awake.

It is also far more worth while than drumming out a succession or BBPSS, and it makes the normal 10 callings far more interesting. Anyway, what about the 240's if each 120 has got to begin and end with rounds.

C. F. JERRAM.

Helford, Helston, Cornwall.

University of London Society Dinner

THE 20th annual dinner of the Society took place at Church House, Westminster, on February 13th, after a full day's ringing. Towers open were St. John-at-Hackney (8) and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch (12) in the morning, and, after lunch, St. Giles', Cripplegate (12), St. Vedast's (6) and St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8).

A company of 73 sat down to a very fine meal, after which the president (Mr. David Martin) proposed the toast to 'The Queen and the Church.' He brought to the attention of those present that during the previous week the Rev. A. Powell-Miller had celebrated his golden wedding, an announcement which was greeted with loud applause.

Mr. Clarke Walters, Master of the Cambridge University Guild, proposed 'The Society' in an entertaining way, wisely deciding not to remember any more Dalek stories, but instead seized upon the topic of St. Valentine, whose anniversary was, of course, the next day. He recounted many traditions and legends concerning St. Valentine before inviting his fellow visitors to honour the toast.

The Master of the University of London Society, Mr. Richard Humphries, replied. He recounted the activities of the Society during the past year, both social and ringing, of which the latter had varied from rounds to 8-Spliced Surprise Major at St. Olave's, and at Southwark Cathedral Stedman Cinques and even Cambridge Minor on the back six 'for a little "light" entertainment.' On the subject of tours, the Master said that the 1964 summer tour had been a great success, but the Whitsun tour had again received poor support. He gave notice of the 1965 summer tour, to be held in Devon and Cornwall from July 3rd to 10th, with, at the moment, a 'short' list of some 80 towers.

Dr. John Armstrong, in proposing 'The Visitors,' welcomed especially Canon Mort-

lock (Rector of St. Vedast's), the Rev. M. Dean (Rector of St. Olave's) and Mrs. Dean, and the Rev. A. Powell-Miller (former Rector of St. Olave's) and accused them of being present under false pretences, as all were members of the Society anyway. He welcomed also the Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths (also a member) and those from the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, Sheffield and Southampton, and the secretary from Bristol (representing the Master).

Mr. Rodney Meadows, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, replying, clarified the policy of the College Youths concerning the election of new members, and said there had been a tightening, because 12-bell ringing can only improve if the ringing is good. He made reference to the members supplied by the University of London Society, and went on to say that the University had possibly the better eight-bell ringers, but the College Youths could probably show them a thing or two on 12.

This being the end of the formal proceedings, the president invited the company to adjourn to the lounge.

THE COMPANY

The president, accompanied on the top table by the Master, Canon Mortlock, Rev. and Mrs. M. Dean, Rev. A. Powell-Miller, Messrs. R. B. Meadows, D. Beresford, Miss J. Beresford, Messrs. S. C. Walters, B. Wakefield, J. E. Chapman, D. B. Williams, Miss Y. Edwards and Mr. R. W. Powell.

Also: Dr. and Mrs. J. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Frost, Dr. and Mrs. D. N. Layton, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Thirst.

The Misses P. Bligh-Cheeseman, J. Camfield, B. G. Dale, M. Erik, E. Farrow, P. Fennell, B. M. Foster, K. Gorvin, J. Harris, K. Higgins, R. Kemp, E. Layton, A. McFarlane, H. F. Pardoe, K. Robinson, G. D. Sewell, M. Shakeshaft, S. Smith, E. Snell, S. Stubbs, H. Webb, A. Willard and G. Williams.

Messrs. M. R. Ashmore, P. Balchin, E. F. P. Bryant, P. J. Bushell, Rev. E. A. Clayton, Messrs. N. J. Davies, R. E. J. Dennis, P. G. Erith, S. J. Franklin, R. M. Heyworth, P. Joyce, P. G. McIlhorne, D. Miles, G. R. Mordaunt, C. Pain and guest, T. G. Pett, J. S. Seagar, A. H. Smith, W. A. Theobald, M. Trigg, A. G. Tyers, W. Williams: also two other members of the Southampton University Guild.

R. E. J. D.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Witney Branch Dinner

The second annual dinner of the Witney and Woodstock branch was held at the Masonic Hall, Witney, on February 5th. There were representatives from ten towers and friends, making a jolly party of 75. The branch chairman, the Rev. P. Wilkins, was present with his wife, and said a few words after the dinner concerning ringing, and roast beef of old England! The rest of the evening was most enjoyably taken up with dances and games very ably organised by Mr. R. Clow.

Extending the Scope

Dear Sir,—Re my inquiry for great-grandfathers to ring a peal, I have only heard from two, Mr. George Symonds, of Ipswich, and Mr. George Seth, of Bedford, and now wonder perhaps if there are any great-grandmothers who are ringers and would complete a band.—Yours sincerely,

Tonbridge, Kent.

W. ROGERS.

Peal at Burford

Dear Sir,—Reference the peal rung at Burford, Oxon, reported on page 122 of 'The Ringing World' and comment on page 136 in 'Belfry Gossip.'

The peal was in fact rung on January 30th, 1965, in a time of three hours and two minutes, and not as published. The attempt was specially arranged as a tribute to the memory of Sir Winston Churchill. — Yours faithfully,

D. KAY ADKIN.

Witney, Oxon.

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ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. R. Wake 1, Miss B. Haslegrave 2, Mrs. A. Daughtrey 3, J. Sellar (first 'inside') 4, R. Wake (cond.) 5, M. J. Wake 6.

BATHWICK, BATH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss M. Stubbs (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. J. Stubbs 2, Mrs. M. Harrison 3, C. Branford 4, E. Goater 5, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 6, K. G. Harrison 7, P. R. Stubbs 8.

BROMESBERRY, GLOS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: L. Smith 1, K. Tyler 2, T. Gazey 3, W. D. Wilson 4, F. Turner (cond.) 5, T. Stevens 6.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Alison Cullum 1, J. Ling 2, J. Butterfield 3, C. Forsyth 4, J. Morgan 5, J. Boustead (cond.) 6.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Miss M. Lush 1, R. J. Vardy 2, R. H. Duke 3, Miss B. J. Dyke 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, P. Slade 6.

DYMUCK, GLOS.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles and Grand-sire: L. Smith 1, R. Chew 2, W. Spiers 3, K. Tyler 4, F. Turner (cond.) 5, T. Stevens 6.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss D. Cox 1, D. J. Goodman 2, W. Ayre 3, R. J. Picton 4, P. W. Harper 5, K. D. Waples 6, B. M. Barker (cond.) 7, D. A. Bedford 8.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: D. M. Barraclough 1, Mrs. M. A. Tonge 2, F. Barraclough 3, M. D. Radcliffe 4, I. N. Goldthorpe 5, G. Pye 6, A. Ward (cond.) 7, D. W. Frost 8.

MARKSBURY, BATH.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. Smith (cond.) 1, Monica Horseman 2, Rosemary Smith 3, M. Horseman 4, A. Perry 5, J. Fray 6.

PETER TAVY, DEVON.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: E. J. Cann 1, J. C. Mitchelmore 2, W. C. Boucher (cond.) 3, Doris A. Bray 4, G. E. Mudge 5, L. R. Cundy 6.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Underwood 1, C. Urry 2, A. E. Barlow 3, W. J. Vann 4, P. D. Howitt 5, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 6.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Harding 1, Mrs. R. Houghton 2, C. Blain 3, Miss J. Ashton 4, R. Houghton 5, A. S. Smith (cond.) 6.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: E. Lee (cond.) 1, M. Ball 2, Ruth Ball 3, H. Yates 4, C. Bishop 5, T. Dando 6.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Jan. 28th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. Thain 1, F. Garland 2, R. Nicholas 3, R. Bowley 4, V. Deane (cond.) 5, M. Gay 6.

HALF PEAL

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKS.—At St. Peter's, on Feb. 13th, 2,520 Stedman Doubles: F. M. Rowbottom 1, J. F. West 2, Jill Riley 3, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 4, A. J. Collings 5, J. Stockley 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon Arthur Milner Startin, Vicar at the time of the restoration of the bells and who learnt to ring in this tower.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Feb. 14th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (nine methods): R. Rayfield 1, Katharine M. Guy 2, Wendy C. Wallace 3, Margaret C. Godfrey 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, A. M. Macve (most methods as cond.) 6. Most methods to a quarter by all except the conductor. Also on Feb. 21st, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Minor (in 12 methods): C. H. Macve 1, Katharine M. Guy 2, Wendy C. Wallace 3, Margaret C. Godfrey 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, A. M. Macve (most methods as cond.) 6. Most methods by all except the conductor. For Evensong.

ALBRIGHTON, SALOP.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. R. Fairbrother (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Beech 2, E. Fairbrother 3, F. Beech (cond.) 4, R. Stanley 5, E. Blinnersley 6. Rung for the 84th birthday of Dr. Legg.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Stella Rice 1, Anne Sharpe (cond.) 2, Wendy Morris (first 'inside') 3, Margaret Fisher 4, Valerie Mephams 5, Eric Woolsey 6. For the coming-of-age of Maureen Cherryman.

OTHER QUARTER PEALS

AMPTHILL, BEDS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: S. J. Ivin 1, K. H. Fleming 2, R. J. Sharpe 3, C. D. Mann 4, R. L. Piron (cond.) 5, B. Holder 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Walter Forman, for many years a member of this band and previously at Maulden.

ANDOVER, HANTS.—At St. Mary's, on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Joyce Dean 1, Jane Tarrant 2, T. Tarrant 3, L. Dean 4, O. G. Smith (cond.) 5, S. A. Sturgess 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Joyce Dean.

ASH, SURREY.—On Feb. 8th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Angela Hawes 1, G. K. Williamson 2, D. A. R. May 3, Angela J. Smart 4, T. Page 5, P. G. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Stanley T. A. Russell, who was interred this day.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Freda Prime 1, K. Prime (cond.) 2, Joy Bagg 3, Janice Haggett 4, D. Dean 5, K. Cavill 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. A. H. Graves and Mr. S. Cork, of Ashcott.

ASKERSWELL, DORSET.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. M. M. Godley 1, M. Hiller 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, L. Arscott 4, R. Arscott 5, C. Gratton 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. R. Coward, of Yeovil.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 9th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: E. Lee 1, H. Knight 2, T. Phillips 3, P. England (first in method) 4, J. Brain 5, G. Pullin 6, J. Slater 7, J. Gilbert (cond.) 8.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Margaret E. Chilton 1, Katharine Burchall 2, Grace Burchall 3, Beryl N. Reed 4, D. D. Parsons 5, G. A. Dawson 6, J. R. Pratchett 7, C. W. Reed (first of Surprise as cond.) 8. After a peal attempt.

BATHWICK, BATH, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Miss A. Craner (first quarter) 1, D. C. Hawkins 2, Mrs. M. Harrison 3, Mrs. J. Stubbs 4, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 5, G. J. Hawkins 6, R. Goater 7, K. G. Harrison 8.

BETLEY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. A. Moore 1, Caroline Stewart 2, Madeleine McCallion 3, D. J. Midgley 4, R. J. Ballard 5, P. W. Gay (first of Surprise as cond.) 6. First of Surprise 2 and 3.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): F. Whittaker 1, Anna K. Sadowska (cond.) 2, P. Robertson 3, M. Boskett 4, O. Field 5, P. Mustoe 6. Greatest number of methods for 5 and 6, and as conductor.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Southgate (first quarter) 1, M. H. Whittell (first 'inside') 2, A. J. Munnings 3, M. J. Howes 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5.

BROMHAM, WILTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Fisher 1, Pamela Osborne 2, J. Abbott 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Powney 5, D. Bailey (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Miss S. Thomas and Mr. R. Pope.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. W. Bignmore 1, Jean Stebbings 2, H. Halls 3, K. Everett 4, D. Hodgson 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6.

CADDINGTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob and Grand-sire Doubles: G. T. Coleman 1, Mary A. Coburn 2, Joyce Dodds 3, L. G. Coburn 4, G. Dodds (cond.) 5, H. Medlock 6. First quarter 1 and 6. A farewell to the Rev. K. C. Habermahl, Vicar.

CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.—On Feb. 21st, in the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Callum 1, J. Boustead 2, B. Forsyth 3, J. Morgan 4, C. Forsyth 5, J. Ling (cond.) 6, J. Butterfield 7. To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. Morgan,ringer at this tower.

ECKINGTON, WORCS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: J. Attwood, Jun. (cond.) 1, C. Prosser 2, R. Loxley 3, D. Trenfield 4, R. Hickmott 5, R. Perks 6. For Evensong.

FARMBOROUGH, BATH.—On Nov. 22, 1,260 Bob Doubles: R. Smith (cond.) 1, M. Heymann 2, Monica Horseman 3, A. Perry 4, W. Kingcott (first Bob Doubles) 5, Rosemary Smith 6. Also on Jan. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): K. Baker 1, Rosemary Smith 2, M. Horseman 3, R. Smith 4, A. Perry (first as cond of eight methods) 5, J. Coombe 6.

FINCHLEY, MIDDX.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: P. Taylor 1, Miss D. Robotham 2, A. Richardson 3, L. Tubb 4, A. Warren 5, B. Watson 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, W. Harwin 8. For Evensong.

FLIXTON, LANCs.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Susan Mitchard 1, Dorothy Richardson 2, Ethel Collier 3, P. Mason 4, W. Mason 5, C. Harper 6. In honour of Mrs. W. Shaw, presiding member, M.U., Stretford Rural Deanery, admission service at St. Michael's.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Jan. 13th, 1,080 Plain Bob Minor: A. Colborne 1, D. R. Baxter 2, J. R. Holmes 3, V. P. Evans 4, D. J. Hopkinson (first of Minor as cond.) 5, G. J. N. Colborne 6. Rung by the King's School Bellingring Society, Grantham.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: R. M. Wilson (first quarter) 1, R. P. Wood 2, M. Fromm 3, H. C. Weaver 4, J. Read 5, H. D. Butler 6, J. R. Wilson (cond.) 7, B. W. Farhall (first quarter on eight) 8. For Evensong.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: B. White 1, Dawn Colcombe 2, C. Webb 3, Pam Bird 4, H. Colcombe 5, J. Bailey 6, J. King (cond.) 7, C. Chianery 8. First 'inside' and a 16th birthday compliment for Dawn Colcombe.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Blackshaw and D. Barker 1, R. D. Marsh 2, C. R. Larkin 3, S. J. Dowse 4, J. A. Heaps 5, M. W. Harrison 6. Conducted by J. Heaps and M. Harrison. For Evensong. Also on Jan. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Marsh 1, R. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, D. Barker 4, M. W. Harrison 5. For Evensong.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,280 Double Norwich C. B. Major: Meryl Newton 1, Gillian Smith 2, R. Biggs 3, Joyce Barton 4, G. Newton 5, R. H. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, D. A. Cornwall (cond.) 8. First in method for 1 and 2.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent and Oxford T.B., 360 Cambridge S., 180 Plain Bob): Miss M. R. Field 1, S. G. Hutchings 2, E. P. Inskip 3, R. Chapman 4, D. A. Hammond 5, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 6.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Tucker (first of Minor) 1, V. M. Kirk 2, G. K. Smith 3, K. Kirk 4, K. Goldthorpe 5, H. C. Palmer (cond.) 6. Also 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: A. G. Keen (first of T.B.) 1, V. M. Kirk (first in method) 2, I. N. Goldthorpe 3, A. B. Cooper 4, G. K. Smith (cond.) 5, H. C. Palmer 6.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Feb. 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. McPhail 1, C. Willmington 2, Miss P. Fox 3, Mrs. R. Deal 4, A. Faulkner (first of Surprise) 5, C. Hughes 6, D. Ellisdon 7, D. Hewitt (cond.) 8. For Confirmation Service.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Feb. 14th, 1,296 Grand-sire Caters: Brenda M. Foster 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, Pauline Fennell 3, R. E. J. Dennis 4, J. S. Seager 5, P. J. Bushell 6, D. P. B. Miles 7, N. J. Davies (comp. and cond.) 8, E. F. P. Bryant 9, P. G. Enth 10. Rung by the U.L.S.C.R. for Evensong on the occasion of the 7th anniversary of the rededication of the bells and as a compliment to Rev. A. Powell Miller and Mrs. Miller, on their golden wedding anniversary.

MARKET WEIGHTON, YORKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. D. Gibson 1, Miss E. Rimer (first of Kent) 2, K. Goldthorpe (cond.) 3, C. L. Munday (first of Kent) 4, G. Smith 5, R. Ducker 6. Best wishes to Rev. F. Ross for a speedy recovery.

NORTH COLLINGHAM, NOTTS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,440 Grand-sire Doubles: J. Dawson 1, F. W. Midwinter 2, D. D. Parsons 3, Margaret E. Chilton 4, J. R. Pratchett (cond.) 5, G. A. Dawson 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Edward Dale Priestley, bellringer at this church for 67 years.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. Kemp 1, P. Joyce 2, Miss H. Walters 3, Miss F. Studley 4, H. Trigg 5, A. Luxford (first as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss J. Fitzgeorge by Southampton University Guild. Also on Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. J. Kemp 1, M. D. Trigg 2, A. J. Luxford 3, J. M. Goodchild 4, P. J. Joyce 5, Miss H. A. Walters (first as cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Joyce 1, Miss H. A. Walters 2, A. J. Luxford 3, J. M. Goodchild 4, M. D. Trigg 5, Miss R. J. Kemp (first as cond.) 6. Both rung by the Southampton University Guild.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's on Feb. 7th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge and Kent): A. Henson 1, M. Foskett 2, S. Foskett 3, C. Towers 4, H. Dale 5, D. Stalnsby (cond.) 6. For Evensong and as a compliment to F. A. Salter on his retirement as Ringing Master.

OTHER QUARTER PEALS

OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Feb. 1st, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: J. Foster 1, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 2, G. Marsden 3, S. Margerison 4, J. Arkwell (first in method) 5, P. Atwood 6. First quarter 3, 4 and 6. A compliment to the tenor ringer on completing 50 years as a ringer and on the eve of his 67th birthday.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Atfield (first quarter, 14) 1, A. T. Beckwith (cond.) 2, L. Parry (15) 3, A. Farnish (14) 4, N. F. Whittell 5, S. Bloomfield 6. For Evensong.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. John's Church on Feb. 7th, 1,248 Kent T.B. Major: Wendy Daw 1, R. Daw 2, G. S. Bush 3, F. Boyall 4, B. Harris 5, L. Haddman 6, R. B. Smith 7, J. H. Blunt (cond.) 8. For evening service and the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. Warner.

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gwen A. Boyce (first quarter) 1, E. G. Coombes 2, G. G. Salmon 3, C. R. Jenkins (first 'inside') 4, Sheila Y. Hallett (cond.) 5, R. F. Bowditch 6.

PRESTON, RUTLAND.—On Jan. 26th, 1,320 Preston Doubles: D. MacDonald 1, H. Beadham 2, Miss C. Cook 3, G. W. Reynolds (cond.) 4, J. C. Hudson 5, R. R. Sparrow 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss E. A. Sadler.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Feb. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. E. Price (first of Major) 1, B. H. Coatsworth 2, Julie S. Armstrong 3, L. W. Allen 4, C. F. Mew 5, B. J. Bull 6, A. R. Millidge 7, A. R. Patterson (cond.) 8. Rung for Candlemas.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. J. Goacher (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Sagers 2, A. J. Bull 3, H. Comber 4, K. Game 5, A. Sireter (cond.) 6, G. A. West 7.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Carveth (cond.) 1, Miss F. M. Rickards 2, W. J. Sanders 3, Miss A. Ince 4, E. H. Langley 5, A. Locke 6, A. J. Davidson 7, S. R. Curnow 8. For the Feast of St. Euny.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.—On Jan. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. G. Payne 1, A. G. Dalton 2, J. A. Brown 3, A. Bashforth 4, A. Willis 5, E. Hudson (cond.) 6. A compliment to Canon D. M. M. and Mrs. Bartlett on the occasion of their diamond wedding.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Howard Meek 1, W. D. Wilson 2, L. Smith 3, F. Turner 4, K. Tyler (first in two methods as cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Marfell.

RYTON, SALOP.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Elizabeth Timmins 1, D. J. Bates (cond.) 2, T. J. Greaves 3, R. M. Hodister 4, P. R. Johnson 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND.—On Feb. 13th, 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): Mrs. Mary Dodd 1, J. H. McTear 2, J. A. Haile 3, G. McKay 4, S. Richardson (cond.) 5, H. Wilson 6. A compliment to Miss M. Kate Dent, Western Branch secretary, and Colin Gilbert on their recent marriage; and to mark the birth of a son to John Alan and Elenor Haile.

SALFORD, LANCs.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity on Feb. 14th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Double Bob): J. Gander 1, A. S. Taylor 2, C. R. Calton 3, P. Coddington 4, D. J. Baker 5, R. L. Coley (cond.) 6. Rung by M.U.G.C.R. for Evensong.

SAMPFORD ARUNDEL, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Popplestone 1, P. Popplestone (cond.) 2, C. Rixon 3, Mrs. E. M. Williams 4, L. Hellings 5, I. Atkinson 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. W. Baker, late tower captain.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On Feb. 11th, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: D. M. Hughes 1, Rhoda Housden 2, Pamela Gough 3, Patricia Laycock 4, Jessie Kippin 5, Elizabeth Stevinson 6, F. Housden 7, C. H. Kippin (cond.) 8. First in method 3, 4 and 6. Rung in memory of Mr. S. Russell, of Ash.

SHAPWICK, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sheppard 1, R. C. Taylor 2, Sheila Y. Hallett (first as cond.) 3, R. F. Bowditch (first 'inside') 4, J. G. Rose 5, C. R. Jenkins 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

SILSUE, BEDS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: A. G. Harris (13 years) 1, Mrs. C. D. Mann 2, H. Mann 3, P. J. Ashby 4, C. D. Mann 5, T. P. Harris (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss M. Day and Peter Ashby, on their engagement.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, V. W. Rigg 2, Christine McLaren 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, G. Palmer 5, T. J. Warner (cond.) 6, G. E. Fearn 7, P. Warren 8, C. W. Bragg 9, A. Crabtree 10. A compliment to C. W. Bragg who recently celebrated his 60th birthday.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Gainsborough Little Bob Major: Miss M. Battam 1, J. Thorley 2, W. E. Crichtley (cond.) 3, E. Short 4, E. Dalingwater 5, H. Wagstaff 6, G. Jackson 7, C. Toyne 8.

STAVELEY, DERBYS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. A. Adams 1, H. Paddison 2, M. P. Phipps (cond.) 3, Verena Simpson (first quarter) 4, J. Arkwell (first 'inside') 5, F. Roby 6, C. J. Hughes 7, J. Ford 8.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: L. J. M. Smith 1, Mary White 2, T. R. Whittome 3, N. F. Edwards 4, C. E. Bassett 5, C. M. Press (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 3.

STEEPLE ASHTON, OXON.—On Feb. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: V. Johns (first quarter) 1, P. Crane 2, G. Wilce 3, J. Preston 4, R. Wharton 5, A. P. Foster (cond.) 6.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—At the Church of St. Mary on Feb. 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. F. Damer (first quarter) 1, R. J. Fuller 2, Miss C. M. Fuller 3, W. R. Damer (first quarter of Minor) 4, G. W. Elmes 5, J. W. Blackwood (cond.) 6.

THORNCOMBE, WILTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Farley 1, R. Farley 2, A. Jordan 3, H. Bonfield 4, A. Atyeo (cond.) 5, S. Gardner 6. A welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. L. T. S. Sims Williams.

TREDUNNOCK, MON.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. I. J. Richards 1, D. Pike 2, R. J. Waters 3, G. Marchant 4, D. L. Taylor (cond.) 5, L. James 6. In thanksgiving for the life and ministry of the Rev. Albert James, Rector, 1951-1965.

TUTBURY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. C. Bowen 1, P. C. Bowen (first of Minor 'inside') 2, C. W. Bowen 3, C. T. Collins 4, Lucy Smith 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Gibbs 1, E. Ovens (first quarter) 2, R. J. Moore 3, W. Lampard 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, D. M. Smith 6.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 17th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Miles 1, Miss I. Gocher 2, Miss D. Mullens 3, M. Turner 4, D. D. Smith 5, G. Francis (cond.) 6. First Surprise 1, 2, 3 and 4.

WATCHET, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. N. Swinburne 1, R. Somerfield 2, W. Smith 3, J. Aldridge 4, R. Penny (cond.) 5, N. Swinburne 6. First quarter 1 and 6. First quarter on the bells since rehanging.

WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Miller 1, C. W. Powell (cond.) 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, J. T. Barrett 4, H. G. Keeley 5, F. Knight 6, G. S. Morris 7, A. J. Walborne 8. In memoriam Rev. Canon C. Carew Cox, immediately following the funeral service held in this church.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): A. Beaumont 1, A. King (cond.) 2, D. Hunton (most methods 'inside') 3, M. A. Beaumont 4, M. King 5, T. Cairns (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. 50th quarter of Doubles 2 and 4.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): A. Horn 1, M. Harmer 2, R. Cox 3, D. A. Smith 4, S. Howard (cond.) 5, A. George 6. First in three methods by all the band. For dedication of new screen and doors at west end.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pauline Parkyns (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. Osbon 2, Rosemary Heighes 3, E. Ladd (cond.) 4, F. I. Hairs 5, A. Lewry 6, C. Osbon (first 'inside') 7, E. Parkyns (first quarter) 8.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Everest 1, R. Peckham 2, J. Plummer 3, D. Smith 4, E. Everest (cond.) 5, A. Millam 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon D. F. Wilkinson, M.C., Vicar and friend.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Foster 1, P. J. Hawcock 2, J. Shonfeld 3, Margaret Eddy (first quarter) 4, S. Humphrey 5, R. Daft (cond.) 6. A farewell ring to Margaret Eddy, who is going to Germany.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Mrs. C. Porter (first in the method) 1, R. W. Rice (first 'inside') 2, P. Gifford-England (first 'inside') 3, A. Fisher (first in the method) 4, G. H. Pullin 5, S. G. Smith 6, W. S. Rice (first as cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. For Evensong.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal rung at Flookburgh (page 138) was 5,040 Plain Bob Minor and not Major.

An attempt for a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples at Stoke Poges on February 3rd was lost three minutes from the end.

We regret to record the death on Saturday of Mrs. J. Frank Smallwood, after a long illness borne with great fortitude.

A talented member of the Horace Day band of the 1920's, Mr. Joe Landan, tower captain at St. James', Deeping, Lincs, died on February 10th, aged 67 years.

Albrighton, Salop, ringers regard Dr. Legg, the retired local G.P., as the tower's best friend. He has recently presented a new set of ropes and with these the tower band rang a quarter peal for his 84th birthday.

Fourteen-year-old Wendy C. Wallace, of Addington, Surrey, who has been ringing for 15 months, has 18 quarter peals to her credit, several of which are Spiced Surprise Minor in up to 12 methods.

The Hillingdon supper held at the Golden Lion, Hillingdon, attracted a record attendance of 91. The most popular of the social items was the welcome return of Mrs. A. A. Hughes to render several tunes on her fine handbells to the accompaniment of Mrs. T. J. Lock at the piano.

A member of the famous Ashford, Kent, peal band, Mr. William C. Marshall, of Bethersden, died on February 17th, aged 60 years. The funeral service at Smarden on February 23rd was attended by many people and afterwards six close friends rang a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. A memoir will appear next week.

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Some Quarters will be Ditched

The pressure on our space arising from the death of Sir Winston S. Churchill has been abnormal. The influx of peals and quarter peals has been the heaviest since the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. To enable a true balance to be maintained, it will be necessary to withhold from publication some of the scores of quarter peals which have been received. Priority for insertion will be given to those supporting our 'Gratefully Acknowledged' column or ordering additional copies.

First to go will be those rung a month or so previous and handbell quarters. The page of quarter peals will naturally be maintained as we regard this as an important feature of the journal.

No Peal for his 75th Birthday

Birthday peals for Mr. Len Stilwell have been elusive this year. An attempt for Painswick Surprise at Horsham on February 20th came to an abrupt halt after three leads through a rope breaking, and three days later, at Findon, where seven Minor methods were attempted, there was a general mix-up about the third 720. With both these churches Len has a long association and he stood in both attempts. He carries his 75 years lightly, and his total of 35 peals last year tells its own story.

A Loss to South Wales

Tower captain at Bedwelly Parish Church for the past four years, and also churchwarden, Mr. A. Ryan Price has been transferred from South Wales to Mangotsfield, Bristol. At Bedwelly he laboured under great difficulties, but with the help of his devoted wife, Eileen, he taught and trained a band from scratch and they hope to ring their first quarter peal of Bob Doubles on Easter Sunday. On their departure on February 11th, Mr. and Mrs. Price were presented with an inscribed barometer by members of the Bedwelly Church band. They take with them the very best wishes for their future from all bellringers in this part of Glamorgan.

A Kent Bellfounder

Mr. John Hilton deserves congratulations on adding to the series of booklets he has published and printed with the life story of Joseph Hatch, the Ulcombe bellfounder. This foundry was started in 1599 by Thomas Hatch, who died two years later, to be succeeded by Joseph, then a man of 38. The crowning triumphs of his foundry were the recasting of the fourth bell of the Arundel ring at Canterbury Cathedral in 1624, and in 1635-6 being entrusted with a major recasting at the Cathedral. Although in semi-retirement, he supervised the recasting and rehanging of the complete ring of bells. He died in 1639 and is buried in Broomfield Churchyard.

Interest is added by illustrations of bell-casting supplied by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The book is priced 1s. 9d. post free from J. Hilton, 19, Lonewood Way, Hadlow, Tonbridge.

His 2,000th Peal

The Exercise at large will join us in congratulating Mr. George E. Fearn, of Birmingham, in ringing his 2,000th peal on February 25th. This was a peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus rung at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, where George has rung approximately 450 of his peals.

We feel certain that this memorable occasion will be the main topic at the Henry Johnson dinner, on Saturday, which George, as part of his duties as hon. secretary and treasurer of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, organises with praiseworthy efficiency. The company will expect the chairman, Mr. Frank E. Haynes, to submit an appropriate toast so that his great achievement may be duly honoured.

George is the king-pin of Birmingham ringing today. Apart from being secretary of the Guild he is tower warden of St. Martin's, Birmingham, and also ringing master of Birmingham Cathedral.

Worth Waiting For

All interested in Surprise ringing will want to possess the Central Council's latest production, 'A Collection of Surprise Methods in Place Notation,' price 4s. post free from Mr. R. F. B. Speed, 88, High Street, Hillmorton, Rugby. The collection includes all peals of Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus published in 'The Ringing World' up to May 29th, 1964, together with the date and place of the first performance, i.e., London Surprise Major, 17-11-1835, St. Andrew's, Norwich. For beginners there is a detailed explanation of place notation. The tables of lead head codes and notes on bobs are an essential adjunct to a work of this description. The Methods Committee consists of Messrs. Frank T. Blagrove, C. Kenneth Lewis and John R. Mayne, who will be congratulated at Northampton next Whitsun on adding a most valuable work to the Central Council's publications.

Fellows to the Fore

Inadvertently, the name of Mr. Martin D. Fellows, of Stourbridge, was omitted from the notice of an attempt to ring 11,520 Yorkshire Surprise Major at Hanbury, Worcs, on March 27th (see page 148). All will wish this intrepid young ringer, who, with his brother, has done much for the Dudley and District Guild, every success. If scored, the peal will be for the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

Four Firsts at Castle Cary

There has been a stirring of the wind at All Saints' Church, Castle Cary, Somerset, where the local band has rung its first peal for many years to mark the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. Tony Higdon, who conducted, had the satisfaction of seeing four of the band score their first peal.

Down Beverley Way

Former stalwart of the Derbyshire Association, where he was general secretary and also a vice-president, Mr. A. B. Cooper has found opportunities for service in his new home at Kirk Ella, Hull. At St. Andrew's, Kirk Ella, he has completed a year as Ringing Master and now has further responsibility as hon. secretary and treasurer of the Beverley and District Ringing Society. In this post he succeeds Mr. K. Kirk, who has been elevated to the presidency of the Society. Mr. D. S. Johnson continues as Ringing Master, but his assistant is now Mr. R. Ducker in place of Mr. R. D. Gibson.

The Beverley Society, with a membership of 169, had 28 new members last year. Sixty quarter peals were rung in 1964 (best ever), in which 60 members participated, and 16 peals, the best for many years. Of the 35 members who took part, 16 were ringing their first peal. Both Wakington (where Miss J. Gray received the Albert Sellers Memorial Cup for the tower making most progress) and Huntington rang their first peals—an excellent achievement, reports the Ringing Master.

With so much vitality, it is sad to learn that Hull University is quiescent, comments the report. 'A deathly hush—or could it be work?—appears to have overtaken the ringers at Hull University. We have failed to locate a correspondent for a contribution to this year's report. We keep hoping that Hull will eventually join other universities in forming a ringers' guild—what about it?'

Different Ages of Man

During 1964 St. Patrick's Cathedral Society, Dublin, rang quarter peals to compliment members of their Society on silver, ruby and golden wedding anniversaries and to one member who had become engaged to be married.

America's Interest in Gnosall

Mrs. E. Marion Key, of Gnosall, Stafford, has received a long and friendly letter from Miss Nancy Tufts stating that she has followed the progress of the St. Lawrence's junior handbell ringers of Gnosall with great interest. We hear that these talented juniors are going on from strength to strength and have now five groups in various stages of proficiency. They have bookings as far ahead as November.

Ringing School in Kent

A one-day ringing school is to be held at Leeds, near Maidstone, on May 1st, organised by the Kent County Association. Among the subjects on which lectures will be given are learning and teaching elementary change ringing; ways of learning standard methods; how to maintain a local band; conducting and elementary composition; ringing under control. This is a new venture as far as the Association is concerned and the committee hope for enthusiastic support from young and old.

IN MEMORIAM SIR WINSTON SPENCER CHURCHILL, K.G.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Wirral Branch)

BIRKENHEAD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald, Bidston.
On Tues., Feb. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 2 extents St. Clement's Bob and 3 each Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Philip H. Lockwood .. Treble	Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.
*Susan E. Jukes 2	Charles B. Pemberton .. 4
David Marsh 3	G. Martin Roscamp .. 5
	Alexander J. Martin .. Tenor

Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.

* First peal of Minor. Rung half-muffled.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. (Newark Parish Church Society)

NORTH MUSKHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Fri., Jan. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents of 120 (10 callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

*John L. Laverack .. Treble	Margaret E. Chilton .. 4
Clarence F. Briggs .. 2	Frederick G. Hooper .. 5
††F. William Midwinter .. 3	†Harold Stevenson .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

* First peal at first attempt. † 50th peal together. ‡ 200th peal (all for the Southwell Diocesan Guild). Rung half-muffled.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

PULBOROUGH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Feb. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

Leonard Stilwell .. Treble	John C. Baldwin .. 5
George Francis 2	Stanley G. Ponting .. 6
Robert Wake 3	Ronald F. Diserens .. 7
Edgar R. Rapley 4	W. Leslie Weller .. Tenor

Composed by W. Barton.

Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

Rung half-muffled.

KIRDFORD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Fri., Jan. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent T.B., and Plain Bob.

Edward F. Fosberry .. Treble	Tenor 14½ cwt.
George Francis 2	David D. Smith .. 4
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Stanley G. Ponting .. 5
	W. Leslie Weller .. Tenor

Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

Rung half-muffled.

HAMMERWOOD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Stephen.

On Mon., Jan. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 six-scores each of Grandsire and Plain Bob (fourteen callings).

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

Derek Slater Treble	†Glenda M. Beckett .. 3
*Charlotte M. Harris .. 2	Valerie J. Howard .. 4
	Frank H. Hicks .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

* First peal. † First of Doubles and 'inside.' Rung half-muffled.

ITCHINGFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.

On Mon., Jan. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being 12 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob, and six six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

Raymond A. Banner .. Treble	*Diane M. Mullins .. 3
*Irene Gocher 2	*Christopher M. Godfrey 4
	*James D. Nelson .. Tenor

Conducted by James D. Nelson.

* First in four methods. First as conductor.
Rung half-muffled.

SLINFOLD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Feb. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being ope extent of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*M. Iain Davey .. Treble	George Francis .. 4
Irene Gocher 2	Stanley G. Ponting .. 5
Edgar R. Rapley 3	W. Leslie Weller .. Tenor

Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

* First peal of Minor.
Rung half-muffled.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Jan. 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

Robin Brown .. Treble	Roger J. Lumley .. 5
Barry Sullivan 2	Gordon Corby .. 6
Ronald H. Dove 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 7
George Hancock 4	Barry Dove .. Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

Rung half-muffled.

(Barnsley and District Society)

HOYLANDSWAINE, Barnsley.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 18 methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) St. Albans, Neasden, Wragby, Charlwood Delight, (3) College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, Ockley, Morning Star, (4) Tanners Pleasure, (5) Killamarsh, (6) Earlsheaton, (7) London Scholars', Sandal, Kingston, Capel, Oxford.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*Arthur Dunn-Birch .. Treble	Christopher A. Moxon .. 4
*Christine M. Saville .. 2	Herman Rusby .. 5
Peter Carbutt 3	Noel F. Moxon .. Tenor

Conducted by Noel F. Moxon.

* First in 18 methods. Rung fully muffled.

HANDBELL PEAL

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Betty Fold.

On Fri., Jan. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE COURT MINOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

Robin Shuttleworth .. 1-2	Mary Whalley .. 3-4
	Joseph Whalley (cond.) .. 5-6

First peal in the method by all.

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OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BACKWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Geoffrey H. Pullin .. Treble	Gwilym Salmon 5
*John H. Gilbert 2	†Walter S. Rice 6
Ronald D. Short 3	Eric T. Lee 7
†Peter J. England 4	John Brain Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by John H. Gilbert.

* 125th Peal. † First of Major.

A welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. J. T. George, on his return to duty after illness. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

CHEWTON MENDIP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

*Roy W. Rice Treble	George Prescott 5
†Marjorie Legg 2	George J. Hawkins 6
Walter S. Rice 3	†Alan F. Lee 7
Sydney G. Smith 4	†Walter Day Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott

* First peal of Triples. † First in the method.

FROME, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John Baptist.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 31 cwt. in D flat.

David T. H. Robertson .. Treble	*Raymond E. J. Baker .. 5
*David G. Massey 2	Gwilym Salmon 6
George W. Massey 3	Edward J. Chivers 7
*David A. Burt 4	John H. Gilbert Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by George W. Massey.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

CASTLE CARY, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 15 cwt.

*Mary Higdon Treble	William Higdon 4
*Mrs. Lucy Sherrell 2	Julian Nicholls 5
*Tony Higdon 3	*William Sherrell Tenor

Conducted by Tony Higdon.

* First peal. First as conductor. First peal by local tower ringers for many years. To mark to 75th anniversary of the Association.

DUNKERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 4 methods: (1-4) Reverse Canterbury, (5-8) Plain Bob, (9-12) Reverse St Bartholomew, (13-16) Grandsire, (17-20) Reverse Canterbury, (21-24) Plain Bob, (25-28) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (29-32) Grandsire, (33-36) Plain Bob, (37-40) Reverse St. Bartholomew, and one 240 Grandsire (Morris'). Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

Stanley G. Davis Treble	*†Alan F. Lee 4
*Leslie R. G. Taylor 2	†George J. Hawkins 5
†Julian E. Newman 3	Albert F. Butt Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* 25th peal together. † First in four methods. ‡ 25th peal together.

Rung as a 43rd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Butt.

STOCKLAND, Bristol, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven 720's each called differently	Tenor 11 cwt.
Marjorie Legg Treble	Stanley Lewis 4
Francis J. White 2	Robert Parker 5
Mrs. D. Crocker 3	George Prescott Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

WINFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Feb. 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In ten methods, being seven extents as follows: 1 Ipswich, 2 York and Durham, 3 London and Wells, 4 Primrose, 5 Norwich, 6 Beverley and Surfleet, 7 Cambridge. Tenor 16 cwt.

*Peter J. England Treble	John Brain 4
Geoffrey H. Pullin 2	Michael J. Horseman 5
Eric T. Lee 3	John H. Gilbert Tenor

Conducted by John H. Gilbert.

* First peal of Surprise. First in 10 Surprise methods by all.

SEAVINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 7 cwt.
Arthur H. Reed Treble	*Ederic W. Broom 4
Frederick Welch 2	Reginald Beale 5
James E. Brewer 3	Albert W. Dyer Tenor

Conducted by Reginald Beale.

* First peal of Minor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

ACTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in seven methods: Six each of Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Kennington, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

James S. Baker Treble	A. Doreen Edwards 4
Herbert Sutton 2	Frank R. Morton 5
*Gerald Parsons 3	Thomas P. Barlow Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* First peal of Doubles.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Cyriac.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, York, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

A. George Orbell Treble	Albert J. Davey 4
*Geoffrey A. Lucas 2	Harold S. Peacock 5
Alan M. Barber 3	*George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

* 75th peal together

Tenor 10 cwt.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	D. John Hunt 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Graham C. Paul 6
Roger D. Bailey 3	Reginald G. Hooper 7
Philip M. J. Gray 4	Brynley A. Shackleton .. Tenor

Composed by Charles Roberts.

Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.

HATHEROP, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sun., Feb. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

Gordon W. Land Treble	William E. Gearing 4
Roland T. Wakefield 2	Maurice A. New 5
*H. Raymond Haydon 3	Peter Wakefield Tenor

Conducted by Gordon W. Land.

* First peal.

Rung by a band of batchelors for St. Valentine's Day.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

TRING, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

Keith D. Waples Treble	Augustin V. Good 5
*C. Valerie Mills 2	Brian M. Barker 6
Walter Ayre 3	Reginald E. Sheppard 7
Howard Collings 4	Antony R. Kench Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by Antony R. Kench.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*Ian R. Russell Treble	Alexander Waddington 5
*Shirley P. Town 2	Cyril S. Jarrett 6
David S. Osenton 3	Bernard F. L. Groves 7
Christopher T. Osenton .. 4	†Charles T. Davidson .. Tenor

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal. † First on eight. First of Triples in the method as conductor.

PENSURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Percy J. Spice Treble	*Thos. M. Barlow 5
Doris E. Colgate 2	*Ian V. J. Smith 6
*Alan R. Baldock 3	*John W. Smith 7
John Manley 4	*D. Paul Smith Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by D. Paul Smith.

* First peal in the method. First as conductor.

Rung as a 21st wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Smith. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

WYE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Gregory and Martin.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2.	Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in D.
*Judith M. Corby Treble	†Rev. Peter T. Robbins 5
Lucile M. Corby 2	†Stanley Jenner 6
Betty Robbins 3	Philip A. Corby 7
Ann Jenner 4	Andrew J. Corby Tenor

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First peal in the method and of Triples. † First of Stedman Triples. ‡ 200th peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation.	Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.
Rev. Stanley M. Evans .. Treble	Cyril S. Jarrett 5
Herbert E. Audsley 2	Leonard Crouch 6
*Nigel F. Bearne 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. 7
Terence Barton 4	John E. Clark Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal away from treble. First in the method as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

ECCLESTON (Chorley), Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Feb. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent Kent Treble Bob and six different extents Plain Bob.	Tenor 12 cwt.
Lawrence Walmsley .. Treble	*†Anthony H. Oakes .. 4
*Lester Briars 2	William O. Farrimond .. 5
*David Borland 3	John Ashcroft Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

* First peal in two Minor methods. † First peal.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Mon., Feb. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 XINGU SURPRISE MAJOR

George R. Dawson Treble	Denis Woods 5
Frank Taylor 2	Brian Harris 6
George W. Massey 3	Ronald C. Noon 7
Derek J. Jones 4	Cyril R. Burrell Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by George W. Massey.

First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to the Rev. J. R. Blackmore, Vicar of Edenham.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F.

PINCHBECK, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Feb. 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 UFFINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

George R. Dawson Treble	Brian Harris 5
Frank Taylor 2	Ronald C. Noon 6
Derek J. Jones 3	George W. Massey 7
Denis Woods 4	Cyril R. Burrell Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler.

Conducted by George W. Massey.

First peal in the method.

BOTTESFORD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 2,560 London, 1,216 Bristol, and 640 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 119 changes of method.	Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.
Joyce M. Gurnhill Treble	George H. Randles 5
*Anne E. Bateson 2	A. Robin Heppenstall .. 6
Norah M. Randles 3	John Walden 7
Peter A. Sharp 4	Jack L. Millhouse Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First spiced peal and 50th peal.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-Part (seventh observation).	Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.
Robert T. Harrison .. Treble	C. Aubrey Harrison 5
Ronald Chafer 2	Jack Bray 6
Geoffrey Bromfield 3	John Hall 7
Michael W. Crowder 4	Septimus Neave Tenor

Conducted by Jack Bray.

Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. M. Varah, widow of the late Canon Varah, many years vicar of this parish.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

John Walden Treble	George H. Randles 5
*Anne E. Bateson 2	Geoffrey R. Parker 6
*Joyce M. Gurnhill 3	Peter A. Sharp 7
Jack L. Millhouse 4	Geoffrey Paul Tenor

Composed by Maurice Hodgson.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Rutland Surprise.

Rung to welcome a daughter born this day to Robin and Della Heppenstall.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

XINGU SURPRISE MAJOR

× 38 × 14 × 58 × 16. 34 × 34. 58. 14. 56. 14. 38. 2nds place l.h.
17856342. 4ths place bobs. For composition see 'R.W.'
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UFFINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

× 34 × 1458 × 56 × 36 × 34 × 1458 × 16 × 78. 2nds place l.h.
18674523. 4ths place bobs. For composition see 'R.W.'
December 27th, 1963, page 872.

IRNHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5520 DOUBLES

Being 46 extents, 14 of Grandsire, 14 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 18 of Plain Bob.	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in G.
James H. Mussion .. Treble	David J. Hopkinson .. 3
Graham J. N. Colborne .. 2	*Charles F. Baxter .. 4
†David R. Baxter Tenor	

Conducted by David R. Baxter.

* First peal. † 25th peal. Longest on the bells and by the band.
Rung on the 92nd birthday of Mr. J. T. Baxter, B.E.M., father of ringer of fourth, grandfather of ringer of tenor.

BELTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Double Bob, Single Oxford, Plain Bob.	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.
John Hall Treble	Maurice Lings 4
William Bains 2	Harold Judd 5
Melvyn Rose 3	Michael Whiting Tenor

Conducted by John Hall.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BAGLAN, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Wed., Feb. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being eight six-scores each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, six each April Day, Kennington, Clifford's Pleasure and Southrepps, and two Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

*John Alexander (13) .. Treble	Christopher Ricketts (13) 4
†Iolo Davies 2	Ellis N. Thomas 5
*David Barrington 3	*D. N. Gabe Thomas .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher Ricketts.

* First peal. † First 'inside' in seven methods. First as conductor.

Rung by the Cowbridge Grammar School band as a 19th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Patricia Rogers Treble	Charles W. Ottley 6
*Michael P. Thomas .. 2	John H. Lott 7
*Rosemary Rich 3	†Michael R. Wycherley .. 8
†Veronica E. Dupré .. 4	Harold W. Rogers 9
Olive L. Rogers 5	†John A. Laver Tenor

Composed by John Carter (No. 75).

Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.

* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Caters. ‡ First peal.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the seventh, and to mark his retirement from the Police Force.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

CHIGWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary Less.

On Wed., Feb. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in the following 17 methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) Alleendale, Fryerning and Westminster, (3) York and Durham, (4) Cambridge, Primrose, Norfolk and Ipswich, (5) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet and Hexham, (6) Norwich, (7) Bourne.

Tenor 9 cwt.

Robert E. J. Dennis .. Treble	P. Gerald McIlhone .. 4
Timothy G. Pett 2	Richard O. Humphries .. 5
Anthony H. Smith 3	Roger D. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

LEWISHAM, S.E.13.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising: 1,280 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Pudsey, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Caroline V. Carpenter .. Treble	David A. H. Bennett .. 5
Christine C. Macnair .. 2	Andrew N. Stubbs 6
L. R. H. Smith 3	Robert N. Harris 7
Ian M. Smith 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

First of ten Spiced as conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HILLINGDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 FULHAM SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

G. William Critchley .. Treble	Dennis Knox 6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 2	Roger Baldwin 7
John Hill 3	Thomas J. Lock 8
Joan Beresford 4	Frank C. Price 9
Claudia A. Critchley .. 5	John R. Mayne Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

The first peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NORWICH.—At the Church of St. George Colegate.
On Thurs., Jan. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.
Martin Cubitt Treble	Desmond P. Mortlock .. 4
John Cox 2	David Cubitt 5
Leslie F. Bailey 3	Peter Adcock Tenor

Conducted by Peter Adcock.

A compliment to Mrs. Jane Agutter and Dr. William Launcelot Scott Fleming, Bishop of Norwich and Patron of the Association, on the announcement of their engagement

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

DEDDINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DEDDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Ernest G. Jones Treble	D. Kay Adkins 5
Edward R. Venn 2	Christopher C. Clarke .. 6
Michael Hatchett 3	Wilfrid G. Wilson 7
Sydney M. Bailey 4	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler (B.29). Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
First peal in the method (H. and M. Collection, No. 4615).

WANTAGE, Berkshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr 15 lb. in E flat.

Reginald F. Crook Treble	John H. Napper 5
Patricia E. Hibbert 2	Arthur Sayers 6
Reginald W. Rex 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
John W. T. Hibbert 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

NORTHLEIGH, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 18 methods, being one each Little Aston, St. David, St. Columb, Seighford, Litchurch, Old, two each Southrepps, April Day, Kennington, Daffodil, Bluebell, Newborough, St. Helen, St. Anne, three Clifford's, four Reverse Canterbury, five Plain Bob and eight Grand-sire. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

Garth A. Porter Treble	James F. List 4
Peter G. Holden 2	Noel D. Deam 5
Roy H. Jones 3	Peter Pearce Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

First in 18 methods for all the band and first of Doubles on the bells.

WING, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent T.B. and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 29½ cwt.

E Dennis Poole Treble	John Young 4
Roland Biggs 2	David A. Cornwall 5
Roy Woodruff 3	Walter Lee Tenor

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

Rung on the 29th anniversary of the tenor rigger's first peal.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Feb. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

*Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. Treble	Patrick I. Chapman 5
*Roger W. Smith 2	Alan A. Paul 6
*Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 3	Charles E. Truman 7
Kenneth D. Perkins 4	Barrie Hendry Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

FULHAM SURPRISE ROYAL:

56-56. 4-50-36. 14-14. 50-14-3-34-1.
10ths place lead-end 1426. 4ths place bobs.

DEDDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR:

x 38 x 1458 x 56 x 36 x 14 x 38 x 34 x 78
2nds l.h. 5738264. f.c.h. 24365.

EARLS BARTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. Treble	Roger W. Smith 5
Graham C. Paul 2	Geoffrey E. Watson 6
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 3	Alan A. Paul 7
Anthony D. Sansom 4	Barrie Hendry Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley.

Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

A 21st birthday compliment to Brian Vickers, of Mears Ashby, Northants. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, Leics.—At the Church of St. Dionysius.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Mary R. Bloxam Treble	*Brian A. Vickers 5
Denis G. Pearson 2	*Terry G. Smith 6
*Kevin J. Chapman 3	Richard J. Cowley 7
Edward C. Buckby 4	Murray A. Coleman Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett.

Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First peal. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Brian A. Vickers.

COGENHOE, Northants.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Jan. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

In five methods, being seven extents, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Plain Bob, (4, 5) Thelwall and Childwall, (6, 7) Plain Bob.	Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.
*Katharina M. T. Newman Treble	Alan A. Paul 4
†Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	†Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 5
Roger W. Smith 3	†Barrie Hendry Tenor

Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

* First peal. † First in five methods. ‡ First of Minor in five methods.

EDITH WESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

Gerald W. Reynolds .. Treble	J. Martin Thorley 4
Ronald Russell 2	Keith R. Davey 5
Derek J. Jones 3	Alan G. Payne Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. J. S. Thomas), who is shortly leaving for Singapore.

UFFINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At St. Michael and All Angels' Church.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 13 cwt.
*Malcolm Towell Treble	Raymond H. Daw 4
Charles E. Black 2	George S. Bush 5
Frank Taylor 3	John H. Bluff Tenor

Conducted by John H. Bluff.

* First peal.

Rung to welcome the Rev. Peter Fluck as Vicar of Uffington.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

ENVILLE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Blessed Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation	Tenor 13½ cwt. in E.
J. Dennis Holden Treble	Clive M. Smith 5
Marlene E. Townsend .. 2	Eric E. Speake 6
Lucy Smith 3	Derek K. Knowles 7
Michael W. Fairey 4	Edmund Malin Tenor

Conducted by Eric E. Speake.

BUSHBURY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Feb. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.	
Remi M. Hodister .. Treble	David J. Bates 4
Richard B. Dorrington .. 2	John H. Taylor 5
*Terry J. Greaves 3	Philip G. K. Davies Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

* First peal 'inside.' Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

Gilbert H. Harding .. Treble	†Phillip S. Gaisford 6
Mrs. F. A. Penn 2	†Norman G. M. Knee 7
*Nigel P. Spencer 3	Frank A. Penn 8
†Charles P. Quartley .. 4	Frederick S. Slatford .. 9
†Robert D. Quartley .. 5	Ronald H. Lucas Tenor

Composed by Edgar Guise.

Conducted by Gilbert H. Harding.

* First peal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Caters.

In memoriam Samuel J. Hector (1952) and Canon C. Carew Cox (President of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), d. February 19th, 1965.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

HENLEY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Feb. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5120 EASTCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR

Robert E. Lester Treble	George W. Pipe 5
Roger L. K. Whittell 2	Cecil W. Pipe 6
Alice E. J. Lester 3	Leslie G. Brett 7
Lawrence H. Pizzey 4	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley.
Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

STOKE D'ABERNON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 1 Hour and 47½ Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.
Alan R. Millidge Treble	Brian J. Bull 4
Alison M. Mann 2	Michael J. Uphill 5
Noel R. Waite 3	Christopher F. Mew .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

Believed to be the fastest peal on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Bernard C. Mann.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

WADHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

W. Arthur Riddington .. Treble	Derek Slater 5
*Valerie J. Howard 2	M. Peter Howard 6
Margaret A. Ladd 3	Herbert W. Woolven .. 7
Ernest J. Ladd 4	John A. Howard Tenor

Composed by William Harrison.
Conducted by W. Arthur Riddington.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
A 13th birthday compliment to Anne, and a 21st birthday compliment to Wendy Riddington.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD
NEW RADNOR, Radn.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.
*Rosemary Bray Treble	Lawrence Mainwaring .. 4
Leslie Evans 2	Reginald Preece 5
Malcolm T. Johns 3	Frederick R. Harris .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick R. Harris.

* First peal of Minor.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
CURDRIDGE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5216 HOCKLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Lewis F. Cobb Treble	Thomas H. Francis 5
Michael J. Thomas 2	David J. Forder 6
Derek C. Jackson 3	Maurice J. Butler 7
John R. Faithfull 4	R. Roger Savory Tenor

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by R. Roger Savory.

The first peal in the method by all the band, in the county and by the Guild.

HIGHCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., Feb. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Denby P. Murdick .. Treble	Walter Hunt 5
*Eunice A. Lewis 2	Frank W. Lewis 6
Geoffrey K. Dodd 3	†Philip Murdick 7
Reginald W. Rex 4	A. Patrick Cannon .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal of Cambridge. † First of Surprise.

TITCHFIELD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Grandsire, St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Kept T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob.	Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.
*Mary E. White Treble	*William F. J. Cope .. 4
*Ramon A. Stone 2	Charles E. Bassett .. 5
Derek J. White 3	Anthony R. Cope .. Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.

* Most methods to Minor.

A birthday compliment to the conductor and his 10th peal for the Guild.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

FECKENHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in G.	
William B. Cartwright .. Treble	Martin D. Fellows 5
Clifford Skidmore 2	John C. Eisel 6
R. George Morris 3	Michael J. Fellows 7
*Robert W. Cole 4	Thomas W. Lewis Tenor

Composed by Sir Arthur P. Heywood.

Conducted by Clifford Skidmore.

* First peal in the method.

NORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Egwin.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

H. Johnson's variation of C. Middleton's.	Tenor 14 cwt. in F.
*James Attwood, sen. .. Treble	Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 5
John E. Witthall 2	Arthur C. Berry 6
James Attwood, jun. .. 3	Harry Parkes 7
Ian Lloyd 4	Gerald C. Hemming .. Tenor

Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to the local Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Hughes.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Wed., Feb. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.	
*Harold J. Shuck Treble	Geoffrey Westwood .. 5
*M. Irene Ellsmore 2	*A. Bryan Ellsmore .. 6
Peter L. Bill 3	John C. Eisel 7
Martin D. Fellows 4	Michael J. Fellows .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal in the method.

TWYNING, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of 42 methods/variations: Dumbelton, Cowslip, Wallflower, Honeysuckle, Wychbold, Alveley, Oldswinford, Salwarpe, Broadwas, St. David, Campion, Little Aston, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columb, Southrepps, Snodsbury, Violet, Buttercup, Primrose, Dedworth, Hilmarton, Wollaston, Windrush, Norfolk, Litchurch, Hudibras, Seighford, Kennington, April Day, Old Bob, Plain Bob, Bluebell, Daffodil, Newborough, Grandshire, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Augustine, Fortune, All Saints, Rusaln.	Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.
Martin Boskett Treble	Martyn Hawkes 4
James Attwood, jun. .. 2	*Peter Robertson 5
Ann Sadowska 3	Ronald Loxley Tenor

Conducted by Martyn Hawkes.

* First peal, first attempt. First peal in 42 methods/variations by all.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARKSEY, W. Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Sandal and Kingston T.B., (3) London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford T.B., (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Kent T.B., (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

Geoffrey Graham .. Treble	Denis Mottershead .. 4
Roger Smith 2	*Fredk. Jackson 5
John Pearson 3	John E. Cook Tenor

Conducted by John E. Cook.

* 100th peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Florence Chester, of Bawtry, nr. Doncaster.

HARWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston and Oxford.	Tenor 10 cwt.
Florence Chester .. Treble	*T. David Spencer .. 4
Edward Dalingwater .. 2	W. Eric Critchley .. 5
Harold Wagstaff 3	Frederick J. Jackson .. Tenor

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. J. Hardy, who is leaving to become Vicar of Sutton-in-Ashfield.

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ENGAGEMENT

LAND—LANSLEY.—The engagement is announced between Pauline, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lansley, of Wanborough Road, Swindon, Wilts, and Gordon, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Land, of Lechlade-on-Thames, Glos. 6370

DEATH

SMALLWOOD.—On February 27th at her home, 5, Stanton Close, Church Road, Darley Dale, suddenly but peacefully, Sarah Phyllis, aged 80, wife of J. Frank Smallwood, after a long illness, bravely borne. 6406

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

PURNELL.—From February 26th the permanent address of Chris and Bob Purnell will be 30, Avon Road, Melksham, Wiltshire. 6377

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WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—The Wednesday practice for March 17th will be held instead on Tuesday, March 16th.—Herbert Stocks, Hon. Sec., Winchester Cathedral band. 6376

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at the Methodist Church Hall, Bicester, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, March 13th.—Marie R. Cross. 6315

ST. PETER'S, NOTTINGHAM.—No ringing after March 1st owing to work on tower foundations. 6369

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing arrangements—March 6th: St. Martin's, 2.30-3.30; St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, 3.30-4.30; Cathedral, 4.30-6 p.m. 6390

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Whitnash on March 6th. Bells 3 and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Village Hall at 5. Election of District officers at this meeting. Names for tea to P. A. Oram, 15, Henley Road, Whitnash. Tel.: Leamington Spa 26089.—P. S. Bennett, Sec. 6337

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Sutton (b), Saturday, March 6th Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting and further ringing. Special methods: Single Court and Neither-seale. 6342

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Odley, Saturday, March 6th, 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dist. Sec. 6322

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Halling on March 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea for those who notify Miss J. Underdown, 12, Barn Meadow, Upper Halling, Rochester.—L. Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 6308

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting at Staines, Saturday, March 6th, Ringing at St. Mary's from 2.30 p.m. and St. Peter's from 6.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Subscriptions now due to Miss A. Horsford, 41, Cross Deep Gardens, Twickenham, Middlesex, but any peal booking fees to me, please: W. S. Deason, 12, Cardinal's Walk, Hampton, Middlesex. 6360

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Meeting, Corfe Mullen, Saturday, March 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing: Sturminster Marshall, 6.45-8.15. Names for tea to Mr. Rideout, East End, Wimborne Road, Corfe Mullen. 6349

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at St. John's, Ranmoor, March 6th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Tea and annual meeting 5. Names, please, to Miss E. Webster, 28, Ranmoor Road, Sheffield, 10. 6328

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, Saturday, March 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring food.—J. W. Buxton. 6395

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stogumber, March 13th, 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by 9th, please.—A. R. Tudball. 6394

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Old Warden, on March 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please come and join us.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 6379

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Patrington (8). Saturday, March 13th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in Hildyard Arms 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. T. Robinson, Enholmes Farm, Patrington, Hull. 6382

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Daresbury on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 6402

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Thornaby on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wishart, 8, Fairfield Avenue, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 6404

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly ringing meeting at Dore, Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) 3-5, 6-9 p.m. Sorry, own tea arrangements. Special methods: Double Bob and Bristol.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 6374

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, March 13th, at Edenbridge. Ringing in the afternoon at: Cowden (6), 2.30-4 p.m. and Edenbridge (8), 3-4.15. Service 4.15. Tea and annual general meeting 5. Evening ringing: Hever (6), 7-8.30 and Edenbridge 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. C. Leigh, Homesdale, Snitals Cross, Edenbridge, Kent, by March 12th. 6363

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Sawston on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 6400

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Great Horkesley, Saturday, March 13th. Bells 2.30 and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea at Women's Institute Hall, near Yew Tree Inn at 5.15. Little Horkesley (5) also available after tea. Names to F. H. Erith, Ardleigh, Dist. Sec. 6336

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, March 13th, Stratton St. Margaret (8). Names for tea to Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 6387

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting on March 13th Service, tea and meeting in Holy Trinity Church and Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. J. May, 15, Rydes Close, Old Woking. Ringing at St. Mary's and Stoke, 3 to 4.15; Holy Trinity, 3 to 4.25; Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas' after meeting. 6326

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern and Bishop's Stortford Districts.—Meeting on Saturday, March 13th. Standon. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea has been arranged at "The Crickets," Standon. Evening ringing at Hoddesdon from 6.30 p.m.—D. H. Kingston. 6389

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Herne, Saturday, March 13th. Bells available 2.30 Service 4.15. Cost of tea and other details to District towers.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Maidstone District) and LADIES' GUILD (Annual Branch Meeting).—Combined meeting at Aylesford on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Parker, 1, Orchard Avenue, Aylesford.—M. L. Howe. 6381

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District.—Meeting at Little Horsted (6) on March 13th. Ringing 3 till 5 and 6 till 8. Please bring own tea.—R. Earl. 6331

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Annual meeting, March 13th at Stanleaton, Bristol. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by Thursday, March 11th, please, to Mrs. de Jong, 6, Beresford Close, Salford, Bristol. Will all members make special effort to be present. 6388

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting. St. Thomas', St. Helens, on Saturday, March 13th. Ringing 3.30 p.m., followed by service, tea and business meeting. Names to J. Hedgecock, 37, Wilson Street, St. Helens, Lanes. 6405

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Hamer on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and further ringing.—G. Cheetham, Sec. 6384

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting at Waddington (6), Saturday, March 13th. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. R. F. Smith, Wendover, Station Road, Waddington, Lincoln.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 6343

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, March 13th, St. Mary's, Finchley (Hendon Lane, N.3), 3-4 p.m.; St. Mary's, Willesden (Neasden Lane), 6.30-8 p.m. Business, Willesden, 6 p.m. Own tea.—V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 6373

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at St. Modwen's, Burton-on-Trent, Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) at 4 p.m.—J. Cotton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Steeple Claydon (6), Saturday, March 13th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 3rd, to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bletchley, Bucks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Maids Moreton, March 13th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 10th to Mr. H. Stopps, 1, The Pigstile, Maids Moreton, Buckingham. 6403

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wheatley, March 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 10th, to W. Sheldon, Church Lane, Wheatley, Oxford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Whilton, Saturday, March 13th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. H. Haynes, Whilton, Daventry, Northampton.—F. W. Hancock. 6399

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Pembroke, Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Rogers, 31, Woodbine Terrace, Pembroke.—R. Warburton, Hon. Sec. 6362

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Calne (8) March 13th. Names for tea, please, early to W. Hacker, Downs View, Heddington, Calne. 6396

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 13th, at Stalbridge. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All welcome. Names by Wednesday, March 10th, to R. N. Longridge, Okeford Fitzpaine Rectory. Tel.: Child Okeford 311. 6386

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Shifnal on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m., followed by service and tea. Names for teas by March 10th to G. Hemming, 9, Idsall Close, Shifnal, Salop. Ringing after tea until 8 p.m.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6383

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Cotgrave, March 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, "St. Ouen's," Whatton.—R. Blackshaw. 6383

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting, March 13th at Bawtry (3 p.m.) and Misson (6.30 to 8). Evensong 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Jewitt, The Haven, Sycamore Crescent, Bawtry.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.W. District.—Practice meeting at Lakepeath (6), Saturday, March 13th. Bells from 6.30 to 9.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 6345

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, March 13th at Great Comberton (6). Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, please. Little Comberton bells available after meeting.—W. J. Newmap, Manor Farm, Hinton, Evesham. 6262

DEWSBURY.—Rededication by Ven. C. O. Ellison, president of Yorkshire Association, Sunday, March 14th, at 3 p.m. General ringing after service until Evensong. 6386

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting on Saturday, March 20th, at Coseley. Committee meeting 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Bells available: Bradley (8), 2.30-3.25; Coseley (8), 3.45-4.25 p.m. and after tea. Names for tea by no later than Wednesday, March 17th, please, to Mr. J. D. Holden, 22, Harding Street, Coseley, Bilston, Staffs.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 6372

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 20th, Nutfield (6) not Limsfield Chart. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss N. Kempell, 1, Church Hill, Nutfield, by Wednesday, March 17th.—K. G. Game, Hon. Sec. 6371

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Pocklington (8) on Saturday, March 20th. Bells 2 till 8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names to Mr. C. Bairdow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington, E. Yorkshire, by Thursday, March 18th.—H. S. Morley, 40, New Lane, Selby. 6378

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Ingatestone, Saturday, March 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to J. P. Brandon, 424, Baddow Road, Chelmsford (72100), by Thursday, March 25th. Visitors welcome. Note corrected date. 6340

JOINT COUNCIL OF YORKSHIRE RINGING SOCIETIES.—Preliminary Notice.—A ringing festival will be held at Wakefield Cathedral on Saturday, June 12th. Service in Cathedral 3 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Various towers for ringing. Details later.—Arthur Farrand, Secretary, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Mossley, Ashton-under-Lyne. 6375

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A SUSSEX WEDDING

REV. C. P. GORDON CLARK—MISS T. E. OLDHAM

Curate at Haslemere for the last two years and a member of the local band during that time, the Rev. C. P. Gordon Clark was married on February 20th at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Copthorne, to Miss Thalia Elizabeth Oldham, daughter of Comdr. and Mrs. F. W. Oldham, of Providence, Copthorne Common, Crawley.

Several Haslemere ringers attended the choral service followed by Nuptial Communion, the singing being led by a small Haslemere choir. The bells at Copthorne being hung for chiming only, a quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung at Haslemere on the Sunday following to mark the happy event by: E. G. Venton 1, F. Bowden (conductor) 2, Mrs. K. E. E. Bowden 3, Ian Weatherley 4, Mrs. E. Weatherley 5, A. Betsworth 6, H. Gauntlett 7, R. G. Burford 8.

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CHAMBERLAIN.—On February 27th, 1965, at Stamford Hospital, to Dorothy (née Robinson) and Victor, a daughter, Rachel Clare. 6412

PERSONAL

'Love worketh no ill to his neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.' Romans xiii, 10.

MEETINGS

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Ringing arrangements for dinner on March 13th: 1-2 n.m., Hyde: 2-3, Reddish: 3-4, Salford: 4.30-5.30, Cathedral. Dinner, 7 for 7.30 p.m. 6414

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, March 13th at Churcham. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to Rev. Evan-Evans, Churcham Rectory. 6413

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mark's, Longwood (nr. Huddersfield), on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea, followed by the business meeting at 5 Names for tea, please, to Mr. Ian Roberts, 24, Netheroyd Hill Road, Fixby, Huddersfield, to arrive not later than Thursday, March 18th.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6410

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,287 Stedman Caters' M. G. Turner (cond.) 1, Miss C. J. Turner 2, P. Bryan 3, A. H. Hingley 4, E. Marlow 5, R. Staite 6, J. Astbury (first in method) 7, M. I. Cadwallader 8, B. Morton 9, J. Hingley 10. First of Stedman Caters 2, 3, 6, 8 and 9.

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5,280 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
BY PETER J. WYCHELEY
23456 M B W H

43526	—	x	—
52436	—	—	—
26435	—	—	2
43265	—	—	—
23564	—	—	3

Twice repeated.

First rung at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne,
on January 27th, 1965, conducted by Robert
B. Smith.

5,216 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
(No. 51)

BY JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM
5 M W B 4 H 23456

—	—	—	64523
	x	—	64235
3	—	2	42635
(—)	—	(—)	63425
(—)	—	(—)	54326
(—)	—	—	23645

Repeat twice, omitting bracketed calls.
Rung at Barnes on January 10th, 1964

WORKINGTON, CUMBERLAND.—On Feb. 7th,
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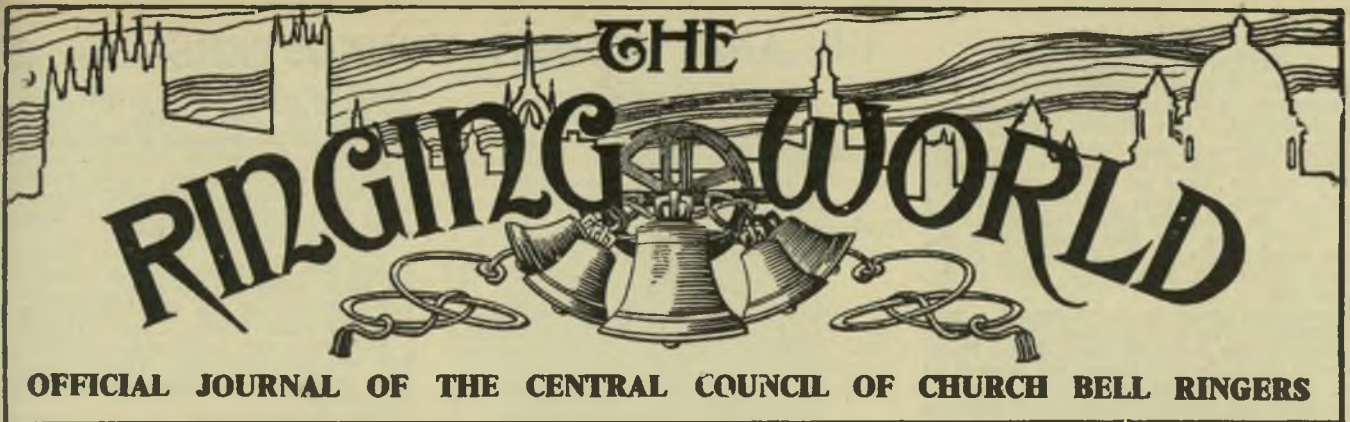
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LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1964

WHEN it is considered that 3,668 ringers rang peals in 1964, it is obvious that peal ringing is not confined to a meagre few, but embraces the cream of the Exercise. Of this number, 228 rang over 25 peals and the individual records published in the last two numbers embrace 252 names.

The honour of being the leading peal ringer of the year goes to Brian J. Woodruffe, who is engaged on research at the University College of Swansea. His total of 150 peals in one year is the highest of any living ringer, and it is very near the record of the late Harold J. Poole. The total was bolstered by ten different handbell peals, mostly Minor and containing many firsts. But Brian also had a good year on tower bells with 49, and these included conducting the record long length of 23,072 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Llanfeigan on July 11th. The previous year he figured in the extent of Plain Bob Major and also 21,600 Spliced Treble Bob Minor in 60 methods. His peal total is around the 600 mark—nearly 200 on handbells—so he has already won a niche for himself as a ringer of distinction.

South Wales will join us in congratulating J. Arthur Hoare on passing his century with 119 peals. He is a veteran of ringing, starting some 56 years ago. J. A. H. holds the secretaryship of two Guilds—the Swansea and Brecon and also the Railwaymen's. For several years a handbell company has been meeting regularly at his home, and there was a "ready made" team for Brian Woodruffe to fashion to his 100 different methods attempt. Arthur Hoare's total of peals is nearly 200, with 112 on handbells.

The third member of the trio was Hazel Way, tower captain of Sketty and a past Master of the Swansea and Brecon Guild. She is the third lady (with 107 peals) to exceed 100 peals in a year. The other two are Mrs. Marshallsay, who was also a handbell enthusiast and rang many, and the late Mrs. Harold Poole, who in 1955 rang in 119 peals, all on tower bells. The late Mr. and Mrs. Harold Poole are the only couple to ring 100 peals together in a year.

The presence of John R. Mayne, the Master of the Middlesex County Association, in the fourth position with 93 peals gives a sense of satisfaction to the Home Counties. John's list is one of distinction both in tower (60) and in hand (33). In all, he conducted 76 peals. Perhaps his greatest achievement of the year was in conducting a handbell peal of 5,120 Spliced Surprise Major in 20 methods. He has certainly one of the best lists of different Surprise Major methods.

From the Birmingham and Worcestershire area comes a strong representation as leading ringers. George E. Fearn, the secretary of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, rang more tower bell peals than any other ringer during the year, and with 89 made a big contribution towards his 2,000 peals reached last month. The two brothers Martin D. and Michael J. Fellows, of Stourbridge, have made tremendous strides during the year, frequently being included in the Thursday peals at Birmingham Cathedral. Also in the Birmingham list is Roderick W. Pipe, 82 (conducted 48), a member of the talented Grundisburgh family; J. Alan Ainsworth, Ringing Master of St. Martin's, with 77; and Susan Funnell, last year's leading lady ringer, also with 77. Leading tower bell conductor of the year was Peter Border, of Coventry, with 49 out of his 74 peals. The news of Peter's 1,000th peal can be expected within a month or two.

The Bristol contingent is headed by John Hunt with 76 (conducted 35). Two Cambridge ringers are also prominent—George E. Thoday (76) and Kenneth J. Hesketh (74); Gerald Penney (74) leads the Hertfordshire ringers, R. Kingsley Mason (73) those of Leicestershire and Jack L. Millhouse (71) those of Lincoln. The presence of the name of the Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville, Master in 1964 of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, with 62 peals, is of interest. We understand he passed the best year's total of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

The preparation of these lists has entailed a vast amount of work for Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Taylor, and we are sure the great majority of our readers will thank them for their painstaking and exacting labours which present a true picture of peal ringing in England today. We have never before been able to publish a complete list because of the lack of co-operation of a small section—some wilful and others too occupied with other things to prepare details in time for publication.

Representations have been made to the Editor from a small section of prominent ringers, all residing in the same county and one a president of his Association, for their records to be excluded. They take the view that it is an infringement of their private life and is not for the benefit of the Exercise. We disagree. The Central Council has set up an elaborate machinery for the recording of peals and annually calls attention to meritorious performance. We maintain by the publication of peals and quarters peals ringing is removed from the abstract to the personal. Our Guilds and Associations in their reports call

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OBITUARY

CANON C. CAREW COX

The ashes of the late Canon C. Carew Cox were interred in the Churchyard of St. Michael the Archangel, Lyme Regis, on Saturday, February 27th.

During the simple graveside service, conducted by the Vicar of Lyme, the Rev. J. H. A. Charles, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells which belonged to the late Canon Cox, by four members of the Lyme Regis band: H. G. Keeley 1-2, C. W. Powell 3-4, G. S. Morris 5-6, Mrs. C. W. Powell 7-8.

Immediately prior to the interment a peal of Stedman Triples was rung "open" by request, on the bells of Lyme Regis Parish Church, which the late Canon had worked so hard before he retired as Vicar of Lyme to have recast and converted from a very mediocre ring to the present fine light ring of eight. G. S. M.

MRS. SMALLWOOD

The many ringing friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood will learn with deep regret of the sudden death of Mrs. Smallwood on February 27th at their home, 5, Stanton Close, Darley Dale. Mrs. Smallwood had been in failing health throughout the winter, but at the end she passed suddenly but peacefully away, sitting in an easy chair for a rest while preparing the dinner in her home. Bereaved are Mr. J. F. Smallwood and two married daughters.

The funeral took place quietly at St. Helen's Church, Darley Dale, on March 4th, with the Rector, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, officiating, and was followed by interment in the churchyard. At the funeral the Derby Diocesan Association was represented by Mr. B. P. Morris (general secretary), Mrs. G. Richardson (secretary, Peak District Branch) and Mr. M. P. Phipps (secretary, Chesterfield Branch). Also present were Mr. G. H. Paulson (tower captain) and other members of the local band, and representatives from the neighbouring tower of Matlock.

Immediately after the interment the bells were rung half-muffled to two courses of Bob Major by the following: Rev. R. D. St. John Smith (conductor) 1, P. D. Taylor 2, Ann M. Smith 3, Mrs. G. Richardson 4, G. H. Paulson 5, M. P. Phipps 6, B. P. Morris 7, R. H. Bullen 8.

MR. W. C. MARSHALL

Many Kent ringers are sad with the news of the passing of Mr. William C. Marshall ('Bill') to almost everyone) on February 17th at his home at Betersden. He had been ill about six weeks and was 60 years of age.

"Bill" was taught to ring by his grandfather at Smarden and rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at Headcorn, Kent on January 10th, 1923, conducted by Fred Macey.

He did not do much peal ringing until 1947, when he joined the Ashford peal band. He loved good ringing and had plenty of it with them under the leadership of Mark S. Lancefield. His striking was of a very high order. A plain man in every respect, he was at times very outspoken, but he had a heart of gold and was always willing to help anyone from the highest to the lowest in the land. He loved his wife and four children, and theirs was truly a house with love in it.

A special constable for many years and on the War Reserve, he was on permanent police duty at Ramsgate from 1940 to 1946, where things became hectic with bombs and shells, but he took it all in his stride, emerging unscathed. A member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, he rang a few peals with them out of his approximate total of 130.

The funeral service took place at Smarden on February 23rd with nearly 100 people in attendance, including an escort of 20 police officers and 30 officers from Aldington Detention Centre, where "Bill" was lately employed.

Immediately following the service, 1,272 Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung by six of his close ringing friends: W. W. King 1, Violet Relf 2, J. V. Richards 3, F. G. Huckstepp

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 20



ALAN D. ELSMORE
The Guildford Diocesan Guild

In the last number of this series the Guildford Diocesan Guild was represented by a youngster from Epsom. A journey across the diocese brings us to Farnham, where the Guild is represented by yet another promising youngster, determined to follow the fine example of those members of the Guildford Guild already mentioned in the last number of this series.

Alan D. Elsmore was born at Farnham, Surrey on August 2nd, 1945. In 1956 he completed his first years of schooling and went to the Farnham Grammar School.

During the next five years he gained for himself five "O" level G.C.E.'s. In September, 1961, he started work as a technological apprentice at the British Aircraft Corporation factory at Weybridge, and is now studying for a "Higher National Certificate" in metallurgy with good prospects of taking Institution examinations in the near future.

When Alan was 15 his brother Dudley persuaded him to take up ringing. This he did, his tutor being that well-known and ever active member of the Guildford Guild, and former Ringing Master, Charles Denyer.

Alan made very good progress, scoring his first peal on April 14th, 1962. This took place at Farnham and was conducted by E. John Wells.

This modest youngster does not give many details concerning his ringing performances, but merely states that he now has a total of 18 peals plus, which includes Stedman Triples and Yorkshire Surprise Major. He is interested in conducting and looks forward to the day when he can conduct peals. Alan is also very interested in handbell ringing and would be pleased to add a few peals 'in hand' to his collection.

An amusing incident was witnessed by this youngster when a course of Cambridge Surprise Major fired out in the middle. The young ringer who caused the trouble blamed a member of the fair sex, who, he alleged, 'winked at me so I dodged with her, but shouldn't have.'

Alan is a member of the Guild's Executive Committee and, with Mr. Denyer occupied with churchwarden duties, is tower captain at Farnham. He is also a member of the Society of Roving Ringers, with whom he has enjoyed two very interesting tours.

NORVING.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lady Master for North and East District

Some 50 ringers, representing 16 towers, attended the annual meeting of the North and East District at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Barnet, on February 13th, where ringing in a variety of methods took place during the afternoon and evening.

Evensong was conducted by the Rev. David Smith, who welcomed the Association to Barnet and from whose remarks it appeared he was quite conversant with our art. Miss England and her catering committee were responsible for an excellent tea, following which Mr. H. G. Hart took the chair for the business meeting.

The secretary's report stated that the average attendance at the six District meetings was 34, whilst joint meetings had been held with the Watford District of the Hertford Association and the S.W. District of the Essex As-

4. M. S. Lancefield (conductor) 5, J. R. Cooper 6. The bells were 'open.' W. W. R.

MR. JOE LANDAN

Last week we briefly announced the death of Mr. J. O. Landan, tower captain at Deeping St. James, Lincs, on February 10th, aged 67.

Mr. J. Haw writes that Mr. Landan was a member of the famous band of Mr. Horace Day's and took part in the then record peal in 32 Surprise Minor methods at Glinton in 1936.

He loved "Jimmy" Deeping's fine ring of six, particularly liking to ring on the heavy end and was an excellent striker. Joe was a most regular attendant for Sunday ringing, his last appearance being to ring half-muffled on the Sunday of Sir Winston Churchill's passing.

The funeral was on February 15th at Deeping St. James' Priory Church, and ringers present represented a wide area.

In the evening an in memoriam quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung half-muffled.

sociation. Twelve ringing and 27 non-resident life members were elected during the year. A pleasing note was that eight new members had joined from Barnet and that the bells of that church were ringing regularly for Sunday services. Fifteen handbell peals of Spiced Surprise Major—ranging from two to 20 methods—were recorded by John Mayne and his band—truly a remarkable performance. Quarterly peals for Sunday services were reported on.

All the officers, with the exception of Mr. Alick Cutler (Master), who did not seek re-election, were re-elected to office for a further 12 months. The new Master is Mrs. H. G. Hart, of Harrow Weald, the first time in the history of the N. and E. District that a lady has held this high office. Other elections were: Chairman, Mr. H. G. Hart; Deputy Master, Mr. T. G. Hawkins; secretary, Mr. E. H. Kilby; assistant secretary, Mr. D. T. C. Smith; auditor, Mr. J. R. Mayne; committee representatives, Messrs. D. E. R. Knights, C. F. Neal and S. G. Peck.

Mr. T. J. Lock, in thanking Mr. Cutler for his services to the Exercise in general over a number of years, said he joined the Association in 1920 as a member of the Edmonton band and rang his first peal—Stedman Triples—in December of that year. [It was a pleasure to note that the lady who rang the treble to that peal (Mrs. Tomlinson) was present that afternoon.] He was elected Master in 1938 and therefore had held office for 25 years. Mr. John Mayne also spoke of Mr. Cutler's work.

The following were elected members of the Association:—Ringing: Miss E. English, Miss C. Errington and Miss L. Errington (Hackney), J. Beetlestone, I. Campbell and W. Harwin (Finchley), R. Luxon and P. Twigg (Enfield), J. Elliott and Mrs. D. Elliott (Harrow), W. Gates (Southgate) and Miss Anne Sellers and M. J. Naylor (Willesden). Non-resident life members: Alan Paul and Roger W. Smith (Rothersthorpe, Northants). E. H. K.

M.U.G.'s WEEK-END TOUR

ON the evening of February 5th, members of the Manchester University Guild set off for a ringing week-end in the Sheffield and Peak District of Derbyshire areas. New Mills (8) was the first tower, and seven members arrived by 7 p.m. A start was made with Cambridge Minor on the back six of this easy-going eight until the arrival of a local ringer enabled Major to be rung. We were eventually joined by two more 'Mugs.' Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major followed, but we descended the tower with the feeling that our striking had not done justice to the bells.

The base for the week-end was Leam Hall Youth Hostel, near Hathersage, a few miles south-west of Sheffield. The path leading up to the hostel was an Everest-like hill and we were gasping for breath and for our beds when we reached the hostel.

On Saturday we joined the Northern Universities' meeting at Sheffield and, despite our navigator, managed to find all the towers. We would like to thank the secretary of the Sheffield University Guild for organising such an enjoyable day. Evening ringing was at Sheffield Cathedral, but certain of our number were lured by the attractions of a lightning Polygold tour to go over to Killamarsh, where the Sheffield and District Association were meeting.

Sunday morning saw us ringing the pleasant octave at St. Peter's, Hope, for morning service, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman were successfully brought round. Outside the church some rather unkind asides were heard about the remarkable likeness of some of the more grotesque gargoyles to certain members.

We drove down the Snake Pass for lunch at the Snake Inn, but the fine views of the hills were rather spoiled by the mist and low cloud. Chapel-en-le-Frith was the tower for the afternoon, and here a plain course of Killamarsh came round, as did a touch of Spliced Cambridge, Surfleet and Beverley. Then, replenished with food from a nearby cafe, we set off for Burbage, near Buxton, where we joined the local ringers for service ringing. A really enjoyable hour was spent here.

Guided with the infallibility that only comes of long experience, we reached a pleasant hotel at Kettleshulme in which to laugh over the events of the week-end and to debate future outings. Thanks to all who helped to make such a successful week-end. C. R. C.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Fifteen towers were represented at the Hinckley District annual general meeting at Hinckley, in addition to visitors from four other Guilds. The Vicar (the Rev. E. W. Platt) conducted a short service, and afterwards 48 sat down to a tea prepared by the Hinckley ringers.

At the meeting a lively discussion took place on the future of the monthly meetings as these had been rather poorly attended over the past year. Incumbents and tower captains had been written to by the District Committee asking for the views of all affiliated towers, as a proposal was on the agenda to limit the meetings to three a year. By a large majority it was decided to continue the monthly meetings.

The following officers were elected: Mr. F. K. Measures, chairman; Miss Valerie Watts, secretary-treasurer; Messrs. T. C. Belton and G. Pickering, committee; and Mr. Christopher Sturgess and Mr. John Watkins, Ringing Masters.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

ASSOCIATION

Eastern Branch

During the service, conducted by the Rev. D. Holt (Vicar) at St. Nicholas' Church, Great Yarmouth, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Eastern Branch on February 13th, a peal board was dedicated. The president of the Association read the lesson and Mr. B. Angurin played the organ.

Members stood in silent tribute to the memory of Mr. F. C. Sayer, of St. Albans, who had died since the last meeting. Mr. Sayer was an unattached ringing member of the Branch and formerly lived at Barsham, Suffolk.

Election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Miss D. E. Lidbetter; secretary, Mr. N. P. J. Cossey; Ringing Master, Mr. S. F. High; Standing Committee, Mr. A. E. Crowe and Mr. T. J. Brock; Branch Committee, Messrs. A. W. Bird, C. Bailey, J. Forder, J. B. Gorrod and P. Kindred. Miss N. Toone and Mr. S. Toone, both of Gorleston, were elected ringing members.

Dates chosen for meetings in 1965 were approved as May 22nd (Norton Subcourse), September 4th, December 4th, with February 12th for the Branch annual meeting.

Tower restoration work at Carlton Colville is to commence in March and is to cost over £1,100. This will enable the bells to be rung again after being silent for 12 months.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. Holt, Mr. B. Angurin, Mr. Stratford, Mr. P. Newstead, Mr. A. May and the ladies for a splendid tea.

Next meeting (practice): Halvergate and Reedham, April 3rd. N. P. J. C.

Southern Branch

The annual meeting of the Southern Branch was held on February 6th at Thetford. Ringing preceded the service, which was conducted by the Rev. H. Mumford, with Mr. N. Watson at the organ.

About 30 members and friends sat down to tea, which was followed by the business meeting. Officers elected were as follows: Dr. P. Johnson, chairman; Mr. H. Fuller, Ringing Master; Mr. C. F. Philippo, secretary; Messrs. F. C. Arnold and N. Watson, Standing Committee; Messrs. F. Roper, Dr. D. Heighton, L. W. King, T. R. Simmons and H. Dixon, Branch Committee.

The chairman thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service; also Mr. H. Fuller for making arrangements for the meeting.

Next meeting: May 15th, at Bunwell.

LEADING PEAL RINGERS OF 1964

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attention to their leading peal ringers and conductors, and a man's peal total and often lists invariably accompany a ringer's obituary report. When a person's performances are of such a character to warrant publication almost weekly then the details become public property. In Wisdens the record of every cricketer who bowls a ball or bats in first-class matches is published. Why not ringing?

THE LADIES' GUILD

Central District

As a token of respect for Sir Winston Churchill, the six bells at St. Michael's, Wood Green, were rung half-muffled on January 30th, when the annual general meeting of the Central District was held in this tower. An all-ladies' touch was rung immediately prior to the service conducted by the Vicar, Preb. John S. Aldis.

Tea was provided by the local ringers. A word of thanks must go to two 'Mums,' who produced a spread of home-made cakes and hot mince pies. In usual Central Council tradition, the gentlemen got on with the washing up while the ladies held their business meeting. Miss Joan Spreadbury and Mrs. T. J. Lock were re-elected as District secretary and vice-president respectively. The District committee for the coming year is: Mrs. H. G. Hart, Mrs. E. Savory, Mrs. R. Fardon and Miss S. E. Smith. Mrs. Hart and Miss Smith will also represent the District on the Central Committee. Miss Sylvia Brackell and Miss Penny Halliwell were elected members.

The District has accepted an invitation from the Southend and District Guild to join them for their annual ringing day on June 19th.

Next meeting: May 29th, Reading. Next year's A.D.M.: January 29th, Edmonton. J. S.

SUFFOLK GUILD

South-West District

About 60 ringers attended the quarterly meeting at Cavendish and this enabled the Ringing Master to cater for all tastes from Plain Bob to Spliced Minor.

Before the commencement of the business, tribute was paid to the late Mr. J. C. Macbeth, of Nayland. A long and detailed discussion took place on the question of installing equipment, especially oil-fired furnaces, where they interfered with the ringing. A resolution was unanimously passed that the executive committee consider the suggestion that any installation of this nature applied for in the future be refused by the church authorities.

Concern was also expressed on the local Press reports that the very heavy expenses incurred to repair the towers at Nayland and Stanstead were due to damage caused by the bells. Can parishioners be expected to raise money for the bell restorations with this false impression implanted on their minds?

Jeremy Dingwall, a 12-year-old from Bures, was elected to membership.

Next meeting: Stoke-by-Nayland, May 22nd.

North-East District

The annual meeting of the North East District was held at Beccles on February 20th, when ringing on the 10 ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal. Among the visitors were the general secretary and Ringing Master of the Guild.

At the business meeting, officers elected for 1965 were: Chairman, Mr. R. W. Bickers; secretary, Mr. T. N. S. Bailey; Ringing Master, Mr. E. R. Goate. Five new members were also elected.

Next meeting: Framlingham, May 15th (please note amended date).

LLANBLETHIAN, GLAM.—On March 1st, 1,320 St. David's Doubles: P. Morgan (first quarter) 1, I. Davies 2, D. Barrington 3, C. Ricketts (first as cond.) 4, E. Thomas 5, R. MacPherson 6. First in method for all and on the bells. Rung by the Cowbridge Grammar School band for St. David's Day.

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Letters to the Editor

Conductors and Calling

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read Miss Angela Grainger's congeries of incantations used by conductors and I certainly would not call her a square for insisting on correct pronunciation of the various technical terms ("Ringing World," page 132). On the other hand I do not think that all conductors who use the variants mentioned are just being modish or gobbledegookish and I would not go so far as to pronounce their diction as deplorable. Perhaps the word "deplorable" is a little too harsh in this context and would be justified only in cases of deliberate or conscious disregard for pronunciation.

It is arguable that some conductors perform in a state of automatism. The mind is turned solely to questions of composition, method and perhaps striking. Physical acts such as ringing the bell and "calling" are performed without conscious regard. Hence such persons are often unaware that they are uttering less than intelligible sounds and they have an answer to Miss Grainger's charge.

Of course, nothing in the aforesaid applies to those who pick other men's flowers or deliberately mispronounce words.

In any society such as the ringing world there is bound to be a certain degree of non-conformity to the accepted rules of pronunciation. The best solution is to take these idiosyncrasies with the traditional pinch of salt. Furthermore, with all due respect to Miss Grainger, I consider that it might be somewhat priggish to suggest that "up and coming" conductors should be taught the correct use of English.—Yours faithfully,

Wentworth. MICHAEL R. MEADOWS.

In Self-defence

Dear Sir,—In self-defence, if for no other reason, may I reply to the letter "Grabbing is Here to Stay," which you published.

In the first place I am not in any sense of the word a "tower grabber," and in the second place I do not visit other towers with the "sole aim" of improving my skill. In the third place, I did not suggest or imply that the elimination of the "grabbers' list" would strengthen the Exercise, and in the fourth place I am at a loss to know how Mr. Sawtell—whoever he may be—comes to think that he knows so much about me and my habits!!

Your correspondent seems to have completely missed the point of my letter, and I apologise if this is because I did not express myself with sufficient clarity. The attitude towards visiting other towers which he expresses—scoring first, and all other considerations second—is surely wrong, and one can only hope that it is not as widespread as one is sometimes led to believe. The name "grabbing," far from being "unfortunate," is exactly descriptive of this attitude.

Why, I wonder, does Mr. Sawtell think that those who visit rough and unwanted rings—for the selfish purpose of scoring—deserve recognition in "The Ringing World" or anywhere else? If we were going to start giving recognition left, right and centre (God forbid) then surely it would be right to begin with the tower captains and instructors up and down the country, to whose hard work and patience the Exercise and, more especially, service ringing, owe so much?

Mr. Sawtell asserts that few need encouragement to improve the standard of their own ringing, but in my limited experience the reverse is the case. And surely the best way to become a proficient change ringer—and thereby an asset to the Exercise—is by visiting a few towers regularly rather than a great many just once.

Most of us enjoy visiting other towers from time to time, whether for service ringing, practice, at an Association meeting, on an outing or for a peal, but I trust that this does not make us "tower grabbers."—Yours faithfully,
Leigh, Surrey. CHRISTOPHER DALTON.

Miles Graye III

Dear Sir,—Mr. Laffin is quite correct to say that there were three Miles Grayes who were bellfounders. Deedes and Walters in "The Church Bells of Essex," pages 86 to 104, give a full account of the documentary and other evidences of them and Richard Bowler.

Mr. Bevis is wrong to say that Richard Bowler succeeded Miles Graye I. Bowler's bells are dated between 1587 and 1604, and there is evidence given by Deedes and Walters that he had Miles Graye I as an apprentice in 1598. They list some 30 bells by Bowler then remaining; among his best products are the fourth and sixth at Lavenham cast in 1603.

Miles Graye I was bellfounding from 1600 to 1648. In 1629 there is evidence that a Miles Graye Junior was working as a founder; he appears to have assisted his father in the period 1622 to 1637, and also to have cast bells on his own account in the period 1632 to 1642. He was not thought by Deedes and Walters to have cast bells after 1642 and probably died in 1666. Miles Graye I was also assisted by William Harbert as foreman in the period 1618 to 1628 and some bells bear his initials and even his full name.

A number of bells cast between 1633 and 1646 in addition to the usual formula "Miles Graye Made Me 1633" have an M scratched in the mould before casting and appearing before the date or on the waist. Deedes and Walters considered that this may well be an indication that Miles Graye II had some hand in the casting. They were unaware of bells bearing the M cast after 1637, but I have found bells in Suffolk cast as late as 1646 with it; on the Stradishall fourth cast in that year the mark is OM. So Miles Graye II may have worked later than 1642.

Miles Graye III was born in 1628 and was founding from 1649 to 1686, in which year he died. His inscriptions are uniform in design but different and not so pleasant as his predecessors. Tonally his bells do not reach their high standards.

It seems probably therefore that bells cast in the period 1600 to 1648 and not bearing the initials WH or the M are the work of Miles Graye I. Into this class comes the Lavenham tenor, cast 1625, weighing 21 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lb., which includes canons and argent, and a note a quarter semitone sharp of D flat (A 440 cycles/sec.), a quite remarkable bell now in the Loughborough Foundry.

The only remaining ring of five or more bells in this class is the five heavier bells of the six at Bramford, near Ipswich, cast 1632. The tenor here has been cracked by an Ella-combe hammer and because of this rarity factor this bell is being sent to Denmark to be repaired by welding.

British experience in welding bells has not been satisfactory, but the Danes have had much better results. A year ago the Little Hallingbury, Essex, tenor, cast about 1400, was welded in Denmark after being cracked in the soundbow. The tone of this bell was fully restored, and remains so to this day. As this bell is hung dead, the Bramford tenor was selected as a bell worthy of preservation, which is regularly swung in a full circle for repair by welding.

RANALD W. M. CLOUSTON.

Radlett.

Peals at Hyde

Dear Sir,—For about two years I have been compiling a record of peals rung at Hyde, Cheshire. I now have a list of about 205 peals but I still lack the complete details of a few of the peals rung during 1853/4/5/6. I would welcome correspondence from any of your readers who have a knowledge of any peals rung during those years. I would then supply the dates. Also I know of a peal of Bob Major on June 24th, 1908, but I have no further details.—Yours faithfully,
Hyde, Cheshire. ALAN F. SCHOLFIELD.

Plain Bob Major (all Singles)

Dear Sir,—Further to the request by Mr. Geoffrey K. Dodd re peals of Bob Major containing all singles, the peal of 5,184 by W. E. Bason quoted by John Weaver (February 12th, page 109) was also rung by the Leicester Diocesan Guild at Thurstaston, Leics., on February 16th, 1963, conducted by Mr. A. James Poyner. I enclose a peal of 5,056 by Peter C. Wright, given to me by him many years ago, which to the best of my knowledge has not yet been rung. It is a two-part containing 160 singles and many will be of interest to Mr. Dodd.—Yours faithfully,

Leicester.

JOHN A. ACRES.

5,056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR (All Singles)

PETER C. WRIGHT

23456 W 5/4 M H

34526	X	S	
45236	X	S	
53246	X	S	S
34256	X	S	S
32456			S
24536	X	S	
63524	X		S
65324			S
53264	X	S	
36254	X	S	S
62534	X	S	
23564	X	S	S
25364			S
56324	X	S	S
26354	S		
63254	S	X	S
35264	X	X	S
56234	X	S	S
42635		S	S
32645	S		
23645	S	X	S
34625	X	S	S
36425			S
52436	X		S
54236			S
43256	X	S	S
35246	X	S	S
32546			S

Repeated.

Mr. Bert Sutton

Dear Sir, — After practically 20 years as Ringing Master at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Bert Sutton is leaving Scarborough to take up residence in York.

I know he has been thanked locally for all his work during that time, nevertheless I feel sure that St. Mary's ringers past and present will endorse these few lines.

Since leaving Scarborough in 1951, I have always felt an attachment for the tower where I learned to handle a bell and where my father still rings. Many changes have taken place since that team was assembled and taught in 1945 under the leadership of Mr. Sutton following his demobilisation from the R.A.F., and I know some of the setbacks and disappointments that have thwarted them since that time. The one thing that has always kept them together and the bells ringing has been the enthusiasm and personality of their captain.

He will be missed there by the many seasonal visitors to Scarborough and by the church both at St. Mary's, where he has been a member of the Parochial Church Council, and at St. Lawrence's, Scalby. Here he was largely responsible for pressing for the new ring of six and solely responsible, as instructor, for ensuring they would be rung.

Scarborough's loss will be York's gain, and at the Minster I trust he will have many years of ringing, which he deserves.

Good luck and best wishes to Mr. W. Fay, who now takes over at St. Mary's. I look forward to ringing at Scarborough again soon, and I think one evening of my holidays in future may be spent in York.—Yours sincerely,

D. J. BEACH.

Greasley, Nottingham.

JOINT MEETING AT ARKSEY

The two most pleasing features of this joint meeting of the Yorkshire Association (Southern District) and the Doncaster and District Association, held at All Saints' Church, Arksey, on February 27th, were firstly, meeting the new Vicar (the Rev. T. J. Hazell) for the first time, and, secondly, enjoying a good tea and knowing that, at the same time, the organ fund had benefited from the proceeds to the tune of £7.

Over 50 members and friends attended and enjoyed ringing on the eight bells, whose bearings were kept in good trim by genial host Mr. Ernest Cooper. Ringing was also enjoyed on the fine eight at Doncaster.

The Vicar took the chair at the Southern District's business meeting at which five new members were elected—John Laughton and Leonard Venables (Adwick-le-Street), Tom Cairns (Wentworth), John Hartley and Alan Friskney (Sheffield University). It was decided that the annual meeting be held at Boksternstone on May 15th and to include Wortley for ringing. A collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised the sum of £1 16s. 6d.

The hon. general secretary of the Association, Mr. W. F. Moreton, announced that a festival of the Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies was to be held at Wakefield on June 12th, when many towers would be available for ringing. J. J. L. G.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Under the direction of Mr. Tom Page, an evening practice meeting of the Farnham District was held at Bagshot on February 27th, about 40 ringers taking part. In the truest sense, all four Districts of the Guild were represented, together with members of adjoining Guilds. At one time there were 21 persons packed into the small ringing chamber, and although the outside temperature was near freezing, no artificial heat was required, the back enders giving visible signs of the warmth within. All were well catered for, ringing varying from rounds to Surprise Major, and the bells were kept going until 9 p.m. A really successful evening. R. B.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Most of St. Albans District managed enough courage to attend the Wheathampstead meeting on February 20th and tackle the long draught, although only the more experienced members attempted to ring the treble, which lacked a stay for a good deal of the ringing. After a service, tea was held locally.

Mrs. Amy Coburn took the chair at the meeting. It was announced that Radlett had formally requested to join the St. Albans District, and the tower was accepted and warmly welcomed. The invitation from Tewin to hold a meeting there on March 20th was accepted. As the third Saturday in April was Easter Saturday and the annual general meeting was being held in the district the following week, it was decided not to hold a District meeting that month. A vote of thanks went to the Rector and organist and also to the Wheathampstead ringers for the tea. Ringing in the evening included Spliced Surprise Minor. J. F.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

West Lindsey Branch

St. Martin's Church, Blyton, where the West Lindsey Branch held a meeting on February 27th, has some unusual features, among them being the collection of flags of various nations hanging above the nave arches. Access to the ringing chamber is by a well-worn left-handed stairway. The ring of five certainly takes some handling, but when heard from outside the bells are quite pleasant.

The service in the recently-restored side-chapel was conducted by the Rev. F. G. Calthrop, who, in his welcome, told the ringers how much he enjoyed hearing the bells. Tea in the Parish Hall was most welcome, and the lady supplying hot cups of tea was kept very busy.

Mr. C. H. Baker, vice-president, presided at the business meeting, and an apology was received from Mr. G. E. Feirn, the Branch Ringing Master. Mr. R. Brown, of Haxey, was elected a member. The usual votes of thanks were proposed from the chair.

Next meeting: Haxey, Isle of Axholme, May 15th. T. A. G.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester and District

The 70-odd ringers who attended the Rochester and District quarterly meeting at Rainham on February 6th were commended by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Clifford) for their fine singing at the service. Rainham ringers and friends kindly gave a sumptuous tea.

The Vicar was voted to the chair for the short business meeting, when Mr. and Mrs. B. Sayers were elected members of the Kent County Association. Mr. F. J. Cheal reported on the committee meeting of the Association, and Mr. L. Mitchell proposed the vote of thanks. Ringing in the afternoon and evening on the fine ring of eight was under the watchful eye of Mr. L. Crouch, District Ringing Master. F. C.

FIVE SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—The first course of the composition of five Spliced has been omitted from the figures published on page 148 of the issue of February 26th, and to avoid confusion perhaps you would repeat the details as under.

—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

5,088 E.A.B.				
23456	B	W	H	
45236	—	—	—	CCLCPYC
24536	—	—	—	YSPYCSS
52436	—	—	—	SPYCLCP
43526	—	—	—	YLCLPLL
54326	—	—	—	YLCPLYCY
35426	—	—	—	CYPSSSP
35264	x	—	—	LLLS
23564	—	—	—	PSSYSPS

Twice repeated. Contains 1,152 Superlative, 1,056 Cambridge, 1,056 Lincolnshire, 960 Pudsey and 864 Yorkshire, with 128 changes of method and all the work of the five methods.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

There was the highest attendance for many years at the Society's annual general meeting, held at Beverley on February 13th, when 69 ringers were present. The ten bells at the Minster were rung during the afternoon, before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. B. Bull). In his address, Mr. Bull spoke of his impressions following upon a visit to Washington Cathedral (including the ringing room, via the lift!) during a recent exchange of pulpit with the Rector of Virginia Beach, and ended with the exhortation: "Do take encouragement. You may be out of sight in the belfry tower, but you are never out of our minds, nor of our gratitude."

At the annual business meeting, Miss A. C. Sellers, the youngest daughter of the late Mr. Albert Sellers, a founder member of the Society, presented the cup in memory of her father, a former president, to Mr. K. Kirk, captain of St. Andrew's Church, Kirk Ella, the tower judged to have done most for the advancement of ringing in the Society's area during the previous year.

The committee's report showed that the average attendance at the monthly meetings of 1964 was 47. Twenty-eight new members had been elected, and the total membership was 169, representing 35 towers.

Mr. D. S. Johnson, the Ringing Master, in his annual report, stated that 1964 was probably the best on record. Sixteen peals had been rung for the Society, with 35 members taking part, and 16 ringing in their first peal. Sixty quarter peals had been rung, with 62 members taking part, and nine ringing their first quarter, as well as a large number ringing their first in a particular method. Mr. Johnson commented that all the towers need more recruits and that more should be done to help towers that are silent or struggling. He suggested a meeting of tower captains to pool ideas, and pointing out that the teaching of beginners is an art in itself, added that advice on this point should be available to tower captains and, where required, lessons and demonstrations should be given.

The annual report had again been printed in booklet form, with reports from the various towers and details of peals and quarter peals rung. Miss J. Gray and Mr. N. Castle (Walington) were warmly thanked for their efforts in preparing and producing the report.

Mr. K. Kirk was elected president in succession to Mr. H. Parker, with Mr. N. Castle being re-elected vice-president. Mr. D. S. Johnson was re-elected Ringing Master, with Mr. R. Ducker as his deputy to succeed Mr. R. Gibson. Mr. A. B. Cooper was elected hon. secretary and treasurer to succeed Mr. K. Kirk, and Miss J. Gray was re-elected assistant secretary. The committee of Messrs. I. Booth, J. Parker, C. R. Robinson, J. Singleton and A. Taylor was re-elected.

Evening ringing on the bells of St. Mary's Church ended a most successful meeting. K.

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QUARTER PEALS

BALDUCK, HERTS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. Orme (first of Major) 1, C. Harwood (cond.) 2, A. Buck 3, S. Hutton 4, R. Castledine 5, D. Salisbury 6, D. Sutcliffe 7, J. Dear 8.

BALE, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. N. Mackley 1, R. A. J. Bower 2, J. A. Royds-Jones 3, A. W. Sawyer 4, P. S. Royds-Jones (cond.) 5. First tower quarter 3, 4, 5 and for the Gresham's School Society.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 8 covering): B. J. Vidler 1, J. Ayres 3, C. Verdon 4, J. M. Swift 5, C. F. Pilbeam 6, A. Hicks (cond.) 7, R. A. Vidler 8. In memory of Sir Winston S. Churchill.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: P. C. Bowen 1, Lucy Smith 2, C. W. Bowen 3, C. T. Collins 4, L. E. Monk 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6. First in method 3, 4 and 5. For Evensong.

BUSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. W. Keys 1, D. M. Boniface 2, Miss F. S. Pocock 3, M. J. Wake 4, W. H. Riddle 5, P. Stevens (cond.) 6. A 19th wedding anniversary compliment for the Vicar, Rev. W. D. Dinns, M.A., and a farewell to the ringer of 5, who is returning home after two years.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—At Holy Trinity Church on Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: R. Inalls (cond.) 1, Miss B. Daysh 2, P. Page 3, R. Garratt 4, F. Box 5, R. Quarley 6, P. Gaisford 7, R. Green 8.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Hall 1, T. Hester 2, F. Soden 3, B. J. Coggins 4, J. J. Westmacott 5, B. Hall 6, W. J. Dixon (cond.) 7, Miss L. Westmacott 8. Rung half-muffled with an "open" tenor in memory of Miss Cheate.

BURY, LANCASHIRE.—On Feb. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Sutcliffe 1, Dorothy Mason 2, A. Wilde 3, J. Porter 4, D. Latham 5, P. A. Mason (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 3.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean M. Pitman 1, Sandra M. Pitman (aged 12) 2, Janet A. Fawcett (first "inside") 3, W. J. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, T. W. A. Hiscock 6. Rung to the memory of the Rev. Canon C. Carew Cox, president of the Salisbury Guild.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,080 Oxford: Margaret Moxon, G. Crompton 1, Christine Saville 2, F. Cowling, C. Moxon 3, H. Rusby 4, N. Moxon (cond.) 5, H. Mann 6.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: June Damen 1, P. Rumney 2, Maxine Lush 3, J. W. Rose 4, E. H. Aimey (cond.) 5, Betty Dyke 6, J. Vardy 7, G. Goringe 8. In thanksgiving for the life and service of Canon C. Carew Cox and in tribute to his memory.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. E. Cluet 1, L. H. Bennett 2, K. I. Davis 3, D. W. Standing 4, R. H. Glover (cond.) 5, P. A. Harrison 6. For Sunday service.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Quick (cond.) 1, G. Sparks 2, P. Casley 3, S. Smith 4, H. Purchase 5, H. Young 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Albert Turner, an old Chipstable ringer and lately Wiveliscombe, whose funeral took place this day.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss T. Wheaton (first quarter) 1, G. C. King 2, J. M. Hall 3, P. J. Bloomfield 4, R. E. Copleston 5, J. Armstrong (cond.) 6. First quarter of Bob Minor by all except the conductor.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—1,260 Doubles (three methods): Vivienne Stevens 1, Peggy Butcher (cond.) 2, I. A. C. Butcher 3, Betty Butler 4, A. J. Butcher 5, W. J. Sale 6. For Evensong.

DEEPIST. ST. JAMES, Lincs.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. W. Haw 1, H. Taylor 2, C. Wade 3, C. E. Black 4, P. A. Knight 5, J. W. Haw (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Joseph O. Landan, tower captain at this church, whose funeral took place this day.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Snelling 1, H. Dixon 2, A. G. Harrison 3, C. Catchpole 4, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 5, T. Lockwood (first quarter) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Lockwood.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.—On Feb. 25th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: F. A. Staveley 1, H. Scott 2, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 3, H. Wagstaff 4, E. Dalington 5, G. Jackson 6, F. J. Jackson 7, J. McCluskey 8. Rung for the induction of the Vicar, Rev. C. N. Howell.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth 1, P. Romney 2, Miss M. Lush 3, R. J. Vardy 4, E. H. Aimey (cond.) 5, Miss B. J. Dyke 6, R. H. Duke 7, G. J. Goringe 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon C. Carew Cox, President Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral on the First Sunday in Advent, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. R. McCormack 1, R. A. Vere Hodge 2, C. R. P. Broughton (first "inside") 3, C. J. Reede 4, J. N. Brown (cond.) 5, R. I. George 6, C. A. Lewis 7, H. H. Brown 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Wilson. Also on Sexagesima Sunday, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: C. R. P. Broughton 1, E. Ann Sadler 2, Sandra Dukes 3, W. T. Farrell 4, R. I. George 5, R. A. Vere Hodge 6, C. J. Reede 7, F. E. Dukes (first of Caters as cond.) 8, C. A. Lewis 9, H. H. Brown 10. First of Caters 1, 2, 3 and 6. Twenty-first birthday compliments to Miss Sadler and R. A. Vere Hodge.

ELING, HANTS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Buchanan 1, Ronda M. Purkess 2, R. Buchanan 3, P. R. Parsons (first "inside") 4, J. Hartless (cond.) 5, B. M. Mackrell 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam M. D. George Northway, tower captain. First quarter peal on the retuned and re-tuning bells.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 31st, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: K. Small 1, Miss C. Lawrence 2, P. Clarke 3, J. Sims 4, G. Clarke (first as cond.) 5, F. Hurrell 6. First in the method by all the band.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 28th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Rolfe 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, R. Rose 4, M. Rose (cond.) 5, J. Paul 6. First of Cambridge 1, 3 and 6.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—At Christ Church on Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Warren (first quarter) 1, Adrienne Gibson (first as cond.) 2, Sally Parrott 3, D. Paul (first in method "inside") 4, W. Parrott (100th quarter) 5, R. Fentiman 6, J. Munton 7, S. Warren 8. For Evensong.

ESSENDON, HERTS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Kent and Plain Bob Minor: F. Ellis 1, Paula Healing 2, Susan Farnes 3, A. Wilby 4, M. Sherrick 5, K. Walpole (cond.) 6. First quarter "inside" 2 and 3.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. C. Shute 1, Mrs. R. Wake 2, Susan Main 3, M. J. Wake 4, R. Wake (cond.) 5, P. Wills 6. First in more than one method 2 and 3. A 75th birthday compliment to Mr. L. Stidwell. Also on Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Frostick (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. Wake 2, Anne Smith 3, R. Wake 4, P. Stevens (cond.) 5, P. Wills 6. For Evensong.

FINDON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Smith 1, M. Harmer 2, S. Howard 3, H. Butler 4, Rev. N. J. Smith 5, R. Cox (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor 2 and 6. A 21st birthday compliment to R. Cox and S. Strange.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Barber 1, A. S. Binfield 2, Jane Hough 3, Vivienne Dye 4, Rachel Sinden 5, J. R. Hough 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, J. F. Wellard 8. For the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

FURDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Cheevers 1, H. Juhkental 2, J. Baverstock 3, R. Storer 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, A. Grant (first quarter) 6. First "inside" 2 and 4.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 3rd at St. Nicholas' Church, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Bromfield 1, Margaret McBride (first "inside") 2, Juanita McBride 3, Angela McBride 4, A. J. Moy 5, A. G. Wigmore (cond.) 6.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. White 1, Gillian Angela Richards 2, C. Blissett 3, R. J. Adams 4, J. Whittall (cond.) 5, L. Haynes 6. In memoriam Jack Jeffries, late ringer, and Mrs. Bullock.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. B. Davey 1, M. E. Nisly 2, A. J. Davey 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 7th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 1, S. J. Hammond 2, C. F. Loke 3, L. J. Parry 4, C. S. Bloomfield 5, R. C. Groom 6. First of Kent Minor by all the band except the treble ringer.

JARROW, CO. DURHAM.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Sturrock 1, Susan Elliott (first "inside") 2, P. C. E. Shears 3, R. A. Yeates 4, S. J. Pardoe 5, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 6.

KINGSTON, DORSET.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ruth A. Elmes 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, P. R. Keough 3, C. T. Brown 4, G. W. Elmes 5, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 6. Rung "open" in memory of the late Canon C. C. Cox, president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

LEICESTER.—At St. John-the-Divine on Feb. 2nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. W. Buckley 1, J. H. Pannett (first quarter) 2, S. Harrison 3, I. J. Fraser 4, R. J. Starbuck 5, W. J. Tanser 6, R. K. Mason 7, R. W. Mason 8, R. H. Cook (cond.) 9, M. E. Wade 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Albert J. Cooke, churchwarden and ringer, who was laid to rest this day.

LISS, HANTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Read (first quarter) 1, B. S. Gambrell 2, Lesley Read (cond.) 3, B. R. Walton 4, D. M. Hughes 5, M. Hourahine 6. A compliment to Brian and Ann Brown on the birth of a daughter. Also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Gambrell for their silver wedding.

LLANFEIGAN, BRECS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): Miss D. M. Bird 1, Miss K. S. Maylott 2, Miss G. E. Graney 3, H. L. Hatfield 4, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 5, G. J. B. Suckland 6. By U.W.S.C.R.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Angela Quick (first quarter) 1, H. G. Keeley 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, M. Hillier (first quarter) 4, C. W. Powell 5, F. Knight 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, H. Davies 8. Rung in honoured memory of the Rev. Canon C. Carew Cox, president of the Salisbury Guild and formerly, for 25 years, Vicar of Lyme Regis.

MARDEN, KENT.—On Feb. 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. A. Sone (first of Major) 1, T. E. Sone (cond.) 2, P. Carter 3, R. T. Lambert 4, R. E. Lambert 5, M. R. T. Lambert 6, E. J. Ladd 7, S. G. Waters 8. Rung before the dedication of a peal board by the Rev. Roscamp, for the "memorial" peal rung on November 3rd, 1964, for the late Vicar, the Rev. C. G. Eagling. Also for Evensong.

NORTON ST. PHILIP, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. F. Lee 1, D. C. Hawkins (first of Minor) 2, J. G. Hobbs 3, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, H. L. Parfrey 6.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Jill M. May 1, D. G. Blows 2, J. F. M. Maybrey 3, R. Collins 4, D. A. R. May 5. Two extents each as conductor. In memoriam S. T. A. Russell, general secretary of Guildford Diocesan Guild.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Andrew's Church on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, T. G. Myers 2, H. W. Milford 3, D. F. Wheeler 4, J. W. Perkins 5, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 6, F. E. Day (cond.) 7, H. F. Myers 8, A. W. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10. Rung for the Battle of Britain service.

REDDISH, LANCs.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. R. King (first quarter) 1, Joyce Grainger 2, D. A. Davenport (first "inside") 3, G. R. Gardner 4, J. Robinson 5, K. R. Davenport (first as cond.) 6.

SALFORD, LANCs.—On Feb. 14th at the Church of Sacred Trinity, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Double Bob): J. Gander 1, A. S. Taylor 2, C. R. Calton 3, P. Coddington 4, D. J. Baker 5, R. L. Coley (cond.) 6. Rung by M.U.G.C.R. for Evensong.

SHUSTON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): T. Foster 1, K. Taylor (cond.) 2, D. L. Hooper 3, L. L. Willis 4, E. H. Hill 5, H. Williams 6. For Confirmation.

STANTON HARCOURT, OXON.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Clifton 1, A. Cantwell 2, A. Hicks 3, D. Floyd (cond.) 4, B. Costar 5, P. Trinder 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. W. Akers, late captain of this tower.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Netherseale Surprise: H. Follen 1, S. G. Elsey 2, W. Cousins 3, J. Fox 4, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 5, C. Cousins 6. First in method by all.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Young 1, Miss M. E. Elmes 2, Miss J. A. Robertson 3, C. M. Heawood 4, G. W. Elmes 5, C. T. Brown 6, J. W. Blackwood (cond.) 7, V. J. Baker 8. Rung in honour of a visit from the Lord Bishop of Salisbury to bless the new Parish Hall.

WORKINGTON, CUMB.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. McKay 1, Mrs. L. Bounphrey 2, R. W. D. Wetenhall 3, G. Tembey 4, S. Richardson 5, H. Byrom 6, L. Bounphrey (cond.) 7, A. J. Dunn 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon Stanley P. L. Curwen, Rector of Workington, 1905-1947, died February 13th.

ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF MINOR METHODS

Compiled by H. CHANT

Introductory Note.—The information in the following annotations has been collected from various sources over a number of years. It is impossible to compile a complete list, as some methods have different names in different parts of the country; further, there must be methods somewhere that have evaded me. Omissions, therefore, there must be, and errors, too. I should be grateful for any additional information about the methods and their origin in order that the lists may be made as comprehensive as possible; also, I would be indebted to anyone for pointing out any errors that may be detected so that these can be rectified and the tables made accurate as well as informative.

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ABBEVILLE

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 36.34 x 34.1. 2nds 35264. 4ths place Delight. No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.

ACKWORTH SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 12.3. 4ths 52643. Rung at Wath-on-Dearne in the 1920's.

ADWICK (NEW) ALLIANCE

34 x 34.16 x 36.12.3. 6ths 64523. First rung in peal 25/6/61. This type of treble hunt was not unknown, but this was the first time this type of method had been successfully incorporated in an extent.

ADWICK ALLIANCE

See Snodland.

ALBERY ALLIANCE

x 14 x 16.34 x 14.3. 6ths 35264. First published C.C. Collection, 1931.

ALBION SURPRISE (1)

56 x 56.16.56 x 56.16.34 x 34.1. 2nds 35264. Appeared in Thackrah's "The Art of Change Ringing," 1852. The two middle sections (as in Braintree) are here seen for (I believe) the first time. The remainder is worthless.

ALBION SURPRISE (2)

x 34 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 14 x 5. 2nds 36245. As given by W. Walker, of Leeds, in "Bell News," 1883. Neither this nor the previous method is technically a Surprise method.

ALBION DELIGHT

x 14 x 36 x 5. 4ths 64225. 2nds place Bob. "Campanologia," 1702, also in Annable's notebook. Other names St. Albans and College Bob. In many old methods, words such as "Delight," "Surprise," etc., had little meaning.

ALDERBOURNE SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 123 x 12 x 5. 6ths 64523. Single change method.

ALDERBOURNE DELIGHT

x 36 x 34.16 x 12 x 123 x 12 x 3. 2nds 42635. Single change method.

ALFORD SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 5. 6ths 64523. C.C. Collection, 1961.

ALGARKIRK SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 3. 6ths 56342. C.C. Collection, 1961.

ALLANDALE SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36.12 x 13.3. 2nd. 35264. No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.

ALLESLEY ALLIANCE

34.16 x 36.14 x 12.5. 2nds 64523. C.C. Collection, 1931.

ALMONDBURY TREBLE BOB

36 x 34.16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 1. 2nds 54632.

ALNWICK SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.3. 2nds 64523. Appeared as Canterbury Surprise in C.C. Collection, 1907.

ALPERTON ALLIANCE

x 14 x 36 x 14 x 3. 6ths 35264. C.C. Collection, 1931.

AMERSHAM ALLIANCE

x 16 x 36 x 14 x 3. 2nds 35264. C.C. Collection, 1931.

ANDREW'S DOUBLE

36.14 x 36.14.5. 4ths 45362. Appeared in Annable's notebook as Dionis Double, also called Enfield Bob.

ANGMERING SPECIAL ALLIANCE

36.14 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.5. 2nds 35264. C.C. Collection, 1961.

ANNABLE'S

x 14 x 16.34.1. 6ths 34625. In Annable's notebook. Also called Windsor Single and since named Dorney Court in a peal.

ANNABLE'S (LONDON) SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 3. 6ths 56342. Appeared as such in C.C. Collection, 1907. In Annable's notebook as London Treble Bob.

ANSTONE DELIGHT

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36.14 x 12.3. 4ths 62534.

ANSTONE PLEASURE

x 34 x 14 x 56 x 16.34 x 34.1. 6ths 56342. By C. Fowler, of Anstone, 1886. Published (with Snowdrop) in "The Bell News," 3/5/1890.

ANSTONE TREBLE BOB

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 3. 4ths 45362. Also known as College New Treble Bob. There was a very good team at Anstone at this period.

APPLEBY SURPRISE

x 16 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 5. 2nds 65324.

APSLEY END SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 3. 2nds 35264. C.C. Collection, 1961.

ARDSLEY DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.14 x 12.3. 6ths 52364.

ARKSEY DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.14 x 12.3. 4ths 52643.

ARMLEY DELIGHT

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 3. 6ths 64523. Also known as Duke of Clarence (or Clarence).

ARMLEY PLEASURE

x 56 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 3. 6ths 65243. By J. Heckingbottom, of Armley.

ARNOLD'S VICTORY

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 3. 4ths 45362.

ATTLEBOROUGH ALLIANCE

x 16 x 16.34 x 34.1. 2nds 35264. C.C. Collection, 1931.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal for the memorial service to Sir Winston Churchill at Lincoln Cathedral was the 100th peal on the bells by the Ringing Master, Mr. John Walden.

Darlington in the past has been the scene of notable achievements. The present age is represented by a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at St. Cuthbert's Church on February 27th, both silent and non-conducted.

The late Canon C. Carew Cox, while at Durham University, was a member of the band which rang at Gateshead, in 1908, Carter's odd bob peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by W. H. Barber, from an "inside" bell while blindfolded. He was the last survivor.

The Editor thanks Mr. K. Kirk, of Willerby, Hull, for his kind message to himself and staff on relinquishing his office as hon. secretary of the Beverley and District Ringing Society. An excellent spirit of co-operation has existed with the Beverley Society during the six years of Mr. Kirk's secretaryship which has added to the pleasures of being editor.

Tomorrow (Saturday) the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths and 11 past masters will attempt a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Cripplegate. There is only one previous occasion when the Master and his past masters have rung a peal—that was Stedman Caters at Stepney, when Group Captain J. S. Mason was Master.

At the Henry Johnson dinner last Saturday it was announced that a long length of 16,368 Cambridge Surprise Maximus will be attempted at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, on May 15th, to mark the 250th anniversary of the church and its 60th year as Cathedral Church for the Diocese of Birmingham. Mr. Alan Ainsworth will conduct and the band will consist of ten of the regular Cathedral band and two others from London. The start will be at 8.30 a.m. Last Easter Monday a long length at the Cathedral was lost.

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"Would Not Let Pass Unchallenged"

We like ringers who are prepared to challenge public statements unfair to the Exercise. Mr. Albert E. Garbett, of Stafford, is one. He writes: "The only reference made in the 'Daily Mail' funeral supplement to the ringing was written by Vincent Mulchrone. I quote: 'The clash of bells shouted that Churchill was gone for ever.' I was so annoyed that such excellent ringing should be described as a 'clash of bells' that I wrote to the 'Daily Mail' in protest. The music of the bells in their muffled sequence of changes was a fitting climax to a most impressive service."

From 1881 to 1965

This week in our handbell section we record the first peal on handbells of Stedman Triples to be rung by the Cambridge University Guild. Mr. V. Nutton informs us that Stedman Triples was first practised on handbells by the Guild, single-handed, on August 31st, 1881, and double-handed on April 4th, 1890. The first touch was rung on June 12th, 1890, and the first peal attempt made on May 25th, 1906. The ringers then were: H. S. T. Richardson 1-2, Rev. A. H. F. Boughie 3-4, Rev. H. Law James 5-6, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 7-8 (cond.). The attempt lasted for 3,600 changes. Numerous attempts have since been made by various bands. On the last Guild week three such attempts failed, only one exceeding the length of a quarter peal.

Good News From Finedon

Since the rehanging of the eight bells in August last year at the Parish Church of Finedon, Northants, remarkable progress has been made. The membership of the tower is now 14; nine have now rung peals. Four have rung their first, thanks to Mr. D. G. Pearson, who is studying the art of conducting.

The first-pealers would like to thank Mr. Murray Coleman, of Rothwell, the conductor, for his help and guidance.

Farnham's Recast Bells

In the "Surrey Archaeological Collection" Vol. xii, which has just been published, there is a learned article on St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, which must have involved much research on the part of the writer, Mr. A. R. Duffy, A.R.I.B.A., F.S.A.

When it comes to bells, he writes: "The west tower contains a notable series of bells by R. Phelps, of London, cast in 1723 (Nos. 1, 4, 7) and 1735 (No. 6) with two additions by T. Mears, of London, made in 1820 (No. 5) and 1830 (No. 8). All these were recast in 1959, whether necessarily is now impossible to confirm."

We feel there is no lack of evidence as to the wisdom of this course, and if he had inquired of Mr. Charles Denver (churchwarden), with his long experience of Farnham bells, he would have reached a definite conclusion. To suggest that confirmation is impossible after only five years, when faculties are not granted lightly, is somewhat incomprehensible.

Mr. Bert Sutton Leaving Scarborough

In ringing circles Scarborough is always associated with Mr. "Bert" Sutton. The news of his impending departure to York, where he works, has been received by the ringers of St. Mary's and St. Lawrence's, Scalby. For 20 years "Bert" has been Ringing Master and tower keeper at St. Mary's and has also been responsible for training the keen and enthusiastic band for the new bells at Scalby. For St. Mary's, Mr. William Fay is the new Ringing Master and tower secretary, and Mr. Stephen Wright is his deputy and tower keeper.

A farewell social for "Bert" and his wife was held on February 18th at St. Mary's Parish House. The Vicar opened the proceedings by mentioning the sadness of saying farewell to a well-loved and respected friend. As St. Mary's bells were rung so regularly, people were apt to "take them for granted." There had never been any cause for complaint, which in itself was a compliment to Mr. Sutton's leadership.

At the Vicar's request, Mr. Fay presented Mr. Sutton with a beautiful silver tankard appropriately inscribed, as a farewell gift from the ringers of both churches in appreciation of his services to make their ringing so enjoyable. Mr. Fay concluded by saying he did not think he could fill "Bert's" shoes so expertly, but he was sure the bells would go on ringing, come what may, and he would do his best to ensure this.

Miss Kathleen Duck, the captain of the Scalby team, also thanked Mr. Sutton for all his efforts in training all the ringers at Scalby, help without which it would not have been possible for the team to be in such a healthy position.

During the evening handbells were rung and light refreshments provided. Afterwards, the new tankard was aptly "christened" in the appropriate place. E. P. K.

Hope Not Abandoned Yet

Although a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Truro Cathedral as long ago as May 29th, 1931, by eight members of the Cathedral band with the help of Thomas G. Myers and the late Charles R. Lilley, from Plymouth, no 10-bell peal has yet been rung in Cornwall by a completely resident band. Other 10-bell peals have been rung but there has always been one or more in the band from outside the diocese and county. It seemed appropriate that this should be remedied by the first peal on the rehung Truro bells, and it appeared to be a great likelihood when a peal attempt for Bob Royal on February 20th had lasted three and a half hours. With less than two courses to ring, the conductor (Alan Carveth) had to sav "Ring rounds"—two bells had shifted! An attempt by the same band two weeks before lasted two hours and ten minutes.

In This Issue

This is a vintage issue for 12-bell peals with peals at Exeter Cathedral, St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, Painswick and five at Birmingham Cathedral. Ten-bell peals have been rung at Derby Cathedral, Beddington, Maidstone and Tewkesbury Abbey.

An Authoritative Text Book

We notice in the spring and summer book list of Messrs. Faber and Faber a book of great interest to our readers, "The Art of Science of Change Ringing on Church and Handbells" by Wilfrid G. Wilson. Commending the publication, the announcement states:

"Change Ringing" has been written to meet the widespread demand for a fully comprehensive, up-to-date and authoritative text book on the subject. Over the years a succession of bellringers has learned the elements of their art from Col. Troyte's "Handbook on Change Ringing," which was originally published in the early 19th century and of which copies are now almost unobtainable. Mr. Wilson's book is intended to be a successor to Troyte's, but it covers much more and in much greater detail. It will be welcomed by all who practise and all who are beginning to learn the art of bell ringing, and will widen still further the circle of enthusiasts.

The book has eight pages of illustrations from photographs and some live drawings. The price will be about 55s. The foreword has been written by Frederick Sharpe, F.S.A., past president of the Central Council.

Smethwick in the News

Politically, the accent is on Smethwick. But it is also in ringing news. Fifty-eight years ago it was the birthplace of Mr. George E. Fearn, the ringer of 2,000 peals. His brother Henry was also born there. Mr. Frank E. Haynes, the chairman at this year's Henry Johnson dinner, was a master at the Grammar School until his retirement to Cambridge (he still, however, teaches) and pupils at the school were Mr. Peter Bordon and Group Captain Stanley G. Mason. Another prominent native is Mr. Sidney O'C. Holloway, who was born, bred and taught to ring there and now provides pills and physic for its inhabitants!

Where Co-education Started

The quarter peal at Steep, Hants, on February 21st, was rung to celebrate the 100th birthday of John Haden Badley, founder of Bedales School, the first co-educational school. The band included two Old Boys, two present boys, the captain of Warnford ringers and the District secretary. The band wish to thank Miss Cicely Roberts for making the arrangements and for entertaining them to tea afterwards.

Sex Wrong

Darryl Gillespie, of Northenden, who was mentioned in this column last week, is not a girl but a boy! We apologise to Mr. Gillespie for our wrong assumption from the item submitted and wish him and his band every success. The quarter referred to should read Plain Bob Minor.

TOWER BELL PEALS**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

LONG ASHTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

Emlyn F. Hancock .. Treble	Ronald G. Beck .. 5
*Diana M. Chapman .. 2	George W. Massey .. 6
Peter Bridle .. 3	John C. Slater .. 7
*David G. Yeo .. 4	John H. Gilbert .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by John H. Gilbert.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to mark 50 years' service as a ringer at this church by Mr. Percy G. Yeo.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Colin Sweeney .. Treble	Hubert E. Ashley .. 5
Ian F. Garvie .. 2	Edward Holdsworth .. 6
L. Michael Callow .. 3	Ernest J. Gower .. 7
Geoffrey W. Randall .. 4	Peter Border .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by Peter Border.

First peal in the method by all the band.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DERBY.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Feb. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt.

Joseph C. Woolley .. Treble	Gordon A. Halls .. 6
Christopher Hughes .. 2	Harold Taylor .. 7
George H. Roobottom .. 3	Alan Taylor .. 8
Michael R. Blore .. 4	David W. Friend .. 9
Sampson Walklate .. 5	Antony Laughton .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

EXETER, Devonshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5011 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay .. Treble	John R. Faithfull .. 7
James E. Daniels .. 2	Frank D. Mack .. 8
Norman Mallett .. 3	John Hartless .. 9
Michael J. Thomas .. 4	Philip N. Tubbs .. 10
Raymond Haines .. 5	Edward J. Chivers .. 11
Frank L. Harris .. 6	R. Roger Savory .. Tenor
	Lewis F. Cobb ..

Composed by Shirley Burton (No. 13). Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Wed., Feb. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt 5 lb. in A flat.

George S. Deas .. Treble	Michael Maughan .. 5
Eric N. Harrison .. 2	William Davidson .. 6
Iris M. Thomson .. 3	David J. Marshall .. 7
Jennifer Sceeny .. 4	Bryan Pattison .. Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed.

Conducted by Bryan Pattison.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, Rev. A. K. Hamilton, who was consecrated Suffragan Bishop of Jarrow earlier this day.

DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Cuthbert

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb.

George S. Deas .. Treble	Fred Hodgson .. 5
Rohilla M. Cooke .. 2	Michael Maughan .. 6
Kenneth Arthur .. 3	Thomas M. Cox .. 7
Dennis A. Bayles .. 4	Thomas Cooke .. Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

Rung silent and non-conducted.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 26 cwt.

Thurstans' Four-Part .. Treble	Frank V. Gant .. 5
Robert C. Heazel .. 2	John H. Crampion .. 6
Harry Turner .. 3	John Armstrong .. 7
William H. Alely .. 4	Edward J. Rochester .. Tenor

Conducted by John H. Crampion

A 35th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Rochester.

GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUTNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

Bernard C. Mann .. Treble	Christopher F. Mew .. 5
Alison M. Mann .. 2	*Alan E. Bagworth .. 6
*Robert J. Cooles .. 3	*Harry R. Appleton .. 7
†Margaret E. Fort .. 4	*Alan R. Patterson .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin.

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

* First in the method. † First in the method "inside." First in the method as conductor. First in the method for the Association.

NAZEING, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Oxford T.B., two Kent T.B. and three Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

Charles W. Sams .. Treble	Harry Turner .. 4
William H. Alely .. 2	Bertram C. Hines .. 5
David C. Isgrove .. 3	Benjamin G. Burton .. Tenor

Conducted by Harry Turner.

Rung to mark the first anniversary of the dedication of the new Church of St. Giles, Nazeing.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.

Gillian M. Hussey .. Treble	Patrick J. Bird .. 7
Reginald G. Hooper .. 2	Brian J. Wylde .. 8
D. John Hunt .. 3	Antony R. Kench .. 9
Michael J. Hobbs .. 4	Brynley A. Shackleton .. 10
Brian Bladon .. 5	Rev. Roger O. Fry .. 11
Michael J. Thomas .. 6	Robert C. Kippin .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

Conducted by Reginald G. Hooper.

PAINSWICK, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26½ cwt.

William A. Theobald .. Treble	Alan J. Frost .. 7
Ronald F. Diserens .. 2	Noel J. Diserens .. 8
Frederick R. Shallcross .. 3	Charles H. Kippin .. 9
Tudor P. Edwards .. 4	Frank E. Darby .. 10
Peter Border .. 5	John A. Anderson .. 11
Andrew N. Stubbs .. 6	Wilfred Williams .. Tenor

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

First peal of Londinium in the county and by the Association.

TEWKESBURY.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 27 cwt.

Nicholas W. H. Simon .. Treble	D. John Hunt .. 6
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	Richard J. Bowden .. 7
Jennifer M. Taylor .. 3	James R. Taylor .. 8
Gillian M. Hussey .. 4	Ralph G. Edwards .. 9
Michael J. Hobbs .. 5	Rev. Roger O. Fry .. Tenor

Composed by W. Pye.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

Rung after meeting two short for Stedman Cinques.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose.

On Tues., Feb. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 GRANDSIRE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

Brynley A. Shackleton .. Treble	James R. Taylor .. 5
Reginald G. Hooper .. 2	Richard J. Bowden .. 6
Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 3	Patrick J. Bird .. 7
Gillian M. Hussey .. 4	D. John Hunt .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

First of Grandsire Major on the bells and by all except the conductor.

BRISTOL.—At Cathedral Church of Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Fri., Feb. 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Richard J. Bowden .. Treble	†Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 5
Jennifer M. Taylor .. 2	Giles B. Thompson .. 6
*Gillian M. Hussey .. 3	James R. Taylor .. 7
†John H. Taylor .. 4	*D. John Hunt .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* 100th peal together. † First of Pudsey. The conductor's 50th peal on the bells.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SOUTH CERNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of All Hallows.
On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, containing the following 28 methods: St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, Westminster II, Blackburn Place, St. Hilary, Merton, Slapton, Rugby, Hascombe, Thornborough, Longford, Chipstead, Oakley, Itchingfield, Ockham, Broughton, Chesham, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Cyril A. Wratten Treble *Derek Carr 3
*Maurice A. New 2 Anthony R. Peake 4

Peter Wakefield Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung after meeting short for Minor.
A compliment to Mr. Gordon W Land and Miss Pauline Lansley, on their engagement.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION
KNEBWORTH, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas à Becket.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Terry R. Hatchett Treble Vernon Green 5
Julia A. Fellows 2 Eric Edmondson 6
Claudia A. Critchley 3 Colin A. S. Harwood 7
*J. Stuart Hutton 4 Jack S. Dear Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Claudia A. Critchley.

* First peal in the method.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PRITTELLWELL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Thomas E. Sone Treble Monty W. Gilbert 6
David S. Osenton 2 Cyril S. Jarrett 7
Christopher T. Osenton 3 Andrew J. Corby 8
Christine C. MacNair 4 Bernard F. L. Groves 9
Alexander Waddington 5 Martin L. Howe Tenor

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LINDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

*Judith M. Corby Treble Colin A. Tester 6
Olive D. Tester 2 Doris E. Colgate 7
Ann Jenner 3 Andrew J. Corby 8
Hilary F. Martin 4 Philip A. Corby 9
Robert W. Hinde 5 Stanley Jenner Tenor

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal on ten. First in the method by all the band and for the Association.

A birthday peal for Lucile M. Corby (February 24th) and Judith M. Corby (February 25th).

BROMLEY, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

Percy J. Spice Treble Andrew M. Macve 5
R. Thomas Newman 2 Tony Lewis 6
Katherine M. Guy 3 Robert W. Hinde 7
Hilary F. Martin 4 Giles B. Thompson Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by Giles B. Thompson.

CHERTON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,088 London, 1,024 Superlative, 992 each of Pudsey and Cambridge, and 928 Bristol, with 100 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in A.

D. Paul Smith Treble Ian H. Oram 5
Doris E. Colgate 2 *Dennis A. Chapman 6
*Ann Jenner 3 Thomas Cullingworth 7
Arthur S. Richards 4 Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal of 5-spliced. First of 5-spliced as conductor.

PETHAM, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Mon., March 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob (two callings), and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B flat.

*Elizabeth A. Todd Treble *Cyril W. J. Beeching 4
Rachel J. Sinden 2 *Robert P. Brotherston 5
Rose Wratten 3 J. Richard Hough Tenor

Conducted by J. Richard Hough.

* First peal of Minor in more than one method.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 576 each of Ashted, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 138 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Philip J. Crossthwaite .. Treble *Geoffrey Cheetham .. 5
Walter E. Wilkinson .. 2 Neil Bennett 6
*Richard S. Starkie 3 Cyril Crossthwaite 7
Richard J. Parker 4 J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

FARNWORTH, Bolton, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.

On Fri., Feb. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Thomas Hobson Treble A. Edward Reeves 5
*Jane Reynolds 2 Frank Reynolds 6
David Vincent 3 Alan J. Brown 7
Margaret Fort 4 Joseph Thornley Tenor

Composed by J. Pritchard.

Conducted by Frank Reynolds.

* First peal.

To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. C. Fielding. Mrs. Fielding (née Lees) was a former ringer at Farnworth.

AUGHTON, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

*Edward Taylor Treble Kenneth Wilson 5
John R. Lunham 2 *Edmund Rothwell 6
Robert L. Larkey 3 †Frederick Pearson 7
*Stanley Livesley 4 Dennis R. Jones Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Dennis R. Jones.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal for the Association. First as conductor.

Rung to mark the engagement of Mr. Victor Draper and Miss Carol Smith, of Southport.

TODMORDEN, Yorkshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in E.
Jeffrey Kershaw Treble *Geoffrey Cheetham 5
Margaret E. Fort 2 Neil Bennett 6
*Colin Milthorp 3 Derek Butterworth 7
Colin Ashworth 4 *Donald Bateman Tenor

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

COLSTON BASSETT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Divine.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

Malcolm E. Wade Treble Geoffrey M. Brewin 5
W. Ernest Ranson 2 Roland H. Cook 6
William A. Lacey 3 A Maxwell Lindsey 7
Alan E. Hartley 4 R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven.

Conducted by William A. Lacey.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

EDENHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

William A. Holmes .. Treble Walter Tomlinson 5
*James W. Haw 2 Geoffrey Paul 6
John Freeman 3 Jack Bray 7
†Cecil Wade 4 Geoffrey R. Parker Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Conducted by John Freeman.

* First peal of London. † First of London Major.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Wed., Feb. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Joyce M. Gurnhill .. Treble William R. Parker 4
Amos Ingall 2 Phillip C. Pitchford 5
Geoffrey R. Parker 3 Louis Willders Tenor

Conducted by Louis Willders.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

SALFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Double Bob, Kent T.B., Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Clive R. Calton Treble	Tenor 11 cwt 2 qr. 17 lb. in G.
*A. Stephen Taylor 2	John W. Gander 4
Brian T. Tomlinson 3	*Roger L. Coley 5
	*David J. Baker Tenor

Conducted by David J. Baker.

* First peal in seven methods.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

PACKINGTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of the Holy Rood.

On Thurs., Feb. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

W. Geoffrey Hair Treble	Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.
Richard J. Clifton 2	John K. Smith 4
*Edwin Deakin 3	Joseph W. Cotton 5
	Arthur E. Rowley Tenor

Conducted by Arthur E. Rowley.

* First peal in three methods "inside."

NON-ASSOCIATION.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

*Rosemary E. White Treble	John G. Hallett 4
Peter Woollven 2	Michael S. Bruce 5
Robert C. Woodward 3	Peter J. Bruce Tenor

Conducted by Peter J. Bruce.

* First peal.

Rung to celebrate the birth of Lesley Anne, second daughter to Dave and Shelagh Chapman.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.

On Tues., Feb. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt.

James F. List Treble	Peter J. Heritage 5
Peter G. Holden 2	Charles Coles 6
Peter Pearce 3	D Kay Adkins 7
Frederick W. Soden 4	Gordon W. Land Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Gordon W. Land.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the sixth.

Rung to celebrate the engagement between Gordon W. Land and Miss Pauline A. Lansley.

WATLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

Ernest G. Jones Treble	J. Keith Ward 5
Frederick R. Scott 2	Victor Griffin 6
Peter J. Heritage 3	Edward R. Venn 7
Anthony D. Sansom 4	Christopher C. Clarke Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

First peal of Rutland as conductor.

Rung to welcome Victor Griffin to Oxford.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

COWLEY, Oxford.—At the Church of St. James.

On Wed., Feb. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 5½ cwt.

Hilary F. Pardoe Treble	Anthony P. Foster 4
Paul A. Brand 2	Bruce Wakefield 5
Roger M. Heyworth 3	Nicholas J. Martin Tenor

Conducted by Bruce Wakefield.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

DESBOROUGH, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Ronald Russell Treble	Roger W. Smith 5
Graham C. Paul 2	Alan A. Paul 6
James Linnell 3	Charles E. Truman 7
Barry E. Saunders 4	*George E. Green Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett.

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

* 75th peal. First in the method for all the band and for the Guild.

GLASTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Wed., Feb. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

Alan G. Payne Treble	Rodney A. Todd 4
J. Martin Thorley 2	Gerald W. Reynolds 5
Philip S. Heath 3	E Alan Jacques Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

Rung to welcome Stephanie Heath, niece of the ringer of the third.

COSGROVE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Fri., Feb. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.

*Gerald Kingston Treble	William A. Yates 4
†Edwin R. Lambert 2	Charles E. Truman 5
Barry E. Saunders 3	George W. Holland Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

* First peal of Minor. † First in seven methods. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Feb. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 ALBANIAN SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Susan Funnell Treble	Edward W. Colley 7
Martin D. Fellows 2	Frederick Shallcross 8
Roderick W. Pipe 3	Norman J. Goodman 9
John C. Eisel 4	David J. Purnell 10
Michael J. Fellows 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
George E. Fearn 6	Peter Border Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Feb. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 SOLIHULL SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Roderick W. Pipe Treble	Edward W. Colley 7
Maryl R. Crosshwaite 2	Martin D. Fellows 8
Susan Funnell 3	Norman J. Goodman 9
Michael J. Fellows 4	George E. Fearn 10
John C. Eisel 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
David J. Purnell 6	Peter Border Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Frank E. Haynes Treble	Michael J. Fellows 7
Muriel Reay 2	David J. Purnell 8
John C. Eisel 3	Norman J. Goodman 9
Martin D. Fellows 4	Basil Jones 10
Robert E. Hardy 5	George E. Fearn 11
John Worth 6	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Feb. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

John C. Eisel Treble	Martin D. Fellows 7
Susan Funnell 2	*George E. Fearn 8
*Norman J. Goodman 3	Michael J. Fellows 9
Edgar C. Shepherd 4	Clifford A. Barron 10
Roderick W. Pipe 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
Robert E. Hardy 6	Peter Border Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* 400th peal together.

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

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BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

*On Thurs., Feb. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5280 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Henry H. Fearn Treble	Martin D. Fellows 7
Susan Funnell 2	Clifford A. Barron 8
Norman J. Goodman 3	David J. Purnell 9
Roderick W. Pipe 4	Peter Border 10
John C. Eisel 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
Michael J. Fellows 6	*George E. Fearn Tenor

Conducted by George E. Fearn.

* 2,000th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Perry Barr.

*On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Henry Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 13 cwt. 73 lb. in F sharp.
George E. Fearn Treble	Maurice G. Ingram 5
James Insley 2	Clifford A. Barron 6
Susan Funnell 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
Robert E. Hardy 4	David J. Purnell Tenor

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

A farewell to the curate, the Rev. M. P. Thompson McCausland.

SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.
*On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.

Muriel Reay Treble	Maurice G. Ingram 5
Susan Funnell 2	Norman J. Goodman 6
Edgar C. Shepherd 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
Charles A. S. Webb 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

*On Mon., Feb. 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 6 cwt. 98 lb. in B flat.

Muriel Reay Treble	Norman J. Goodman 5
Robert E. Hardy 2	Roderick W. Pipe 6
Susan Funnell 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
James Insley 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland.

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.LYME REGIS, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.
*On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Dexter's Variation No. 2.	Tenor 11 cwt. in G.
Cuthbert W. Powell Treble	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 5
Mrs. C. W. Powell 2	Frank Knight 6
Henry G. Keeley 3	G. Stedman Morris 7
Arthur J. Scott 4	Joseph T. Barrett Tenor

Conducted by G. Stedman Morris.

In memoriam Canon C. Carew Cox, President of the Salisbury Guild and of the Clerical Guild, and formerly Vicar of Lyme Regis for 25 years. Rung "open" by request prior to the interment of his ashes in St. Michael's churchyard, Lyme Regis.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

SOUTHWELL, Notts.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary.

*On Tues., Jan. 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in D.

*M. "Baz" Smedley .. Treble	A. Harry Hawcroft 5
C. Anthony Parsons .. 2	Allan Wilson 6
David D. Parsons 3	Simon Humphrey 7
George A. Dawson 4	John R. Pratchett Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by John R. Pratchett.

* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sir Winston S. Churchill.GREASLEY, Notts.—At the Church of St. Mary.
*On Tues., Dec. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR**An extent each of the following seven methods: Norwich, Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Oxford, Kent T.B.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*Elizabeth Foster .. Treble	George A. Dawson 4
†Susanna Poppleston .. 2	Michael Poppleston 5
Simon Humphrey 3	Peter R. Humphrey Tenor

Conducted by Michael Poppleston.

* First peal of Minor. † First on six bells. First as conductor.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

BILSTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

*On Tues., Feb. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR**

Terry J. Greaves Treble	Remi M. Hodister 5
Richard B. Dorrington .. 2	John H. Taylor 6
Marlene E. Townsend .. 2	Clive M. Smith 7
David J. Bates 4	Philip G. K. Davies Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

First peal in the method by all, except the ringers of seven and tenor. First in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells and the first on the eight bells since the recasting and re-hanging of the fifth. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. B. V. Jacob and family, on their departure from Bilston, to take up duties at Scargill, Yorkshire.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

MERSTHAM, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Katherine.

*On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Keith Game Treble	Thomas Bird 5
A. Patrick Cannon 2	George Olliver 6
Alfred J. Bull 3	Colin H. Cook 7
Wilfred Dunn 4	Alan Streeter Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Alan Streeter.

First peal of Major as copductor. First on the augmented eight bells.

Rung by past and present officers of the Southern District of the Association. Tenor 14 cwt. approx.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

EWHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of SS. James and Mark.

*On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in G.
*Paul Fox Treble	†Christopher M. Barnes .. 3
†Christine M. Fuller .. 2	†Alan R. Baldock 4
Ian V. J. Smith Tenor	

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* First peal of Doubles. † First of Plain Bob Doubles. ‡ First 'inside.'

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

BOURNEMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

*On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

Jack Mussell Treble	Mervyn Fromm 5
Kathleen E. Fletcher .. 2	Arthur V. Davis 6
*Paul T. King 3	Colin Conway 7
William T. Godfrey .. 4	Ronald N. Marlow Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.

* First peal of Major. The 50th peal on the bells.

Rung in memoriam Canon C. Carew Cox.

BINSTED, Hampshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

*On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*Maurice Peters Treble	Charles E. Bassett 5
Mary E. White 2	Anthony R. Cope 6
†Lionel V. Smith 3	Derek J. White Tenor

Conducted by Derek J. White.

* Most methods to a peal. † First peal. First as conductor and first attempt.

Rung after the wedding of Margaret E. Bates and Derek E. G. Port, previously captain of Binsted tower.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

CLINT, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

*On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

*Arthur C. Berry Treble	Michael J. Fellows 5
*Gerald C. Hemming .. 2	John C. Eisel 6
Peter L. Bill 3	Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 7
Ian Lloyd 4	Martin D. Fellows Tenor

Composed by York Green.

Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

* 25th peal together. Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

HARTLEBURY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. James.

*On Tues., Feb. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Parker's.	Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.
*Martin Wooldridge .. Treble	Jeremy A. Tandy 5
Martin D. Fellows 2	John C. Eisel 6
†Chris. F. Wooldridge .. 3	Michael J. Fellows 7
†John L. Caddick 4	Peter L. Bill Tenor

Arranged by James E. Groves.

Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal (aged 13). † First of Grandsire Triples "inside."

‡ First of Grandsire Triples.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's.		Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.	
Frances Fairbank Treble	Arthur Rogers 5		
*Patricia Lockwood 2	John Potts 6		
Alan Sheppard 3	David Smith 7		
*Ian North 4	J. Henry Fielden Tenor		

Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

* First peal in the method.

SKIPTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 1,600 each London and Rutland, and 320 each Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey and Lincolnshire, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 22½ cwt.

Vernon Bottomley Treble	*Neil Donovan 5
Jeanne E. Bottomley 2	†Stuart Armeson 6
Kathleen M. Higgins 3	J. Henry Fielden 7
W. Eric Critchley 4	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

* First peal of Spiced Surprise. † First of eight Spiced.

In memory of Milton C. Fowler.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw Tycloch.

On Fri., Feb. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

Edmund J. Morris .. 1—2	J. Arthur Hoare 5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe .. 3—4	*David J. Llewellyn .. 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal of Major on handbells.

Umpire: Penelope J. Welch.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 55, Manor House Road.

On Sun., Dec. 6, 1965, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*David J. Marshall .. 1—2	Alan R. Patterson (cond.) 3—4
Andrew G. Craddock .. 5—6	

* First peal on handbells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BUSHEY HEATH, Hertfordshire.—At 139, Titian Avenue.

On Sun., Jan. 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 1—2	*Roger Baldwin 5—6
Christopher W. Woolley 3—4	†Stephen Ivins 7—8

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal of London Surprise Major 'in hand.' † First peal of Surprise 'in hand.'

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.

On Wed., Feb. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 6 methods, comprising 960 of London, 928 of Watford, 896 of Bristol and 832 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, with 127 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 1—2	Roger Baldwin 5—6
John R. Mayne 3—4	Christopher W. Woolley 7—8

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

First time this composition has been rung on handbells.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.

On Wed., Feb. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 11 methods, comprising 1,280 of London, 640 each of Bristol and Rutland, and 320 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Pudsey, Superlative, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.

*S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 1—2	Roger Baldwin 5—6
John R. Mayne 3—4	Gerald Penney 7—8

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* 100th handbell peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Hawkshead Hill.

On Wed., Feb. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Bob and Single Court and three of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

Robin Shuttleworth .. 1—2	Mary Whalley 3—4
Joseph Whalley (cond.) 5—6	

First in three methods by all.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Hawkshead Hill.

On Wed., Feb. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents Single Court and four of Oxford Bob.

Tenor size 11 in G.

Robin Shuttleworth .. 1—2	Mary Whalley 3—4
Joseph Whalley (cond.) 5—6	

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, Leicestershire.—At the Humphrey Perkins School.

On Tues., Feb. 9, 1965, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

E. M. Atkins' 1—2	Rupert A. Clarke 5—6
Dan S. Pont 3—4	B. Stedman Payne (cond.) 7—8

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At 'Glebland.'

On Mon., Feb. 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

Mrs. J. Bray 1—2	Jack Bray 5—6
C. Aubrey Harrison .. 3—4	John Hall 7—8

Composed by F. Bennett.

Conducted by Jack Bray.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.

On Fri., Feb. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,312 of Bristol, and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 113 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method. Tenor size 15 in C.

Thomas J. Lock 1—2	*John R. Mayne 5—6
Christopher W. Woolley 3—4	Joan Beresford 7—8

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* 100th handbell peal.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.

All rung at Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycloch.

On Sun., Jan. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

Hazel Way 1—2	J. Arthur Hoare 5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe .. 3—4	Edmund J. Morris .. 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

On Mon., Jan. 18, 1965, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEPNEY BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6	

First peal in the method on handbells.

On Sun., Jan. 31, 1965, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN SLOW COURSE MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6	

Believed to be the first peal in the method.

On Sun., Feb. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5060 SPICED ROYAL

Being 4,440 Plain Bob and 660 Gainsborough Little Bob, with 110 changes of method. Tenor size 18 in G.

Hazel Way 1—2	J. Arthur Hoare 5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe .. 3—4	Richard T. Smith 7—8

Edmund J. Morris .. 9—10

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal of Spiced Royal on handbells by all and for the Guild.

On Sun., Feb. 14, 1965, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YNYSTAWE BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6	

First peal in the method.

On Thurs., Feb. 18, 1965, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 ZYLVERNE BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6	

First peal in the method.

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MISCELLANEOUS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—Practice nights are now held on Tuesdays, and not Mondays, from 7.45 to 9 p.m. as was erroneously announced recently.—W. Morris, Hon. Sec. 6427

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Will members please note that, since the bells of St. Olave's, Hart Street, will not be available on March 16th, the eight-bell practice on that date will now be held at St. Giles', Cripplegate.—John Chilcott. 6449

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POSTPONED

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The meeting at Daresbury arranged for Saturday, March 13th, is postponed till Saturday, March 27th. 6450

MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly ringing meeting at Dore, Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) 3-5, 6-9 p.m. Sorry, own tea arrangements. Special methods: Double Bob and Bristol.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 6374

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Sawston on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 6400

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Great Horkesley, Saturday, March 13th. Bells 2.30 and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea at Women's Institute Hall, near Yew Tree Inn at 5.15. Little Horkesley (5) also available after tea. Names to F. H. Erith, Ardleigh, Dis. Sec. 6336

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting on March 13th. Service, tea and meeting in Holy Trinity Church and Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. J. May, 15, Rydes Close, Old Woking. Ringing at St. Mary's and Stoke, 3 to 4.15; Holy Trinity, 3 to 4.25; Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas' after meeting. 6326

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern and Bishop's Stortford Districts.—Meeting on Saturday, March 13th, Standon. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea has been arranged at "The Crickets." Standon. Evening ringing at Hoddesdon from 6.30 p.m.—D. H. Kingston. 6389

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Northchurch (8). March 13th. Bells 3 Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. R. Ashby, 110, High Street, Northchurch.—R. Sheppard, Dis. Sec. 6436

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Maidstone District) and LADIES' GUILD (Annual Branch Meeting)—Combined meeting at Aylesford on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Parker, 1, Orchard Avenue, Aylesford.—M. L. Howe. 6381

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Rothley, Saturday, March 13th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.15. Tea (as per District arrangements) and meeting 5.—M. D. Barshy, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6429

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, March 13th, St. Mary's, Finchley (Hendon Lane, N.3). 3-4 p.m.: St. Mary's, Willesden (Neasden Lane), 6.30-8 p.m. Business. Willesden, 6 p.m. Own tea.—V. F. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 6373

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at St. Modwen's, Burton-on-Trent, Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) at 4 p.m.—J. Cotton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Maids Moreton, March 13th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Stopps, 1, The Pightle, Maids Moreton, Buckingham. 6403

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wheatley, March 13th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to W. Sheldon, Church Lane, Wheatley, Oxford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Yelvertoft, March 13th. Tea 4.30. Service 6.—J. E. Goddard. 6452

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at Cotgrave, March 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, "St. Queen's," Whatton.—R. Blackshaw. 6383

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.E. District.—Annual general meeting at Henley, Saturday, March 13th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Egglestone, 2, Taylors Cottages, Paper Mill Lane, Claydon, Ipswich. 6321

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Angmering (6) on Saturday, March 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, make own arrangements.—R. Wake, Hon. Sec. 6409

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting at Alton, March 13th. Bells available 6-8.30. 6419

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Practice meeting March 17th, St. Andrew's, Chippenham. Bells 7-9.—H. Heath. 6439

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Publow (6), Saturday, March 20th. Bells available 5.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 6239

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Evening meeting on Saturday, March 20th at Baltonsborough. Bells (6) 7 p.m.—P. Hull, Hon. Sec. 6441

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Goostrey, March 20th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Own tea arrangements. Cups of tea provided.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 6434

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Wallasey St. Hilary's, March 20th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtion, Birkenhead. 6453

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Baslow, March 20th. Bells 3-9. For teas please advise Mr. T. Wylie, "Elmfield," Calver Road, Baslow.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 6444

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Executive meeting at Tibshelf, Saturday, March 20th at 7.30. Bells available from 6-8.30.—T. H. Radford, Hon. Sec. 6420

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Neots on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6448

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting at Crimplesham on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food).—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6431

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—At Northleach on March 20th at 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6. Names please to R. Wenban, 21, Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Glos. 6447

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Monthly practice at Standish on March 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and presentation to Mr. T. Price after service. Numbers before 16th. Haresfield available, with accent on novices, in evening.—E. Cribley, France Lynch, Stroud. 6442

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—At Tewin on March 20th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea essential, please, to R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 10, The Hill, Wheatthampstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting on Saturday, March 20th at Manchester Cathedral (10). Bells 2.30. Service and tea 3.30 (cafés nearby) following by ringing until 6. Sacred Trinity, Salford (8) 6-9.—J. Brannan, Branch Sec. 6430

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting at Coleorton on March 20th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Church Rooms, no names required. 6415

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting at Church Langton on Saturday, March 20th at 5.30.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 6451

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—On Saturday, March 20th at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway (Holloway Road—Piccadilly Line). Bells 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 6443

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting at Elton on March 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by 16th to A. H. Hinton, Police Station, Warmington, Peterborough. 6424

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting at Chilton Foliat on March 20th. Bells available 3.30. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 6438

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting on Saturday, March 20th at Sutton-on-Trent. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, by previous Wednesday to Miss Burchall, 3, High Street, Sutton-on-Trent.—B. N. Reed. 6435

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting on Saturday, March 20th, at Cosley. Committee meeting 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Bells available: Bradley (8), 2.30-3.25; Cosley (8), 3.45-4.25 p.m. and after tea. Names for tea by no later than Wednesday, March 17th, please, to Mr. J. D. Holden, 22, Harding Street, Cosley, Bilston, Staffs.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 6372

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting at Wilby (8) on March 20th. Bells from 6.30. 6393

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, March 20th, Nutfield (6) not Limpsfield Chart. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss N. Kempell, 1, Church Hill, Nutfield, by Wednesday, March 17th.—K. G. Game, Hon. Sec. 6371

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint practice meeting of the Northern and Southern Divisions at Southover (10) on Saturday, March 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Miss S. G. Rice, 40, Fairfield Gardens, Portslade. 6445

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Practice meeting at St. Peter's, Soberton on March 20th. 6-9 p.m.—L. Duguid. 6426

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Pocklington (8) on Saturday, March 20th. Bells 2 till 8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names to Mr. C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington, E. Yorkshire, by Thursday, March 18th.—H. S. Morley, 40, New Lane, Selby. 6378

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mark's, Longwood (nr. Huddersfield), on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15. Tea, followed by the business meeting at 5. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Ian Roberts, 24, Netheroyd Hill Road, Fixby, Huddersfield, to arrive not later than Thursday, March 18th.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6419

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ashbrittle (6) on Saturday, March 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Names for tea, please, to A. H. Reed, "Mimosa," George Street, Taunton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Ingatstone, Saturday, March 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to J. P. Brandon, 424, Baddow Road, Chelmsford (72100), by Thursday, March 25th. Visitors welcome. Note corrected date. 6340

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Belchamp St. Paul on Saturday, March 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wood, 10, The Causeway, Finchfield. 6432

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Joint meeting with Hinckley District at Leire on March 27th. Ringing 3. Ladies' meeting 4. Service 4.30. For further details see Hinckley District notice in next week's edition.—S. E. Chesterton, Dis. Sec. 6433

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Practice meeting at Bugbrooke on Saturday, March 27th. Ringing 3.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 approx. Ringing again after tea. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton. 6428

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting at Sedlescombe (6) on March 27th. Ringing 3-4.30 and 6-8. Service 4.30. Tea (at "The Waterfall Tea Lounge") 5.15. Please help your new Secretary by sending names for tea to Mr. G. Fitznugh, Sec., 36, London Road, Hailsham.—I. Smith. 6416

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Supper and social in the Village Hall, Danbury on Saturday, April 3rd, 6.15 for 6.45. Tickets 6s. from P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 6411

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The West Dorset Branch held its spring meeting at Bradpole on February 27th, when seven towers were represented and visitors from Yeovil, Yeminster and Hampreston were welcome. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. O. L. Willmott (Vicar of Lodors), who gave an interesting address. An excellent tea was provided by the local ringers and lady helpers.

At the business meeting our chairman, Mr. W. C. Powell, gave a moving tribute to our late president of the Guild, Canon Charles Carew Cox, a former chairman of this Branch, for his life as priest and bellringer. The meeting stood in silence and paid this last respect to one whom we all held in deep and abiding affection.

A coach to enable members to attend the Guild festival at Sherborne will be arranged.

Next meeting: Burton Bradstock, April 24th. Practice meetings: Corcombe, April 7th; Askerswell, May 12th. All subject to confirmation. J. D.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

At the A.G.M. of the South-West Branch, held at Plympton St. Maurice on January 30th, the ringers stood in silence to the memory of Sir Winston S. Churchill, and Mr. W. G. Hiscott, who had been a member of the Branch from 1901-1964. The bells were rung half-muffled during the afternoon.

After 19 years as Ringing Master, secretary and treasurer Mr. T. G. Myers decided to resign from these positions on health grounds. The following officers were elected: Auditor, H. O. Thomas; Ringing Master, D. R. Bould; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. M. A. Bould; chairman, H. H. Thomas; General Committee, J. P. Sims, D. F. Wheeler and D. R. Bould.

It was also decided that the positions of chairman, auditor, Press officer and Ringing Master be limited to a period not exceeding three years.

QUARTER PEALS

HOLT, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Carpenter (first quarter) 1, J. Nibbs 2, S. Boswell 3, C. Quartley 4, D. Nibbs (cond.) 5, J. Sillman 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sir Winaton S. Churchill.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Sangwin 1, A. E. Bismar 2, H. Trewin 3, E. Nunn 4, H. Heard 5, J. W. Sangwin 6, H. Stacey (cond.) 7, J. Bailey (first quarter) 8. A compliment to H. Heard on the birth of a grandson. Also a birthday compliment to J. W. Sangwin and his sister Margaret.

TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Bushby (first of Triples) 1, Miss M. Russell 2, Mrs. H. Hood 3, G. Roberts 4, W. Simmonds 5, A. B. Shingler 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, J. Kelly 8. In thanksgiving for the life and work of E. Maurice Atkins, Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Runham 1, J. Morley 2, Mrs. Brown 3, A. Haines 4, J. Wells 5, D. Everett 6, W. Marsh (cond.) 7, H. Haynes 8. In memory of Mr. F. G. Barber, late churchwarden.

TUNBRIDGE, KENT.—On Feb. 21st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. W. Hancock 1, Sheila M. Dobbie 2, Janet Luckhurst (first "inside") 3, V. J. Benning 4, J. C. Carpenter 5, W. H. Dobbie 6, P. J. Dye 7, W. Rogers (cond.) 8.

TUTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Sear 1, June Sinfield 2, Christine Smith 3, R. J. Scott 4, J. L. Cloughton 5, A. G. Stripp 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, W. F. Gladman 8. For Evensong.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. King (cond.) 1, E. P. King 2, D. Hunter 3, P. Wood (first "inside") 4, M. King 5, T. Cairns 6.

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LATE NEWS

Mr. T. G. Myers, who for 19 years has been Ringing Master, secretary and treasurer of the South-West Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, has resigned. Mrs. Bould is the new secretary and treasurer, and Mr. D. R. Bould the Ringing Master.

We regret to report the death of Mr. Leonard Arthur Tidy, tower captain, of Limpsfield Chart, Surrey, on March 1st, which was only six days after the death of his wife. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

LATE NOTICES

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

SPAVINS.—The new address of Mr. K. G. and Mrs. Spavins is now 44, George Street, Woburn, Bletchley, Bucks (same house). 6456

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SIDBURY, DEVON.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. B. F. Coles 1, Mrs. R. C. Woodley 2, K. Clarke 3, R. C. Woodley (cond.) 4, A. Chown 5, A. J. Holway 6, B. F. Coles 7, J. Clarke (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled by the local band as a tribute to Mr. G. C. Woodley, a regular member of the band, aged 82, who interment took place earlier in the day.

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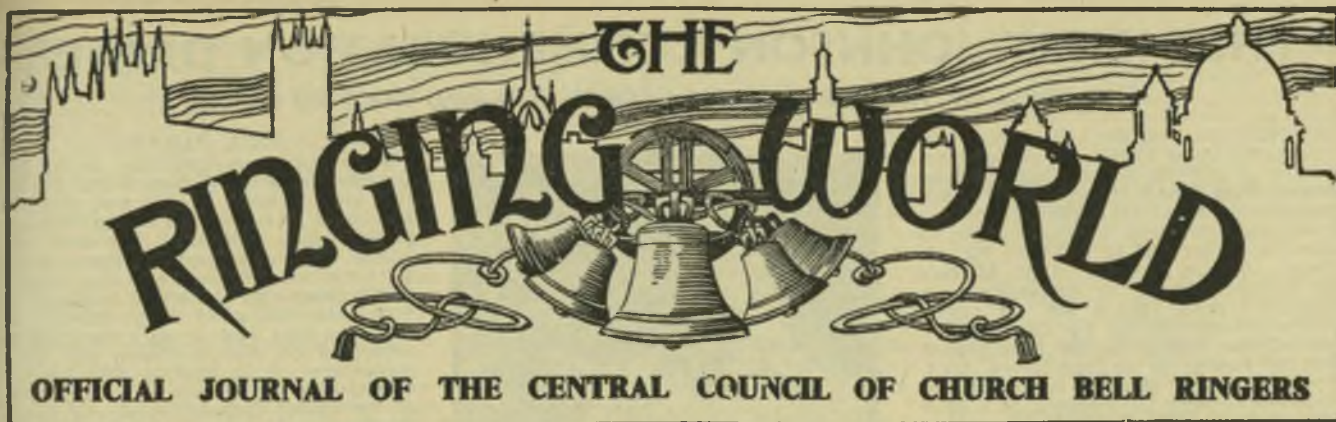
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A STALWART OF THE WORCESTERSHIRE

MR. JAMES R. NEWMAN, of Kempsey, lay secretary of the Worcestershire Association for 30 years, died in hospital on February 23rd at the age of 84.

First elected a member in 1902, his active ringing years were with the Cathedral band. He was never a big peal ringer, having rung 53 and conducted 11, his last being an officers' peal of Stedman Caters at Bromsgrove in the early 1920's. In later years, force of circumstances and a slight physical infirmity prevented much actual ringing, but he more than compensated for this in the time given and work for the Association.

After only three years of membership, and still a comparatively unknown man, he was elected as lay secretary in 1905; an election which might have proved a risk, but was a field in which he excelled. At that time, being largely rural in character, the Association consisted of only a few select bands, but was rich in having a number of shrewd, far-seeing men. One recalls such names as Parsons, Mason, Matthews, Short, Salter, Knowles, James, Bill Johnson and others, but it was Jim Newman who welded them into the team that laid the foundations of the Association as it exists today. Perhaps their biggest task—completed without difficulties and opposition—was the division into Branches and more workable areas in 1911. Jim Newman's own personal contribution was a meticulous care and attention to every detail and a beautiful copper-plate handwriting.

Retiring in 1935, for his services he was elected a "Freeman of the Association," a signal honour which had been suggested and initiated by the then Dean of Worcester a few years previously, and also a vice-president.

In public life he had also given sustained continuity of service. He had been a member of the Upton-on-Severn R.D.C. for 45 years, 26 of them as chairman, and for this he was awarded the M.B.E. He had also been a member of Severn Stoke Parish Council and treasurer of Kempsey Parish Church. His wife predeceased him some years ago and he leaves no family.

The funeral took place at Kempsey Parish Church on Friday, February 27th, and was attended by representatives of all organisations with which he had been connected, and following the service the bells were rung half-muffled. J. D. J.

THE RINGING WORLD

I AM not a bellringer. But one thing I have discovered during my three years at Cambridge University is that if you get two or more ringers together in a room all normal conversation comes to a sudden end, and a bellringers' dialogue about towers,

ringing nights, bell weights (you know the sort of thing I mean) immediately ensues.

For the next three hours.

Even apart from this I had always been a staunch opponent of the ringing world. I didn't mind Sunday ringing so much—at a distance (the walk from Granchester to Cambridge by the river being very pleasant with distant bells)—but weekday practice nights were unbearable. Especially if you were trying to concentrate for an essay on "The epistemology of Descartes" in close proximity to a bell tower. Cambridge is blessed not with one but four towers, three of which are very close to each other and to my college—indeed to almost all the colleges. Practice nights, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, were occasions on which you closed your books, left your vibrating room and escaped to a cinema at the far end of town.

However, as a result of two happy experiences in December of last year, I came to revise my opinion of both ringing and ringers.

I was due to go for an interview in Bristol University and a friend who is a ringer offered me a lift down. But—there was a condition. He would have to call at a church in Bedford for a peal on the way. Not relishing this condition one bit, but happy to be saving train fares, and even happier not to be hitching in terrible weather. I decided to take the risk.

I have never been in a bell tower before and quite possibly will never do so again, but sitting in St. Paul's tower at Bedford, in spite of the freezing cold of a December evening, was a fascinating experience. Three and a quarter hours later I heard my first Yorkshire Surprise Royal and had admired the intensive concentration of ten men ringing 5,040 changes.

But although the skill and technical accomplishment of the ringers made a great impression on me, this was exceeded by the friendliness and remarkable "family feeling," if I may put it that way, which I found to exist in the ringing world and which I was to experience further in Bristol. For here I discovered that a bellringer at the university, hearing that we were coming for interview, although she did not know us personally, had invited us for tea. It seems to me that this friendliness and community feeling which ringers have is something rare in our society and something that should be carefully maintained. It is a pearl of great price.

So I revise my opinions of bellringers'. I admire your skill; but above all I admire the remarkable fellowship that you enjoy.

ALAN BILLINGS.

Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

THE HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER

THE TOAST OF THE EVENING WAS GEORGE E. FEARN, THE 2,000 PEALER

CONTINGENTS from the Lake District and Newcastle upon Tyne were among those who attended the 77th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, on March 6th. The occasion was not so much a reverence for the past but to honour the present and in particular Mr. G. E. Fearn, the hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, on ringing 2,000 peals. But it was not merely this great achievement but the spirit he had introduced into Birmingham that those present desired to honour in an appropriate toast. This was admirably summed up by an old colleague, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd, in a letter to the chairman, Mr. Frank E. Haynes, in which he wrote: "George has brought to Birmingham ringers and ringing a unity that it has never before known in the whole of its long history." This sentiment was heartily endorsed.

Welcoming the company, the chairman said their gatherings had not been quite so large in the last few years as they used to be, and they could understand it as there was now a ringers' dinner almost every Saturday. At one time there were only four in the ringers' calendar — the Henry Johnson, the Bristol, the College Youths' and the Snowdon dinners. The social side had developed among their young people enormously; there were many more dinners and many liked such gatherings to be of a more informal character than their own dinner; nevertheless he felt that the Henry Johnson occupied an important place in the campanological calendar.

Among those would have liked to be with them that night was their vice-president, Mr. Frank Smallwood. He was sure they were all sorry to read of the passing of Mrs. Smallwood; and another apology was from Edgar Shepherd.

THE CHURCHILL OF RINGERS

Henry Johnson to the majority of ringers was one of the names of ringers in the past. He did not propose to go into a long speech concerning him, but thought it was sufficient to say that he was one of the outstanding ringers of Birmingham. He was honoured by the whole country, and from far and wide people contributed to the memorial erected to him. It seemed that he occupied in his day the same position as Sir Winston Churchill did among statesmen of his time.

As he proposed the toast, he thought of other famous ringers of Birmingham. First of all was Albert Walker, who was for so many years the leading 12-bell Stedman Cinques ringer in the country. He also thought of George Swann, who was an expert in his own field of Stedman Triples, and of Morris J. Morris, who had outstanding ability as a composer and, in the somewhat limited field which composers of his day had, he achieved no little distinction. Birmingham had indeed been fortunate, but there were still ringers there whose names would be remembered from time to time along with those he had mentioned.

The toast was drunk in silence.

Mr. David Beacham, hon. secretary of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, said it was an honour to him to represent his Association on this occasion and propose the toast of "Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild." They were so close neighbours of St. Martin's Guild that in places their boundaries overlapped. He discussed this overlapping with a friend, who told him that they got a lot of goodwill from these towers, which was very true.

GEORGE FEARN'S FIRST PEAL

No doubt that later on that day reference would be made to the great achievement of their worthy secretary in ringing 2,000 peals. It, however, gave him great pleasure to announce that his first peal was rung at Stone, in Worcestershire—a peal of Grandsire Doubles



MR. FRANK E. HAYNES
This year's chairman

on Boxing Day, 1928. The relationship between their Association and St. Martin's had been very good. The first peal of Cinques for his Association was rung at the Bull Ring, conducted by William Short. In recent times St. Martin's Guild had revisited Worcester Cathedral, and there was another occasion when five of the ringers joined seven of theirs in a Bull Ring peal.

In the matter of peals their Guild was exceedingly prosperous. They had only to look at "the Taylor list" and for tower bell peals George Fearn was at the top and the next were the two Fellows, who were also associated with the Worcestershire Association. He was very glad that two ringers of Bristol had compiled that list. It showed that peal ringing was not confined to a few, because the total was 3,600. Some years ago he had an idea of collecting these statistics but he never got down to it. This was at the time when there was correspondence in "The Ringing World" which tried to divide ringers into two categories—peal ringers and Sunday service ringers. In his opinion there were no such categories. All the peal ringers he knew were Sunday service ringers, but all the Sunday service ringers he knew were not peal ringers.

He sometimes wondered what attracted ringers to Birmingham. There was the high standard of ringing, there was its industry, the University, and the ladies of King's Norton. In the history of Treble Bob, Snowdon refers to Birmingham somewhat contemptuously as "the hardware town," but he (Mr. Beacham) always looked forward to his trips to Birmingham and ringing there whatever Jasper Snowdon might think.

Introduced by the chairman as "among the most brilliant ringers attracted to Birmingham," Mr. Alan Ainsworth, the Ringing Master of the Guild, replied to the toast. He said among the attractions of Birmingham were George and Henry, and that was a cause of the prosperity of the Guild. Their quarterly meetings had been fairly well attended, but he had a big surprise when over 60 people turned up for a practice meeting at Castle Bromwich, a six-bell tower. There was evidently a demand for this type of meeting, which was an innovation of the last three or four years.

The tower to show the most development was Perry Barr, under David Purnell. Erdington Abbey was another good tower, but unfortunately the authorities were unable to give them any time in the week for practice.

PEAL FAILURES

Peal ringing was flourishing in the Guild, and perhaps most of them would think that they were successful in every peal attempt, but at least 25 peals were lost during 1964 and 15 at St. Philip's Cathedral. The most notable failure was the attempt on Easter Monday, when a mixed band came to a conclusion after 11,000 changes of Cambridge Maximus. Provost Sinker had asked the St. Martin's Guild to ring a long peal to mark the 250th anniversary of St. Philip's Church and the 60th anniversary of St. Philip's being made the Cathedral of the Diocese. On May 15th ten of the regular Cathedral band and two from London would attempt 31 courses (16,368 changes) of Cambridge Maximus. It would start at 8.30 a.m. and continue, if successful, to 8.30 p.m.

Another notable event was George Fearn's visit to Washington to open the bells of Washington Cathedral. When he came back he was bubbling over with the news of his experiences. They had had trouble with clappers breaking and they might have noticed a gap of 10 or 12 weeks in their peals at St. Philip's. A new clapper had been made by Mr. Taylor, and since then there had been no trouble. The annual general meeting last January had been one of the most lively in recent years and, judging by the discussion, next year's would be more lively. As for the future, they envisaged more Saturday evening practices and a striking competition in the summer, when all towers would be invited to take part. He assured Mr. Beacham that they were not content to rest on their laurels but would continue for progress in the years to come.

The Rt. Rev. George Sinker, Provost of Birmingham, proposed the toast of "The Visitors." He said the problem had been propounded as to what attracted people to Birmingham. He had been there for three years and each year he loved it more and more. He must remind them that this was a subject of a competition in the local Press some years ago. The first prize was a week's holiday in Birmingham and the second prize two weeks' holiday!

It had been a joy to him to hear the bells of the Cathedral rung and he was distressed at the failure of the peal attempt last Easter Monday and hoped that on May 15th they would have a better chance of success. Might he make a suggestion? That this year they attempted Oxford Treble Bob Maximus instead of Cambridge Maximus.

Mr. Paul Taylor said the last big occasion he was called to perform in public was at the dedication of the Cathedral carillon in Washington. The Provost asked him to read the lesson. It was the usual lesson at dedications about the trumpets sounding, which he knew by heart. To his surprise the American Bible was different. He commented on this to the Provost, who said the last Englishman to read a lesson there was Mr. Harold Macmillan, who insisted on having his own Bible.

The speech was followed by Miss Muriel Reay presenting a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Sinker.

THE 2,000 PEALS

The great moment of the evening came when the chairman rose to honour Mr. George E. Fearn on ringing 2,000 peals. Mr. Haynes said Mr. Edgar Shepherd, in his apology for absence, had written what he would have liked to have said in desiring to associate himself very sincerely with the congratulations that would doubtless be offered to George Fearn on his splendid achievement.

The letter goes on: "There are many of us who have rung with him in a great number of his peals and will recollect with gratitude the privileges we have enjoyed by reason of his constant help and encouragement. Indeed, his compelling enthusiasm has often led us into enterprises we should never otherwise have considered, and I am sure numbers of my old

Henry Johnson Dinner—continued.

friends will agree that it is in the main due to him that we have been able to enjoy ringing in the higher methods.

"One other important fact is worthy of note at this time. George has brought to Birmingham ringers and ringing a unity that it has never before known in the whole of its long history."

The chairman added that Mr. Shepherd was very interested in the history of bell ringers and had written numerous articles and conducted considerable research into the activities of Birmingham ringers. He would say what Mr. Shepherd said was absolutely true.

OTHER THINGS BESIDES PEALS

At the time he was resident in Birmingham, continued Mr. Haynes, he had often tried to get George to make a speech, but that night he could not get out of it, but they had to wait until he had rung 2,000 peals for him to get on his feet. "I am sure we all admire his achievement very much, particularly as we remember that while he has been ringing 2,000 peals he has taught a large number of people to ring. He has repaired an unlimited number of bell ropes, as one of the things he rather fancies himself as a judge is the lifetime of a bell rope. He will examine a rope just before the start of a peal and will say: 'It will just about last out'—and it did. He has not only been secretary of the Guild for 17 or 18 years, but also served as tower warden and tower keeper of St. Philip's and St. Martin's and is a leading light in their Guild. George is the second bell-ringer to ring 2,000 peals, the other being Ernest Morris, and all being well the day will not be long delayed when George will be the kingpin of bellringers."

A toast to "George, the 2,000 pealer," was drunk with enthusiasm.

A BIG SURPRISE

Mr. Fearn, in reply, said the toast had come as a big surprise to him, as it came from their chairman, who for the last 30 years was his fellow prisoner in crime in peal ringing. Two thousand was just a number; it was no different from 100, and no one could achieve that without the backing and strong support of a good many first-class ringers, and that had always been his good fortune to encounter.

The other essential was that one should have a tower that was free for peal ringing on a certain night of the week, and there again they had been most fortunate in having the tower of Birmingham Cathedral, and also they had a Provost who was very fond of bells and ringers. He thanked them for the way they received the toast.

The toast of "The Ringing World" was proposed by Mr. Sidney O.C. Holloway, who said he was born and bred and learned to ring at Smethwick, and had been a reader of "The Ringing World" for 35 years.

196 CHURCHILL PEALS

The Editor, in reply, said the audited accounts would show that the step taken to increase the price from 8d. to 9d. was justified. At the present time they were about 80 light in their number of postal subscribers. The ringing for the passing of Sir Winston Churchill had been the heaviest since the Coronation and so far had amounted to 196 peals and 487 quarter peals being received. He paid a tribute to the work of Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor in preparing the personal peal analysis for 1964, which was an amazing revelation of the extent of peal ringing and that it was not limited to a few.

The Master (Mr. Richard C. Ingram) proposed the health of the Master, and Mr.

Haynes, in reply, recalled that he came to Birmingham on the first Sunday in September, 1929, and, rather terrified, went up the steps to St. Martin's belfry bearing a letter of introduction from the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, a fine tenor ringer. This he presented to the captain, Mr. James Rose. He stood in a touch of Cinques and afterwards Paddon Smith came up to him and said: "If you keep on trying you might make a good 12-bell ringer!" Except for holidays, he rang for morning service for 35 years. One of the things he missed at Cambridge was the Stedman Cinques of a Sunday rung at St. Martin's. The chairman said he was at Cambridge University with Chris Woolley, Stephen Wood and Wilfrid Hooton. They met on a Friday night for handbell ringing and within a fortnight of starting with them he rang in a peal of Plain Bob Major.

During the evening a touch of Stedman Caters was rung by John Anderson 1-2, F. W. Perrens 3-4, R. W. Pipe 5-6, J. L. Millhouse 7-8, F. E. Haynes 9-10.

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DEDICATION**GADDESBY, LEICS**

The lovely old Parish Church of St. Luke, Gaddesby, in the heart of Leicestershire, was filled on March 7th at Evensong for the dedication of the new bells by the Rt. Rev. R. R. Williams, Bishop of Leicester.

The three old bells, together with three new trebles, have been hung in a new frame by John Taylor and Co., this having been generously paid for by Captain Ross Wilson, of Gaddesby. After the third Collect the donor, churchwardens, the Vicar (the Rev. Ian Phelps) and the Bishop proceeded to the belfry, where the new bells were dedicated. They were then rung up in peal and rung in rounds by the following officers of the Melton District: J. H. Cook, Mrs. M. Stimson, M. T. Stimson, Miss B. Smith, W. Clamp and R. H. Cook. After the service, touches of Minor were rung. Mr. J. P. Fidler and his son Arthur were present to represent the bellfounders.

SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS

The long-awaited Collection of Surprise Methods has now been published by the Central Council and congratulations are due to the Methods Committee for their painstaking work and for the clear, concise and accurate presentation of their matter.

To older ringers it will bring memories of the early endeavours in this field, and younger ringers will note with interest the rapid development of Surprise Major ringing in the 20th century.

Prior to 1901, when that queen of methods, Bristol, was first rung to a peal, only Superlative, London, Cambridge, New Cambridge, Gloucester and Norfolk had been rung. In those days the producing, composing and ringing of a new method was a considerable achievement, and new methods appeared only very infrequently. Some were variations of those mentioned, such as Southgate (Superlative) and Premier (Bristol) but there did follow some really good methods, including at least three which are now standard: Yorkshire, Rutland and Pudsey. Even so, the total number of new methods pealed in the 25 years up to 1926 was only 18—less than one per year.

The next development came around 1930, when expert bands—notably those in Suffolk and Hertfordshire—began to ring peals in new methods almost as fast as they could be produced. The number of new methods so rung grew with increasing speed until the outbreak of war and "the ban," by which time some 110 more had been added to the list. But neither composers nor ringers were content with any method that came out of the computer (in those days human, not electronic). They demanded good music, regular coursing pairs, and freedom from false course heads, and no doubt many hundreds of methods produced on paper were rejected because they lacked those qualities.

This brings the story up to the post-war years, and the phenomenal increase which can only be called a "Surprise Major Explosion" and which has led to the urgent need for this Collection, both for the record of what has been done, and for the avoidance of the duplication which was becoming so frequent.

T. G. H.

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Letters to the Editor

NEW MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Two queries arise out of Cyril Wratten's letter in the issue of February 12th:

(a) The naming of Plain Minor methods to fit in with the names of their "parent" Triple methods; (b) The ringing of Minor Methods with 56 places made without the treble being involved.

I will deal first with query (a). The methods were not deliberately renamed because:

(i) I was not aware of these Triples methods.
(ii) Even had I been aware of them, the published names would still have stood since I do not accept the extension principle of Plain Bob Minor + Hunt bell = Grandsire Triples as being of any progressive merit. I should like to know how many of the Triples methods which Mr. Wratten cites have been pealed. (Apart from Stansted College, Morris' "istory and Art of Change Ringing" quotes none of these.)

There are several points arising out of the above. There is no case for renaming the methods we have rung, especially as the type-study principle of Plain Bob Minor + Hunt = Grandsire Triples itself involves a change of name. For any renaming to take place it must be established firstly that Plain Bob Minor + Hunt bell = Plain Bob Triples. This would, of course, be unacceptable because we already have a different Plain Bob Triples based on a different principle. St. Clement's and St. Simon's confuse the issue further. I think it can be justifiably stated that if a method is to have a double-hunt then it must have a double-hunt on all numbers of bells, even or odd. Thus St. Clement's Major should be, if the idea is adhered to, as follows: 38.18 x 18 x 38 x 38 x 38 x 38 x 18 x L.H. = 18 2463857.

No further comment!

Secondly, perhaps someone will point out the merits of double-hunt methods for me, since they seem to have no value for progress to other methods, they possess neither musical nor compositional qualities, and they cloud the extension issue. In fact methods such as Grandsire are more or less a waste of three bells, tenor included. It will take a strong argument to convince me and many other ringers, too, that such methods possess qualities unobtainable in single-hunt methods or in Major methods. I might point out here that not all music in ringing is produced with the tenor bumping, or being dragged along behind, as is often the case.

I have digressed a little, or perhaps too much, from the issue under consideration, so now to return to query (b) and methods with 56 places. Mr. Wratten's incidental remark on this topic is quite uncalled for without further justification. If he had stated reason or reasons why he seemingly disapproves of methods with 56 places, then his last paragraph would have been of some value. As he hasn't given any evidence in the case against the use of 56 places, I will try to provide him with "food for thought" or "tips for his arrows," according to the way he looks at this problem.

Methods with 56 places (i.e., 5ths and 6ths without the treble) are as yet few and far between, and I suppose this is because 65s at backstroke cannot be avoided. This objection might be acceptable if only plain courses of the methods were rung, but, if extents or peals are the significant factors, then this question must be seen in another light. Mr. Wratten must surely know that there are regular methods which can't fail to produce 65s in an extent, and moreover, the C.C. Collection indirectly indicates which these are. It is more than obvious that the question is one of personal tastes and the objection to 65s is for some ringers the traditional "thing to do." Following on from this, one might object to 65s at backstroke in 1-2 and prefer only 56s on the ground that they sound better and are easier to ring. I wonder if many ringers have ever considered whether a method like Double Norwich, to take an obvious

example, would sound better if it had 78s at backstroke rather than at hand?

Nicholaston Bob Minor, the method quoted by Mr. Wratten, has 65s in the plain course. So what? Does one ring methods solely for what the plain course produces? Is it immaterial what places are made in 5-6 when 5 and 6 aren't there together? Are there any reasons for not accepting 56 places? I leave these questions for someone else to answer.

Of the nine methods given in place notation by Mr. Wratten, four have been pealed although three have not yet appeared in print. The fourth, the so-called "contraction" of St. Bride's Pleasure Triples, was rung last November at Langland Court. The unnamed methods we hope to ring in due course.—Yours sincerely,

Swansea.

BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE.

DOUBLES—CENTRAL COUNCIL'S RULING

Dear Sir,—The reply to Mr. C. F. Jerram's query ("The Ringing World," 1965, page 165) regarding the callings of peals of Doubles may be found in the "Decisions of the Central Council." The relevant section requires that peals of Doubles shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in (i) true and complete 120's; (ii) round blocks of two or more 120's, provided that each of the 120's is itself a true and complete round block; (iii) Morris's and Pitman's 240's; (iv) combinations of (i), (ii), (iii) or any two of them.

The position is thus far clearly defined, but an interesting point arises in that 240's other than the two mentioned are not at present allowed. In "The Ringing World," 1962, page 152, Mr. B. D. Price published two 240's of Grandsire Doubles, with the claim that, together with Morris's and Pitman's, these were the only 240's obtainable in which each change occurs both at handstroke and backstroke. If this claim be correct, there would seem to be no logical reason why the Central Council should continue to refuse to recognise peals of Doubles in which Mr. Price's callings are used.—Yours faithfully,

J. DAVID ATKINSON.

Macclesfield.

HER HUSBAND'S BOB

Dear Sir,—I do sympathise with Miss Grainger ("Ringing World," page 132).

Just after I was married my husband took me to my first bellringing practice. I sat in a corner of the belfry and watched, fascinated. Suddenly my husband yelled "Ba-a-a-rb"! Thinking this was to bellringers what "fore" is to golfers, I ducked, then looked anxiously up waiting for the bell to fall. Nothing happened, and I settled down again to watch and listen. Again he called out "Sin girl." As the only female present, I felt somewhat embarrassed, but as none of the ringers batted an eye, I hoped that if I pretended I hadn't heard the incident would be forgotten.

The end of the story is obvious. I became a ringer and learned to treat these odd commands with as much nonchalance as the rest of the band.—Yours faithfully,

MARGARET WRIGLEY.

St. Julians, Malta.

EASTER MONDAY PEALS

Dear Sir,—It seems surprising that there has been no comment from the organisers of the two peal attempts at Cambridge or the tower captain concerned! Perhaps it is not too late; but in the meantime we can only hope that they will have the good grace to postpone their arrangements until a more acceptable date.

Whether or not this action will result in the two towers being made available to the Ely Diocesan Association for their annual general meeting is another matter, but to ring peals on that day would certainly be a very unfriendly act towards the Association.—Yours faithfully,

ROSEMARY J. PALMER

Fordham.

"MAURETANIA SURPRISE MAJOR"

Dear Sir,—Through the medium of your columns I would like to thank the following people for pointing out the error in the place notation of the method rung at Knowle, Bristol, on January 30th: Mr. G. W. Massey, Mr. A. R. Peake, Mr. C. A. Wratten, Mr. J. R. Mayne, Mr. E. W. Tipler, Mr. S. Burton and Mr. J. R. Ketteringham. It has been an education to me to learn who keep records of methods rung and could come in very useful on some future occasion.

The notation was, of course, published incorrectly and the amended figures can be found in "Belfry Gossip" of the February 27th issue.

As for Mr. Kench's letter, I can only say that I was horrified when I discovered that the names he mentions are names of British public houses—really! Whatever will people suggest next? Apparently it did not enter Mr. Kench's head that the next method we name could be "Lucetania" or "Queen Mary" Surprise Major. Actually, we intended for a special reason to call it "Mauritania," after a State in French West Africa, but, unfortunately, spelling was never my strongest point!—Yours sincerely,

D. J. HUNT.

Whitehall, Bristol.

HULL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Sir,—After making quite sure of the meaning of the word "quiescent" I feel I must defend the above non-existing Society.

During the session 1962-1963 Hull University had five regular Sunday ringers. Since the Students' Union will only recognise a Society with a minimum of 20 members, such a Society could not be formed. Attempts were made, in vain unfortunately, to obtain the use of our own tower. (St. Mary's, Lowgate, aren't really unringable!)

This session now only sees one regular Sunday ringer, and whoever "fails to locate a correspondent . . ." wants shooting!

Hull University. M. C. F.

LEADING CLERICAL PEAL RINGER

Sir,—The leading clerical peal ringer of 1964 still has some way to go to exceed the Rev. F. E. Robinson's best year total. He nine times exceeded 62 (every year, in fact, from 1902 to 1907). Three times he reached 86 and once, in 1906, he achieved 92. I should think it is unlikely (and I am sure Leslie Paul would think it undesirable) that any of us ringing clerics today will ever exceed the Rev. F. E. Robinson's yearly totals, or, indeed, his gross total of 1,261 peals.—Yours faithfully,

P. T. ROBBINS.

Charing Vicarage.

A POINT OF ETIQUETTE

Dear Sir,—Owing time is upon us and the letters of advice to organisers published in "The Ringing World" seemed to me sound and, if followed, will leave little to be desired by those responsible for giving the kind permission to ring at the various towers.

However, it is not always the organiser who is the leader of the party, and from experience I pass on a thought for the latter.

Usually one or more of the "locals" meet the visitors with a welcome, thus surely it is etiquette to offer a rope in at least one touch, even though they may not be of the "standard" of the visitors. More often than otherwise this offer will be refused in view of the fact that it is a visitors' day, but at least the locals will not feel snubbed.

I write as an organiser, a leader and a local.—Yours sincerely,

H. A. PRICE.

Yatton, Bristol.

P.S.—The register idea of organisers would be completely unworkable.—H. A. P.

OBITUARY

CANON C. CAREW COX

AN APPRECIATION

From W. C. West,
Hon. Secretary, Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

The Salisbury Guild has suffered a grievous and irreplaceable loss in the passing of its president which will be felt for a long time. The ringer in the far-off country tower as well as in the towns who usually attended the annual festival and hung on to every word he said, will miss him; he was always very generous in his advice and encouragement, whether to a rounds ringer or experienced change ringer; he knew them all and was highly respected in return.

At a memorial service held in Lyme Regis on February 26th the Rev. R. L. Higham paid a great tribute to the Canon, speaking of his faithfulness, his strength of character, his implicit faith in the teaching of the Church, and how he used to draw the love and respect from all with whom he came in contact. Continuing, he spoke of the crushing blow of personal sorrow and loss sustained by his wife; they had been sending to her from their hearts their deepest sympathy in her hour of grief.

QUARTER PEALS

Rung in memoriam Canon C. Carew Cox, President, Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Krsmanovic (first quarter) 1, M. J. Hiller 2, I. L. Andrews 3, D. B. Ellery 4, Jesse Davis (cond.) 5, A. D. Case 6.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, B. Lyons 1, R. W. Bridges 2, F. Bailey 3, J. Saxton 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, A. T. Weeks 6.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.—On March 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. S. C. Brinkworth (first quarter) 1, H. D. W. Bishop 2, Miss J. M. Atkey 3, M. C. R. Vine 4, G. Gorringe (cond.) 5, Rev. C. S. C. Brinkworth 6.

LUDERS, DORSET.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Crabb 1, M. Hiller 2, John Davis 3, Rev. O. L. Willmott 4, Jesse Davis (cond.) 5, A. Case 6.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Newman 1, A. W. Johnson 2, J. H. Stanning 3, F. Cook 4, D. Lee 5, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 6. Rung by officers of the Marlborough Branch.

NETHERBURY, DORSET.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Tither 1, D. Ellery 2, M. Hiller 3, John Davis 4, Jesse Davis (cond.) 5, H. Crabb 6.

OKFORD FITZPAINE, DORSET.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Shute 1, R. Ridout 2, T. Bleatham 3, F. Hillier 4, A. Woods (cond.) 5, Rev. R. N. Loneridge 6.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 1, Mrs. C. White (first of Stedman) 2, E. E. Norris 3, L. E. Hawkins (first of Stedman) 4, V. Bull (first of Stedman) 5, B. D. Price 6, N. G. Kne 7, P. Roydon 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples by band residing locally.

MR. BERNARD S. FISHER

The death occurred at the Gresham House Nursing Home, Olney, Bucks, of Mr. Barnard S. Fisher, at the ripe old age of 95 years.

Born at Weston Underwood, he learned to ring when quite young. On moving to Olney, where he worked in the boot and shoe factory, he joined the local band. A founder member of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, he rang about 26 peals.

The funeral service took place in the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, and interment was in the local cemetery.

In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled to his favourite method—Grandsire Triples. M. C.

MR. L. A. TIDY

Limpsfield Chart, Surrey, was the home of Leonard Arthur Tidy, tower captain at St. Andrew's Church. Now he has gone to his rest, after a life-span of almost 83 years. His death on March 1st occurred only six days after that of his wife, Ellen.

Mr. Tidy enjoyed the distinction of being the only parishioner to have held office continuously at St. Andrew's—where he and Mrs. Tidy were married in June, 1914—since its consecration in 1896. Already in the choir at the time the foundation stone was laid, he was successively choirboy, chairman and ringer. By 1911 he was vice-captain of the resident band, which altogether rang 202 720's in that year. He became tower captain in 1913 and remained actively so until January of this year. An able conductor, he kept no personal record of peals rung but regularly took part in peals locally and with visiting bands.

The funeral service for Mrs. Tidy was on February 26th; for Mr. Tidy on March 6th. On both occasions the church was thronged with relatives and friends, many of whom last met in June last year on the happy occasion of Mr. and Mrs. Tidy's golden wedding anniversary. The Rev. P. M. Haynes, addressing the bereaved family on February 26th, referred to the wonderful and lasting legacy of happy family life, bequeathed to them by Mrs. Tidy, who was a loyal member of the Mothers' Union. Many friends, ringing and otherwise, have come to feel that they share in this legacy because of the warmth of interest and friendship which was characteristic of both partners.

On March 6th the funeral service for Mr. Tidy was preceded by half-muffled ringing. Other ringers from further afield joined members of the resident band in the tower as the cortege began its journey from the church to the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium.

R. W. S.

MR. J. GORDON

Jim's sudden passing on March 3rd in his 49th year, probably of little consequence to present-day ringers, came as a shock to those privileged to remember and to really know him. His loyal service to the Exercise and in particular to Hagbourne, albeit a short span of time, knew no parallel.

Not to be discouraged by the war-time ban on church bells, Jim mastered change ringing entirely by handbell practice, making in his own words a "shocking mess of things" when the time came to handle a tower bell. We well remember, too, the manner in which he impeccably ironed out that shocking mess to a perfection crowned by calling Holt's Original.

Jim took leave of ringing some ten years ago for various reasons, sort them out as we will, but he left by a front door which he knew to the last remained ever open for his return. We were so sure of that return. As it is, thanks for happy memories, Jim.

GEORGE.

MR. G. C. WOODLEY

The sudden death of Mr. Charles Woodley, of Woolbrook Farm, Sidmouth, Devon, on February 13th, came as a great shock to his family and his ringing friends in East Devon. Although 82 years old, he was extremely active and regularly attended Sunday ringing and practice nights at Sidbury—in fact he was ringing on the Sunday before his death and only a month ago took part in a quarter peal.

Charlie started ringing some 70 years ago in his native village of Talaton, but came to live in Sidmouth in 1900, where he learned method ringing by walking to Harford on practice nights—some four miles each way. In 1904 he returned to Talaton and was subsequently responsible for forming a change ringing band there in the early 1920's.

Once again he returned to Sidmouth, this time for good, in 1929 and remained unattached until 1938, when he joined the Sidbury band. For 12 years he represented the Guild of Devonshire Ringers on the Central Council and was chairman of the East Devon Branch from 1953 to 1962, when on his retirement he was elected a vice-president of the Guild.

Fortunately the name Woodley will not be lost in East Devon ringing circles, for his son, Reg, and daughter-in-law—to whom we extend our deepest sympathy—are carrying on the good examples set by Charlie in promoting change ringing coupled with good striking (he was a stickler for good striking) in East Devon. C. C. T.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Sixty members and friends representing 13 towers attended a service and the annual meeting of Hereford District held at St. Nicholas' Church and Institute, Hereford, on February 13th.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. F. W. Heath, and the organist was Mr. G. Bailey. At the business meeting, presided over by the Vicar of Peterchurch, the Rev. J. C. De La Tour Davies, the secretary, Mr. R. G. Powell, reported there were 102 ringing members.

Officers elected were: Ringing Master, Mr. T. Woods (Hereford Cathedral); joint Assistant Ringing Masters, Mr. M. Powell (Kingstone) and Miss J. Caligari (Credenhill); secretary, the Rev. H. C. Sell (Fownhope); auditor, Mr. J. Worsey.

As far as is known, 17-year-old Miss Caligari is the first lady Assistant Ringing Master and the youngest in the history of the District. Four new members were elected to the Guild.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Minutes of 1964 Meeting

MINUTES of the Second Session of the Twenty-fifth Council (67th annual meeting) held in the Town Hall, Truro, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 19th, 1964.

A welcome was extended to the Council by the Mayor, Councillor Eric A. Brown, the Lord Bishop of Truro, Dr. J. M. Key and the president of the Truro Diocesan Guild, Mr. Alan Carveth. The president replied on behalf of the Council.

A presentation was made to Mr. Frederick Sharpe in recognition of his services as president from 1957 to 1963.

PRESENT

LIFE MEMBERS.—Canon A. G. Thurlow, Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. F. W. Perrens, Mr. F. Sharpe

HONORARY MEMBERS.—Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. D. Hughes, Mr. C. K. Lewis, Mr. W. A. Osborne, Mr. H. N. Pitstow, Mr. G. W. Pipe, Mr. H. L. Roper, Mr. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. R. F. B. Speed, Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, Mr. P. L. Taylor, Mr. T. W. White, Mr. J. Willis.

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. W. T. Cook, J. F. Smallwood, W. Williams.

Australia and New Zealand Association: Mr. P. M. J. Gray.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. H. Gilbert, A. H. Reed and H. J. Sanger.

Cambridge University Guild: Dr. C. M. P. Johnson and Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Miss A. D. Edwards and Mr. J. Scott.

Coventry Diocesan Guild: Mrs. D. E. Beamish.

Derby Diocesan Association: Messrs. G. A. Halls and M. Phipps.

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East Grinstead and District Guild: Mr. E. J. Ladd.

Ely Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. G. Gipson, E. H. Mastin and H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association: Messrs. P. J. Eves, F. B. Lufkin, J. E. G. Roast and Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Messrs. A. I. Rarry, W. B. Kynaston and C. A. Wratten.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. D. A. R. May, S. G. Ponting, W. H. Viggers and J. F. M. Maybrey.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers: Miss B. M. Boyle, Mr. N. Mallett and Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Hereford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. Cousins and P. Morgan.

Hertford County Association: Messrs. W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley and G. Dodds.

Irish Association: Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mrs. F. E. Dukes and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association: Messrs. P. A. Corby, T. Cullingworth and I. H. Oram.

Ladies' Guild: Miss J. Beresford and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.

Lancashire Association: Messrs. J. E. Burles, C. Crossthwaite and J. P. Partington.

Leicester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. S. Burton, J. M. Jelley, P. J. Staniforth and B. G. Warwick.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman and J. L. Millhouse.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Mrs. D. J. King and Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association: Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers and Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association: Messrs. F. T. Blagrove, F. W. Goodfellow, T. J. Lock and J. R. Mayne.

Midland Counties Guild: Mr. J. W. Cotton.

North Staffordshire Association: Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association: Messrs. H. W. Barrett and N. V. Harding.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker and Mr. P. Walker.

Oxford Society: Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Miss S. R. Collins.

St. David's Diocesan Guild: Mr. R. C. Warburton.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Mr. G. E. Fearn.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. T. Barrett, C. H. Harding and G. S. Morris.

Sheffield and District Society: Mr. N. Chadcock.

Shropshire Association: Mr. R. B. Morris. Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. D. Beresford, W. H. Dobbie and Dr. D. E. Sibson.

South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association: Mr. J. Collins.

Southwell Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. D. Clarke and W. L. Exton.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Messrs. G. W. Hughes and B. G. Key.

Suffolk Guild: Miss A. E. J. Lester and Mr. C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association: Messrs. N. S. Bagworth, F. E. Collins and W. Parrott.

Sussex County Association: Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Messrs. R. W. R. Percy, A. V. Sheppard and W. L. Weller.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild: Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Messrs. W. C. Boucher, D. Burnett, A. J. Davidson and A. Lock.

University of Bristol Society: Dr. T. P. Edwards.

University of London Society: Dr. D. N. Layton.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Mr. A. V. Davis, Canon K. W. H. Felstead and Mr. J. Hartless.

Worcestershire and Districts Association: Messrs. B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham and W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association: Messrs. G. Benfield, V. Bottomley, W. E. Critchley and W. F. Moreton.

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The hon. secretary reported that 60 Societies were affiliated with 165 members. The rules provided for 24 honorary members and there were seven life members, making a total possible membership of 196. There were five vacancies among honorary members and two among representative members. All subscriptions had been paid.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Messrs. H. O. Baker, T. A. Bevis, E. Billings, L. G. Brett, P. I. Chapman, J. W. Clarke, Miss D. E. Colgate, Mr. J. R. Cooper, Miss M. R. Cross, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, E. H. Edge, J. H. Edwards, J. P. Fidler, G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Messrs. N. Golden, F. E. Hawthorne, F. E. Haynes, A. A. Hughes, R. Leigh, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. D. H. B. Millward, G. McKay, T. G. Myers, R. H. Newton, C. W. Ottley, A. J. Pitman, T. H. Radford, F. W. Rogers, G. Salmon, D. J. Smith, L. Stilwell, C. G. J. Watts, J. J. Webb, W. C. West, R. St. C. Wilson, H. Windsor and A. T. Wingate.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE PRESIDENT

The following were presented: Messrs. T. Darch and H. Pidler (Devon Association), J. F. M. Maybrey (Guildford Guild), P. Morgan (Hereford Guild), J. P. Partington (Lancashire Association), W. L. Weller (Sussex Association), A. J. Davidson and A. Locke (Truro Guild).

ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBER

Mr. A. A. Hughes was elected, proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee by Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The retiring members, Mr. G. W. Pipe and Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, were re-elected, and Mr. F. A. White was elected, on the proposition of Mr. F. E. Dukes, seconded by Mr. F. Sharpe.

It was agreed that Mr. John Betjeman be approached with a view to becoming an honorary member.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The president reported the death of the following members and past members of the Council, the assembly standing in silence:—

Messrs. A. C. Hazelden (1930—63); E. H. Lewis (1908—63, president of the Council 1930—57); D. Ogden (1963); W. Rose (1946—56); H. Stalham (1954—62); T. H. Taffender (1900—63); and Canon R. F. Wilkinson (1929—37). Tributes were paid to the memory of all the deceased.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes as published in "The Ringing World" of March 20th, 1964, were adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

REPORTS

These have been published in "The Ringing World" as shown:—

HONORARY SECRETARY AND TREASURER

(May 29th, 1964, page 355)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

HONORARY LIBRARIAN

(June 5th, 1964, page 376)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. F. Sharpe. It was agreed that "Village Bells" should not be reprinted.

BALANCE SHEET AND ACCOUNTS

(June 5th, 1964, page 370)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

(May 29th, 1964, page 355)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. D. Hughes, seconded by Mr. G. S. Morris.

STANDING COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1964, page 372)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. The secretary reported that Mr. D. Hughes had been co-opted to the committee under Rule 12 (ii).

"THE RINGING WORLD" COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1964, page 370)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, seconded by Mr. R. S. Anderson. Mr. Smallwood informed the members that he had retired as convener of the committee and that Mr. Anderson had taken over.

Mr. J. E. Jeater, who for many years had kept the accounts of the paper, was introduced to the meeting amid applause. Mr. Jeater expressed thanks for his reception.

The secretary gave notice on behalf of the Standing Committee under Rule 7 (ii) that the election of Mr. Smallwood as a life member under Rule 7 (i) (b) would be proposed in 1965.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1964, page 373)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. F. B. Lufkin.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1964, page 374)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. C. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1964, page 372)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by the Rev. J. G. M. Scott. It was agreed that the committee could spend up to £500 on the production of a comprehensive book on the preservation, etc., of church bells.

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1964, page 371)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Sanger, seconded by Mr. D. A. Bayles.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1964, page 377)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. H. Viggers, seconded by Mr. J. Willis. Mr. W. Parrott was added to the committee. It was noted that Mr. T. J. Lock had become convener.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1964, page 375)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Canon K. W. H. Felstead.

OVERSEAS RINGING COMMITTEE

(June 12th, 1964, page 397)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. G. W. Pipe, seconded by Mr. A. V. Sheppard. It was agreed that the terms of reference of the committee should be:—

"To keep in touch with and report to the Council on the activities of ringers and ringing outside the British Isles; to provide all possible information and assistance, when requested or when thought desirable, and when practicable to establish contact with visiting overseas ringing."

Mr. G. W. Pipe gave a report on the Washington visit.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1964, page 375)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. W. E. Critchley, seconded by Mr. G. E. Feirn.

METHODS COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1964, page 377)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Mr. F. T. Blagrove. It was agreed to refer the method rung to a peal as Burslem Delight Major to the Southwell Diocesan Guild, requesting them to ask the conductor to change the name as it was not a correct extension of the Minor.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

(June 5th, 1964, page 376)

Adopted as amended on the proposition of Mr. F. T. Blagrove, seconded by Mr. J. R. Mayne.

AMENDMENT OF RULE

Rule 9 (Meetings of the Council) was amended by substituting the words "at a previous meeting" for "at the previous meeting" on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett on behalf of the Standing Committee, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs. This was to permit meetings being arranged more than one year ahead if desired.

MOTIONS

(a) Proposed by Mr. D. A. Bayles, seconded by Mr. K. Arthur:

"That this Council shall no longer recognise as regular any even-bell method on six or eight bells which has four places made between successive rows on more than one occasion in the half-lead."

A proposition by Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, that the matter be referred to the Methods Committee for investigation and report was not carried. The motion was lost.

(b) Proposed by Mr. D. A. Bayles, seconded by Mr. K. Arthur:

"That this Council investigate and report on the possibilities of systematic nomenclature for methods."

After discussion the Council proceeded to the next business on the proposition of Mr. J. Freeman, seconded by Mr. W. E. Critchley.

(c) With the permission of the Council the following motion not on the Agenda paper was proposed by Mr. A. D. Barker, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, and carried:

"That this Council urges all ringing associations to press for proper insurance of all ringers, preferably under a group accident policy."

PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Invitations had been received from the Coventry and Peterborough Diocesan Guilds to visit Coventry and Northampton respectively. It was decided by a majority to accept the invitation to Northampton.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. C. K. Lewis reminded members of the Standing Committee's recommendation in 1963 that ringers should mark the forthcoming retirement from Parliament of Sir Winston Churchill.

VOTES OF THANKS

On the motion of the president, the thanks of the Council were expressed to the Mayor of Truro, the Bishop of Truro and the president of the Truro Diocesan Guild for their welcome; to the Dean of Truro for the use of the Cathedral for the Holy Communion service; to the president, the hon. secretary (the Rev. A. J. Vincent), the Ringing Master (Mr. D. Burnett) and other members of the Truro Diocesan Guild for local arrangements; and to local incumbents and towerkeepers for the use of the bells.

After the meeting the members were the guests of the Truro Diocesan Guild at tea.

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

	Members	
	Societies Present	Absent
Wholly represented	26	61
Partly represented	26	61
Not represented	8	10
	60	122
Life members		4
Honorary members		14
	140	50

THE LADIES' GUILD

The annual meeting of the Devon Branch was held at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, on February 27th. Good ringing was enjoyed and included method and call changes. The service was conducted by the curate.

The meeting was held at St. Budeaux Church, where there was ringing in the evening. Five new members were elected. Visitors came from Truro.

It was proposed that meetings should be held at Lymington and Littleham on July 10th, and Launceston on October 9th, all subject to permission.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Some very good ringing was enjoyed at the Bingham District's well attended meeting at Orston on February 13th. The service was taken by the Rev. L. G. Levette (Vicar), who gave an interesting talk on the bell and the pomegranates. Tea was served in the Church Hall. The Rev. F. W. Stephens presided. Two new members were elected—Mr. J. Johnson and Mr. M. Jefferson (Orston), and Mr. G. Dexter (North Luffenham) was proposed a non-resident life member. Mr. B. Box was transferred from Bottesford to Whetton, and Mr. R. Larkin from Bingham to Pierrepont.

Next meetings: Cotgrave, March; and Cropwell Bishop, April.

LOAN OF ROPES WANTED

Dear Sir,—I am in the process of trying to restore the bells of a London church. I have now reached the stage where I must try and ring the bells. Alas! The church has only one rope and I must have seven others before I can get any further. It would be quite unfair at the present stage to ask the church authorities for seven new ropes—the bells may finally prove unringable. In my travels around the county I have seen many old secondhand ropes. I would like to appeal to readers of "The Ringing World" to spare one of their old secondhand ropes. Without the ropes the bells must remain for ever unringable. Please do what you can.—Yours sincerely,

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Christopher T. Osenton rang his 50th peal on the bells of All Saints', Frindsbury, on February 27th and completed the circle to peals for the fifth time.

Through a typographical error it was suggested in our front page article last week that Mr. Brian J. Woodruffe had only rung ten different handbell peals. Ten times ten would be nearer the mark. The error is regretted.

"I would like to praise a few men who take turns to cheer me every Sunday morning by ringing the local church bells. This simple service brings to many the joy and purpose of living"—T. H. Graham, Alnwick, Northumberland. ("Sunday Citizen.")

The peal of London Surprise Major at Wincanton on January 23rd received at the time a special mention in our "Gossip" column. It now transpires that this took place exactly 30 years after the previous "residents' band" peal in the method on January 23rd, 1935.

St. Peter-at-Gowts (Lincoln) band could not let the 84th birthday of an esteemed member, Mr. C. Popple, pass unnoticed. While he rang for Matins on March 7th he did not feel well enough to attempt a quarter in honour of the birthday, but he is assured that his friends wish him many more happy years in the tower.

On a tour of Europe, an American, Mr. Roger Armstrong, visited Stratton, Cornwall, and recorded the bells. Mr. H. Stacey has just received a card from him stating: "One of the highest pointers of my six months' tour of Europe was the tape recording of Stratton bells; it is one of the outstanding chapters of my visit."

The bells of St. Andrew's, Whitchurch, Devon, which have been unfavourably commented on for years, although of a pleasant tone have been removed to Messrs. John Taylor's foundry at Loughborough. They are to be one-eighth turned, retuned and completely rehung at a cost of £1,500.

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PETER CROOK'S 60 YEARS AS RINGER

This week Mr. Peter Crook, of Bolton, completes 60 years as a ringer, having rung over 500 peals. It is hoped to fittingly celebrate this "diamond" occasion with a peal at Farnworth.

Now in his 80th year, Mr. Peter Crook started ringing at Bolton Parish Church in 1905, but after a few years he moved to Deane and rang there. With the installation of the new bells at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, in 1919, he was invited to join the company. For the past 40 years he has been Ringing Master. He has also been closely associated with the Lancashire Association in various capacities and for two periods served on the Central Council.

It was 27 years ago that Police Sergeant Crook retired from the Bolton Police Force, but he still maintains his connection with the law by his office as usher to Bolton Quarter Sessions. He is featured in "The Bolton Journal" and his photograph appears with a model church bell, which was bequeathed to him by the late Canon Elsee, who was at one time Vicar of St. George's, Bolton. His son and daughters are both ringers and "The Ringing World" was happy to publish from his pen the story of his visit to British Columbia and the monks in Westminster Abbey, Mission City.

RUSHALL NOW IN THE PEAL LIST

The peal of Bob Minor at Rushall, Staffs, on March 6th, is notable in that it was the first for many years in which members of the local band took part. Visitors have been few, and it is to the credit of the ringers of the treble and second that they have reached this standard. Our thanks are due to Sid Larcombe (from Little Aston), who has been a faithful supporter even when things looked really grim, and who was to have rung in the attempt but was prevented by illness. Practice is on Thursday at 7.45. Visitors are always welcome, writes M. S. B.

WANTS CATHEDRAL RECORDINGS

Captain William H. Talbot, of 449, Rathgar Avenue, Suite 3, Winnipeg 13, Manitoba, Canada, who appeals for tape recordings of Cathedrals and other churches, is a Worcestershire man and has been helped in his request by his brother Sidney and brother-in-law and nephews, who are "The Fellows" of Stourbridge. Captain Talbot writes: "For 55 years, since coming to Canada, the greatest thing I have missed are the rings of the Cathedrals and churches. With the availability of portable tape recording machines the rings can be recorded and preserved, and I am trying to get as many recordings of Cathedrals as I can."

LORD MORRISON

With the news of the death of Lord Morrison of Lambeth, it was particularly fitting that he should be remembered in his old constituency, South Hackney. Apart from the special prayers said for him at St. John-of-Jerusalem Church, the young band rang half-muffled both morning and afternoon, as they had done only five weeks previously for Lord Morrison's political rival, Sir Winston Churchill.

FIRST PEAL A LONG TIME COMING

A peal has now been rung on the six bells at Offton, Suffolk, but it has been a long time coming. In 1959 the bells were completely restored and a new treble added. A new band was formed under Mr. G. R. Goodship, who previous to dedication had been teaching recruits to handle at the neighbouring village of Barking. It was decided to ring the first peal with a mainly local band, and Mr. R. C. Lester, of Barking, was invited to call it.

The first attempt was made on the anniversary of the dedication in 1964 and two more unsuccessful attempts have been made, the last being lost through a missed call in the last 360. The band would like to associate Mr. W. Minns and Miss C. Steward, of the local band, with the successful attempt on February 20th, as they had stood in previous attempts.

COLLEGE YOUTHS APPRECIATE

At the business meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths on March 2nd (to quote a letter from the secretary): "Great appreciation was expressed of the excellent Sir Winston Churchill Memorial issue. It was then agreed that a donation of one guinea be sent to 'The Ringing World' from the Society's fund." The letter and donation are greatly appreciated by the Editor and the Editorial Committee.

CUMBERLANDS ACTIVE

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths report two notable performances this week—a silent and non-conducted peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods, umpired by Mr. P. A. Corby, of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and a peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells of Chelmsford Cathedral. The Spliced Surprise peal was the first silent peal in the method for the Society.

A NOTTINGHAM RETIREMENT

Friends of Mr. Frederick A. Salter will be sorry to know that, owing to ill health, he has resigned as Ringing Master at St. Peter's, Nottingham. His record of service to his tower is second to none. He joined in 1923, became steeple keeper in 1925 and Ringing Master in 1948, never missing a service or practice except for ill-health or the occasional holiday. As a token of their esteem, his friends at St. Peter's have presented him with a cheque. They look forward to ringing with him again as soon as the warmer weather comes. He is always pleased to see friends at 64, Randal Street.

COMBINED TRIBUTE

The peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major at North Bradley as a tribute to the late Canon C. Carew Cox was rung by members of the combined Surprise practice band, which includes ringers belonging to the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association who live in the Bath-Frome area, and members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild who live in the Warminster-North Bradley-Melksham areas. The peal enabled Mr. Frederick Slatford to complete the circle of the tower three times.

SOMERSET VETERAN RETIRES

Churchill tower has lost the services of its oldest ringer with the retirement from ringing of Mr. George Gilling, on medical grounds. Born in 1884, George joined the Bath and Wells Association in 1905 and a lifelong connection with local ringers led George to all the towers in the area. A mason by trade, George was one of a family of ten, seven of whom are still living, with a total of 538 years to their credit. After serving in World War I George settled at Upper Langford in 1920 and is still there. As a tribute to his work for ringing, a peal was rung at Churchill on February 13th with three local ringers in the band. George is popular among ringers and all his friends hope he will enjoy the social activities of the Branch for many years to come.

NOTTINGHAM TO HAVE A TWELVE

Messrs. Taylors, of Loughborough, have been commissioned to overhaul the bells at St. Peter's, Nottingham, and add two trebles to make a ring of 12. The old and insecure wooden frame will be replaced by one of iron. This work is being done in conjunction with the strengthening of the tower foundations made necessary by road alterations.

RAINHAM'S BIRTHDAY BOOK

There were omnibus congratulations behind the quarter peal at St. Margaret's, Rainham, on February 27th after a peal attempt had come to grief. To Mr. and Mrs. M. Callaway it was a silver wedding compliment, and to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cheal, captain and secretary respectively, it was a seventh wedding anniversary. So many birthdays occur among the ringers and learners that it was agreed to include all in one attempt. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Diana Southam and a 10th for her sister Helen. In January there were those of the Vicar and the Misses C. Major and C. Hart, and in February that of Mr. P. Thomas, vice-captain.

KINGSTON CELEBRATES

Kingston-upon-Thames tower captain, David Wilkins, and his wife, Elizabeth, had barely announced the arrival of their first-born daughter, Janette, when yet another little girl was born in the area—Joanna, daughter of Ken and Sue Newman. To fete them both, a quarter peal of Spliced London and Cambridge Royal was rung at Kingston Parish Church.

108 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I am grateful to Mr. R. G. Blackler for the proof of the impossibility of obtaining a touch of this length, in reply to my recent inquiry, and am glad he has confirmed the finding of Mr. H. W. Fright some 48 years ago.

May I also thank Mr. W. J. Davidson, of Newcastle, for his letter to me on the same subject.—Yours sincerely,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EVERCREECH, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Edgar R. Rapley Treble	Brian J. Luff 6
John N. Diserens 2	Alap R. Pink 7
Albert Diserens 3	Frederick A. H. Wilkins .. 8
Patricia Diserens 4	Ronald F. Diserens 9
Frank W. Lewis 5	Noel J. Diserens Tenor

Composed by F. Dench.

Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.

WEST COKER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Rev. C. J. B. Marshall Treble	Trevor A. Cross 5
*Raymond P. Selway .. 2	Albert W. Dyer 6
Gilbert W. Rendell .. 3	H. E. George Jeanes .. 7
Derek S. Beaufoy 4	William E. Turner Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pitchard.

Conducted by William E. Turner.

* 100th peal. 100th peal as conductor.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MERRIOTT, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Harold Turner Treble	Trevor A. Cross 4
Gilbert W. Rendell .. 2	H. E. George Jeanes .. 5
Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 3	William E. Turner Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

Rung for the wedding at this church this day of Miss Sylvia Wills to Mr. Michael McBryde. Tenor 14 cwt.

PILTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Stedman, ten extents of Grandsire, 12 extents of Plain Bob and five 240's of Grandsire. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.	
Percival H. Hull Treble	Gwilym Salmon 4
*A. Thomas Harris .. 2	Harry Smith 5
*Sheila Y. Hallett .. 3	Ronald Talbot Tenor

Conducted by Gwilym Salmon.

* First peal in more than one method.

A compliment to Gwen Boyce, a ringer at Pilton, and Richard Baber, whose wedding preceded the peal.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., Mar. 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb in D.

Stephen Iviv Treble	Keith R. Fleming 6
Mary E. Edwards 2	Robert L. Piron 7
Alan S. Smith 3	Philip Mehew 8
Arthur Gibbs 4	Bryan Pattison 9
C. Michael Orme 5	Rodney H. French Tenor

Composed by Hadley Hunter.

Conducted by Stephen Iviv.

WOBURN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Stephen Iviv Treble	Gerald Penney 5
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 2	Roger Baldwin 6
Christopher W. Woolley .. 3	Alfred E. Rushton .. 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Iviv.

Rung in honour of the 90th birthday of H. Douglas Harris.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent of St. Clement's Bob, two Kent T.B., and four Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.	
Keith Goldthorpe Treble	Joan Gray 4
*Eve Rimer 2	Christopher L. D. Munday .. 5
†Graham E. Drew 3	Richard D. Gibson Tenor

Conducted by Richard D. Gibson.

* First peal. † First in three methods.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

Transposed from Thurstans'. Rung silent and non-conducted.	
S. C. Walters (Pembroke) Treble	W. J. Ridgman (Queen's) .. 5
B. D. Threlfall (Trinity) .. 2	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel) .. 6
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) .. 3	K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) .. 7
P. E. Haynes (St. Cath's) .. 4	S. P. Darvill (Downing) .. Tenor

Umpired by R. W. H. Hayes (Caius).

HARSTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Feb. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

R. W. H. Hayes (Caius) Treble	J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) .. 4
G. H. Jones (St. John's) .. 2	K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) .. 5
S. P. Darvill (Downing) .. 3	F. C. Hobson (St. John's) Tenor

Conducted by J. M. Hadley Hunter.

First peal in the method for all the band, and for the Guild.

HANDBELL PEAL

CAMBRIDGE.—At B 17, Angel Court, Trinity College.

On Fri., Feb. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor size 13 in E.

B. D. Threlfall (Trinity) 1—2	J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) 5—6
V. Nuttop (Selwyn) .. 3—4	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel) 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by J. M. Hadley Hunter.

First peal of Stedman Triples "in hand" by all the band and for the Guild.

Rung to welcome Clare Nicola, daughter of Delia and Robin Heppenstall.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

Derek F. Yates Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Harold C. Lonyon 2	*Martin L. Howe 8
Basil Jones 3	Alan McFall 9
Frank Osbaldiston 4	Ernest Bennett 10
Robert J. Warrilow 5	William H. Dowse 11
John Worth 6	†Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by F. Dench.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* 250th peal. † 600th peal.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

John Robinson Treble	Basil Jones 5
Robert B. Smith 2	Alan McFall 6
*Derek F. Yates 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
*David Wilcox 4	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal in the method.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHURCH LAW FORD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., Dec. 29, 1964, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Bourne Surprise, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

Andrew K. Putnam .. Treble	*Arthur R. Wright 4
*Raymond D. Hart 2	*Geoffrey Pratt 5
George P. Hammond .. 3	David J. Allen Tenor

Conducted by David J. Allen.

* First peal in eight Minor methods.

CHURCH LAW FORD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., Mar. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 NETHERSEALE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

Arthur R. Wright Treble	F. Mark Robotton 4
David J. Allen 2	K. Fredrick Gardner .. 5
Raymond D. Hart 3	Ian C. Maycock Tenor

Conducted by David J. Allen.

First peal in the method by all the band.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

CHELMSFORD, Essex.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin, Peter and Cedd.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C sharp.

Joe E. G. Roast Treble	Walter H. Dobbie 7
Howard W. Egglestone .. 2	Peter J. Eves 8
Sheila M. Dobbie 3	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 9
Thomas H. Francis 4	Derek E. Sibson 10
*James L. Towler 5	Dennis Beresford 11
Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 6	Peter Beresford Tenor

Composed by David E. Parsons (No. 5).

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church.

On Sun., Feb. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	Treble	Edwin A. Barnett	.. .. 5
Joan Beresford	.. .. 2	Roger Baldwin	.. .. 6
Ronald F. Diserens	.. .. 3	Stanley Jenner	.. .. 7
Derek E. Sibson	.. .. 4	Dennis Beresford	.. .. Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Rung silent and non-conducted.

Umpire: Philip A. Corby, Ancient Society of College Youths.

The first silent peal of Spliced Surprise Major by all the band and for the Society.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

PLYMPTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Maurice.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

D. Roy Bould	.. .. Treble	Frank D. Mack	.. .. 5
Alan Carveth	.. .. 2	Arthur F. Burley	.. .. 6
Herbert C. Spencer	.. .. 3	Colin Reeves	.. .. 7
Margaret A. Bould	.. .. 4	Robert A. Southwood	.. .. Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard.

Conducted by Robert A. Southwood.

First peal of Major on the bells.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. FENHAM, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At the Church of SS. James and Basil.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

David J. Marshall	.. .. Treble	William Davidson	.. .. 5
Jennifer Sceeny	.. .. 2	William G. Wilson	.. .. 6
John E. Anderson	.. .. 3	Kenneth Lawson	.. .. 7
M. Elaine Murcott	.. .. 4	Eric N. Harrison	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by Eric N. Marrison

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

*Harold W. Evans	.. .. Treble	Edward J. Jenner	.. .. 4
†Graham S. E. Winter	.. .. 2	D. Paul Smith	.. .. 5
†David J. M. Cox	.. .. 3	Brian E. Jeffrey	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by Brian E. Jeffrey.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Alan R. Andrews	.. .. Treble	Frederick A. Harvey	.. .. 4
Jennifer M. Andrews	.. .. 2	Arthur G. Button	.. .. 5
George N. Orman	.. .. 3	Edward E. Davey	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

Rung after the wedding of Miss Wendy Jean Welham and Michael Alexander Mills.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. GLOUCESTER.—At the Church of St. Mary de Crypt.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Johnson's Variation.		Alan Tubbs	.. .. 5
Jennifer M. Taylor	.. .. Treble	John C. Slater	.. .. 6
John H. Taylor	.. .. 2	D. John Hunt	.. .. 7
Gillian M. Hussey	.. .. 3	James R. Taylor	.. .. Tenor
Michael J. Hobbs	.. .. 4		

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

UPTON ST. LEONARDS, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN AND SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 3,600 Plain Bob, 1,440 Cambridge, with 90 changes of method. Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

Jennifer M. Taylor	.. .. Treble	John H. Taylor	.. .. 5
Alan Tubbs	.. .. 2	James R. Taylor	.. .. 6
Gillian M. Hussey	.. .. 3	John C. Slater	.. .. 7
Michael J. Hobbs	.. .. 4	D. John Hunt	.. .. Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sun., Feb. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 21 methods, being two extents each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St. Augustine, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, St. Hilda, April Day, Seighford, Old, Hudibras, Kennington, Plain Bob, Clifford's Pelasque, Little Aston, St. Columb, Campion, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 9 cwt.

John W. Hope	.. .. Treble	Robin L. Hughes	.. .. 3
Robert A. Hatcher	.. .. 2	W. John Clayton	.. .. 4

*Reginald Preece Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.

* First peal in 21 methods

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

LUTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 WINCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 24 lb in D.

D. Kay Adkins	.. .. Treble	Vernon Green	.. .. 6
*Robert N. Harris	.. .. 2	Roger Baldwin	.. .. 7
Eric Edmondson	.. .. 3	Christopher W. Woolley	.. .. 8
David A. H. Bennett	.. .. 4	Gerald Penney	.. .. 9
David A. Carpenter	.. .. 5	Kenneth R. Dunstan	.. .. Tenor

Composed by G. E. Symonds.

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. First of Winchester Surprise Royal by all the band except ringer of the eighth.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.

On Thurs., Mar. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Kenneth R. Dunstan	.. .. Treble	Vernon Green	.. .. 5
John Faircloth	.. .. 2	Roger Baldwin	.. .. 6
David A. Carpenter	.. .. 3	Gerald Penney	.. .. 7
D. Kay Adkins	.. .. 4	Christopher W. Woolley	.. .. Tenor

Composed by Ernest Bennett.

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

*Joan A. Hayward	.. .. Treble	Brian R. Trill	.. .. 5
Christopher T. Osenton	.. .. 2	Barry J. Couzens	.. .. 6
†Charles T. Davidson	.. .. 3	Terence Barton	.. .. 7
David S. Osenton	.. .. 4	Cyril S. Jarrett	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal. † First of Triples "inside."

Rung as a wedding compliment to John Edward Fingis and Jill Margaret Terry, members of the choir of this church.

GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5408 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising: 1,024 London, 800 Watford, 768 Bristol, 640 Cambridge, 512 each of Pudsey and Dorchester, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 124 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Judith M. Corby	.. .. Treble	*David S. Osenton	.. .. 5
*Andrew J. Corby	.. .. 2	*Christopher T. Osenton	.. .. 6
*Cyril S. Jarrett	.. .. 3	Bernard F. L. Groves	.. .. 7
*Robert W. Hinde	.. .. 4	*Martin L. Howe	.. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of 9-spliced. First peal of 9-spliced as conductor. Ringer of the third has now "circled the tower."

EAST FARLEIGH, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

*Charles T. Davidson	.. .. Treble	*Peter S. Muchlinski	.. .. 4
David S. Osenton	.. .. 2	Norman R. Mattingley	.. .. 5
*Shirley Town	.. .. 3	Christopher T. Osenton	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal of Minor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ORMSKIRK, Lancashire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E. flat.

Tudor P. Edwards	.. .. Treble	*Philip J. Rothera	.. .. 5
Susan Funnell	.. .. 2	C. Martin Press	.. .. 6
David J. Allen	.. .. 3	James L. Towler	.. .. 7
Ian R. Panton	.. .. 4	Kenneth J. Hesketh	.. .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

*100th peal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.
On Mon., Feb. 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

Derek M. Sawyer Treble	E. Alan Jacques 7
Peter J. Staniforth 2	Brian S. Chapman 8
Derek J. Tranter 3	Alan E. Hartley 9
*Roland H. Cook 4	Herrick B. Bowley 10
*Malcolm E. Wade 5	Russell S. Morris 11
Shirley Burton 6	William J. Root Tenor

Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus in the method by all the band except the ringers of 2, 6, 7 and 10.

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Mar. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

John A. W. Bailes .. Treble	† William Johnston .. 4
Christopher M. Sturgess .. 2	Michael E. Brown .. 5
*James H. Pannett .. 3	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

* First peal. † First of Surprise "inside."

Rung as a thanksgiving to God for the safe arrival of Janet Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Brown.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

LONG SUTTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Feb. 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

George R. Dawson .. Treble	Ronald C. Noon 5
George W. Massey .. 2	Cyril R. Burrell 6
*Denis Woods 3	Brian Harris 7
*Derek J. Jones 4	Raymond H. Daw Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by George W. Massey.

* First peal of Bristol.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Three different callings.

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

Graham J. N. Colborne Treble	Richard Hunt 4
Peter A. Slight 2	Michael R. Rooney .. 5
David J. Hopkinson .. 3	David R. Baxter Tenor

Conducted by Michael R. Rooney.

First peal as conductor. Average age of ringers 18 years.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane.

On Mon., Mar. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Wells, London, Durham, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

Yvonne Edwards .. Treble	Roger D. Bailey 4
*Robert E. J. Dennis .. 2	Anthony H. Smith .. 5
Timothy G. Pett 3	Richard O. Humphries .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard O. Humphries.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. First of seven Surprise as conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Mar. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, comprising 576 of Rutland, 544 each of Chesterfield and Pudsey, 512 each of Adelaide, Cambridge and Lindum, 480 each of Brighton and London, 448 of Superlative and 416 of Bristol, with 135 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Jack S. Dear Treble	J. Richard Castledine .. 5
Joan Beresford 2	John Hill 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	Thomas J. Lock 7
Alick Cutler 4	John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed by Richard G. Crosland. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

TOTTENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 lb.

Ian G. Campbell .. Treble	P. Gerald McIlhone .. 5
John R. Ketteringham .. 2	Clive W. Simpson .. 6
Rosemary M. Rich .. 3	Leonard J. North .. 7
*David E. Rothera .. 4	Robert J. Moore Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.

* First peal.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Mar. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Richard J. Clifton .. Treble	Dan S. Pont 5
Roland Beniston 2	Roland H. Cook 6
Gordon H. Lane 3	Arthur E. Rowley 7
Joseph W. Cotton 4	G. Ronald Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CATFIELD, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Mar. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being two extents of Grandire, four each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas. St. Simon and St. Martin, and 12 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

Henry Tooke Treble	Roger B. Lubbock .. 3
Gilbert E. Larter 2	Thomas E. Spight .. 4
Leslie F. Bailey Tenor	

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

STOKE-UPON-TRENT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 18 lb. in B flat.

*Ruth V. Hawkins .. Treble	*J. Michael Pepper .. 5
B. Margaret Burton .. 2	J. Leslie Shenton .. 6
*Margaret Booth .. 3	J. Michael Jack .. 7
*Margaret Ridgway .. 4	J. Geoffrey Burton .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by J. Geoffrey Burton.

* First peal.

Rung in memory of the Ven. Percy Hartil, Rector and Archdeacon of Stoke and President of the North Staffs Association for 21 years, and to commemorate the open of the new Stoke St. Peter's Junior High School.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOKE POGES, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Wed., Feb. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Wilfrid G. Wilson .. Treble	Michael Hatchett .. 5
E. S. Thomas Farr .. 2	William Birmingham .. 6
Arthur D. Barker .. 3	John Hill 7
*Rosemary Rich .. 4	A. Charles Tovey .. Tenor

Conducted by Arthur D. Barker.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

TWYFORD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

Bernard C. Castle .. Treble	Mrs. B. C. Castle .. 5
*Jillian H. Pike 2	William J. Parker .. 6
Mrs. H. Smith 3	Harold Smith 7
†Michael J. Smith .. 4	Walter Hunt Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Walter Hunt.

* First peal of Major. † First attempt for a peal.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
HUGHENDEN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.
Roland Biggs Treble	Percy Newton 5
Joyce I. Barton 2	Arthur Newton 6
*Robert H. Newton .. 3	†John Young 7
Sydney M. Bailey 4	David A. Cornwall .. Tenor

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

* First peal in the method. † First of Surprise "inside."

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

APPLETON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Norman Leslie Treble	Frederick Sharpe 6
William Hibbert 2	Frederick C. White .. 7
Derek Jewell 3	Francis A. White 8
Fredk. A. H. Wilkins .. 4	Brian R. White 9
Dennis Leslie 5	Edwin Drewitt Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler.

Conducted by Brian R. White.

Rung for the 147th anniversary of the bells.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

ROTHWELL, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Joan Beresford Treble	Geoffrey E. Watson .. 5
Murray A. Coleman .. 2	J. Richard Castledine .. 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	Jack S. Dear 7
G. William Critchley .. 4	John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BRADLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F. sharp.

*Frederick S. Slatford .. Treble	Edgar C. Shepherd .. 5
*David A. Burt 2	*Bryan C. Stirland .. 6
*David J. Orledge 3	Laurence E. Hitchins .. 7
*Norman G. N. Knee .. 4	Eric J. Hitchins Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Eric J. Hitchins.

* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major. First of Surprise as conductor.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the life and work of the late Rev. Canon C. Carew Cox, President of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

YATESBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents, 10 callings and Morris' 240. Tenor 12 cwt.

Valerie L. Preston .. Treble	Pamela A. Osborne .. 3
*Richard S. Fisher (15) .. 2	K. Barry Osborne .. 4

Derrick P. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Derrick P. Bailey.

* First peal "inside."

Rung in memoriam Canon C. C. Cox, President of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

SHREWSBURY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (7th observation).	Tenor 11½ cwt.
Frederick G. Beddow .. Treble	Edward V. Rodenhurst .. 5
Bessie Carter 2	E. Marion Key 6
Frederick A. H. Cattell .. 3	Barnabas G. Key 7
Frederick Leach 4	Frederick Owen Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

Rung to welcome the Rev. F. N. Lewis, who was inducted as Vicar the previous Sunday.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

RUSHALL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr.

*Nicholas White Treble	†Peter J. Barker 4
†Rosemary White 2	Roger W. Barker 5
†John D. R. Smith 3	Michael S. Bruce Tenor

Conducted by Michael S. Bruce.

* First peal, first attempt. † First "inside." ‡ 25th peal for the Society.

Rung for the christening of Ian Bruce, son of the tenor ringer.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Peter,

On Mon., Mar. 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

Sydney Foskett Treble	George A. Dawson .. 6
Mrs. M. I. Foskett 2	William L. Exton .. 7
Harry Poyner 3	*David R. Ingram .. 8
Donald J. Beach 4	*Charles W. Towers .. 9
F. Neville Pailing 5	*David Stainsby Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd.

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.
Rung to mark the retirement of Frederick A. Salter, as Ringing Master at St. Peter's.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Jan. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.
Grace Burchnall Treble	William L. Exton .. 5
F. William Midwinter .. 2	W. Neville Brown .. 6
Margaret E. Chilton .. 3	John R. Pratchett .. 7
Katharine Burchnall .. 4	George A. Dawson .. Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sir Winston S. Churchill, K.G.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

OFFTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Robert E. Lester Treble	Mrs. E. J. Lockwood .. 4
Sandra L. Goodship .. 2	E. James Lockwood .. 5
Gilbert R. Goodship .. 3	Neville F. Whittell .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. Lester.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam William C. Steward.

First peal on the bells since restoration and augmentation in 1959 and believed to be first ever rung in the tower.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

MORTLAKE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Christopher F. Mew .. Treble	Alan R. Millidge .. 5
*Julie S. Armstrong .. 2	†Alan R. Patterson .. 6
Robert J. Cooles 3	Alan E. Bagworth .. 7
Brian J. Bull 4	Michael J. Uphill .. Tenor

Composed by E. J. Lindley. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

* First peal, first attempt. † 150th peal.
Rung to welcome Joanna Margaret, a daughter for Susan and Ken Newman, born February 21st, 1965.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 25½ cwt.
B. Gillian Schofield .. Treble	†Harold B. Schofield .. 5
*Susan Rhodes 2	S. Barry Schofield .. 6
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 3	Roderick W. Pipe .. 7
Peter A. Kirkby 4	Adrian C. Boorman .. Tenor

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First of Grandsire "inside."

PONTEFRAC, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Graham K. Smith .. Treble	*David S. Johnson .. 5
*Howard C. Palmer .. 2	*Ian G. Campbell .. 6
*Richard D. Gibson .. 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 7
Rev. Fred Ross 4	Michael W. Crowder .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal in the method.

HANDBELL PEAL

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

and THE GRESHAM'S SCHOOL SOCIETY.

HOLT, Norfolk.—At Gresham's School.

On Thurs., Mar. 4, 1965, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

Peter N. Mackley 1—2	Paul Royds-Jones .. 3—4
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Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 5—6

First peal as conductor. First of Minor for all the band and for the Society.

HALF PEAL

SELBY, YORKS.—On Feb. 26th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: P. Stegghall 1, D. J. Swann 2, A. Grundy 3, D. Whitehead 4, C. M. Brown 5, R. R. Warford (cond.) 6. First long length attempt by 1, 2 and 4.

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Webb (first as cond.) 1, Miss P. M. Kingston 2, P. E. Hall 3, C. J. Hall 4, G. Kingston 5. For Evensong.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On March 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Orme 1, J. S. Dear 2, J. I. Dear (first in the method) 3, D. Salisbury 4, R. Castledine (cond.) 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, E. Buck 7, S. Hutton 8.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret C. Godfrey 1, R. C. Stevens 2, A. E. Clayton 3, E. Godfrey 4, R. J. Cooles 5, R. E. J. Dennis 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, R. O. Humphries 8. Rung for the Girl Guides' "Thinking Day" service.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): T. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Miss A. Rayner 3, B. Watts 4, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 5, W. Beeching 6. For Evensong, and a 94th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Watts.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On March 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Dunn 1, Mrs. D. J. King 2, Sheila Salkeld 3, J. J. Sims 4, D. J. King (cond.) 5, Hilary Sims 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On March 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Cheryl R. Cheseman (first quarter) 1, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 2, R. J. Everest 3, D. J. M. Cox 4, G. S. E. Winter 5, H. W. Evans 6, P. R. Everest 7, G. F. Cheseman 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Air Marshal Sir Philip Babington, Rector's warden, whose funeral took place earlier this day.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: S. Edmonds 1, J. A. Ball 2, D. P. Jones (cond.) 3, D. Perry (first in method) 4, D. Eames 5. Half-muffled before Evensong in memoriam Mr. Harold Mills, former churchwarden, and Mr. Jack Sharratt, ringer and chorister.

COVENTRY.—At St. Michael's, Stoke, on Feb. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jean Thompson 1, R. D. Hayne 2, G. Robins 3, Pamela Wright 4, R. Hart 5, A. R. Wright (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on March 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. Brown 1, R. C. Stevens 2, Mrs. N. S. Bagworth 3, M. Parry 4, K. Taber 5, N. S. Bagworth 6, N. Brown (first "inside") 7, R. G. Abbott 8, N. G. T. Steere 9, R. Davies (cond.) 10. First of Royal 1, 4 and 5. For Evensong.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Constant 1, Miss M. Andrews 2, F. Walker 3, Mrs. R. Constant 4, S. Ball 5, A. Hall 6, R. Rayfield (cond.) 7, E. Newberry 8. A wedding compliment to Allen R. Burch and Shirley J. Rayfield, daughter of conductor, married at this church this day.

EWELL, SURREY.—On March 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. J. Munday 1, Mrs. C. W. Munday (first in the method) 2, J. Arbury 3, A. S. Besant 4, R. C. Spittle 5, C. W. Munday (cond.) 6, J. E. Beams 7, M. Morris 8.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints', on Feb. 7th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. J. N. Dalton (first ten) 1, Miss M. E. Powell 2, Miss D. A. Deverell 3, R. J. Cooles 4, A. J. Hampton 5, C. W. Ottley 6, L. C. Way 7, M. J. Uphill 8, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 9, J. A. G. Harvey 10. For Evensong.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.—On Feb. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Cooke 1, Miss P. Bull 2, Miss M. Stapleton 3, Mrs. E. Grey 4, A. R. Heppenstall (cond.) 5, C. H. Baker 6, T. A. Gilbert 7, G. L. A. Lunn 8. A compliment to Robin and Delia Heppenstall on the birth of a daughter (Clare Nicola).

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On March 6th, 1,260 St. Matthias' Doubles: J. Dawson 1, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 2, J. T. Burnup 3, D. A. Osbourne 4, D. Surman 5, R. Adey 6. First in the method by all. Birthday compliments to the ringers of 1 and 6.

GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.—On March 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Vorsay 1, J. Blackmore 2, H. Scull 3, G. Greuter 4, F. S. Paramore (cond.) 5, C. Scull 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. J. O. Dennis, a ringer of this tower for many years.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On March 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Earle 1, E. Breed 2, B. Snapey (cond.) 3, Miss A. Bradbury (first quarter) 4, O. Titherley (first quarter) 5, H. Goldsmith 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HALIFAX, YORKS.—At All Saints' Church on Feb. 21st, 1,280 Spliced Cambridge Yorkshire and Superlative Surprise Major: Mrs. A. Parkin 1, Miss C. McBurney (first of spliced) 2, G. F. Bryant 3, Mrs. D. Smith 4, J. H. Fielden 5, N. Parkin 6, D. Smith 7, R. E. Moulds (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

HANLEY CASTLE, GLOS.—On March 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Clark 1, F. Lawrence 2, Miss J. Gainey 3, C. Haylings (cond.) 4, B. Spiers 5, W. Parker 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sir Ronald Letchmere.

HEMINGFORD ABBEYS, HUNTS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. B. Davey 1, M. E. Nisly 2, A. J. Davey 3, F. R. Nicholls 4, C. L. Bell 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, March 7th, when M. C. Dines rang first quarter "inside."

HENDON, MIDDX.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pauline Gearing (first on a "working" bell) 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, Sue Mason (first quarter) 3, G. Norris 4, Ruth Foreman (cond.) 5, S. Maltby 6. Rung for the service of the Five Candles, and as a compliment to June Stone and John Maltby, who were married the previous day.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary Magdalen's, on Feb. 14th, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Henderson 1, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 2, Miss M. E. Powell 3, Miss D. A. Deverell 4, R. Newman 5, L. C. Way 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, C. J. N. Dalton 8. For Evensong.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Marsh 1, R. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw 3, D. Barker 4, J. Heaps (cond.) 5, M. W. Harrison 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Feb. 7th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss M. Newton (first in method) 1, Miss G. Smith (first in method) 2, R. Biggs 3, Miss J. Barton 4, A. Newton 5, R. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, D. Cornwall (cond.) 8.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On March 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): Mary I. Hildred 1, Jennifer Pearce 2, A. C. Banton (cond.) 3, Susan E. Thompson 4, C. J. Groome 5, G. Pearce (first on six) 6. For Evensong.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): Catherine M. Powell 1, R. Peckham 2, H. W. Brown 3, A. M. Humphrey 4, M. J. Bew 5, J. R. Norris (cond.) 6, S. W. Brown 7, R. H. Tribe 8. For Evensong.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.—On March 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: G. D. Thomas 1, Joyce Clippstone 2, Jean Marlow 3, D. Wittell 4, I. W. Hall 5, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 6.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,440 Minor (Double Court and St. Clement's): J. K. Smith 1, A. E. Rowley 2, R. Farmer 3, J. W. Cotton 4, G. H. Lane 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome Rev. W. Wilson Page as Vicar.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On March 7th, 1,440 Spliced Surprise Royal (Cambridge, London No. 3): Alison Mann 1, A. S. Bishop 2, M. Bingham 3, Rosamund M. Rawlings 4, K. Newman 5, R. J. Cooles 6, Deborah Hopkins 7, N. R. Waite (first of Royal) 8, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 9, A. Bagworth 10. First of Spliced Surprise Royal for 3, 5 and 6. To herald daughters in the families Newman and Wilkins.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 April Day Doubles: Maureen Green 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, G. Allcock 3, A. Laughton 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. For St. David's Day.

LILLINGSTONE LOVELL, BUCKS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. C. Stopps 1, E. Stanton 2, R. A. Vickers (cond.) 3, R. Culley 4, C. Stopps 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. G. Culley.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.—On March 6th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford, Plain Bob): E. Nixon 1, J. O. Weller 2, R. Bird (cond.) 3, R. W. Stephens 4, G. Cook 5, F. E. Darby 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. L. A. Tidy, whose funeral took place this day.

LINCOLN.—At St. Peter at Gowts', on March 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Simpson 1, W. Dove 2, H. Broxholme 3, F. Dixon 4, A. Drury 5, P. C. Pitchford (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and 84th birthday compliment to Mr. C. Poppel.

LANBADARN FAWR, CARDS.—On March 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dianne Bird 1, Gillian Gracey 2, Katherine Maylott 3, H. L. Hatfield 4, Frances Massey 5, W. G. Thomas 6, D. W. Beard (cond.) 7, J. Wilson 8. For St. David's Day.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob): T. Eales (first quarter) 1, R. Kennell 2, N. Craddock 3, J. Goddard 4, E. Gautrey (first as cond.) 5.

LONGPARISH, HANTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. Dobson 1, M. Gross 2, Miss P. Goddard 3, F. Tonge 4, C. Smith (cond.) 5, J. Cheney 6. Rung to mark the last service of the Rector (Rev. S. N. Agg-Large), who has retired.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On March 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. J. Arscott 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, G. S. Morris 3, M. Hiller 4, C. W. Powell 5, F. A. Knight 6, H. G. Keeley (cond.) 7, H. W. Davies 8. A welcome to Michael Roger, son of Roger and Patricia Keeley.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On March 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Brian Butcher (first quarter) 1, Adrian Neilson 2, Elizabeth Todd (first as cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherton 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Evensong.

MABE, CORNWALL.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Pearce (first quarter) 1, Barbara Duck (first "inside") 2, A. Locke 3, G. F. Dunstan 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, D. A. Trethewey 6.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Simmons (first quarter) 1, Judy Collins 2, Mrs. E. Callis 3, B. Vickers 4, W. G. Callis (cond.) 5, B. Mabbutt 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Brian Vickers.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Howard Meek 1, Mrs. J. Tyler 2, C. Berry 3, A. Paton 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.—On Feb. 21st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Boyce 1, J. M. Hughes (first in method) 2, B. J. Williams 3, E. N. Thomas 4, R. J. Hosking 5, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFS.—At St. Giles' Church, on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: Pat Mills 1, G. C. Beech 2, D. Midgley 3, D. J. Pitstow 4, P. W. Gay 5, R. J. Ballard 6, C. S. Ryles (cond.) 7, G. A. Moore 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8. Also on Dec. 20th, 1,260 Oxford T.B. Minor, for the installation of the Rector (Rev. C. J. Cannop Price) as Prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral.

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—On Feb. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. D. Morgan 1, Susan M. Holden (first of Minor) 2, E. D. Patching 3, T. G. Holden 4, J. F. List 5, P. G. Holden (cond.) 6. First of Minor by a resident band.

OLD RADNOR, RADs.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): P. Preece 1, R. Hatcher 2, L. Mainwaring 3, J. Hope (cond.) 4, R. Preece 5, D. Hughes (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Marion Olga Griffiths, aged 24.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, on Feb. 28th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Jane Shepherd 1, W. Millard 2, D. Lee 3, W. Tarr 4, F. Matravers 5, R. Shepherd 6, N. Maggs (cond.) 7, F. Chedgley 8. For Evensong, and as a compliment to the ringers of 1 and 6 to their recent marriage and to Miss A. Oaten and P. Berrow, on their engagement.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Runham 1, Mrs. Brown 2, D. Drayton 3, A. Haines 4, D. Everett 5, W. Marsh 6, J. Wells (cond.) 7, H. Haynes 8. Rung half-muffled in remembrance Mr. H. Hunt (late captain) and Mr. W. Lewington.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On March 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. R. Keough 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, M. J. Young 4, G. W. Elmes 5, J. W. Blackwood 6, C. T. Brown 7, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 8. First of Kent T.B. Major by all. Rung for United Evensong.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. L. Ratcliffe 1, Juliet Stamper 2, Penny Miller (first "inside") 3, P. K. Elac (cond.) 4, J. W. D. Miller 5, D. Crossland (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. I. Taylor.

WILTON, near Salisbury, WILTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Haines 1, B. Newman 2, C. F. Haines 3, H. Roper 4, A. Haines (cond.) 5, John Kiddle 6. Rung half-muffled for the funeral of Mr. Frank Haines (for 60 years a ringer at this church).

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): K. Underwood 1, F. Cherrymann 2, R. Tickner 3, C. Slyfield 4, J. Collier (cond.) 5, R. Jordan 6. For Matins and to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Ken and Susan Newman.

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EXELL.—On Wednesday, March 10th, 1965, at Keynsham Hospital, to Don and Kathleen Exell, a son, Alan John. 6480

MARRIAGE

ROGERS—PORTER.—On March 13th, 1965, at Sutton-on-Hull, Yorkshire, between Robin, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rogers, of Grafton Regis, Northants, and Janet, only daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. R. Porter, of Sutton-on-Hull. 6472

IN MEMORIAM

MYERS.—George Harry Myers, of Plymouth, who died March 14th, 1960. Remembered always with love by his family. 6475

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ALLMAN.—The address of Mr. Walter Allman is now 9, Surrey Street, Runcorn, Cheshire. 6463

FLETCHER.—Temporary address of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher is now The Old Rectory Hotel, Caistor-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth. 6493

ROGERS.—The new address of Robin and Janet Rogers is now 7, Holderness Road, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. 6471

TUBBS.—From March 1st new address 2, Amhurst, St. Cross Road, Winchester. 6466

PERSONAL

N. A. C.—Meet you in Bath, Sunday.—Auntie (Kidderminster). 6459

BOWEN.—Will Mr. V. Bowen, whose address was Shouldham, King's Lynn, please forward his new address to this office. His "Ringing Worlds" have been returned.

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MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL, 450th Anniversary.—It is hoped to ring for Founder's Day service at Manchester Cathedral, June 1st. Any interested Old Mancunians please write to J. Gibbons, at the school. 6460

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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Baslow, March 20th. Bells 3-9. For teas please advise Mr. T. Wylie, "Elmfield," Calver Road, Baslow.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 6444

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at St. Neots on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6448

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting at Crimbleham on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food).—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6431

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—At Tewin on March 20th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea essential, please, to R. Brown, Dis. Sec., 10, The Hill, Wheathampstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting to be held at St. Mary's, Bury (3), on Saturday, March 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Philip A. Mason, Branch Sec. 6465

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting at Coleorton on March 20th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Church Rooms, no names required. 6415

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—On Saturday, March 20th at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway (Holloway Road—Piccadilly Line) Bells 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 6443

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting on Saturday, March 20th at Sutton-on-Trent. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to Miss Burchnell, 3, High Street, Sutton-on-Trent.—B. N. Reed. 6439

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting at Wilby (8) on March 20th. Bells from 6.30. 6393

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint practice meeting of the Northern and Southern Divisions at Southover (10) on Saturday, March 20th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, to Miss S. G. Rice, 40, Fairfield Gardens, Portslade. 6445

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ashbrittle (6) on Saturday, March 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.15. Names for tea, please, to A. H. Reed, "Mimosa," George Street, Taunton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Aspley Guise, Saturday, March 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names by 25th to Mr. A. Kershaw, 58, Mount Pleasant, Aspley Guise, Bletchley, Bucks. 6468

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Disley, March 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mrs. E. V. Parker, Stanley Hall Farm, Disley.—C. K. Lewis. 6491

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Evening meeting at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, March 27th. Bells (10) from 6 p.m. and after short business meeting at 7 p.m., to elect a new District Secretary and two representatives for the Guild General Committee. A good attendance, please! 6486

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Adwick-le-Street, Saturday, March 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. Laughton, 95, Tenter Balk Lane, Adwick-le-Street, Doncaster. 6467

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at St. John's, Darlington, on Saturday, March 27th. Bells (8) 2.30-9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Warwick, 69, Eastbourne Road, Darlington. 6483

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Ingatestone, Saturday, March 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, to J. P. Brandon, 424, Baddow Road, Chelmsford (72100), by Thursday, March 25th. Visitors welcome. Note corrected date. 6340 0189

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Belchamp St. Paul on Saturday, March 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wood, 10, The Causeway, Finchingfield. 6432

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Norton, Saturday, March 27th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by March 24th to P. Clarkson, Hon. Sec., 28, Richmond Gardens, Longlevens, Glos. All welcome. 6477

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Evening practice, March 27th at Much Wenlock. Bells (8) available 6.30-8.30 p.m.—Joan Bennett, Hon. Sec. 6476

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, March 27th, All Souls' heavy eight, afternoon only from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided at 5 p.m. Evening only at St. George's. Come and try your skill on this tricky but majestic eight. A challenge to the Surprise men of the county! Names for picnic at this meeting, final.—Thornley, Sec. 6489

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Hinckley District) and LADIES' GUILD (Midland District).—Joint meeting, Leire, Saturday, March 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. F. Dove, Main Street, Leire, Rugby, by Wednesday previous.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 6469

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Marlow, Saturday, March 27th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please let me have names for tea by Tuesday, 23rd.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holnport, Maidenhead. 6457

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Helmdon on Saturday, March 27th. Names for tea by the 23rd to Mrs. K. Webb, Wappenham Road, Helmdon, near Brackley.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—
Northampton Branch. — Practice meeting at
Bugbrooke on Saturday, March 27th. Ringing
3.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 approx. Ringing
again after tea. Names for tea by Tuesday
previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue,
Northampton. 6428

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury
Branch.—March 27th, practice meeting,
Codford. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names
by Tuesday, 23rd, to G. A. Trimby, 24, West
Street, Wilton. 6473

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield
District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 27th,
Warsop. Bells (6) 3 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30.
Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday
previous to Mr. H. T. Rooke, 9, York Terrace,
Warsop, Mansfield, Notts. Everyone welcome.
—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 6490

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.
—Practice meeting at Sedlescombe (6) on
March 27th. Ringing 3-4.30 and 6-8. Service
4.30. Tea (at "The Waterfall Tea Lounge")
5.15. Please help your new Secretary by sending
names for tea to Mr. G. Fitzhugh, Sec.,
36, London Road, Hailsham.—I. Smith, 6416

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—
Eastern District.—Meeting, Tuesday, March
30th, at Broxbourne, 7.30 until 9 p.m. 6380

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District. —
Supper and social in the Village Hall, Danbury
on Saturday, April 3rd, 6.15 for 6.45.
Tickets 6s. from P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore
Cottage, Danbury. 6411

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford
District.—Meeting at Tenterden, Saturday,
April 10th. Bells (8, 27 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service
4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss V. Relf, 3,
The Bungalows, Shrubcote, Tenterden, by
previous Thursday.—C. T. H.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, April 24th, Berkeley.
Bells available later. Meeting 2.15 p.m. in
Town Hall. Tea 4.30 at Berkeley Arms,
Berkeley, Glos, price 3s. 9d. must be paid in
advance to F. S. Browning, Berkeley Arms,
Berkeley, Glos. Send address with cash, tickets
will be posted back as receipt, but must be
produced at the tea. Nominations and notices
of motion must be received by me on or
before Saturday, March 27th. Nominations required
for Master and Central Council representatives (4).—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec., 42,
Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Glos. 6462

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
Notice is hereby given that the following
amendments of rules will be before the annual
general meeting on Easter Monday.

Rule 5.—Each Resident Ringing Member
shall contribute the sum of Four Shillings
Annually. Members elected after 30th June in
any year shall contribute Two Shillings for
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Rule 6.—Each Ringer taking part in such
peals shall contribute One Shilling to the funds
of the Association, the money to be collected
by the Organiser and paid to the Peal Secretary.

Rule 9.—... and triennially, Representatives
to the Central Council consisting of one
Representative from each District as far as
possible.—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec. 6461

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

A very satisfactory meeting was held at
Baglan on March 6th and the attendance was
surprisingly high, especially after the bad
weather experienced during the previous two
days. Ringing was of high standard and
ranged from rounds to London Surprise.

The Rev. D. Islwyn Lewis (Vicar) conducted
the service and in his address gave a
warm welcome to the lovely Church of St.
Catherine. An excellent tea was provided by
the ladies of the parish, who were sincerely
thanked.

The business opened with the Vicar in the
chair. The statement of accounts was presented,
and the District secretary reported a
very unsatisfactory position of the subscriptions
received from towers. Some of them,
however, have since paid their outstanding
subscriptions.

The September meeting will be held at Gorseinon,
and an invitation to Eardisland for a
joint meeting was accepted; July or August
was suggested. Four new members were
elected, and the meeting ended with a vote of
thanks. J. A. H.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The hard-going six at Offley were put to
good use, both by experts and beginners, at
the Northern District's evening meeting on
March 6th. Under the "ringingship" of Eddie
Buck, methods ranged from Bob Doubles to
Beverley and London. At the conclusion of
this most successful meeting, ringers adjourned
to the Bull and other similar places to round
off a most pleasant evening. J. K. O.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX

A warm welcome was given to the Guild
from the ringers of Emmanuel Church, Shelley,
at the meeting on March 6th. Mr. J. Buxton,
in replying to thanks offered by Mr. J. Leaver
and Mr. E. Lord, said how happy he was to
have the company to enjoy their bells and
beautiful scenery. New members elected were
Mr. C. A. Moxon (Cawthorne), and Miss A.
Rayner, Masters S. Rayner, A. Whiteley and
J. Whiteley (all of Bradshaw). Ringing,
including Double Court, Double Oxford and
London Surprise, was enjoyed until nine
o'clock, when another successful meeting
closed.

Cambridge Major is the method for the
Queensbury meeting. W. M.

QUARTER PEALS

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On March 7th, 1,259
Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, T. J. Warner 2,
R. J. Cann 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, Christine
McLaren 5, A. W. T. Cleaver (cond.) 6, G. Palmer
7, P. D. Warren 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.—On March 6th, 1,260
Plain Bob Minor: P. May 1, K. Whittell 2, C. J.
Sedgley 3, R. Kersey 4, N. F. Whittell 5, R.
Steward (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment
to Maureen Mee and David Ling.

STAFFORD.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire
Triples: Ruth Fairbrother 1, R. J. Warrilow (cond.)
2, E. Fairbrother 3, Jennifer Beech 4, F. R. Wiggin
5, A. E. Garbett 6, F. Beech 7, C. J. Evans 8. First
in method 1, 3, 4. For evening service.

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—On March 6th, 1,440
Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Cowley 1, J. Marlow 2,
D. Pearson 3, E. Buckby 4, F. E. Cooles 5, P. M.
Fleckney 6.

SWINESHEAD, Lincs.—On Feb. 24th, 1,264 Plain
Bob Major: Mrs. R. Reynolds 1, Miss M. J. Morris
2, R. Howard 3, J. P. Morris 4, N. B. Fovargue 5,
T. Cummins 6, W. B. Dawson 7, P. H. Reynolds
(cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss M. J.
Morris.

WOTTON UNDERWOOD, Bucks.—On March
2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Blackman (first
quarter) 1, Miss R. Taylor 2, D. Towers 3, C.
East 4, E. J. Evans 5, C. H. Kinch (cond.) 6.

The University of London Society have been
particularly successful with their quarter peals
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February 28th, 1,296 Surprise Minor; March
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QUARTER PEALS

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—At St. George's Cathedral, on Oct. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Jacoba Hos 1, Laura Beeny 2, Michael Page 3, Brian Lawes 4, Basil Potts (first of Minor as cond.) 5, Laith Reynolds 6. First of Minor 1, 3 and 6. A farewell to Laura Beeny and Basil Potts.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Jan. 3rd, at the Church of St. Andrew, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Mrs. M. A. Bould 2, D. Wheeler 3, J. W. Perkins 4, W. Theobald 5, H. F. Myers 6, F. E. Day (cond.) 7, D. R. Bould 8, T. N. J. Bailey 9, W. Marks 10. Also on Feb. 1st, 1,295 Grandsire Caters (half-muffled): Miss R. J. Marks 1, H. Milford 2, D. Wheeler 3, D. R. Bould 4, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 5, H. F. Myers 6, F. E. Day (cond.) 7, R. Southwood 8, A. W. Myers 9, W. Marks 10. In memoriam Sir Winston Churchill for civic service.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Feb. 28th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Gerda Baresel 1, Alison M. Mann 2, A. S. Bishop 3, Deborah Hopkins 4, C. F. Mew (cond.) 5, B. J. Bull 6, A. R. Millidge 7, A. R. Patterson 8. First in method 6, 7. For Evensong.

RAINFHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. J. Cheal 1, Mrs. G. Evenden 2, F. J. Cheal 3, S. V. Rayfield 4, B. R. Jemmett 5, C. S. Jarrett 6, G. Evenden (cond.) 7, R. Pearce 8.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Poolman 1, Miss A. Rowland 2, F. Markham 3, D. Heath 4, W. Poolman (cond.) 5, H. Perry 6. Rung for Confirmation.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Little Bob and Plain Bob): Ann Whitworth 1, B. Whitworth 2, S. Hodgkins 3, H. Richardson 4, A. Gibbs 5, L. Priestley (cond.) 6, T. Cose 7, C. Whitworth 8. For Evensong.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. J. G. Wilson 1, G. A. Rees 2, Rev. A. J. F. Tomlinson (first "inside") 3, Mrs. J. N. E. Rees (cond.) 4, C. G. Alban 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Sir Winston S. Churchill.

SMARTEN, KENT.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: W. W. Ring 1, J. Richards 2, J. R. Cooper 3, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 4, T. Cullingworth 5, M. W. Marshall 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William C. Marshall.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At St. Mary's College on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): B. R. M. Johnson 1, Katherine Maundrell (first in three methods) 2, C. W. Daws (cond.) 3, W. G. Young 4, R. H. Youdale 5, R. A. Orme (first quarter) 6.

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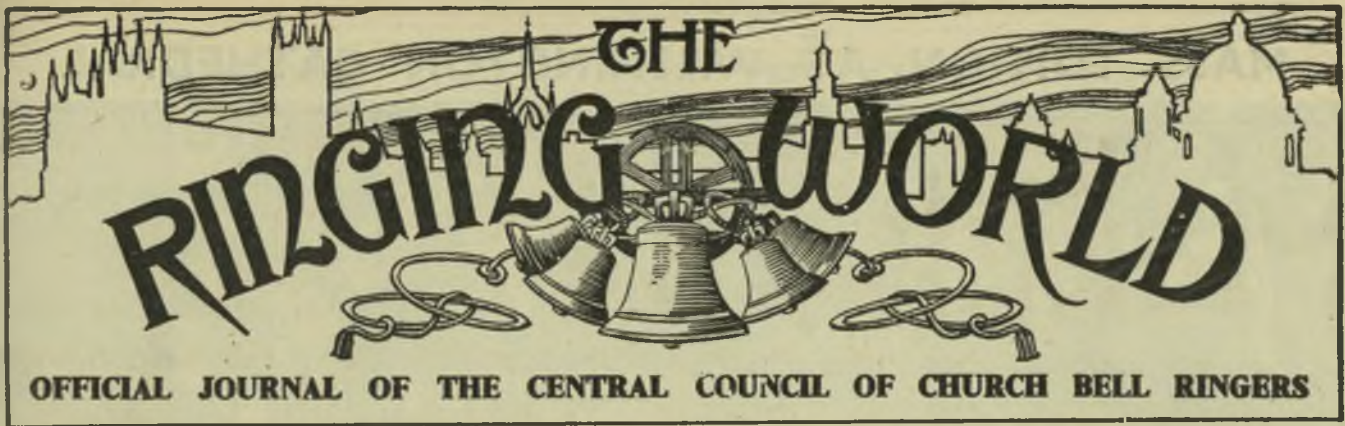
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BELFRY MAINTENANCE (Lubrication of Clappers)

AN aspect of belfry maintenance of great importance to the chap at the lower end of the rope is lubrication, particularly where the bells or pulleys, or both, are on plain bearings.

It is surprising how serious an effect a dry or bad-going rope pulley can have on the apparent "go" of a bell, especially at the handstroke. Such a pulley acts as a very effective brake, retarding the rope and upward swing of the bell and absorbing the power of the ringer's downward pull wherever there is tension in the rope, and therefore pressure on the pulley.

Should there be no apparent means of lubrication, the pulley spindle must be removed and greased with a light grease. Removal is often effected by unscrewing a wood-screw which fixes the bent over and flattened end of the pulley spindle to the pulley box.

There are several types of covers to the plain bearings in which the gudgeons rotate. One type is surmounted by a square "chimney" with a swivel cap. These are intended to contain a square vertical wick, sheathed in tin-plate, open top and bottom. The wick protrudes about half-an-inch at the bottom and rests on the gudgeon. These wicks should be soaked in machine oil before insertion. They must not be oversize or they will stick in the "chimney." Many steeplekeepers are unaware that this type of bearing should have a wick, and use grease which creates difficulties due to temperature variations and dirt attracted. The bellfounders will supply new wicks very cheaply. All they need is an occasional drop of engine oil.

An alternative is to obtain a piece of nylon foam about 2½" square. Soak it in oil overnight, roll it up like a miniature Swiss roll and insert it in the "chimney" so that it touches the gudgeon. This makes a good temporary substitute for the proper wick.

Some bearings have a saddle-shaped hinged cover, and lubrication is usually effected by plastering grease on the gudgeon or pushing down the old blackened grease, which probably contains enough grit and metal particles to act as a grinding paste, thus accelerating wear. A good way of dealing with these is to thoroughly clean out the bearing and surrounds, then fit a piece of nylon sponge or natural sponge. This should be cut to fit on top of the gudgeon so as to fill the space under the hinged cap. A drop of oil every few weeks will ensure easy "go" with very little trouble to the steeplekeeper.

Other points on the bell fittings require lubrication, an important one being the pin through the clapper staple. A Stauffer grease cup is usually provided for this, though these have a habit of working free. Excessive wear or play at this point has a detrimental effect on the sound of the bell. The bellfounders will, by special arrangement beforehand, often rebush clappers within a week.

If the clappers have had long service and are to be rebushed it may be worth while also having them annealed to reduce brittleness due to years of "hammering." The advice of the bellfounder should be sought first.

Whilst discussing clappers, a word on the oft-discussed question of odd-struck bells may be to advantage.

Providing the bell hangs level, odd-struckness is usually due to the clapper being slightly out of centre, i.e., the distances between the ball and the point of contact being different on opposite sides of the clapper. This can be measured with a flexible rule whilst making sure that the bell hangs naturally. Half-an-inch difference has a tremendous effect. To correct any difference, slacken off the nut on the clapper staple and retighten whilst a colleague ensures that the clapper is central. There is often sufficient play between the square shank of the clapper staple and the hole in the bell and headstock to permit sufficient adjustment to make the bell reasonably even-struck. Sometimes the clapper persists in settling back in the old position slightly out of centre. This may be prevented by removing the clapper and fitting an additional or replacement fibre washer between clapper staple and bell. This washer should be tapered from about ¼" down to nothing and fitted so as to thrust the clapper over in the required direction. Again the bellfounders will supply a suitable fibre washer.

Improvement may sometimes come from rotating the clapper through 180 degrees.

When doing this work, it is well worth while adopting the advice recently given in this journal by Mr. Cooper, of Bolsover, on how to ensure easy replacement of the clapper into the headstock.

Should the bell be out of level, the help of the bellfounders should be sought. It can be checked for level by placing a rigid piece of wood across the mouth of the bell in the direction of swing. Rest a spirit level on top of this wood. Take care that the bell hangs freely and undisturbed whilst checking for level.

N. CHADDOCK.

MASS TUITION AT WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL



WE doubt if ever before has bell tuition been undertaken on such a scale as Mr. Fred Price, of Southbourne, Bournemouth, did during his time in Washington Cathedral from October 15th to February 14th.

In a report on his achievement, Mr. Richard W. Dirksen, director of Advance Program Washington Cathedral, writes:

'Fred Price taught bell control to 63 persons in his three months in the tower. His method was to start with the bell down and to gradually and safely allow the beginner to accustom himself to the rope. Only one stay was cracked in those many hours of work—eight hours or more each day of six per week—and there was no injury to any ringer during that time.

Patience, a gracious charm and poised conversational ability were the distinguishing qualities of all his work and social contact. His sphere of influence extended into the schools where he chose to take his meals. He influenced many outside the tower, who benefited from his warm personality.

While he was here all three newspapers did lengthy and excellent stories on the work he was accomplishing, and all three reporters were captivated by his manner, and respectful of his lucidity in the difficult description of the activity.

That he offered his services freely and that we were able to accept his offer has advanced the bellringing program without any doubt and to a considerable extent. The hospitable arrangements of the schools and many individuals were also a large contributing factor to a successful program.

It remains only to say that the sixty-plus who learned, the others who tried but found it "not for them," and the many scores of visitors who met him and were enlightened by him, in and out of the tower, will never forget Fred Price of Bournemouth. Nor will they forget his charming wife and sons, who shared the Christmas holidays.'

At the National Cathedral School for Girls, the Whitechapel Guild numbers 19 girls, aged 13 to 15, who were taught bell control and progressed through a plain course of Grandshire Triples. Their immediate goal is a quarter of Grandshire Triples to be rung open at Easter. At St. Alban's School for Boys, 17 have mastered bell control, and half of these are ready for change ringing in the Grandshire

method. Ten adults who had acquired some ringing ability before Mr. Price's coming were strengthened in skill and understanding. These are more competent to be the nucleus of a Cathedral Ringing Society. The 17 adults and youngsters from the larger community who learned bell control under the guidance of Mr. Price can continue to be incorporated in the Society.

Before leaving, Mr. Price was entertained to tea by the girls of the Whitechapel Guild and received the following framed testimonial:

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MR. PRICE'S OWN STORY

Approached by the Editor, Mr. Fred Price gives this summary of his activities:—

I was astonished to learn that no less than 45 students from the two Cathedral schools wanted to learn to ring, and, in addition, an outside group numbering not less than 20, of whom whom the majority were adults. Arrangements were made for me to teach the schools' students from 9.30 till noon, and from 1.30 till 5 p.m., followed by the adult group from 5 till 6 and from 7.30 till 9.30. On Saturday afternoon, October 17th, I met my first pupils—four girls from N.C.S.; their initial progress pleased me.

Monday, October 19th, saw the beginning of what was probably the four most exacting

weeks of my life; all day long, with breaks only for meals, I taught beginners in the first control of a bell, six days a week. The strain of such continuous teaching of beginners is great, but at the end of one month nearly all my pupils were able to rise, ring and set "hand" and "back" and lower a bell unaided. Not one stay was broken, and not even a minor accident to any pupil.

I wrote a "paper" on Grandshire, and also on "hunting" and "coursing," and mimeographed copies were in ample supply for all to take away for "homework." Soon the girls were telling me they understood Grandshire, and the first attempt to ring the method—Triples was chosen to start with because hunting and coursing are not practicable with Doubles—was made on November 21st. Failure to control the bells proved the chief factor in the "breakdowns" with no more than two leads accomplished; nevertheless, I was happy, for these youngsters had not touched a bell-rope five weeks earlier.

Teaching had now become much less arduous, because so many had reached good "control," but I found it very tiring to return to the tower at 7.30 p.m. to instruct for two hours those adults who could not come earlier.

VISIT OF WIFE AND SONS

My family joined me on December 17th, and I did very little teaching until after their departure, on January 4th, but "we three" (John, Roger and myself), Miss Jennifer Murphy (a visitor from Australia) and six of the Cathedral ringers who had been taught to ring either by Harry Parks or the "TEN," and were now getting on well with Grandshire, rang four very good plain courses of Grandshire Caters on Christmas Day. Two attempts were made to ring a quarter peal of Sredman Doubles, with F. Price 1, R. Price 2, Miss J. Murphy 3, J. Price 4, R. Dirksen 5, T. Brusheart 6, the second attempt failing with less than two six-scores to ring.

Tuesday, January 5th, saw a resumption of practices with undiminished enthusiasm, and on January 16th the first plain course of Grandshire Triples—with seven N.C.S. girls I had taught from "scratch"—and myself ringing the tenor (front eight) was successfully completed.

(Continued on next page)

GUILDFORD GUILD AND THE CATHEDRAL

THE main theme at the annual meeting of Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Holy Trinity Hall, Guildford, on March 13th, was the Cathedral bells and how they are to be rung.

The accounts showed that the Cathedral Bell Fund amounted to £1,012, of which £816 had been paid to the Cathedral treasurer. From the Districts the respective totals were: Chertsey £162, Farnham £242, Guildford £206, Leatherhead £270.

The Master (Mr. D. A. R. May), who presided, congratulated the Guild on raising such a large amount in so short a time. There were three efforts he would like specially to call attention to: Ashted, who had raised £100, raised another £100 by carols last Christmas; Mr. Ernest Warner, on his own initiative, collected £15 at Woking Railway Station by putting up a notice; and Mr. Strudwick, at Send, raised a good sum by the sale of plants.

The negotiations with the Dean, continued the Master, had not gone as speedily as they hoped. He had planned to give them a full picture that day but the Dean and Chapter wanted to meet him and discuss things and they had not been able to fix on Saturday morning; they would, however, have to meet before the bells were dedicated. Details of the dedication on May 17th at 8.15 p.m. were that the organ case and Chapter House would be dedicated before the bells and the service would last until 9.15 p.m. Only a short touch on the bells would then be possible. The Executive Committee hoped to have on open day on the bells the following Saturday so that ringers could try them out.

Mr. T. W. White asked what facilities there would be for ringers to be present at the dedication ceremony. The Master replied that he understood admission would be by ticket and the distribution would be through the Master Builders in the parishes, who would have about five each.

Mr. White urged that in view of the substantial sum raised by the ringers, an application should be made for a block grant of tickets to the Guild of at least 50. If that were not possible Master Builders in parishes should be asked to allocate tickets to their ringers. The Master promised to make representation to the diocesan authorities on these lines.

A CATHEDRAL SOCIETY

On the question of ringing the bells for services, the Master said that the idea of the Executive was that a Cathedral Society should be formed. Anybody who could ring ten bells reasonably well should be invited to join the Society. The Society would elect a secretary who would send out a rota inviting ringers to ring at a particular service. He hoped the meeting would accept the arrangement.

Mr. Ray Clist hoped that this would not mean that any visitors would be turned away. He recently went to Winchester Cathedral; he was not turned away, but had a ring!

A member said that she felt that the band ringing should be the very best possible. A stranger putting in an appearance should not think he had the right to ring.

Mr. W. Parrott said there were about 52 towers in the diocese and they should each of them have the privilege of ringing the Cathedral bells once a year. It was likely otherwise that the Cathedral ringers would be coming from bands in or near Guildford and the position of ringing in Guildford was not

an outstanding joy. Were the bells in the three towers in Guildford rung each Sunday?

SOUTHWARK'S EXAMPLE

Mr. Parrott, who is hon. secretary of the Surrey Association, said the arrangements at Southwark Cathedral were that the bells were rung Sunday by Sunday by bands from parishes in the diocese. Even the five ringers at Merstham took part. By this method local bands were incorporated in the life of the Cathedral and it would also help to bind the ringers of the diocese together.

Mr. C. W. Denyer said the Master and the committee were quite capable of handling the matter. This view was accepted by the Guild and it was resolved to leave ringing arrangements with the Master and the committee, a rider being added that the Guild would not recognise a closed shop.

The Master said he was against a closed shop but he wanted to get a weekly practice at the Cathedral. Weekly practices were the time for people who wanted to be trained in 10-bell ringing. They were having practices at St. Nicolas', Guildford, for people who would like to ring at the Cathedral. There was the question of whether the Cathedral Society for Sunday service ringing should be controlled by the committee. In the foreseeable future it was hoped to have a resident band which anybody who could ring reasonably well could join.

Mr. P. Smart commented that the ultimate aim should be a resident band.

In reply to a question, the Master said there were about 100 10-bell ringers in the diocese, which included ringers capable of ringing rounds on ten bells.

Mrs. T. Page: You are not going to attract people from 20 miles to ring rounds.

Mrs. Kippin thought the Cathedral Society was a very good idea. She hoped that when the Cathedral Society was formed it would have the same independence as any other tower.

Mr. C. W. Denyer: The answer to that question is the Dean of Guildford. The Dean is above the Cathedral Society and not the Guild.

NEW SECRETARY

At the opening of the meeting members stood in silence for three members who had died since the last annual meeting: Mr. Stanley T. A. Russell (general secretary), Miss Nora Shorter (Walton) and Mr. Edward Hunt (Yorktown). Mr. C. W. Munday (Ewell), the new general secretary, said he was the fourth

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Biggleswade District

Mr. A. Smith was Ringing Master for the Biggleswade District monthly meeting at Old Warden on March 13th. The church, which stands slightly above the village, contains many old carvings and is often frequented by visitors, but on this afternoon it was the bells rather than the church itself which attracted most attention.

An excellent tea was laid out in the Village Hall by Mrs. Shuttleworth, and at the business meeting which followed Mr. L. Bywaters announced that Worcestershire was to be the venue for the District outing on May 15th.

The large variety of methods rung during the evening included Hereward Bob, the special method; there was also a ladies' touch of Plain Bob Minor.

holder of the office, the first being Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, the former editor of "The Ringing World." It was his idea to form the Guild, and Mr. Munday added that it would be his own idea to maintain the Guild.

Other officers whose nominations were confirmed were: Master, Mr. D. A. R. May; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. H. Kippin; librarian, Mr. F. W. Housden; peal recorder, Major E. J. Bragg. Mr. G. S. Joyce was thanked for his services over many years as badge secretary; his duties were being taken over by the general secretary.

The peal recorder reported that 26 peals had been rung during the year by 99 ringers in 20 different methods. Eleven members rang their first peal and 49 their first in a new method. Mr. R. C. Kippin was the leading conductor with eight peals.

A report on the course at Moor Park College stated that it was "a most profitable and enjoyable week-end." A further course was being arranged for the last week-end in May, 1966.

The meeting decided to send flowers and their best wishes to Mrs. Hazelden on her 90th birthday. The Master was thanked for his services during the past three years by Mr. Denyer, and Mr. P. Smart thanked Mrs. Jill May and her ladies who arranged the tea.

In the afternoon a service was conducted in Holy Trinity Church by the Rev. Colin Semper, who also gave an address, and ringing took place in three Guildford towers.

Mass Tuition—continued

Rapid progress was now being made, and I was glad I had decided to stay an extra two weeks (to make up for the Christmas break) and leave on February 14th. Many boys and girls were now ringing plain courses of Grandsire Triples, and a "paper" I had written on Stedman was being studied, and during the first week in February many attempts were made to ring the plain course of Triples.

On Saturday, February 13th, with seven N.C.S. girls, and myself on the tenor, a plain course of Stedman Triples was very well rung, and the same seven girls rang in a course of Grandsire Cateters.

This was the culmination of my four months' work, and I was a proud and happy man.

I was to see this belfry once again, for it was planned that a general goodbye should be said in the tower between 4.30 and 5.30 p.m. on Sunday, February 14th, the day of my departure. Thus, after a happy lunch with Wayne and Mrs. Dirksen, accompanied by Canon Welsh (Principal of the College of Preachers) and Mrs. Welsh, we journeyed to the belfry where, in spite of a blizzard, a great throng awaited us. The proposed escort to Dulles was abandoned because of the snow, but as the time for my departure drew near I was accorded "musical" honours. Mr. Wayne Dirksen expressed thanks for what had been done and presented me with an envelope marked "To be opened on the plane," which proved to be a cheque for one hundred dollars.

I wish to pay tribute to the Americans; no one ever had a more enthusiastic company of beginners, and in congratulating them on their progress I would like to say how grateful I am to everyone at the Cathedral for helping me to do this job; it gave me great joy to do it.

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Letters to the Editor

"THE RINGING WORLD" AND ITS FINANCES

Dear Sir, — Your announcement headed "Some Quarters Will Be Ditched" ("The Ringing World," March 5th) must raise the question whether these reports are of real news value, or are merely being included for the sake of the money they bring in. If the former, their selection should be made purely on news value; if the latter, in common fairness, all ought to be paid for, and at an equal rate.

If some must be omitted, one can understand it including "those rung a month or so previous" (though the time-lag may not be the contributors' fault). But why handbell quarters?

"Preference will be given to those supporting our 'Gratefully Acknowledged' column . . ." (in plain words, "sending money"), and "ordering extra copies." One can well understand this; it is deplorable. An editor's first duty should be to consider the interests of his readers and select his copy accordingly. He should not be influenced by how much contributors are willing to pay. It is hard to see how a paper which accepts money from all and sundry can adhere to this principle.

During the 1920's, and all through the times of depression and unemployment in the 1930's, the paper sold for 3d., equivalent today to at least a shilling. This fact should have been put squarely to readers, instead of abject apologies, when the price was recently raised to 9d. For some years the committee has been scared to raise the price to the true economic level, through fear of losing readers. It has been a case of "too little and too late." The result is that a new generation has arisen which expects to get the paper at under cost price.

Last year, at a rough estimate, "The Ringing World" received about £500 in donations, an average of just over two shillings per reader. An increase in price of only 1d. (costing each reader only 4s. 4d. extra) would have brought in well over £1,000; and whatever cut the publishing company may make, I cannot believe that they would reduce this amount by anything like one half! Sending money in small amounts is expensive; the poundage on the postal orders used last year cost ringers something like £30.

The majority of people are probably better off than they have ever been but "The Ringing World" continues to behave as if we were still in the throes of severe inflation. The latest expedient, getting advertisers to buy space in the paper and give it back, may produce temporary financial gain; but I think it will do no good in the long run.

A newspaper is vital to the Exercise. I firmly believe that the best legacy the present management can leave to the future is a paper which pays for itself, run on strict business lines and entirely independent of charity.—Yours sincerely,

C. W. WOOLLEY.

39, Titian Avenue,
Bushey Heath.

MORNING STAR

Dear Sir,—With reference to the Doubles Variation Morning Star (page 109), I should like to point out that on Sunday, June 13th, 1937, I took part in a peal of Doubles at Michaelchurch Eskley (5), Herefordshire, conducted by the late J. P. Hyett. This variation was included in the peal of which we rang 720.

The variation is as follows: Plain Course, being a Plain Course of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob. Bob, an Old Doubles Bob.—Yours faithfully,

J. J. WEBB.

Ross-on-Wye.

KINGSTON'S SHILLING APPEAL

Dear Sir,—May I ask for space in your columns to announce the launching of "99,000 Shillings for Kingston Bells"?

The anti-clockwise ring of ten at Kingston-upon-Thames is well known to Surrey men, as it is well used by them. Ancient peal boards in the belfry testify to many peals rung there, some by famous men like Washbrook and J. Armiger Trollope. In more recent years, too, the Kingston band was noted for its 10-bell ringing, and is now making conscientious efforts to regain that skill.

Yet Kingston's well worn bells, surprisingly enough, have never in recent generations been one ring—always a hotchpotch of bells from different foundries and different centuries, with ropes from different makers. The old timber frame, locked to the tower on only two sides, has been enlarged and adapted for new bells so often that its old strength has gone and it is more harmful than helpful to the (central) tower these days. As a result, striking at Kingston is a challenge rather than a matter of course. Not many years can pass under these conditions before the tower gives, or ringing is prohibited.

It has therefore been determined by Kingston's band to give the area a really first-class ring of at least ten new bells, all from one foundry and in a new purpose-built frame, so as to lend impetus to the growing local keenness for ringing on the higher numbers. By March, 1970, five years from the launching of "99,000 Shillings," Kingston's new bells will, it is planned, be cast to provide Surrey with a welcome new ten, or even its second twelve. Vigorous plans have been laid for a sustained five-year campaign, and 8,000 of the 99,000 shillings have already been forthcoming. Although not many, Kingston ringers are increasing in numbers and have the energy and determination to carry this project through in the given time.

I am sure that the exciting news of this plan will meet with enthusiasm from all quarters of the ringing fraternity. Will you all send us a shilling (four 3d. stamps) as soon as you read this? If so, we can be halfway to our target in 24 hours! Those who know Kingston, whether from past or present affiliations, may find it possible to give a little more generously, and if so we should be more than grateful.

There will be no reminders; this letter is our sole general appeal. Please act, therefore, now, whilst you are thinking of it. Our treasurer is: Mr. D. M. Wilkins, "Kingston Bells," 66, Lenelby Road, Tolworth, Surrey. Thank you very much.—Yours sincerely,

W. H. JACKSON.

Kingston-upon-Thames.

REV. F. E. ROBINSON'S PEALS

Dear Sir,—Whilst congratulating the Rev. Malcolm Melville on scoring 62 peals in 1964, I must mention that this does not surpass the best years of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the first person to ring 1,000 peals.

His career during the later years of his life was a most remarkable one. From 1900 to 1907 (eight years) the "Reverend" rang no fewer than 608 peals, making an average of 76 peals per year. And at this period he was between 67 and 74 years of age! His best year was 1906 when, at the age of 73, he rang 92 peals!

It is interesting to recall that at the age of 52 his peal total was only 51! From age 60 onwards to the end of his career in 1908 he rang 826 peals! And in those days peals were very much harder to arrange. Truly an amazing record, especially when it is realised that from the age of 70 to 75 he scored some 437 peals and that many of them were on the seventh to Stedman Triples, some of them quite heavy and not going as well as they do today.

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Dorking, Surrey.

FUNERAL TRIBUTES ON BELLS

Dear Sir,—The widespread ringing of peals which marked the funeral tributes to Sir Winston Churchill provides us with a rare opportunity to survey current practice in the use of muffles.

Without directives from the Church or advice from the Central Council our individual towers have for many years been following their own customs and local traditions in this field of ringing, and in this respect anticipated finding some marked regional preferences; yet the distribution of those who rang fully muffled shows no geographical cohesion.

Of the 200 "in memoriam" peals published (the following figures have been rounded off) 84 per cent. were half-muffled, including those at Bladon and St. Paul's; 10 per cent. of the total were unspecified; 4½ per cent. were rung muffled; 2 per cent. indicated "muffled" but did not say to what extent; and a single peal (½ per cent.) was declared to have been rung "open."

It is interesting to note that at Bristol in two peals, rung on the same day, and with the same conductor, one was half-muffled at handstroke, the other at backstroke. Brighton's three towers gave satisfaction to all tastes: the peal at the Good Shepherd was fully muffled since there are strong objectors in the vicinity, the quarter peal at St. Nicholas' was half-muffled, and that at St. Peter's was rung open at the request of the Vicar.

The great numbers of quarter peals were not annotated and so defy analysis; had this been possible the results would have been more accurate but not, I think, very different.—Yours sincerely,

VICTOR SHEPPARD.

Brighton.

COLLECTION OF SURPRISE METHODS

Dear Sir,—The Methods Committee is to be congratulated on the excellence of the recently published "Collection of Surprise Methods." The clarity, simplicity of style, concise tabulation and, most important, extreme accuracy of the contents make it a model ringing publication.

It is a pity that the terse "rung in Spliced" is all we are told about the first performances of those methods which have not been pealed individually. The date of first performance would have been a useful addition in these cases. The particular choice of symbols to represent the less common Royal and Maximus lead heads is also unfortunate and more likely to cause confusion than the corresponding Corrigan code-letters which have been discarded.

Nevertheless these are insignificant defects in a long-overdue publication which is indispensable to any ringer interested in Surprise methods, and which is available at a price all can afford. No longer can there be any excuse for ringing an old Surprise method under a new name.

Such is the progress of ringing to-day that already nearly 30 Surprise methods have been rung in the ten months since this Collection was compiled.

I hope the Methods Committee will not rest on its laurels but will prepare a supplementary list for publication in the not too distant future. Perhaps the first supplement could also contain, for completeness, the handful of other regular treble bob methods rung which do not qualify for the description "Surprise." There are so few of these that a separate publication clearly would be unjustified, but they do deserve to be preserved in a Central Collection.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE W. MASSEY.

Frome, Somerset.

TALGARH, BRECONSHIRE.—On March 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. G. Smith 1, E. J. Smith 2, S. V. Edwards 3, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 4, M. T. John 5, Joan Parry 6. A compliment to the Vicar (Rev. T. L. E. James, B.A.) and Mrs. James, on the occasion of their silver wedding.

Appleton March 4th Festival

"EVER the same—yet ever new—changed and yet true, like the pure heaven's unfading blue"—this poem from Troyte's book seems to describe Appleton March 4th Festival.

This year, for some of us, and quite appropriately it seemed, there was ringing the night before at Bladon. A little pilgrimage took place to the last resting place of Sir Winston Churchill, by whose encouragement, faith and example, Appleton March 4th, and other English days of rejoicing, were preserved, we hope, for all time. And so on Saturday another day of the Festival dawned; soon after 10 a.m. the peal was away to the usual smart Appleton pace, at about 11.30 the handstroke—and ringing worthy of the occasion, soon after one o'clock came "This is all." A short stop for refreshment at the Tavern, then the peal band and two otherfortunates retired to see Phyllis and enjoy the wonderful lunch traditionally provided by the "Whites" for the peal band. If you have never been asked to have a second helping of Christmas pudding, by a sweet little Berkshire lady, then you have missed something.

By this time "Mine Host of the Plough" and his lady were trying very hard to get "a quart into a pint cup" and to explain to the guests that proceedings must stop at 3 o'clock or otherwise they might not be able to start the festival at 4 o'clock in the Village Hall. The transition was eventually managed and, to the sound of the village bells (kept ringing all the afternoon), the hall gradually filled up until the 90-odd were there in animated conversation and ready for supper.

The Rector of Appleton, Dr. Tindell-Hart, presided, supported by Sir Basil Blackwell and the Master of the Oxford Guild (Canon Wigg) on either side. Mrs. Wigg is here, too, and how happy and gracious she looks. Here comes the food. How a few Appleton ladies can produce so much out of a kitchen 8ft. by 6ft. is amazing, but they can and do. Fred Sharpe speaks (after the Rector has given us "The Queen"), proposing "The Church." His mixture of the serious and funny was much enjoyed, and the Rector suitably replied, chiding us a little in the process.

Bill Hibbert next, proposing "The Appleton Society." He makes a wonderful job of this, and his completion of 50 years' connection with the Society is received with acclamation. We feel grateful to him for saying what many of us feel about the men of Appleton, who, through the years, brought so much credit upon themselves, and attracted to the Society some of the greatest ringers of the Exercise. Bill's tribute was enthusiastically endorsed by the company, and Frank White, who replied, was duly honoured as one very worthy descendant of a famous family. Frank spoke regretfully about the absence of Fred Messenger, who was unfortunately ill, but cheered us all by mentioning other worthies present. The recovery from a serious illness by Mrs. Lock was mentioned, and her appearance at yet another Appleton Festival was greeted with applause.

Mr. William White, brother of Frank, proposed the toast of "The Visitors," and in reply Mr. Richard Blackwell, elder of Sir Basil's two sons present, expressed the gratitude of those who had come from far and near to enjoy the excellent company.

Then the traditional Appleton songs, including Sir Basil's. With handbells, Frank and his boys can still entertain us as nothing else can, but we were sorry not to hear a proper completion of Stedman Cinques being lapped. Some new friends from Worcester with a beautiful set of handbells gave a rousing performance, and what would Appleton be without Alf Webb's "The Midnight Peal"? Bill Hibbert's "Farmer's Boy" still ploughs and sows, and Bill Coles, busy with tape recorder, seems to record everything except his own Somerset ditty.

As the evening wears on we see that Farmer Sangwin is busy talking to Bill White's niece. John Lott from Chelsea is with Veronica, Roger (of St. Paul's fame) has a charming girl, and all laughing and drinking and enjoying the fun. John Camp has found a little charmer, and Bryn of Bristol is doing well too; Reg of the same city is going strong and we all hope he lasts the time out. Frank White is letting his hair down, and now we usually sing a few hymns; no wonder that the singing is good, as it is conducted by Joe Minty, whose voice enables him to be a member of Magdalen choir, in fact he and his wife are a choir of their own.

Derek, of Combe Martin, is making the best of everything but we notice he is very wary of the opposite sex; he is pleased with himself, having been to Appleton for the first time and rung in the peal—that is something to take back to Devon. And so on until past 11 o'clock, with many fond farewells and then to bed.

Sunday morning dawned bright and five of the old faithfuls left the Plough and made for Christ Church, Oxford. Stedman Caters went well; Walter, very much on form, looked none the worse after his late celebrations.

Back to Cumnor and its dear old church, and then towards home for Bill, with pleasant hours at East Ilsley. No doubt the village stores is the place to go for Sunday tea, especially if you like lardy cake. We were all pleased that Mr. and Mrs. Hibbert with John and Tetch could be at Appleton with us.

W. H. C.

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

Fourteen towers were represented at the monthly meeting of the Society at Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, on March 13th, when four new members were elected. The centenary of the bells at New Mill is being celebrated on April 10th, and it was agreed to join up with the Halifax District Association on that day. Other forthcoming fixtures are: Outing, June 19th; Shield contest, July 10th. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Joseph Burgess, of Friezland.

OBITUARY

MR. AMOS LANE

A ringer at Portishead for about 30 years, Mr. Amos Lane died earlier this month. He learned to ring in his native village of Nailsea and was a capable ringer and an outstanding steeplekeeper, who tended the bells, the tower and also the clock with loving and expert care for many years. He also served as a sidesman.

Mr. Lane's death will be sorely felt at Portishead, as he is quite irreplaceable, and visiting ringers to this tower have good reason to be thankful for his services. Those of us who have left should profit from his example.

An in memoriam quarter peal was rung at Portishead on the day of his funeral (March 10th) and also at Nailsea.

MR. WILLIAM C. MARSHALL

HIS PEAL LIST

The late Mr. W. C. Marshall, of Bethersden, rang 122 peals, of which 109 were for the Kent County Association. Details:

Doubles: Grandsire 1, two methods 1.

Minor: Plain Bob 13, Oxford Bob 1, College Bob 1, Reverse Bob 1, St. Clement's Bob 1, Double Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 2, two methods 4, three methods 2, four methods 4, five methods 1, seven methods 3, eight methods 1, Cambridge Surprise 4.

Triples: Stedman 3, Grandsire 6, Plain Bob 1.

Major: Plain Bob 6, Little Bob 1, Oxford Treble Bob 4, Kent Treble Bob 2, Double Norwich 2.

Surprise Major: Ospringe, Lincolnshire, Ashted 2, Rutland, Superlative 4, Biddenden, Pudsey, Bristol 4, London 3, New Cambridge, Aldenham, Whitwick, Belvedere, Cambridge 6, Yorkshire 14.

Spliced Surprise Major: Two methods 6, three methods 2, four methods 2, five methods 1, six methods 2, eight methods 2.

Caters: Stedman 1.

Royal: Cambridge Surprise 1.

Total: 122.

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Dinner Day of Cambridge U. Guild

THE annual dinner of the Cambridge University Guild was held on March 6th in the hall of Selwyn College, amid candles and Jacobean oak. The reunions and festivities, however, began on the previous day with the arrival of contingents from Reading and Oxford, eager for Cambridge life.

The night's activities took their toll of the day's peals. The Guild's first band at St. Neots decided to ring Stedman rather than Spliced Surprise but a sprained back among other things, caused the conductor to miscall. Meanwhile seven residents and Geoff Dodds were losing Cambridge at Trumpington, and a visitors' band, losing Yorkshire quickly at Long Stanton, were organising their own tower grab. The last band succeeded in ringing seven Spliced Surprise at Barkway, but at least there was a Guild conductor to ease our consciences. By lunchtime, snow had reached Cambridge, which throughout the week had enjoyed mild sunshine, and where we had heard with amazement talks of snowdrifts and other meteorological disturbances in Bristol which prevented our lady guest and her companions from attending.

After lunch the day's business began in earnest; a few heroes cycled in the storm to Cherry Hinton for assorted Doubles, while others preferred to remain indoors until an appropriate hour. St. Benet's attracted its customary devotees and at St. Mary's there was the usual crowd of non-residents, visitors and prospective Maximus ringers, who contrived a good course of Yorkshire Maximus as well as touches of Cinques. The Catholic Church, with its heavy eight, provided some stimulating courses of Superlative, Bristol and Cambridge, and at St. Andrew's ringing continued until 7.15.

CINQUES WITH LOVING CUP

Dinner was served at 8.30 p.m. when 93 members and friends sat down to an excellent meal. During the passage of the loving cup, with all its due ceremony, a well struck touch of Stedman Cinques was rung "in hand" by S. C. Walters (cond.), K. J. Darvill, J. M. H. Hunter, V. Nutton, B. D. Threlfall and C. H. Rogers, which was applauded at the end. The president, Mr. W. J. Ridgman, following the loyal toast, read out a list of apologies and introduced as the first speaker one of the Guild's most eminent members, the Bishop of Ely (the Rt. Rev. the Rev. E. J. K. Roberts).

Proposing the toast of "The Guild," the Bishop gave a witty review of his campanological achievements, including the ringing of every tenor bell in the Diocese of Portsmouth, and on a newly consecrated ring, still in his cope and mitre. Touching lightly on the circumstances of his election to the Guild—in a field in the Isle of Wight—he passed on to his major episcopal failure, his first broken stay, and though refraining from comment on his junior ministers, the Vicars of Trumpington and of St. Andrew's, he confessed to having no such inhibitions about his fellow member, Canon Thurlow. After praising the joy and universal fellowship of ringers, he found himself agreeing with the saying "It's never too late to learn," and in proposing the health of the Guild he expressed the hope that it would do all in its power to persuade as many as possible to take up and persevere in the art.

FEMALE MEMBERS AND PEALS

In reply, the Master (Mr. S. C. Walters) reviewed the Guild's activities, stressing its successful teaching and its help to local towers. Ringing both at St. Mary's and at St. Andrew's at 9.15 on Sunday mornings meant that he was having difficulty in finding 20 ringers at that time and was considering instituting the office of Chief Whip. The year's peal ringing had included successful visits to Lincoln and Cripplegate for Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus at St. Mary's. Silent Stedman Cinques was rung at High Wycombe, when, in deference to his wish not to lose a peal after travelling so far, an ex-Birmingham Stedman

conductor was left behind as not needed: silent Stedman Triples had been rung by the residents, a great achievement, as so many peals were lost with a conductor. Three peals were rung on handbells—Stedman Cinques, Bob Major and, the previous week, Stedman Triples, which had been attempted for nearly 60 years. Seeking an explanation for the Guild's success, he agreed with Mr. Rodney Meadows in attributing it to a lack of female members, such that, at one point in the year, the Guild was mistaken for an all-male Society. As was shown by several insidious references, the Master presumed to include himself in those endeavouring to have the best of both worlds.

The secretary's revised speech in honour of the guests would form an ideal essay subject: "K. J. Darvill's views on inter-varsity co-operation: discuss." After praising the clerical guests and the two octagenarian Cambridge Youths, Messrs. Denner and Pigg, whose sprightliness belied their years, he launched into a eulogy of other universities and expressed a wish to know them better. The two ladies from Reading expressed apprehension at the thought, but Mr. Darvill ploughed on, scattering platitudes, bad jokes and a misquote from Edward Gibbon on his love of Reading.

Replying, Mr. R. V. Humphries, the Master of the London University Society, expressed the thanks of the visitors and remarked at length upon Cambridge-London relations. Like the Guild, his own Society was interested in helping out at local practices—Tuesdays at St. Paul's, Bow—two Past Masters of the Ancient Society were visibly amused!

THE MORNING AFTER

The Guild responded nobly to the secretary's call, in the tower room until midnight, and then in Hugh Bishop's room and elsewhere. Suffice it to say that breakfast was served in King's to about nine people, one still in bed, and that the results were plainly to be seen in the 9.15 ringing. All touches of Cinques at St. Mary's broke down, so it is reported, while Kent Maximus barely survived, and at St. Andrew's eight stalwarts rang call changes. Ringing continued at Trumpington and Chesterton, and 18 members and friends held a communal lunch in one of Cambridge's hostels. After a "performance" of Handel's "Messiah" at Emmanuel, tea and ringing, the last of the Oxford group left us, and after ringing at St. Mary's with undergraduate Cinques, the ladies from Reading were driven off to London, and with them the first arrivals and last departures, the epitome of co-operation, it seems appropriate to end this account of a most enjoyable dinner and a tiring week-end. V. N.

AN EAST YORKS WEDDING

The wedding took place on March 13th at St. James' Church, Sutton-on-Hull, of Mr. Robin Hugh Rogers, of Grafton Regis, Northampton, and Miss Janet Irene Porter, of Sutton-on-Hull. The bride, bridegroom and best man, Mr. Martin C. Paulkes, of Leicester, are well known in ringing circles in East Yorkshire.

Before the ceremony the bridegroom, best man and the bridegroom's sister joined the local band in a touch, and a quarter peal was rung later. The happy couple are to make their home at Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

UMPIRE'S REPORT ON CAMBRIDGE PEAL

Dear Sir,—I umpired the silent peal of Stedman Triples rung at St. Andrew-the-Great, Cambridge, on February 19th by members of the Cambridge University Guild.

I am pleased to confirm that the peal was rung strictly silent and non-conducted and that the method was rung accurately and with conviction throughout.—Yours faithfully,

R. W. H. HAYES.

Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY'S FOURTH DINNER

THE fourth annual dinner of the Liverpool University Society was held on February 27th at the Bradford Hotel, Liverpool, when 68 members and friends sat down to an enjoyable meal.

In the morning the Society peal was unfortunately miscalled, thus maintaining the tradition, as the Society never has rung a peal on its Dinner Day. Of the three peals attempted by guests, only one—at Ormskirk—was successful. In the afternoon, general ringing was arranged at Halewood, Woolton, Everton and St. Francis Xavier's.

The Master, Mr. R. S. Starkie, took the chair at the dinner, and having proposed the loyal toast, welcomed the guests. He then proposed the toast of "The Church." In reply, the Rev. C. E. Young, the recently inducted Rector of Liverpool, said that this was the first ringers' function he had attended in Liverpool, and he was grateful to the Society for inviting him. He always liked to hear the sound of the bells and assured the Society that they were always welcome at St. Nicholas'.

Mr. C. K. Cooper, proposing the toast to "The Visitors," mentioned in his warm welcome that they included representatives from Manchester, London, Nottingham, Cambridge and Bristol University Ringing Societies, local ringers and ringers from the Wirral. He also welcomed a large party from Birmingham and ringers from Essex.

THE PARENT SOCIETY

Mr. Cyril Crossthwaite, vice-president of the Lancashire Association, who replied, said the Society was the newest non-territorial Society to be formed in Lancashire. The Lancashire Association regarded itself as a parent Association. He urged members to support the territorial Association and to attend meetings near Liverpool, and by doing this, not to become too self-centred in their ringing. He wished the Society the best of luck in the future and concluded by thanking the members for a good meal on behalf of himself and all the guests.

Mr. David Baker, Master of the Manchester University Guild, proposed the toast of "The Society." He welcomed the Society's participation in the Northern Universities' joint meetings and hoped that these would continue to be as well supported as the last ones had been. Mr. J. J. Fox replied, and reported that the past year had been a bumper year for peals, the Society having rung nine, making a total now of 12. These included the first of Major and the first of Surprise Major for the Society. The summer tour in and around Oxford had been very successful, being ably organised by Roger Shea. He also congratulated Mr. Christopher Cooper, last year's Master, and Miss Edna Ffrith on their engagement.

This concluded the formal proceedings. The rest of the evening was spent informally.

Many of those still in Liverpool next morning rang for service at St. Nicholas' and at St. Francis Xavier's. They were very kindly invited to return and ring for a wedding at mid-day at St. Nicholas'. In the afternoon, by kind permission of the Dean and the Ringing Master (Mr. Joseph Ridyard) we were able to ring the Cathedral bells for Evensong. The ringers applauded when two young ladies rang the tenor to a touch of Grandsire Cinques.

Thanks are due to Ringing Masters and incumbents who so kindly allowed us to ring their bells, and also to all those who helped to make the week-end successful. J. J. F.

WIMBLEDON, S.W.—On Jan. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Marian Balkwill 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Elizabeth Zass 3, Deborah Hopkins 4, Hilary Johnson 5, A. Bishop 6, A. Bagworth 7, M. Bangham (cond.) 8. Also on Feb. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rev. A. Esdaile (first quarter) 1, Lesley Eames 2, D. Cocke 3, Elizabeth Zass 4, M. Bangham (cond.) 5, Rosamund Rawlings 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HALF PEAL

MANCHESTER, LANCs.—At St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on March 10th, 2,520 Minor (Oxford, Kent, Cambridge and Plain Bob): A. S. Taylor 1, P. Coddington 2, J. W. Gander 3, C. R. Catton 4, R. L. Coley 5, D. L. Wilcox (cond.) 6. Rung by M.U.G.C.R.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. J. Wright 1, Valerie Mephram 2, P. J. Came 3, Stella Rice 4, Catherine M. Powell 5, M. J. Bew (cond.) 6.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on Feb. 28th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. Chaderton 1, W. Lee 2, M. Wright 3, C. Andrew 4, P. J. Malloch 5, D. J. Marshall 6, R. M. Edwards 7, J. Brannan (cond.) 8. By the local band for Evensong.

BADSEY, WORCS.—1,260 Grand sire Triples: M. Hawkes 1, A. Collett 2, A. Sadowska 3, M. Boskett 4, P. Robertson (first of Triples as cond.) 5, C. Edwin 6, I. Loyd 7, B. Hunt 8.

BANBURY, OXON.—On March 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. E. F. Easley 1, Mrs. Margaret O. Gillett 2, Mrs. Janice Parfitt 3, H. H. L. Alexander (cond.) 4, C. T. Wightman 5, J. Hankin 6, H. J. Bishop 7, J. M. Stretton 8. For Confirmation.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On March 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Willington 1, Mrs. R. Deal 2, Miss P. Fox 3, F. Ellis 4, Miss V. Hester 5, D. Hewitt 6, D. Ellidson (cond.) 7, A. White 8. For Festival Evensong, to mark the 33rd anniversary of the dedication of the church.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael with St. Paul's, on March 7th, 1,260 Grand sire Doubles: Miss C. Mitchell 1, Miss J. Webber 2, G. J. Hawkins 3, D. C. Hawkins 4, J. G. Hobbs (cond.) 5, P. J. Devrell 6. First in method 1, 2 and 6.

BETHRSDEN, KENT.—On March 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mary Marshall 1, Jennifer Young 2, D. Marshall 3, Elizabeth Stewart 4, G. Stewart (cond.) 5, M. Marshall 6. Rung in memory of the late William Charles Marshall, by his two sons, daughter, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, son's fiancée.

BLOXWICH, STAFFS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,232 Spliced Major (Plain Bob and Cambridge): P. R. Johnson 1, D. J. Bates 2, Marlene Townsend 3, G. W. Hughes 4, R. M. Hodister 5, J. H. Taylor 6, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 7, C. M. Smith 8. To welcome a son to Rev. Mr. Cheadle, incumbent of Bloxwich, and Mrs. Cheadle.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Lockwood (first quarter) 1, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 2, A. J. Munnings 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, M. J. Howes 5.

BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. E. Johnson 1, Sallie Boileux-Buchanan 2, Ann Durrent 3, B. Redgers 4, D. J. Marshall 5, J. O. Freeman (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Bridget Witton-Davies (first quarter) 1, D. J. Marshall 2, Janet Somerville 3, Christine M. Saville 4, B. Redgers 5, J. O. Freeman (cond.) 6. By Durham University Society.

BUTTESFORD, NOTTS.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. J. Colborne 1, V. P. Evans 2, D. J. Hopkinson 3, H. L. Squires 4, D. A. Frith 5, J. R. Holmes 6, D. R. Baxter (cond.) 7, G. A. J. Colborne 8. First in the method by all.

BURTON DASSETT, WARWICKS.—On March 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Hill (first quarter) 1, J. F. Thorne (first quarter) 2, R. J. Edden 3, T. G. Hill (first quarter) 4, R. W. Sherriff (first as cond.) 5, J. I. Spraggett 6. First of Minor 5 and 6.

CADUXTON, NEATH, GLAM.—On March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Boyce 1, J. Locke 2, D. J. Lewis 3, J. M. Hughes 4, R. J. Hosking (first as cond.) 5, G. I. Lewis 6. For Evensong.

CATTISTOCK, DORSET.—On March 12th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: G. Goringe (first on treble) 1, Mrs. H. Slade 2, J. Slade 3, E. Goringe 4, G. Abbott 5, E. Amey 6, J. Rose (cond.) 7, H. Goringe 8. In memoriam Canon C. Carew Cox, President, Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: A. Clayton 1, R. Cooles 2, Y. Edwards 3, D. Hopkins 4, A. Millidge (cond.) 5, P. Bushell 6, A. Bishop 7, P. Smith 8. A.M.D.G.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On March 7th, 1,260 Rev. St. Bartholomew Doubles: Lynn Taylor 1, Peggy Butcher 2, A. W. Fuller 3, Betty Butler 4, A. J. Butcher (cond.) 5, A. E. W. Baines 6. Rung on the occasion of the Confirmation of three members of the local band at Danehill this day.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): J. Catchpole 1, Mrs. C. Tebble 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, A. Harrison 4, C. Catchpole 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6, G. Maynard cover. Rung to honour the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. Copling, of Loddon. Also to their daughter Janet, on her 21st birthday.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's, on Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Jessop (first quarter) 1, P. Fox 2, I. White 3, A. Baldock (cond.) 4, H. Reynolds 5, R. Percy 6. Rung for the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

ESSENDON, HERTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Stephanie Green 1, Paula Healing 2, Susan Farnes 3, Eileen Maskell 4, K. Walpole 5, M. Sherrick (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 3.

EXHALL, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Minor (four methods): H. D. Harrison 1, D. J. Allen (cond.) 2, K. F. Gardner 3, R. D. Hart 4, W. A. Stote 5, I. P. Unsworth 6.

GRANTHAM, LINCs.—On Feb. 21st, 1,232 Plain Bob Major: A. J. Colborne 1, Mrs. P. Hill 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, P. Hill 4, J. R. Holmes 5, D. A. Frith 6, H. R. Woods 7, D. R. Baxter (comp. and cond.) 8. For Evensong.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Minor (four methods): Yvonne A. Murray 1, Rosemarie A. Frith 2, Anne Edwards 3, M. J. Cowling 4, P. G. Brown 5, I. R. Pantom (cond.) 6. After unsuccessful peal attempt.

HADDINGHAM, CAMBS.—On March 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Lant 1, G. Markwell 2, Mrs. L. Lant 3, D. Murfet 4, G. Walker 5, A. Yarrow (cond.) 6. To welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. B. G. B. Fox).

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Gooderham 1, L. P. Braln 2, S. J. Hammond 3, L. J. Parry 4, H. W. Egglestone 5, R. C. Groom (first as cond.) 6. For morning service.

HEREFORD.—On Feb. 21st, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grand sire Caters: Elizabeth Taylor 1, Gillian Sims 2, J. F. I. Turney 3, D. M. Morton 4, P. D. Sell 5, G. T. Cousins (cond.) 6, M. C. W. Sherwood 7, T. Wood 8, A. T. Wingate 9, K. S. Morton 10. For Evensong. Also on March 7th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Elizabeth Taylor 1, R. Godsall (first quarter) 2, Gillian Sims 3, P. D. Sell 4, D. M. Morton 5, M. C. W. Sherwood 6, J. F. I. Turney 7, T. Wood 8, A. T. Wingate 9, G. T. Cousins (cond.) 10. First quarter of Bob Royal for all and first on the bells by local Sunday service ringers. For Evensong, and to mark the retirement, on February 28th, of the Rev. Canon H. A. Moreton, M.Litt. Dr-es-Lettres, F.R.Hist.S., Chancellor and Canon Residentiary of the Cathedral.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,320 Doubles (seven methods): W. G. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, M. W. Harrison 4, J. A. Heaps 5. For Evensong. Also on March 7th, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles, same band, conducted by M. W. Harrison. For Evensong, in memoriam Harold Banister.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On March 7th, 1,320 Buttercup Doubles: Miss E. A. Hill 1, Miss M. Green 2, Miss T. E. Staples 3, G. Allcock 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—On Jan 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Tonks 1, J. Thomson 2, L. Moore 3, D. Appleton (first as cond.) 4, A. Walker 5, R. S. Jackson 6. For Evensong.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On March 12th, 1,344 Grand sire Triples: C. James 1, W. Insley 2, J. Vickers 3, A. Jeffs 4, H. B. Whitney 5, K. G. Spavins 6, R. Woodruff (cond.) 7, K. Jackson 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Dr. A. O. Bolton.

LEIRE, LEICS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,440 St. Clement's Minor: H. J. Dove 1, A. R. Wright 2, R. D. Hart 3, Mrs. P. J. Wright 4, W. Johnson 5, G. Pratt (cond.) 6. Rung for the engagement of Stephanie Wright and Ben Illingsworth.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. Jones (first quarter, aged 14) 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, Yvonne Criddle (first in five methods, aged 14) 3, June Legg 4, J. Coombs 5, S. Lewis 6. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on March 14th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: R. E. J. Dennis (first on ten as cond.) 1, A. H. Smith 2, Yvonne Edwards 3, R. D. Bailey 4, P. G. Le Count 5, T. G. Pett 6, M. B. Tyers 7, R. O. Humphries 8, A. G. Tyers 9, R. W. Powell 10. For Evensong by U.L.S.C.R.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On March 14th, 1,260 Doubles (in three methods): Adrian Neilson 1, B. L. Marks 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherton 5, T. C. Uden 6. For Evensong.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

On Sunday, March 7th, a memorial tablet was dedicated at St. Paul's Church, Chippenham, to Mr. Charles Lovelock, who was captain of the ringers for 40 years.

Mr. Nelson Elliot had great hopes of ringing in the quarter peal at Merstham on March 7th, but had to return to hospital. If he had rung it would have been his first quarter since 1953. Mr. W. Dunn stood in at very short notice.

A representative band of ringers from the North Staffordshire Association rang at Hanley Parish Church on March 10th on the occasion of the induction of the new Rector, the Rev. A. Bond, B.Sc., by the Bishop of Stafford.

At the Portsmouth District annual general meeting (see February 19th issue) Mr. A. Cope was wrongly reported as transferring to compounding membership. He is, in fact, continuing as a ringing member attached to Titchfield.

The Decca record of the State funeral of Sir Winston Churchill (W.C.F. 101 in two volumes) gives 27 rows of the beginning of the ringing at St. Paul's—which is rounds and takes 1½ minutes to play. The ringing is at the rate of 18 changes per minute. Unfortunately, writes our correspondent, the recording is too short, but the rest of the record is worth buying.

The quarter peal rung at St. Florence on March 6th was a substitute for a peal attempt. The adverse weather conditions prevented three of the band from coming. It afforded an opportunity for Simon Rogers (11 years of age), the son of the Ringing Master of the St. David's Diocesan Guild, to ring the treble to his first quarter. The peal attempt was to have been made on the anniversary of the dedication of the restored ring in 1964.

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MR. H. D. HARRIS'S 90th BIRTHDAY

A well loved figure in Bedfordshire, Mr. H. D. Harris, celebrated his 90th birthday on March 1st. Born in Cheshire, he came to live at Woburn at the age of 18, and joined the Bedfordshire Association in 1896. His distinguished career includes vice-president of the Bedfordshire Association, 70 years a bell-ringer, 50 years a chorister, sidesman, vicar's warden and member of the Parochial Church Council. Wearing his usual cheery smile and carrying his 90 years with great dignity and poise, Mr. Harris spent part of the afternoon of March 6th listening to a peal of London (his favourite method) being rung on the bells of Woburn Parish Church in his honour. Later he was entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Spavins. Miss E. Steel, for many years a friend of Mr. Harris, was present to tender her felicitations, as was the Rev. R. O. Osborne, Vicar of Woburn, and these were joined by the peal ringers, who did justice to the lavish tea so generously provided. Before the party broke up, Mr. Harris took part in touches of Kent Treble Bob Royal and London Surprise Major on handbells.

All those fortunate enough to be present on this happy occasion render sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Spavins for their bounteous hospitality, and wish Mr. Harris many more happy years of retirement. A. E. R.

PETER CALLS HIS DIAMOND PEAL

The peal rung at Farnworth and Kearsley, Lancashire, as a compliment to Mr. Peter Crook after 60 years' ringing, was followed by supper at St. George's Hotel, Bolton. The ringers were entertained in the traditional manner by Peter and his ringer son, Peter junior: another generation. Peter the III, was also present. It is not given to many to call a peal when one has been ringing for 60 years, but this he was able to do and he did it well. Peter had also been featured on I.T.V. to mark the achievement.

Regular Sunday ringing with a couple of practices each week, a full diary, good food and good and young company help to keep Peter in good trim, writes Joe Thornley, and this at 80 is not bad going. Good luck. Peter and may God grant you many more years of faithful service to the Exercise.

SLUGGISH WITH HEAT

No doubt there will be comments on the slow time of 3 hours taken in the peal at Radley. "If we had rung any faster we should have lost it," writes the conductor. "The temperature in the belfry was in the region of 70 to 80 degrees, as the church heating system 'came on' just after we had started!" The main pipes go through the ringing chamber.

A PROMISING TOWER

Mr. Harold W. Eggstone is making good progress with the young band he is training at Henley, Suffolk, and the present aim is to ring at least two quarters a month for Sunday service, thus improving the lads' striking and strengthening the team spirit in preparation for peal ringing.

10,240 LOST AT BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR, DEVON

Members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers were unsuccessful on March 13th when an attempt was made to ring 10,240 of Plain Bob Major at the remote Dartmoor village Church of St. Peter's, Buckland-in-the-Moor. The attempt broke down in the fourth of the 10-part peal after nearly two hours' good ringing.

Ringers were: D. Jewell 1, Margaret Bould 2, M. Lock 3, C. C. Reeves, 4, C. Bryant 5, F. Mack 6, R. Bould 7, N. Mallett (conductor) 8.

It has been decided to have another attempt in October by the same band.

MORE ABOUT SMETHWICK

We went astray with the information relating to Smethwick on page 184. Messrs. G. E. and H. H. Fearn were both born in the city of Birmingham, but lived in Smethwick for about four and a half years. Mr. Frank E. Haynes informs us that Sidney Holloway was a Smethwick boy and a pupil at Holly Lodge in his early years. "Stan" Mason was not at the school, he was an evening pupil of Mr. Haynes at Smethwick Municipal College when he was qualifying for a professional examination. Peter Border was at the Cambridge school at which Mr. Haynes now teaches. He, like Mr. Haynes, is a native of Trumpton.

In case we have "debunked" Smethwick in the eyes of ringers, earlier generations will remember Sam Hughes, who at one time represented the Staffordshire Association on the Central Council; John Jagger of the well-known Burton band and one of the most delightful and interesting characters Mr. Haynes has ever known; and Joe Pigott and his sister, Sarah, noted especially as handbell ringers.

87 AND STILL GOING STRONG

There are few older active ringers in Leicestershire than Mr. Thomas Briggs, of Somerby, and on his 87th birthday on March 9th he received many greeting cards from ringing friends. After the Tuesday night's practice he entertained the ringers to light refreshments at the Three Crowns, and in the course of the evening Mr. Arthur J. Stimson, on behalf of Somerby ringers, presented him with a clock.

The congratulatory quarter, in which he took part, was at Ashby Folville, the following evening, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, rung by T. Briggs 1, Mrs. M. Stimson 2, A. J. Stimson 3, Mrs. D. Day 4, M. J. Stimson 5, J. L. Day 6, R. H. Cook (conductor) 7, J. H. Cook 8.

NO RIVAL TO REV. F. E. ROBINSON

The Rev. Malcolm Melville assures us that in these days of clergy shortage he had no ideas of emulating the massive totals of peals rung by the Rev. F. E. Robinson in the latter years of his life. (He rang 92 when he was 73). Most of Mr. Melville's 54 tower bell peals were rung at the Loughborough Bell Foundry, where a peal can be scored in a little over two hours. An erroneous announcement at the Oxford Guild Festival, where he was referred to as Master of the Southwell Guild, was not corrected at the time. He was only vice-chairman, with Mr. F. W. Midwinter as chairman. The Guild has a chairman instead of a Master.

NEIGHBOURS HELP IN FUND RAISING

The Itchingfield (Sussex) ringers' annual dance and social on February 20th at Barns Green was in aid of the bell fund of the neighbouring tower of Billingshurst, where the bells are to be recast. Over 100 tickets were sold and ringing friends came from as far afield as Brighton and Crawley, as well as large numbers from Warnham, Horsham and Billingshurst.

Mr. K. R. Hoare (secretary) and Mr. Jim Nelson (Master) had the support of all members and in some cases their families, and a most enjoyable evening of games, ball-room and old-time dancing and twisting resulted. Music for the last named was provided by the Fulnars, a beat group made up of four Guild members—Geoff Clements, Peter Francis and Elizabeth and Robert Hoare. Fantastic lighting effects were achieved by Mr. N. Richardson, and the M.C. was Mr. Chris Godfrey.

A profit of £15 resulted. The three towers of Billingshurst, Warnham and Itchingfield are jointly arranging a Caledonian market and barbecue, the provisional date for which is May 22nd. The total cost of recasting Billingshurst bells is over £1,300, and £600 is still required. The three towers hope to have the continued and added support of the ringing fraternity for their fund-raising efforts.

MEWSLADE COURT BOB MAJOR PEAL

An official objection has been received by Mr. W. Parrott, hon. secretary of the Surrey Association, to the peal of Mewslade Court Bob Minor rung at Limpsfield Chart on December 19th, from Mr. R. C. Stevens, who rang the fourth bell to the peal. He claims that the peal did not comply with Central Council Conditions in that:

(1) During the third or fourth extent a shift or error in the ringing was not immediately corrected (Condition 1a).

(2) Arising therefrom the peal did not consist of true and complete 720's (Condition 3 a, i).

Mr. Parrott informs us that the matter will receive the attention of the committee at its forthcoming meeting, and arising therefrom an inquiry will no doubt be held.

FOUNDERS' DAY AT ROTHERHAM

For Rotherham Grammar School Founders' Day Service boys, assisted by one master (Mr. J. Kershaw) and Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock, again rang the bells of the Parish Church. Ringing included Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor with the tenor covering. The back seven bells were rung.

"HAD ALE"

"The Phoenix Gazette" of Rotherham contains an interesting article on "The Church Bells of Rotherham." The article recalls that on February 10th, 1752, a six-bell peal was rung including College Trebles, Oxford Trebles, College Pleasure and Crown Bob in 1 hour 30 minutes and totalled 2,520 changes.

In 1704 the Great Bell was fractured and a committee was formed to consider the purchase of the new bells. The minute book records: "Had Ale when we discoursed about hanging Ye Bell" or "When taking down Ye Bell" or "at receiving of Ye Bell" and again with renewed enthusiasm "Had Ale for the first time Ye New Bell was rung."

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
CHURCHILL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being 14 120's each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*Christopher Avery Treble	† Vincent A. Hemming .. 4
Harold Spencer 2	John S. Walton 5
P. John Hall 3	*John Chaplin Tenor

Conducted by John S. Walton.

* First peal. † First in three methods.

Rung as a tribute to George Gilling (80), of this tower, a member of the Association for 60 years, who has retired on medical grounds.

KINGSODON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in D.

Raymond P. Selway .. Treble	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 4
*Gilbert W. Rendell .. 2	William E. Turner .. 5
*Derek S. Beaufoy .. 3	Trevor A. Cross .. Tenor

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.

* First peal of Surprise. First of Surprise on the bells.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*G. H. Jones (St. John's) Treble	S. P. Darvill (Downing) .. 7
V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 2	F. C. Hobson (St. John's) 8
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) 3	C. M. Press (King's) .. 9
K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) 4	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel) 10
*R. W. H. Hayes (Caius) 5	S. C. Walters (Pembroke) 11
K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) .. 6	J. A. Harrison (Sidney) .. Tenor

Arranged by J. M. Hadley Hunter.

Conducted by S. C. Walters.

* First peal on 12 bells.

Rung by an all-undergraduate band.

ORWELL, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Thurs., Mar. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being in 14 methods: Plain Bob, Kennington, Old Bob, April Day, Hudibras, Litchurch, Seighford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, St. Columb, Campion, St. David, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston. Tenor 11 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*B. E. Mozley (Selwyn) .. Treble	G. H. Jones (St. John's) .. 3
M. C. E. Hodge (Fitzwilliam) 2	K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) .. 4

J. A. Harrison (Sidney) .. Tenor

Conducted by J. A. Harrison.

* First peal. First as conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

HYDE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

William H. Dowse .. Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis .. 5
Derek Yates 2	A. Peter Whitehead .. 6
Harold C. Lonyon .. 3	Alan McFall 7
Robert J. Warrilow .. 4	Robert B. Smith .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by A. Peter Whitehead.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb.

Frank Osbaldiston .. Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis .. 5
Derek F. Yates 2	Alan McFall 6
John Worth 3	David Atkinson .. 7
Harold C. Lonyon .. 4	Robert B. Smith .. Tenor

Composed by George Baker.

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

ATHERSTONE, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRADFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in A.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. Treble	Hubert E. Ashley .. 5
Edward Holdsworth .. 2	L. Michael Callow .. 6
Ian C. Maycock 3	David J. Allen 7
Ian D. Thompson .. 4	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed.

Conducted by Peter Border.

First peal in the method by all the band.

HARBURY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Mar. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being 10 extents each of Stedman, Plain Bob, 12 of Reverse Canterbury and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

Peter C. Randall .. Treble	F. Mark Robottom .. 3
Ian C. Maycock 2	Geoffrey W. Randall .. 4

Peter S. Bennett .. Tenor

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

Rung after meeting short for Minor.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CRESWELL, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Jan. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

Christopher J. Hughes .. Treble	Anthony Laughton .. 5
Clive Longden 2	Richard Shelkton .. 6
Geoffrey N. Goodall .. 3	Malcolm P. Phipps .. 7
Richard Farnsworth .. 4	Len Goodall Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Len Goodall.

DRONFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5072 REVERSE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

Catherine Bradley .. Treble	Geoffrey N. Goodall .. 5
Clive Longden 2	Christopher Hughes .. 6
Malcolm P. Phipps .. 3	Richard Shelkton .. 7
Richard Farnsworth .. 4	Len Goodall Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Len Goodall.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Catherine Bradley.

BOLSOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5216 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

*David Barnes Treble	A. Benjamin Cooper .. 5
Clive Longden 2	Christopher Hughes .. 6
Dennis Cooper 3	Malcolm P. Phipps .. 7
Robert Chambers .. 4	Len Goodall Tenor

Composed by A. Percival Knights.

Conducted by Len Goodall.

* First peal.

NORTH WINGFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of

St. Lawrence.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

Anthony Laughton .. Treble	Richard Farnsworth .. 5
Clive Longden 2	Christopher Hughes .. 6
Malcolm P. Phipps .. 3	Geoffrey Goodall .. 7
Richard Shelkton .. 4	Len Goodall Tenor

Composed by Amburn Wilson.

Conducted by Len Goodall.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

TIVERTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

Jennifer M. Taylor .. Treble	Peter Bridle 5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	James R. Taylor .. 6
Frank D. Mack 3	Don C. Exell 7
Richard J. Bowden .. 4	Ralph G. Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

First in the method on the bells and for the Guild.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, Co. Durham.—At the Church of

SS. Mary and Cuthbert.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 COTSWOLD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

John O. Freeman .. Treble	Andrew G. Craddock .. 5
William Davidson .. 2	David J. Marshall .. 6
James Crowther .. 3	Michael Maughan .. 7
Rodney A. Yeates .. 4	George S. Deas .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Brenda Cooke and also a 76th birthday compliment to the grandfather of the second ringer.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

LEYTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Thurs., Mar. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

*Penelope J. Fox .. Treble	Donald E. Cobb .. 5
Graham C. Paul 2	†Anthony M. Faulkner .. 6
Charles A. Hughes .. 3	Dennis Ellisdon .. 7
†Kenneth Warner .. 4	Dennis A. Hewitt .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Dennis Ellisdon.

* First peal of Major. † First of Surprise. First of Surprise as conductor.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CROMHALL, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

Andrew Howard Treble	Alan Tubb 4
Diana M. Chapman 2	Hugh N. Evans 5
John H. Taylor 3	Bernard G. North Tenor

Conducted by Hugh N. Evans.

FILTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb. in B flat.

Giles B. Thompson .. Treble	Alan Tubb 4
Andrew Howard 2	Hugh N. Evans 5
John H. Taylor 3	Bernard G. North Tenor

Conducted by Hugh N. Evans.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

FARNBOROUGH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

Charles H. Kippin Treble	*Victor M. Cox 5
Hilary N. Kippin 2	Harold P. Reed 6
Beryl R. Simpson 3	W. John Couperthwaite .. 7
Peter J. Joyce 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by C. H. Middleton. Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.
* First peal of Major. First peal on the eight bells and rung by members of the local band.

FRENSHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

Sylvia J. Tate-Mitchell Treble	Alan D. Elsmore 4
*Gwendolen Marshall .. 2	G. Kenneth Williamson .. 5
Raymond A. Clist 3	Tom Page Tenor

Conducted by Tom Page.

* First peal.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

DARTFORD, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 ECCLESTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in E flat.

Andrew M. Macve .. Treble	Arthur S. Richards 5
Mary S. Taylor 2	Ian H. Oram 6
*John Faircloth 3	Ralph Bird 7
Richard G. Crosland .. 4	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.
* 100th peal. The first peal in the method (Corrigan, No. 116).

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Fri., Mar. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Martin L. Howe Treble	Herbert Audeley 5
Arthur G. Mason 2	W. Arthur Riddington .. 6
David S. Osenton 3	Cyril S. Jarrett 7
Frederick J. Cullum 4	Bernard F. L. Groves .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

FRITTENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Philip A. Corby Treble	Robert W. Hinde 5
Lucile M. Corby 2	Edward J. Jenner 6
Judith M. Corby 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
Ann Jenner 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
First peal in the method by all, except the ringer of the treble.

LITTLE CHART, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary of the Holy Rood.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in B.

Rev. Peter T. Robbins Treble	Rev. Stanley M. Evans .. 4
*John Anderson 2	Crawford T. Hillis 5
Dr. J. Lyn Garraway .. 3	Peter Bradford Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

* First peal "inside."

Rung in memory of Canon C. Carew Cox.

ECCLESTON SURPRISE MAJOR:

-58-16-12-38-34-58. 14-16, 7. 2nds place lead end 15738264.
4ths place bob. False course end 24365.

PETHAM, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 36 methods: (1 and 2) Lindley, Northumberland, Sandiacre, Carlisle, Whitley, Wooler, Alnwick, Newcastle, Morpeth, Canterbury, Chester and Munden, (3) Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Lightfoot, Annable's London and Netherseale, (4) London, Wells, Dearne Valley and Cuncastre, (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (6) Westminster and Allendale, (7) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley, with 153 changes of method.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.

Ian H. Oram Treble	John Faircloth 4
*Mary S. Taylor 2	Andrew M. Macve 5
Ralph Bird 3	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* Most methods to a peal.

THE LADIES' GUILD AND THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Rumney, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

Gwendoline B. Bidgood Treble	Penelope J. Welch 4
Elizabeth Brown 2	Mary E. Pryor 5
Ruth Havard 3	Christine M. Glastonbury Tenor

Conducted by Christine M. Glastonbury.

First peal by the South Wales District of the Ladies' Guild.
First peal for the Association by an all ladies' band. First of Minor as conductor

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Dilys Hulbert, a member of both Associations and a ringer at St. Mellons, and Mr. John Lyes, who were married this day at St. Mellons Parish Church.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.

On Fri., Mar. 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Day's Six-Part.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

Joseph Thornley Treble	Norman Tompkins 5
Charles Brownlow 2	Peter Crook 6
Arnold Critchley 3	Peter Crook (jun.) 7
Roy Parkinson 4	John F. Wood Tenor

Conducted by Peter Crook.

Rung upon the Feast of St. Gregory-the-Great. Rung with the congratulations of the band and many ringing friends to the conductor on 60 years of ringing.

MELLING, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents of Oxford and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

Nicholas M. Newby .. Treble	Wilfred Bolton 4
James E. Dickinson .. 2	Nicholas M. Newby, jun. 5
Alan Capstick 3	Thomas F. Metcalfe .. Tenor

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Messrs. Jack Otway, William Otway, David Capstick, Peter Wilson, all ringers at St. Mary's Parish Church, Ambleside.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

ASHBY FOLVILLE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

James H. Pannett Treble	Malcolm E. Wade 5
W. Ernest Rawson 2	Alan E. Hartley 6
Roland H. Cook 3	A. Maxwell Lindsey 7
William A. Lacey 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth and an 87th birthday compliment to Mr. T. Briggs (bellringer), of Somerby, Leicestershire.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

WHAPLODE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Mar. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods: (1) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (2) Hereward and Single Oxford Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (5) Double Bob and Fulbeck, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

Denis Woods Treble	Cyril R. Burrell 4
Frank Taylor 2	Derek J. Jones 5
Raymond H. Daw 3	Brian Harris Tenor

Conducted by Derek J. Jones.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Denys.

On Fri., Mar. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Double Court, (2) Single Court, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) Double Oxford, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.

*Charles F. Baxter Treble	†David J. Hopkinson .. 4
†Graham J. N. Colborne .. 2	James H. Musson 5
Denis A. Frith 3	Frederick W. Pinchbeck Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

* First peal of Minor. † First in seven methods. The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower."

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to James H. Musson.

WITHAM-ON-THE-HILL, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods: (1) Beverley and Surfleet, (2) Hereward and Single Oxford, (3) Cambridge, (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, (5) Double Bob and Fulbeck, (6) Kent, (7) Plain Bob.

Gerald W. Reynolds .. Treble	Edwin J. Chapman 4
Keith R. Davey 2	Derek J. Jones 5
J. Martin Thorley 3	Frank Taylor Tenor

Conducted by Derek J. Jones.

A birthday compliment to Katharine and Penelope Thorley.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

BIGGIN HILL, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Wed., Mar. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in the following 23 methods: (1) London, Wells and Cunecastre, (2) Rossendale and Annable's London, (3) Lightfoot and Netherseale, (4) Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham, Berwick, York and Durham, (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne, (6) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (7) Norwich.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

Robert E. J. Dennis .. Treble	Timothy G. Pett 4
*P. Gerald McIlhone .. 2	Richard O. Humphries .. 5
Anthony H. Smith 3	Roger D. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

* 50th peal. Most methods to a peal by all the band. Most methods to a peal of Minor by the Society.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NORWICH.—At the Church of St. George, Colegate.

On Thurs. Mar. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Wells, London, Ipswich, Norwich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

Tenor 9 cwt. 80 lb. in G sharp.

F. Charles Goodman .. Treble	Martin Cubitt 4
David Cubitt 2	Peter M. Adcock 5
Leslie F. Bailey 3	David E. House Tenor

Conducted by David E. House.

(And the Gresham's School Society.)

BALE, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in four variations of calling. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

Peter N. Mackley Treble	†Jonathan A. Royds-Jones 3
*Richard A. J. Bower .. 2	Andrew W. Sawyer .. 4
†Paul Royds-Jones Tenor	

Conducted by Paul Royds-Jones.

* First tower bell peal "inside." † First peal. ‡ First on tower bells. First peal on the bells and the first tower peal for the Society.

Rung to the Glory of God and to mark the first anniversary of the rehanging of the tenor by the Society.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

HIGH WYCOMBE, Bucks.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

G William Critchley .. Treble	Geoffrey Harrison 7
John Beresford 2	Derek Francis 8
John Hill 3	Sydney M. Bailey 9
Claudia A. Critchley .. 4	Jack S. Dear 10
Dennis Knox 5	John R. Mayne 11
David A. Cornwall 6	J. Richard Castledine .. Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby.

Conducted by John Hill.

CHURCHILL, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 HALLAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

William J. Dixon Treble	Peter D. Beedie 5
Elsie K. Hart 2	Brian W. Hall 6
Frederick W. Soden .. 3	D. Kay Adkins 7
H. George Hart 4	Kenneth R. Dunstan .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler.

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

First peal in the method by all the band.

RADLEY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*Janet M. Turner Treble	Daphne J. Pollard 4
David J. Salter 2	Marie R. Cross 5
David Sturge 3	C. Jeffrey Jones Tenor

Conducted by Marie R. Cross.

* First peal.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Catherine M. Chapman (a member of the local band) and Mr. Kenneth Day. All the above are members of the Sunday service band.

MIDGHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Wed., Mar. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two extents each of Beverley Surprise and Surfleet Surprise and three of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

Eunice A. Lewis Treble	Brian J. Luff 4
Felicity T. Webber 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd 5
Reginald W. Rex 3	Frank W. Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First of Surprise Minor on the bells.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

AMBROSDEN, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

Roger W. Smith Treble	Alan J. Frost 5
Diana M. Frost 2	Alan A. Paul 6
*James Linnell 3	Charles E. Truman 7
Graham C. Paul 4	Patrick I. Chapman Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

* First peal of Rutland.

A compliment to Robin H. Rogers and Janet I. Porter on their wedding day.

CHIPPING NORTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, containing 1,760 Rutland, 1,440 London, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

Patrick I. Chapman .. Treble	*Graham C. Paul 5
Diana M. Frost 2	*†Alan A. Paul 6
*Roger W. Smith 3	*Charles E. Truman 7
Alan J. Frost 4	*James Linnell Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

Conducted by Alan J. Frost.

* First peal of eight spliced Surprise Minor. † 100th peal.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
CRANFORD, Northants.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and two extents each of St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

Mary Bloxam Treble	Edward Buckby 4
Murray Coleman 2	Michael Staley 5
Dennis Person 3	Frank Coales Tenor

Conducted by Frank Coales.

First peal in five methods for all the band. First as conductor.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAMERHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Plain Bob and 22 extents of Grandsire, with the methods changed at each quarter. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

*Rev. G. Moule Treble	Percy G. Waterman 4
Geoffrey K. Dodd 2	Jack Mussell 5
John Pares 3	Jack Bayerstock Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to the ringer of third.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps and Plain Bob, and 12 of Kennington. Tenor 12 cwt.

*W. Gordon Marsh .. Treble	S. Jane Dowse 3
Robert D. Marsh 2	Ruth Blackshaw 4
	Margaret E. Chilton .. Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

* First peal in four methods. Rung on front five.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 35 methods: (1) Bogedone, Ely, Rostherne, Knutsford and Wilmslow Delight, (2) Fotheringay, Dover, Chepstow, Skipton and Balmoral Delight, (3) Vale Royal, Abbeyville, St. Werburgh, Crowland and Combermere Delight, (4) St. Albans, Braintree, Wragby, Charwood and Neasden Delight, (5) College Bob IV, Marple, Willesden, Newdigate and Old Oxford Delight, (6) College Exercise, Morning Star, Norbury, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk T.B., (7) London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford, Kingston, Capel and Sandal T.B.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Thomas G. Goodwin .. Treble	Doreen Bradley 4
Christine L. J. Mills .. 2	Frank Bradley 5
Brian M. Buswell 3	R. Brian Mills Tenor

Conducted by R. Brian Mills.

First peal in 35 methods by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

WILFORD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.
On Wed., Mar. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of Rushall, All Saints, Reverse Bartholomew, Northrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Kennington, April Day and Plain Bob, and two extents of Grandsire. Ruth Blackshaw Treble

Robert D. Marsh 2	Sydney Adams 3
	Maurice W. Harrison .. 4

*William L. Exton Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* 75th tower for a peal.

A compliment to Mr. Ernest Brewill, aged 86 years, on his 75th anniversary as chorister at St. Wilfred's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Mon., Mar. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 1,440 Cambridge Surprise and 3,600 Plain Bob, with 90 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Richard B. Dorrington .. Treble	Maurice G. Ingram 5
David J. Bates 2	Remi M. Hodister 6
D. Kay Moore 3	Philip G. K. Davies 7
Barnabas G. Key 4	Michael W. Fairey Tenor

Arranged by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

First peal of Spliced Plain and Surprise Major by all the band except the conductor, on the bells and for the Association.

TETTENHALL, Staffs.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., Mar. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

*Terry J. Greaves .. Treble	Remi M. Hodister 5
†David J. Bates 2	Michael W. Fairey 6
D. Kay Moore 3	Philip G. K. Davies 7
Marlene E. Townsend .. 4	Clive M. Smith Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First of Surprise Major.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Robert E. Lester Treble	Walter W. Miller 5
Walter Ruffles 2	Harold Leather 6
Harry D. Lister 3	Alan R. Bridges 7
William J. Button 4	Leslie G. Brett Tenor

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

The ringer of 3 has "circled the tower."

Birthday compliments to R. E. Lester and Mrs. Ruffles, mother of Walter and Frank, on attaining her 85th birthday.

BARKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Robert E. Lester Treble	Maurice J. Rose 4
Michael J. Howes 2	Neville F. Whittell 5
Lawrence R. Pizzev .. 3	Alice E. J. Lester Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. Lester.

Ringers of 5 and tenor have now "circled the tower" to peals.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ADDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

*Marian Bawkill Treble	Margaret C. Godfrey .. 4
†Elizabeth E. L. Zass .. 2	Hilary M. Johnson 5
Rosamund N. Rawlings .. 3	Michael J. Bangham .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Bangham.

* First peal attempt. † First peal "inside."

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ALFRISTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in G.

Rosemary Earl Treble	Frederick J. Lambert .. 4
*Paul Fox 2	Alan R. Baldock 5
†John L. Hill 3	†Walter A. Binsted Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* First peal "inside." † First in the method. ‡ First peal.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRECON.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt in E. flat.

Edmund J. Morris .. Treble	Gwyn I. Lewis 5
Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 2	M. Jack Pryor 6
Penelope J. Welch 3	David J. Llewellyn 7
J. Arthur Hoare 4	Brian J. Woodruffe Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal of Double Norwich C.B. Major on the bells.

A 21st birthday compliment to Malcolm T. Johns, of Brecon, and a birthday peal for Nicholas W. H. Simon.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

LONGPARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Fri., Feb. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being ten extents each of Antelope, Plain Bob, Longparish and twelve Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt.

Penelope A. Goddard .. Treble	Christopher H. Smith .. 4
Geoffrey K. Dodd 2	Reginald F. Crook 5
Frank S. Tonge 3	John W. Cheyney Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector (Rev. W. S. Agg Lage) on retirement; also to welcome a son to Brian and Margaret Pickford, and a birthday compliment to Jack Lipscombe, the Longparish Methodist preacher.

OWSLEBURY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of St. Nicholas Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Simon Bob, St. Martin Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 lb. in A.

Nigel J. Lambert .. Treble	Ramon A. Stone 4
*Dorothy G. Smith 2	Charles E. Bassett 5
Betty J. Daysh 3	Peter Godman Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Bassett.

* Most methods to a peal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Church of All Saints and St. Laurence.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Christopher F. Mew Treble	John H. Taylor 6
*Arthur C. Berry 2	*Michael J. Uphill 7
John E. Whittall 3	Geoffrey J. Hemming 8
Brian J. Bull 4	Gerald C. Hemming 9
*Ian Lloyd 5	†James Attwood, jun. .. Tenor

Composed by William Hudson. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.
* First peal of Caters. † First on ten.

DODDERHILL, Droitwich, Worcs.—At the Church at St. Augustine of Casterbury.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 pr. 4 lb in E.

Fred C. Pugh Treble	Walter H. Raxter 5
Reginald Woodyatt 2	C. Frederick Jukes 6
Clifford Skidmore 3	Allen Morgan 7
*Martin C. Powell 4	Thomas W. Lewis Tenor

Composed by George Lewis. Conducted by Reginald Woodyatt.
* First peal of Major. In memoriam James R. Newman.

KINGSWINFORD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

*Chris. F. Wooldridge .. Treble	*C. Frederick Jukes 5
Clifford Skidmore 2	Maurice G. Ingram 6
Martin D. Fellows 3	John C. Eisel 7
Denis N. Layton 4	Michael J. Fellows Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Denis N. Layton.
* First peal in the method.

WYCHBOLD, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary-de-Wych.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Double Oxford, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G sharp.

*Ian Lloyd Treble	Robert W. Cole 4
*James Attwood, jun. .. 2	John Clements 5
John E. Whittall 3	†Arthur C. Berry Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
* First peal in seven methods. † 25th peal together.

STRENSHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sun., Mar. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb. in G.

Arthur C. Berry Treble	John E. Whittall 4
James Attwood, jun 2	Christopher F. Mew 5
Brian J. Bull 3	Michael J. Uphill Tenor

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

PONTEFRAC, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

David Sheppard Treble	Alan Sheppard 5
M. Susan Jackson 2	Donald H. Niblett 6
Arthur Rogers 3	Daniel Smith 7
David Atkins 4	J. Henry Fielden Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

(The Beverley and District Society.)

HESSLE, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods; being two extents each of Single Oxford and St. Clement's, and three Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Raymond H. Sharp .. Treble	†John A. Singleton 4
Graham K. Smith 2	David S. Johnson 5
Ronald Ducker 3	Rev. Frederick Ross .. Tenor

Conducted by Rev. Frederick Ross.
* First peal. † First of Minor.

Rung in thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Singleton, and a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Sharp.

HANDBELL PEAL

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 22, Castleton Grove.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in about 2 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*John O. Freeman .. 1-2	†Rodney A. Yeates .. 3-4
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Andrew G. Craddock (cond.) 5-6

* 25th peal. First peal as conductor.

MARKET HARBOUROUGH, LEICS.—On March 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. H. Martin 1, E. Storey 2, G. Simpkin 3, A. S. Goad 4, E. W. Martin (cond.) 5, C. W. Goodman (first quarter) 6.

MAVESYN RIDWARE, STAFFS.—On March 14th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. J. Townsend 1, Lucy Smith 2, Marlene E. Townsend 3, C. T. Collins 4, C. W. Bowen (first of Surprise) 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

MADELEY, STAFFS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Webber (first quarter) 1, Barbara Johnson 2, P. W. Gay 3, D. J. Midgley 4, R. J. Ballard (cond.) 5, P. Kimber 6.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. D. Deam 1, R. H. Jones 2, R. A. Porter (first "inside") 3, A. Gammon 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.—On March 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Hanning 1, C. H. Cook 2, W. Dunn 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull 5, A. T. Shelton 6, K. G. Game (cond.) 7, A. Cheasley 8. In memoriam Mrs. Sarah Cheasley (aged 91), mother of tower captain.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Andrew 1, Christine Townsend 2, L. Wilson 3, J. R. Heap 4, T. Gee 5, P. Harrison 6, J. Brannan 7, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and to celebrate the 21st birthday of the ringers of the 2nd. Also on Feb. 28th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: T. Gee 1, Wendy Lee 2, Margaret Wright 3, G. Harrop 4, S. Kershaw 5, P. J. Malloch 6, D. J. Marshall 7, J. Brannan (first of Surprise as cond.) 8. First of Surprise for ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On March 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Strong 1, L. Derrick 2, L. Childs (first "inside") 3, P. Blake 4, C. Kortwright (cond.) 5, T. Phillips 6. Rung in memory of Amos Lane, a ringer at this tower before moving to Porishead.

QUARTER PEALS

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFS.—At St. Giles' Church, on March 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. G. Moore 1, Lesley W. Kinston 2, Patricia M. Mills 3, Caroline R. Stewart 4, D. J. Pitsoot 5, D. J. Midgley 6, P. W. Gay 7, T. L. Walley (cond.) 8.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—In the Coffee Bar, St. George's Church Hall, Jesmond, on March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. E. Askew (first quarter) 1-2, R. A. Yeates 3-4, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 5-6.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On March 7th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. M. Goodchild 1, Miss H. A. Walters 2, Miss F. I. Studley 3, Miss P. A. Drew 4, Miss R. J. Kemp 5, A. J. Luxford 6, M. D. Trigg 7, P. J. Joyce (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung by Southampton University Guild of Change Ringers.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Nancy Kempell 1, D. Atfield 2, G. A. West 3, C. Dalton (first of Minor) 4, A. Streeter 5, W. Dunn (first as cond.) 6. For Evensong, and in memory of Mr. L. A. Tidy.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On March 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. W. Blatch 1, Miss J. E. M. Hills 2, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 3, T. G. Hull 4, H. Smith 5, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 6.

PENZANCE, CORNWALL.—At the Church of St. Pol de Leon, on March 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nancy Cadey 1, Rachel White 2, G. Tayson 3, J. George 4, R. Curtis 5, J. Troon 6. First quarter 4 and 6. Rung to wish Mr. and Mrs. White "bon voyage" on their trip to Rhodesia.

PLYMPTON, DEVON.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Marks 1, J. Sims 2, Mrs. M. Bould 3, D. Wheeler 4, W. Lavers 5, D. Bould 6, R. Southwood (cond.) 7, W. Crump (first quarter) 8.

RAMPTON, CAMBS.—On Feb. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, St. Simon's and Plain Bob): B. E. Mosley 1, K. J. Tripplow (cond.) 2, R. Shipp 3, B. D. Pratt 4, R. W. H. Hayes 5.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On March 10th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: G. Charlton 1, A. J. Bull 2, J. Euston 3, W. Dunn 4, Ann Horsford (first in method) 5, A. T. Shelton 6, K. G. Game (cond.) 7, W. Inwood 8, R. Saunders 9, Joan Hanning 10. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 7 and 10.

ST. FLORENCE, PEMBES.—On March 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Rogers (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. Rogers 2, A. Johns 3, Rev. Russen Thomas 4, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 5, Sheila Wade 6. Rung for the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

SALFORD, LANCs.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity, on Feb. 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: P. Coddington 1, R. L. Coley 2, A. S. Taylor 3, Margaret Whitehead 4, C. R. Calton 5, D. L. Wilcox 6, J. W. Gander 7, D. J. Baker (first of Major as cond.) 8. Also on March 7th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: P. Coddington 1, C. R. Calton 2, R. L. Coley 3, A. S. Taylor 4, J. W. Gander 5, A. Twyman 6, D. J. Baker 7, D. L. Wilcox (first of Major as cond.) 8. Both rung by M.U.G.C.R. for Evensong.

LATE NOTICES

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Knebworth, April 3rd, 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names to Mrs. C. Critchley, "Porthloo," 24, New Close, Knebworth, by April 1st.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6567

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Croppwell Bishop on April 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to W. L. Exton, "St. Ouen's," Whaiton.—R. Blackshaw. 6545

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Saffron Walden (12) on Saturday, April 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 6542

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VERDON.—On Saturday, March 13th, 1965, at home, to Daphne (née Pankhurst) and Colin, a daughter, Cynthia Dora, a sister for Paul Anthony. 6525

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

MARSON—JERVIS.—Ken and Pam will be married at St. Mary's Church, Langley, Bucks, on Sunday, March 28th, 1965, at 12.45 p.m. Friends welcome. Future address: 256, Dedworth Road, Windsor, Berks. 6501

IN MEMORIAM

POOLE, Phyllis. — In loving memory of Phyllis, passed away March 20th, 1958. With love and gratitude we remember her.—Peter and Jill. 6536

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

HILLS.—The address of Miss Joan Hills is now 42, Thames Crescent, Corringham, Essex. 6496

PERSONAL

N.A.C.—Don't travel to Bath on Sunday; no need: wet enough already.—N. 6528

"And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd." (St. John x, 16.)

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CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY, HANTS. — Ringing now resumed after completion of repairs. Sunday ringing 5.45-6.30 p.m. Practice: Mondays 7.30 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—Gerald Scragg, tower captain. 6510

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual report for 1964, containing 25 compositions, 5s. Previous years (all with many compositions) available at 2s.—B. G. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 6524

PITSFORD, NORTHAMPTON. — Ringing suspended until further notice during repairs to the tower and the addition of a sixth bell. Donations gratefully acknowledged by the treasurer, Mr. K. Brown, 79, High Street, Pitsford, Northampton. 6497

RINGING TOUR IN DERBYSHIRE organised by Bellringers' Society, St. John's College, York, April 20th-24th. Old Johnsmen or others interested please write to R. Aldington, 19, Heworth Green, York. Three spare places. 6499

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—Advance practice at Farnham on March 25th, 7.30-9 p.m. 6540

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CANCELLATION

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The meeting arranged for Sherfield-on-Loddon on Sat., March 27th, is cancelled owing to unforeseen circumstances. — John Chesterman, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6512

MEETINGS

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Disley, March 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mrs. E. V. Parker, Stanley Hall Farm, Disley.—C. K. Lewis. 6491

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Belchamp St. Paul on Saturday, March 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wood, 10, The Causeway, Finchingfield. 6432

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Marlow, Saturday, March 27th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please let me have names for tea.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 6457

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at "The Rising Sun," Carter Lane, E.C. on Tuesday, March 30th at 8.15 p.m. Ringing beforehand at St. Paul's Cathedral.—John Chilcott. 6529

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting, Tuesday, March 30th, at Broxbourne, 7.30 until 9 p.m. 6380

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Meeting at Bathford (6) on April 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. A. Cannings, 19, Church Street, Bathford, by April 1st, please.—Alan Lee, Sec. 6464

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wembdon on Sat., April 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea please. Look up London.—K. Prime, 10, School Hill, Ashcott, Bridgwater. 6515

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting at Goldington, Sat., April 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.45. Further ringing after service. All welcome.—C. M. Payne, Dis. Sec. 6502

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District. — Meeting at Brailes, April 3rd. Usual arrangements, 3 p.m. onwards. Names for tea to Mr. Eric Cummings, Undy, The Park, Brailes, Banbury, Oxon. 6539

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—On Sat., April 3rd at St. George's Jesmond (8). Start 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service 5.30. Ringing to finish at 7.30. Names for tea, please, to Miss M. Gilpin, 12, Mitchell Avenue, Newcastle on Tyne, 2. 6522

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bampton on Sat., April 3rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea afterwards. Names for tea by Thursday previous, please, to G. W. Hollis, Roseneath, The Avenue, Tiverton. 6503

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Chatteris (6) on Sat., April 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6. Special methods: Wells and Childwall. 6532

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District. — Supper and social in the Village Hall, Danbury on Saturday, April 3rd, 6.15 for 6.45. Tickets 6s. from P. W. Saltmarsh, Sycamore Cottage, Danbury. 6411

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting on Sat., April 3rd at Chiddingfold. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the Village Hall. Names for tea by previous Tuesday, to John H. Payton, Sec., 26, Turners Mead, Chiddingfold. 6516

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held on Sat., April 3rd at Sandhurst and Hawkhurst. Ringing at Sandhurst 2.30 and service. Tea and further ringing at Hawkhurst. Names for tea, by Wed., March 31st, to Mr. D. J. West, "The Cedars," Copt Hall Avenue, Hawkhurst, Kent.—D. J. W. and W. H. D. 6519

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Nelson on Sat., April 3rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 followed by business meeting.—B. A. Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 6504

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting on Sat., April 3rd at St. Michael's, Aughton at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. R. Larkey, 38, Smithy Lane, Aughton.—D. R. Jones, Hon. Sec. 6511

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Nomination meeting at Rothwell on Sat., April 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5. Please bring own food; only cups of tea provided.—Ian North, Hon. Sec. 6518

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District.—Meeting at Groby on April 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in school rooms. Names for tea, by March 31st, to Mr. V. Geary, 76, Ratby Road, Groby, Leics.—A. J. Poynor. 6521

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Quarterly business meeting at Uxbridge on Sat., April 3rd. Ringing St. Margaret's from 3 p.m. and St. Andrew's from 6.30. Regret own arrangements for tea again. Business meeting in belfry at 7.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6484

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Audley on Sat., April 3rd. Bells (8) available 3.15. Committee meeting 4. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea to Rev. J. L. D. Lewis, The Vicarage, Audley, Staffs, by the previous Wednesday.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 6508

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Reedham on Sat., April 3rd. Bells (5) from 6.30 to 9.—N. P. J. C., Branch Sec. 6527

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Welford on Sat., April 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 6531

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Woodford on April 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. — F. Coales, Twywell, Kettering, Northants. 6494

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Packwood on April 3rd. Bells available 3.30. Meeting 5.30.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 6538

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting at North Bradley (8) on Sat., April 3rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 6141

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting at Pontefract (All Saints') on Sat., April 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (moderate charge) at Wordsworth's Café, 5, Names, please, to Dr. D. Atkins, 1, Acacia Close, Townville, Castleford.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6523

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Balcombe (8) on Sat., April 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (by invitation) 5. Names only, by Wed., March 31st, to A. E. Laker, 2, Woodside, Haywards Heath Road, Balcombe (Tel. 298).—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 6500

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Conisbrough on Sat., April 3rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Bring own food, cups of tea will be provided.—J. Seager. 6537

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting on Sat., April 3rd. St. Mary Bourne 2-4. Service, Longparish, 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Further ringing after. Names to Miss P. Goddard, Garden Cottage, Longparish, by March 31st. 6517

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Romford on Sat., April 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Poolman, 162, Southend Road, Rainham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Tenterden, Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8, 27 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss V. Relf, 3, The Bungalows, Shrubcote, Tenterden, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H.

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting on Sat., April 10th at Pakefield (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Kessingland (6) 7 p.m. Names for tea, by April 7th (excepting coach party), to Mr. P. Kindred, 91, Pakefield Street, Pakefield. Lowestoft. 6505

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Barkston on Sat., April 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Mon., April 5th, to Mrs. V. Gray, Syston, nr. Grantham, Lines.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 6533

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Isleworth on Sat., April 10th. Ringing details later. Names for tea, by April 8th, to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, S.W.15. 6534

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.W. District.—Ringing meeting at Newmarket, St. Mary's (6) on Sat., April 10th. Bells from 2.30 to 9. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting follows. Names for tea, please, by Mon., April 5th, to Mr. A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. Please note early date for teas.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 6507

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Ottershaw on Sat., April 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Egham. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. R. Pashley, 73, Hare Hill, Addlestone.—B. Bull, Asst. Sec. 6457

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting on Easter Monday, April 19th at Canterbury. Service in Cathedral at 12 noon. Applications, not later than April 12th first post, for luncheon tickets (12s. each, children of resident members under 14, 3s. 6d. each, cash with order and s.a.e., please) agenda, details of ringing times in 12 towers, to Mr. B. W. May, "Keithston," Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent. Ringing School, Leeds, nr. Maidstone, on May 1st. Ringers' Rally at Rainham, July 10th. Association Dinner at Sittingbourne, September 25th.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6513

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Applications to Mr. A. T. Wingate, Huntingdon House, Hereford, who will also give further information.

Organiser: Mr. W. F. Moreton, 6, Bar Lane, Wakefield. 6352

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

Annual meeting, April 24th, Berkeley. Bells available later. Meeting 2.15 p.m. in Town Hall. Tea 4.30 at Berkeley Arms, Berkeley, Glos, price 3s. 9d. must be paid in advance to F. S. Browning, Berkeley Arms, Berkeley, Glos. Send address with cash, tickets will be posted back as receipt, but must be produced at the tea. Nominations and notices of motion must be received by me on or before Saturday, March 27th. Nominations required for Master and Central Council representatives (4).—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec., 42, Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Glos. 6462

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be at Ormskirk on Sat., April 24th. Standish (8), Coppull (6), Parbold (8), Southport, Emmanuel (8) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aughton, Christ Church and Aughton, St. Michael's 2-3 p.m. Ormskirk (8) 3-4.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, with money (3s. 6d. each) by Sat., April 17th, to Mr. D. R. Jones, 226, Prescott Road, Aughton. Meeting after tea. Ormskirk (8) until 8 p.m. Wigan, All Saints' (10) 7-8.30 p.m.—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 6418

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VALE OF SOUTH GLOUCESTER TOUR

This tour on February 27th started with only five ringers at Eastington and we were in a similar plight at Elmore and Hardwicke. At Frampton-on-Severn, however, we were met by the captain and with his help were able to ring the 11cwt. six in fine style—although we did not know we were doing this until someone had the bright idea of opening a trap door in the ceiling. Further aid was enlisted from this gentleman, who bravely piled into a vacant Sprite seat and was whisked off to help us at Arlingham, where we were joined by their own captain. The tour had been intended to provide plenty of eights, but in fact only one—Longney—appeared on the final itinerary and ironically, because of our lack of numbers, we were not able to ring them.

Hempstead will be remembered because here our band reached double figures, and thus it was a longer line of cars that proceeded along the tortuous routes demanded by the Gloucester City Fathers to St. Mary de Lode. These bells are rung infrequently and the tower has become a playground for the local vandals, evidence of their visits being tea-making over an electric fire.

A long pause for our own tea, taken in the city, before we sampled the good "go," interesting music and strange mechanical noise of the 13 cwt. six of St. George's, Brockworth.

Distant bells heard from the foot of Haresfield tower told us that we were not the only party in this county that day; we joined our compatriots in filling the night air with the sound of bells.

Good music and ringing at Standish before the tour's "pièce de résistance," the vintage Loughborough four of St. John's, Randwick, and on these notes the tour closed.

J. C. S/R. C. J.

MR. R. KINGSLEY MASON'S 200 PEALS

His 200th peal was Solibull Surprise Royal, rung at Solihull on January 30th in memory of Sir Winston Churchill. Details:

TOWER BELLS

Surprise Maximus, 5 (Cambridge 3, Lambeth, Yorkshire).

Surprise Royal, 30 (Albanian, Anstey, Asfordby, Belgrave, Blaby, Cambridge 2, Diseworth, Elmsthorpe, Foston, Glenfield, Hemington, Horninghold, Ibstock, Jacobstowe, Lincolnshire, Lindsey, London, New Cambridge, Noseley, Solihull, Swindon, Woodstock, Wye, Yorkshire 6).

Royal, 6 (Plain Bob 3, Little Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob).

Caters, 7 (Grandsire 5, Stedman 2).

Surprise Major, 104 (conducted 16 (Aldenharn 2, Belgrave, Bristol 2, Cambridge 16 (2), Claybrooke, Enderby, Gainsborough 2, Hitchin, Ipswich, Johannesburg, Llanfair P.G., Lindum, Lincolnshire 9 (3), London 15 (2), Mancetter, New Cambridge, Pudsey 2 (1), Quedgeley (1), Rutland 3 (2), Southwell, Superlative 8 (1), Turramurra, Vancouver, Warwickshire 2, Wembley, Whitwick, Wychwood, Yorkshire 19 (6). Spliced: 4 methods, 6 methods, 9 methods, 11 methods, 14 methods, 15 methods, 17 methods).

Major, 13 (Plain Bob 7, Hereward Bob, Loughborough College Bob, Double Norwich C.B. 3, Kent T.B.).

Triples, 7 (Grandsire 2, Stedman 5).

Surprise Minor, 9 (Beverley, Cambridge, Durham, London, York, seven methods 4).

Minor, 14 (Plain Bob 4, 2 methods, 4 methods, 5 methods, 7 methods, 9 methods 2, 10 methods, 12 methods, Oxford Treble Bob, Warwick Delight).

Doubles, 5 (2 methods, 5 methods, 21 methods, 31 methods, 32 methods).

COLLEGE YOUTH MASTERS' PEALS

In connection with College Youth peals rung by the Master and past Masters, Mr. F. E. Collins informs us that in July, 1958, the then Master (Mr. Philip Chalk) and 11 past Masters rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at Croydon Parish Church.

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23564	—	x	—	—

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QUARTER PEALS

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On March 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Simmons 1, A. J. Gould 2, R. J. Gale 3, P. J. Gardner 4, V. H. James 5, R. G. Way 6, F. G. Sandy (cond.) 7, D. J. Gale 8. Rung half-muffled in respected memory of Amos Lanc, member of the local band and steeple-keeper at Portishead for 20 years, interred at Portishead earlier in the day.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On March 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. F. Mew (cond.) 1, L. W. Allen 2, Julie S. Armstrong 3, B. J. Bull 4, A. R. Millidge 5, D. C. Brookes 6. A farewell to the Rev. D. Jones, who is leaving the parish, and in memory of L. A. Tidy, of Limpsfield.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, E. YORKS.—On March 13th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: Miss P. A. Wilson 1, Miss Iris Piper 2, T. W. Thirkell 3, H. Rodmell 4, C. R. Robinson 5, H. F. Gibson (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss Janet I. Porter and Robin H. Rogers, on their wedding day.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On March 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. W. Metcalfe (first of Minor) 1, Myra J. Wilkins 2, A. F. Lee 3, W. Lampard (first of Minor) 4, H. Taysom 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. Rung following the wedding of Miss Gloria Newton and Mr. Terry Wilshire.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On March 7th, at the Cathedral, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: R. D. Short 1, E. T. Lee 2, G. H. Pullin 3, P. Bridle 4, D. G. Yeo 5, M. J. Horseman 6, J. C. Slater 7, E. J. Chivers 8, J. Brain 9, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 10. First of Royal in the method by all the band. For Evensong.

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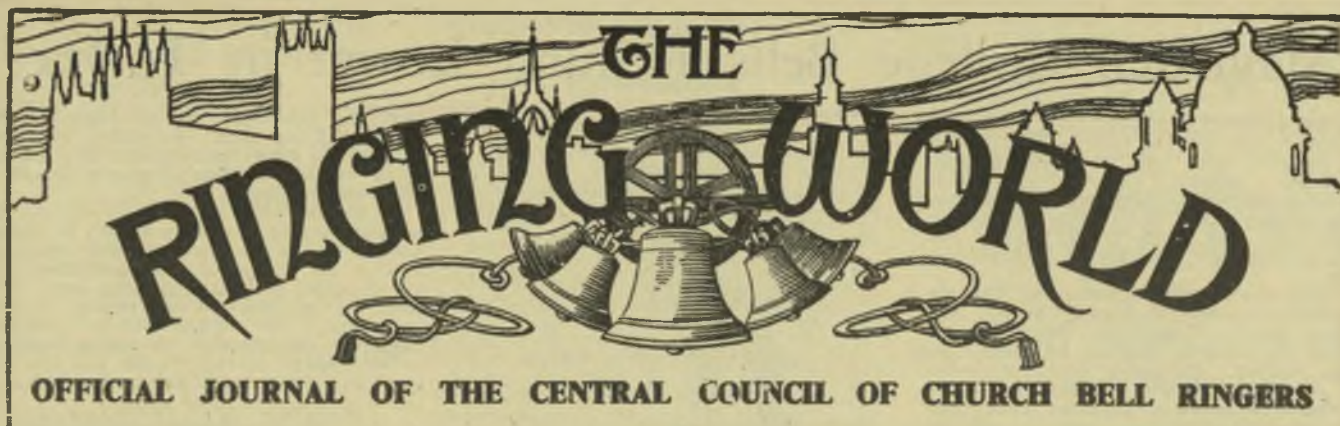
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AND SOME WERE DITCHED

THERE is hardly a newspaper in this country that does not have more copy submitted to it than it can accommodate. The process of selection varies, but with most issues there are disappointed readers, who look in vain for something excluded. With the passing of Sir Winston Churchill we had an unprecedented demand on our space. The Editor regarded this event as outstanding and he endeavoured to publish every peal and quarter peal submitted relating to the passing of this great statesman, irrespective of whether the directive of the Central Council made at Bournemouth of a fee for peals and quarter peals accompanied the report. This meant that performances for other occasions had to be vetted, but in the process of "ditching" we unhesitatingly gave preference to those towers who had followed this helpful directive to improve our finances and also those of special interest.

Mr. Christopher W. Woolley, eminent ringer and authority on handbell ringing, does not like the present set-up of "The Ringing World" finances. Because the Central Council directive for a booking fee for peals and quarter peals was obligatory he considers, as suggested in his letter in our last issue, that it smacks of charity and that the committee is adopting a cap-in-hand procedure. Not a bit of it; an examination of the conduct of our big nationals and weeklies reveals that there is a constant search for revenue and sales promotion.

He criticises, for example, the purchase of copies for insertion of a quarter peal. Items which have a direct result in sales promotion are continually being inserted in newspapers. Sunday newspapers go to the expense of printing special localised editions with football results of minor matches for one purpose only, sales promotion—to the majority of readers these are of no interest.

An examination of our famous national newspapers is a patent example of extraneous revenue other than from sales or advertising. The lists of names at big receptions are often paid for, similarly the arrival of people in this country. Weddings in weekly newspapers are often charged for and an additional charge is made for an illustration. Our financial newspapers have a special charge for insertion in bolder type Stock Exchange quotations, and the figure is not an obligatory threepence or sixpence a rope, but amounts to many pounds in the course of a year.

Mr. Woolley makes a point that during the period of depression and unemployment in the 1930's "The Ringing World" was courageously sold for 3d. He does not state that throughout those years the loss on the journal was increasing year by year and the debt owing to the printers was considerable. The editor and proprietor was not getting a living out of the journal and had to resort to other employment. "The Ringing World" sales return was very inadequate and the number of postal subscribers was then less than a quarter of what they now are, and this is the best source of sales revenue. To the honour of the Exercise, this debt of several hundreds of pounds due to the printers was paid by the committee of the Central Council that took control when Mr. Goldsmith died. Furthermore, they went to work in a businesslike way by making certain that every penny piece due from notices and advertisements was properly accounted for and all sources of revenue explored.

Experience has shown that every increase in price is accompanied by a loss of sales. In a sense we have been lucky, as the recent increase has so far meant a loss of under 1½ per cent. and this is week by week being reduced by new subscribers. "The Ringing World" last year made a profit but if the journal set its face against accepting a booking fee for peals or quarter peals or other gifts there would have been a loss. The increase of 1d. in the selling price enables the committee to meet with confidence the addition of five per cent. in production costs that became operative this year and probably any change in postal rates for this year.

Is there anything derogatory in charity? There are many publications today that are financed by organisations—political, social, religious and educational. And the fact that a reader sends an appreciative gift is not something to be despised. One journal the Editor is familiar with decided to have its own type-setting equipment. It made an appeal to readers and received a most heartening response that enabled the machine to be installed. The basis of many of the things we treasure most today is to be found in charity. Men have bound themselves to provide hospitals, homes and schools, and even in this age of the Welfare State this is not condemned. Friends of hospitals and schools provide the little extras and so it is with "The Ringing World": the little extras do enable the price to remain stable and not too exorbitant for those not too well off. And to those who give these little extras we make a "gracious acknowledgment."

Magdalen College Bells Rehung Lower in Tower

OUTSTANDING among the beautiful towers and spires in the city of Oxford is the stately tower of Magdalen College, charmingly situated on the banks of the River Cherwell. Many writers have been lavish in their praise of its noble proportions. In the early days of the present century that great campanologist, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, wrote:

"Of all the towers I have seen, with the possible exception of Boston 'Stump' and 'Bell Harry,' Canterbury, there is none which I admire so much as Magdalen College, Oxford. Its beauty does not consist in ornament, for, with the exception of its graceful pinnacles, it is rather plain; but its proportions are so exquisite and its situation so fine that once seen it can never be forgotten." *

Although a delight to the eye from without, all was not well within, for since alterations were made in the 17th century the tower oscillated greatly during ringing. Many writers commented on this, among them the Rev. W. C. Lukis, who wrote in 1857:

"Anyone who has stood in the belfry of the lofty and beautiful tower of Magdalen College, Oxford, when a peal is ringing on its ten sweet-toned bells, knows the way in which a tower is made to sway. To a person of weak nerves it is perfectly alarming, and it is easy to understand how this kind of vibration must loosen the masonry and eventually endanger the building." †

Other serious defects were discovered rather more than a year ago. The steward of the Oxford Society of Change Ringers noticed that rain water had penetrated to the clock mechanism. Investigations revealed that a rain water pipe, hidden behind a casing, was defective, and that it had probably been leaking for a considerable period. The College authorities therefore decided to make a detailed examination of all the structural timbers in the tower. Extensive damage due to dry and wet rot and to death watch beetle infestation was found. It was obvious that a major work of restoration was needed and all ringing was immediately stopped.

At first the College authorities and their contractor contemplated hoisting the bells and their frame intact and inserting a new foundation under the frame following the pattern of the mediæval one. This would have overcome one difficulty but would have done nothing to stop the tower oscillation.

MR. SHARPE CALLED IN

Initially, Mr. E. G. Moore and the writer, who jointly look after this tower, agreed to suggest to the College authorities that, in view of the large amount of work which was necessary, the time was opportune to rehang the bells, and recommended that an expert in this field should be called in to advise. The obvious choice was, of course, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, of Launton, the convener of the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council. Much correspondence followed between the Bursar, Mr. Sharpe and myself before a preliminary meeting was arranged between Mr. Sharpe and the College authorities. At first the College seemed more interested in proving that Mr. Sharpe knew what he was talking about; but having satisfied themselves on this score, they very willingly

* "Among the Bells," page 15.

† "An Account of Church Bells," page 2.



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considered everything he thought should be done.

As every floor in the tower had to be renewed, Mr. Sharpe suggested that all of them should be repositioned, and that the bells should be hung much lower in the tower. He designed a new and greatly improved foundation for the bell frame, which was admirably installed by the College contractor, who then lowered the bell frame on to it. This frame had been renewed in or about 1912 by Mr. Richard White, of Appleton, and was in excellent condition, and his son, Mr. F. A. White, had been engaged to lower the bells to the ground floor while the defective beams and floors were removed and new ones installed. At the same time the clock was dismantled and converted to electric drive. The new ringing chamber now occupies the first floor, which is positioned at a slightly higher level than the former one, and between this and the bell chamber is a new clock room. The bells hang a little higher in the tower than the former ringing chamber floor, and new and improved means of access to the newel staircase was provided at all floor levels.

In due course the bell gear was renovated and the bells rehung hung on ball bearings by Mr. F. A. White. Ninety-nine per cent of the proposals made by Mr. Frederick Sharpe have been carried out, even to the lath and plaster ceiling in the ringing chamber, and the treatment of the tower internally and exter-

nally for acoustics. At his suggestion tie-beams and an open "cat-walk" were provided at the former bell chamber level and the whole of this structure diagonally braced to stiffen the building.

On February 2nd, in order to try out the bells, members of the Oxford Society of Change Ringers met at the tower, as did representatives of the College and the contractor. We are all agreed that the final result, both as regards the bells and the new ringing chamber, is excellent. The oscillation of the tower has completely disappeared. We are very grateful to Mr. Sharpe for his interest and the time spent by him on seeing the project carried out in such a satisfactory manner.

AN HISTORICAL NOTE

In conclusion, an historical note might be of interest. The tower was completed about 1504 and the bells were transferred to it from a previous tower which has since disappeared without trace. The ten bells at present in the tower hang in an oak frame made by Messrs. White, of Appleton. They are rather mixed in origin. The treble, second and fifth (1739-48) by Abel Rudhall; third and fourth (1712) by Abraham Rudhall I; sixth, ninth and tenor (1623-41) by Ellis Knight I; seventh by William Dawe, of London, c. 1410; the eighth (1828) by Messrs. Taylor, of Oxford. The tenor is approximately 19 cwt. The seventh is the only survivor of the bells which hung in the former tower.

It appears that at about 1643 there were six bells in the tower. Two more were added in 1712 and a further two trebles, added in 1739-40, brought the number up to ten. The only other alteration was the recasting of the eighth by Messrs. Robert Taylor and Son at their Oxford foundry in 1828.

The bells are considered to be very melodious and are best heard in the nearby Botanical Gardens by the River Cherwell. It is certainly true to say that we in Oxford consider them to be by far the best bells anywhere in the area. **PHILIP WALKER.**

SURREY ASSOCIATION Southern District

Although March 20th was wet and windy there was a good attendance at the quarterly meeting of the Southern District at Nutfield. The six bells were rung throughout the afternoon and evening apart from breaks for the service, tea and a short business meeting. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. A. Williams, and accompanied by one of the ringers on the organ.

Tea was served at 1, Church Lane, by Miss Kempell and her mother, and was very much enjoyed. At the business meeting the Master thanked them and also the Vicar. Four new members were elected from Kingswood, whose band was there in full force. The secretary reported that negotiations were in hand with the Kent County Association concerning this year's joint meeting. The District Committee had so far supported two practices at the towers of Merstham and Bletchingley respectively, which had proved very successful. Leigh was next to be visited.

The ringing programme included rounds and a touch of Spliced Minor methods, but the most memorable touch was that of Cambridge called by a blindfolded General Master on the tenor.

Next practice meeting: Kingswood, May 15th.

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The third session of the 25th Council (68th annual meeting) will be held in the Town Hall, Northampton, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 8th, 1965.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notices of Motion signed by two members of the Council must be received by the secretary by April 27th.

AFFILIATION FEES

Association secretaries are reminded that these became due on January 1st. Would those secretaries who have not yet forwarded their subscriptions please do so without delay.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR WHITSUN

Civic reception on Tuesday, June 8th, after the meeting. Admission by ticket only; applications (limited to two tickets per member) to Mr. E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton, by NOT LATER than May 28th.

Peals.—Those wishing to take part in peal attempts should send details with method preference to Mr. P. I. Chapman, Mancroft, 15, St. Augustine's Way, The Priory, Daventry, Northants, NOT LATER than May 1st.

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LADIES' GUILD

Western District

A goodly number of members and friends assembled at Stapleton for the annual meeting of the Western District on March 13th. It was the first meeting of the Guild at Stapleton for a number of years and a very warm welcome was extended.

Ringing commenced at 3.15 p.m. The Rector, the Rev. H. G. Wood, conducted the Guild service and welcomed the ladies. This was followed by an excellent tea, prepared by ladies of the parish, nearly 40 members and friends sitting down. The District vice-president, Mrs. Parfrey, proposed a vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the afternoon.

At the business meeting all the officers were re-elected. Much discussion took place on the attendance at meetings, and it was decided to discontinue the December quarterly meeting, at which attendance over the past few years had been poor, and replace it with an evening practice, but to keep the remaining meetings on the second Saturday in March, June and September.

Several towers were suggested for quarterly and evening practice meetings and it was agreed that the secretary should circulate all members with a programme when this had been arranged.

Four new members were elected, viz: Miss S. Jones (Stapleton), Miss A. Kingcott (Wroughton), Miss L. Slade (St. Werburgh) and Mrs. Tamblin (Zeals).

Members then rejoined the gentlemen for further ringing in a wide range of methods until 8 p.m. M. de J.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

Wolverhampton

For the first meeting of 1965 the Society visited St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on January 16th. After the usual ringing on the twelve bells came the focal point of the meeting—the service. Prior to his address, the Society's president, the Ven. Basil Stratton, Archdeacon of Stafford, dedicated a memorial plaque in the nave of St Peter's to the late Mr. Herbert Knight. Known and beloved by most of the older generation of the Society, Mr. Knight served for 40 years as Hon. secretary and as Ringing Master of St. Peter's. Both Mr. Knight's sister and daughter were present at this service and at the tea following.

In connection with the forthcoming striking competition on April 24th, the hon. secretary announced that "rises and falls" would not be included, and that bands meeting short would not be allowed to "make up" from unattached ringing members.

A survey had recently been made of all peals ever rung for the Society since its foundation. Ringers are asked to notify the secretary of any peals that they may know have been withdrawn since the original publication.

Coseley

At rather short notice, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Holden and their helpers put on a splendid meeting for the Society on March 20th. The excellent eight at St. Martin's, Bradley, were rung for an hour, followed by ringing at Christ Church, Coseley. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. D. Starkey, and tea followed.

Committee members were asked to consult their bands for volunteers to help struggling bands for a few weeks running. Any so willing are asked to contact Mr. P. G.

Golder, Mill Lane, Mill Green, Aldridge, Walsall, Staffs, as soon as possible.

Members were asked to watch "The Ringing World" for the whereabouts of the striking competition and next practice meeting, both of which would be on April 24th.

Next full meeting: Great Barr, May 8th.

New resident members elected were: Miss S. Williams (Little Aston), Miss P. Wilding and Miss S. Lloyd (Cannock), Miss S. Parsons and Miss S. P. Fairfield (Tamworth), P. Glover (Shenstone) and G. S. Keay (Gnosall). The ratification of the following life members also took place: J. H. Taylor, E. C. Morrell, J. A. Ainsworth, W. G. Lane and R. Farmer. C. M. S.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

Despite the miserable weather, there was a good attendance at the meeting held at Sutton-on-Trent on March 20th, including visitors from Yorkshire and Lincolnshire.

Canon R. T. Real conducted Evensong and afterwards joined the company for tea, which was the usual satisfying spread ringers are accustomed to receive at Sutton.

The District chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, presided over the business meeting, during which Mr. J. W. Raithby gave a short account of the progress being made by several boys from Collingham who travelled over to Newark each week for instruction in handling a bell. He said they had learned rapidly and hoped they would be given every encouragement, so that North Collingham would again have a band of ringers.

Two new members were elected—Mr. E. Davies (Newark) and Mr. W. Wilkinson (Southwell).

Next meeting: Elston, May 15th (to include District round for the Crawford Cup). B. N. R.

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Letters to the Editor

PEALS OF DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—Mr. J. D. Atkinson raises a valid point in his letter on page 196 in saying that there is no logical reason why the Council should refuse to recognise peals of Grandsire Doubles containing Mr. Brian Price's 240's when it does recognise those which include 240's by Messrs. Morris and Pitman. Such a comment was foreshadowed as long ago as 1937, when the present definition of a peal of Doubles was adopted by the Council at Canterbury. (It was reaffirmed at Bristol in 1955.) In the leading article of June 25th of that year the then editor, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, said: "It is true that at the moment the Council have specifically mentioned only the 'Pitman and Morris twelve scores,' but it cannot stop there. There are other arrangements of Doubles equally adaptable which, if rung, will have to be admitted because they are equally as 'true' in round blocks as those to which recognition has now been given."

In fact recognition of Morris's and Pitman's 240's was very much "ex post facto." The position has hitherto been that the basis of a peal was forty-two true extents, but all along the Council has tacitly admitted peals which included what are known as Pitman and Morris arrangements of Grandsire Doubles—compositions which are not true extents, but are in blocks of 240 changes with each change occurring twice. Inasmuch as these peals have been included in the Peals Analysis every year since they were first rung without demur, the Council has, by its latest resolution, merely 'legalised' what it has hitherto failed to discourage. It was probably this, rather than any belief in the virtues of the compositions themselves, that led the majority of the members of the Council to vote as they did. One wonders, however, if it is really necessary or desirable to enlarge the existing definition. To quote Mr. Goldsmith again: "If it is not possible to ring 5,040 of Minor or Doubles without repetition, it should, at least, be essential that the composite parts should consist of separate and complete extents . . . We cast no slur whatever on the performances that have been rung, but we ask our readers who seriously consider these things to think of the already open door which there is for 'wangling' in Grandsire Doubles and of the much wider breach that is made for the unscrupulous conductor if he is to be encouraged to provide himself with opportunities to juggle with these modern 'arrangements' . . ."

The debate in 1937 is relevant to the recent correspondence about a 5,100 of Doubles which consisted of 42 extents plus an odd 60 changes. The original motion, for which Mr. Wilfrid Wilson was mainly, if not entirely responsible, contained the following clause:

"(2) At the conclusion of 5,040 or more changes, rung in accordance with (1) above (i.e., the present definition of a peal of Doubles), one true touch of any length less than 120 changes may be added."

This clause, however, was opposed by Mr. J. A. Trollope and lost. Mr. Trollope felt that the ringing of odd bits was not only contrary to the principle on which peal ringing should be done but he did not think it was wanted, and his arguments prevailed. In this connection may I (rather belatedly) pose this question to Mr. A. R. Pargeter, who suggested in his letter on page 132 that the additional touch of 60 at the end of a recent peal of Doubles was quite irrelevant and that the band had, in effect, rung a peal at the end of the 42nd extent; what if they had broken down during that 60? Would he still regard the performance as a valid 5,040?—Yours faithfully,

Crayford.

E. A. BARNETT.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Mar. 14th, 1965, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sylvia Knight (first quarter) 1, H. Payne 2, Lynne Payne 3, H. Deacon 4, G. Grant 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6. Rung for Sir Winston S. Churchill memorial appeal service.

250th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST PEAL

Dear Sir,—Many ringers will be aware that the first peal to be scored was one of Plain Bob Triples at Norwich. The 250th anniversary of this occasion on May 2nd this year should not be allowed to pass without some effort on the part of peal ringers throughout the ringing Exercise. I wonder if the original composition could be published so that aspiring bands could attempt to mark the anniversary in a truly proper manner?—Yours faithfully,

Exmouth, Devon.

FRANK D. MACK.

EASTER MONDAY PEALS

Dear Sir,—I have read the previous correspondence with interest, but it seems to me that the problem is getting slightly misinterpreted. I agree to a certain extent with your correspondent (page 196) but her attack appears to be on the peal organisers. This is ludicrous! Presumably they requested permission to ring in all innocence of any annual general meeting being held in Cambridge; surely the tower captain concerned should have pointed this fact out. However, he does not appear to have done so, knowing for some time that this was the case.

The "unfriendly act towards the Association" has been carried out by the tower captain, not the peal organisers, thus if anyone has to back down it should be him and none other.

I will suggest he either grants the Ely Diocesan Association permission to ring, or resigns.—Yours sincerely,

G. E. THODAY.

Cambridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND "THE RINGING WORLD"

Dear Sir,—As you are aware, the Oxford Diocesan Guild since 1959 has made an annual donation to the funds of "The Ringing World." This has been done not only to support the paper but also in the hope that other Guilds and Associations might do likewise. As there has been so little support for the idea, the General Committee of this Guild has decided to recommend the following motion to the annual general meeting in July next:

"That instead of making a donation of £40 to the funds of 'The Ringing World,' a token gift of £5 be made and that the balance, £35, be paid into the Guild's Reserve Fund to accumulate there until such time that there is a pressing need to use it on behalf of the paper."—Yours faithfully,

M. R. CROSS,

Hon. General Secretary,
Oxford Diocesan Guild.

NEW BURSLEM DELIGHT

Dear Sir,—I have been persuaded by my General Committee that the best action for me to take regarding the peal of Burslem Delight Major I called at Attenborough on November 30th, 1963, is to change its name to something else, while making it perfectly clear that this change is not freely offered, but made under duress and with the strongest possible protest.

I therefore wish to call it New Burslem Delight, thus allowing my Guild, which is bound by its constitution to support the Central Council, to at least go through the motions of doing to.

I do this purely out of consideration for my own Guild.

One cannot respect an Establishment which produced a report which is only defensible on the grounds "we agreed years ago that this report is right so it must be right even though no proof of its correctness exists, and so no other point of view can possibly have anything at all to be said in its favour."—Yours faithfully,

H. POYNER,

Peal Secretary,
Southwell Diocesan Guild.

MUSIC IN DOUBLE HUNT METHODS

Dear Sir,—I cannot allow Mr. Woodruffe's letter to pass without comment. Why does he "not accept the principle of Plain Bob Minor + Hunt Bell = Grandsire Triples as being of any progressive merit"? Presumably he therefore accepts the only other possible principle of extension from even to odd bells, which is: Do not add a bell in the Hunt; let even places remain even. Let us therefore extend Oxford Bob Minor to Triples using this method:

x 14 x 16 x 17 x. 2nds place 1.h. 1765432.

The result is a two-course lead with one bell lying behind for eleven consecutive blows; Mr. Woodruffe, of course, may see some "progressive merit" in that, but I fail to. Contrast this method with the beautiful double hunt Oxford Bob Triples.

The present system of extension from even bells to odd seems perfectly logical to me; add a bell in the hunt and change even places to odd. The result is that for 5-6 dodging is substituted 6-7 dodging, for 7-8 dodging 8-9 dodging, for 4ths place 5ths place—and so on. I fail to see how anybody can claim that this system causes difficulties.

The situation is unfortunately complicated by those irregular methods called Plain Bob Doubles, Triples, etc., and Grandsire Minor, Major, etc. These methods were so named in those days when change ringing was in its infancy; when no set of rules for the regularity of methods had been evolved. Of course, a furore would result if Plain Bob Minor (Major, Royal, Maximus) were given its logically correct name—Grandsire—so the names now obtaining will have to stand. However, if the Central Council were to state categorically that Grandsire and Plain Bob are the sole exceptions to the logical rule of extension, the difficulty, I suggest, would be solved.

I am sure I am not the only person to be astonished by the statement that double hunt methods have no musical or compositional qualities. Is not Oxford Bob Triples, for instance, a musical method? I find the triple dodging very pleasant. Can Mr. Woodruffe dismiss Grandsire Caters as a method to be considered musical? By way of contrast I find single hunt Triples and Caters methods dull and arid; multiple dodging is difficult to obtain; while there is no extra bell in the hunt to vary the coursing order.

And surely a 5,040 Triples composition is a difficult achievement and one to be admired as much as any composition of Major?—Yours, etc.,

N. W. H. SIMON.

Stoke Bishop, Bristol.

WELDING BELLS

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Ranald Clouston's recent remarks on bell-welding. I have met one tower in England where British welders have had success. This is at Walpole St. Peter, a magnificent fenland church, which has a ring of six (tenor 12½ cwt.). Here the treble was found to be cracked in 1919. In 1939 it was sent to Messrs. Barrimar in London and the six-inch crack successfully welded. The bell in question, cast by Thomas Lester in 1747, is of reasonably good tone, and Messrs. Taylor, when they rehung the bells in a new frame in 1950, found no need to recast it.

There are other ways of dealing with cracks; we have the celebrated case of "Big Ben" with a chunk of metal cut out of the soundbow to stop the crack spreading. The Liberty Bell (no longer used) in America is held together by iron rivets. Most extraordinary of all was the attempt to solder "Great Dunstan," the 3½ ton bourdon bell of Canterbury Cathedral. In this case the attempt failed, and in 1762 Lester and Pack recast "Dunstan"—which led to the introduction of a young Canterbury man, William Mears, to the Whitechapel foundry.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID L. CAWLEY.

Hunstanton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

THE bells of two famous London towers were open on February 13th, the occasion of the annual general meeting of the London County Association, and many members and visitors took the opportunity to ring at St. Mary-le-Bow and at St. Clement Danes'. A member, Mr. W. D. Grainger, took the service and gave a thought-provoking address, and Mr. H. W. Rogers read the lesson. Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by five members.

An excellent tea followed at the George Hotel in the Strand, which was appreciated by the 45 members present. Thanks were given to Miss M. E. Powell and Mrs. C. M. Meyer for providing such good fare. At the business meeting the elections, before peal attempts, of the Misses Pamela Brown, Rosamond Rawlings, Messrs. James Cooke, R. W. H. Hayes, Alan R. Patterson and Michael Wicherley were ratified. Mr. C. J. N. Dalton and Mr. E. H. Kilby were also elected members. It gave great pleasure to the Master to propose the election of Mr. Kilby, of Willesden, who thus carries on the tradition set by his grandfather and continued by those two famous members of W. Pye's band, Harry and George Kilby.

Accounts for 1964, duly audited, were presented by the treasurer, Mr. J. Lott, showing the satisfactory position of an excess of income over expenditure for the year of about £11. In his report, the Master, Mr. W. G. Wilson, said that, although there had been difficulty in arranging some of the meetings, others had been very successful. Members expected their officers to attend meetings and it was only fair that the other members should support them. The 15 peals rung were more than in any recent year and this at least showed a certain standard. Apart from local service ringing, arrangements had continued, under Mr. Meyer, for ringing one Sunday evening a month at Southwark Cathedral and frequently at other London towers. Other members had supported their Master once a month at St. Clement Danes'. Financially the Association was getting stronger, its balance having doubled in the last ten years. He thanked members for their help and was sure that his successor would be equally well supported.

New officers for 1965 were elected as follows: Master, Mr. C. W. Ottley; Deputy Master, Mr. C. M. Meyer; secretary, Miss V. E. Dupré; senior steward, Mr. P. Chapman; junior steward, Mr. R. Mitchell; assistant secretaries, Messrs. D. Hewitt and R. F. Overington; treasurer and librarian, Mr. W. G. Wilson; trustees, Miss Powell and Mr. Lott. The new Master, thanked members for the honour done to him and asked for their support. Details of future meetings will be given at the appropriate times in the "Ringing World." The committee were asked to consider various suggestions for altering the name of the Association, and the meeting concluded with votes of thanks to all who had helped.

R. F. O.

Guildford Cathedral Bells Arrive



The tenor bell of Guildford Cathedral being unloaded by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. On the extreme left is the Dean (Bishop George Clarkson).

[By courtesy of "The Surrey Advertiser."]

"BELLS"

In the "Famous First Books" series, published by Edmund Ward, the latest title is "Bells," a subject which one rarely sees in a catalogue. This is a book for the young seeker after information, and the writer has ensured that a child of nine can absorb the facts and also that a 12-year-old can read the text with interest. Helen Fletcher writes in a refreshing manner which will appeal to teachers who appreciate a "feeling for language."

After an introductory chapter the book traces the history of church bells from the fifth century. The closer connection between church architecture and bells is remembered in a chapter dealing with bell towers.

The complex art of change ringing has been clearly explained, the writer wisely enlisting the aid of acknowledged experts. This also applies to the chapter describing the craft of bell founding.

Christian teaching and folk lore are closely connected with bells of all ages, and in reading the book one feels that the author has delighted in giving them ample space. With

chapters on primitive bells, bells for animals and bells at sea the book is a mine of information.

Three three-colour illustrations are artistically produced and are in abundance. Unfortunately the nature of these illustrations makes the book a costly one (11/6 net) and beyond the budget of most class reference shelves. Those who can afford "Bells" will be assured of many interested readers.


S. G. P.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester and District Branch

Despite the wintry weather some 50 members and friends of the Rochester District attended a very happy and enjoyable by-meeting at Halling on March 6th. The tower contains a useful ring of six bells, of which good use was made by ringing various methods. The ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. G. H. Adams (Vicar). An excellent tea given by local ringers was enjoyed by all in Halling Workmen's Club, and our thanks are due to the ladies who waited upon this happy gathering. Well done, Halling! Congratulations also to the handbell ringers!!

F. C.

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"B"

BACUP SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.5. 6ths 64523.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.

BAKEWELL SURPRISE J

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 5. 2nds 54632.
According to A. Gill, of Wath-on-Dearne;
but also called *Dronfield*.

BALA BOB

36.14 x 36.14.3. 2nds 56342.
In C.C. Collection, 1907, as *Stedman Slow Course* (incorrectly); *Sepulchres Double* in Annable's notebook; also called *Richmond Bob*.

BALCOMBE ALLIANCE

x 16 x 36.14 x 34.1. 6ths 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

BALMORAL DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 5. 6ths 56342.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907. Also called *Kettering*, *Queen Victoria* and *Hawthorne*. The last two in the notebook of William Woodcock, of Darfield. As *Queen Victoria* it was rung at Wath-on-Dearne.

BAMBOROUGH SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.5. 2nds 42635.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.

BANGOR SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 5. 2nds 42563.

BARHAM DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 5. 2nds 56342.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907. Other names: *Kent Delight*, *Kent Exercise* and *Wellington*.

BARNBY SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 5. 4ths 36524.

BARNSELY TREBLE BOB

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 5. 2nds 65324.
(Was rung often in the past as *Barnsley Delight*.)

BARNSELY SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 36 x 14 x 36 x 12 x 14 x 36 x. 6ths 36245.
Asymmetrical in William Woodcock's notebook.

BARNSELY VICTORY

x 34 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 34 x 1. 2nds 35264.
In William Woodcock's notebook.

BASLOW SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.5. 4ths 35642.

BASSINGHAM SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 5. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

BASTOW LITTLE COURT

x 12 x. 6ths 42635. C.C. Collection, 1961.
Owes its existence to *Special Alliance*.

BATH SURPRISE

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.3. 4ths 35642.

BAWTRY SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 5. 4ths 36524.

BEACONSFIELD GRAND

x 36 x 16 x 56 x 36 x 34 x 3. 6ths 46532.
In William Woodcock's notebook.

BEAUCHIEF DELIGHT

36 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.5. 2nds 65324.

BECKFORD ALLIANCE

x 14 x 123 x 12 x 5. 2nds 42635.
Single change method.

BEDFORD DELIGHT

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 3. 2nds 56342.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.

BEDFORD SURPRISE

See *Royal Star*.

BEESTON DELIGHT

36 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.5. 2nds 56342.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.

BEIGHTON SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 5. 2nds 65324.

BELPER SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 1. 4ths 52643.
Also *Bradfield Exercise* and *Duke of Kent*.

BELTON SPECIAL ALLIANCE

36.14 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.5. 2nds 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

BELTRING ALLIANCE

34.16 x 36.14 x 34.1. 6ths 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

BELVEDERE LITTLE BOB

34.16 x 34 x 16.34. 2nds 35264.

BELVOIR DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36.14 x 12.3. 6ths 42635.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.

BENINGTON SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.5. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

BERKLEY (CASTLE) DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.14 x 12.5. 2nds 56342.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907. Also called *Killarney*.

BERRYBROW DELIGHT

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 5. 2nds 65324.

BERWICK SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.5. 6ths 35264.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.

BERWYN TREBLE BOB

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.5. 2nds 56342.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907. Also called *Bluebell*.

BEVERLEY SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.5. 2nds 56342.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.

BICKER SPECIAL ALLIANCE

34.16 x 12 x 16.34 x 12.5. 6ths 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

BIDDENHAM SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.1. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

BIDDULPH SURPRISE

36 x 36.14.56 x 12.36.14 x 14.5. 2nds 56342.
The name given to *Double London Surprise*, which was composed by Charles Severn, of Killamarsh, and first rung at Anston in 1912. Appeared as *Biddulph* in C.C. Collection, 1931. Also called *Coronation Surprise*.

BIGBY SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 5. 6ths 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

BILLINGLEY SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.3. 6ths 34625.
Rung at Wath-on-Dearne in the 1920's.

BISHOP'S DELIGHT

One of two false methods in a list of 88 methods published in "The Bell News" by W. Walker, of Leeds. The other is *The Duke of Wellington*, and both are false in the first section, which begins thus: x 34.56.

BLAXHALL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 36.12 x 34.5. 6ths 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

BLUEBELL

See *Berwyn*.

BLUNSDON SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 123 x 34 x 3. 2nds 42635.
A single change method.

BLYTHE DELIGHT

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36.14 x 12.5. 6ths 65243.

BOCKING DELIGHT

See *College Boy IV*. Appeared as *Bocking* in "Bell News," May 24th, 1890. Arranged by A. Hudson, of Baintree.

BODENHAM SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 5. 6ths 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

BOGEDONE DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 5. 2nds 64523.
Not in C.C. Collection, 1907.
First appeared in C.C. Collection, 1931.

BOLTON ABBEY TREBLE BOB

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16.34 x 12.5. 6ths 65243.

BOSTON DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 5. 6ths 34625.

BOURNE SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 3. 2nds 64523.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.

BRADFIELD DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 14 x 3. 4ths 62534.
Appeared in "Bell News," July 5th, 1890.

By D. Brearley, Bradfield, Sheffield.

BRADFIELD EXERCISE

See *Belper*. "Bell News," July 5th, 1890.
By D. Brearley.

BRAINTREE DELIGHT

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.1. 6ths 56342.
First appeared in "Bell News" March 10th, 1894. By A. Hudson, of Baintree.
No name in C.C. Collection.
Also called *Newhall*.

BRAMFIELD ALLIANCE

x 14 x 36.14 x 14.5. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

BRAMPTON SURPRISE

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.5. 2nds 54632.
Rung at Wath-on-Dearne.

BRANTON DELIGHT

x 56 x 14 x 56 x 16 x 34 x 5. 6ths 46532.
In William Woodcock's notebook.

BRENTFORD BOB

34.16 x 16.34.1. 2nds 35264.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.
Brentford Single in Annable's notebook.

BRENTFORD SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 123 x 34 x 3. 6ths 64523.
Single change method.

BRIDGE'S PLEASURE

x 16 x 36 x 1. 6ths 65243.
In "Campanologia," 1702. Also in Annable's notebook. *Reverse Court* in Shipway's "Campanologia" of 1816. Also known as *St. Bride's Court*.

BRISTOL DELIGHT (I)

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.3. 2nds 42563.
In "Clavis Campanologia," 1788, by William Jones, John Reeves and Thomas Blakemore.

BRISTOL DELIGHT (II)

See *Dunedin*.

BRITISH SCHOLARS PLEASURE TREBLE BOB

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 5. 2nds 64523.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.
Also called *Cambridge Treble Bob*.

BROOMFIELD SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 123 x 12 x 5. 2nds 36245.
Single change method.

BUCKNALL DELIGHT

36 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.3. 2nds 42635.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.

BURMARSH SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 123 x 34 x 5. 2nds 42635.
Single change method.

BURNABY DELIGHT

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 3. 2nds 35264.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.

BURLEM DELIGHT

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.5. 2nds 56342.

BURSTOW ALLIANCE

x 16 x 36.14 x 12.3. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

BURTON TREBLE BOB

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 1. 6ths 64523.

BUTTERWICK SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 5. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

BUXTON ALLIANCE

x 16 x 36 x 12 x 3. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

BUXTON (PLAIN)

x 16 x 123 x 3. 6ths 64523.
Single change method.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

ASSOCIATION

Western Branch

The Western Branch annual meeting, held at Swaffham on February 27th, was one of the best attended meetings in the District for many years. At one time 43 heads were counted in the ringing chamber, which, as those who know Swaffham will remember, is fortunately quite spacious. At the same time there were several knots of ringers gathered in the church. Forty-seven people sat down to tea, after which, when the visitors left prior to the business meeting, one realised how few "natives" were among the throng.

Officers elected unanimously for 1965 were: Chairman, the Rev. G. Galley; secretary, C. Tovell; Ringing Master, T. Owen. All of these were felt to have served the Branch very well.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the stirring address given by Mr. Galley, who took the service in the regretted absence of the Vicar, the Rev. J. Burrige. Mr. Galley reminded us forcibly that in the service of the Church it is much better to ring a well-known method well than to ring a more advanced method badly, and that only our best is good enough, both in ringing and in daily life.

J.S.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Ivan S. Merry, of Higham-on-the-Hill, Leics, wants a touch of Grandsire Triples, not more than 167 changes, containing Queens at a bob, or plain lead.

Mr. W. J. Rawlings kindly stood down when a band ringing at Southwark Cathedral was one short for Maximus. A quarter of Plain Bob Royal was rung.

Mr. George Clift, of Derby Cathedral band, is in Nottingham Eye Hospital recovering from an operation. He is hoping to be out in a week or two's time.

The peal of 5,040 Spliced Plain and Surprise Major rung at Upton St. Leonards, Glos (see page 202), was a composition by Mr. Roger Baldwin and not Mr. P. G. K. Davies, as published through a misunderstanding.

The Rev. Martin Turner, who took an active part in the ringing while at Cuddesdon, is to lead the group of young people who have been commissioned by the Provost of Coventry to help with the work of rebuilding the Church Hospital at Dresden, East Germany.

With Mr. K. Paul Gilliver as Ringing Master, Portsmouth College of Technology Society are making good progress and their first peal is recorded in this issue. The Society has the permission of the Cathedral authorities to hold regular practices there on their own. They have several change ringers as well as half a dozen keen learners.

At a recent meeting of the North Staffordshire Association, held at Biddulph, on March 6th, the chairman (Mr. S. Ryles) requested that a representative from each member tower should attend the next meeting to be held at Audley on April 3rd, to consider the recommendation of the Association's Subcommittee regarding the financial position of the Association. This request was made in view of the poor attendance at recent committee meetings.

GRESLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Feb. 7th, 1965, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: S. Edmonds 1, J. A. Ball 2, D. P. Jones (cond.) 3, D. Perry (first in method) 4, D. Eames 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harold Mills, formerly churchwarden, and Jack Sharratt, ringer and chorister.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 13th, 1965, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): M. Matthews 1, Miss J. M. Yardley 2, S. Swift 3, B. D. Sims (first in 11 methods as cond.) 4, B. C. Wallis 5, R. Foster 6. First in 11 methods for all except the conductor. A welcome to Katharine Erina Sims, born February 10th.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 28th, 1965, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. P. Brain 1, S. J. Hammond 2, L. J. Parry 3, Margaret Egglestone 4, C. F. Loke 5, R. C. Groom 6, C. S. Bloomfield 7, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2, 3 and 6. By local company for Matins.

HEREFORD.—At the Church of St. Nicholas on Dec. 7th, 1964, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Preece 1, W. Kitson (cond.) 2, P. L. Hughes 3, H. Johnson 4, S. Bowyer 5, D. Wright 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. W. Yates, for 33 years a ringer at this church. Also on Mar. 18th, 1965, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Preece 1, W. Kitson (cond.) 2, H. Johnson 3, F. Reynolds 4, S. Bowyer 5, D. G. Wright 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. Adams, a ringer of this tower.

HILLINGDON, MIDD.—On Mar. 7th, 1965, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Copas (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. A. Fardon 2, J. Sexton 3, R. A. Fardon 4, M. W. Seymour 5, J. Hill 6, F. W. Goodfellow (cond.) 7, G. W. Hill 8. Also on Mar. 21st, 1,263 Siedman Caters: R. A. Fardon 1, Mrs. R. A. Fardon 2, M. W. Seymour 3, J. Hill (cond.) 4, A. E. Butcher 5, D. Fowles 6, F. W. Goodfellow 7, M. J. Palmer 8, A. R. G. Twinn 9, G. W. Hill 10. First on ten 5 and 6. Both for Evensong.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Mar. 14th, 1965, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. J. Dowse 1, C. R. Larkin 2, R. Blackshaw 3, D. Barker (first of Minor "inside") 4, J. A. Heaps 5, M. W. Harrison 6. Conducted by J. A. Heaps and M. W. Harrison. For Evensong.

HURST, BERKS.—On Mar. 18th, 1965, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Allum 1, Mrs. B. C. Castle 2, Mrs. C. Eele 3, M. J. Smith 4, B. C. Castle 5, C. Eele 6, H. Smith (cond.) 7, W. Austin 8. A compliment to Susan Tuck and John Froome, married at Brinkworth, Wilts, this day.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Mar. 21st, 1965, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Sears (first of Minor) 1, C. Hagger 2, W. Avery 3, S. Smith 4, R. Hazell 5, K. Seymour (cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells since returning and rehanging.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On Mar. 19th, 1965, 1,440 Old Oxford Delight Minor: C. Haylings 1, P. S. Robertson 2, F. Lawrence 3, D. Price (cond.) 4, J. Clements 5, M. Hawkes 6. First in method for all.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Mar. 13th, 1965, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: M. Boskett 1, P. S. Robertson 2, D. Price (cond.) 3, M. Hawkes 4, J. Smith 5, J. Clements 6. First in method 1, 2 and 4.

WELLESBOURNE HASTINGS, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 20th, 1965, 1,440 Little Bob Minor: R. Foster (first on working bell) 1, Miss J. M. Yardley 2, M. Matthews 3, B. C. Wallis 4, M. F. Hall 5, B. D. Sims (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First in method for all the band. Rung by the St. Mary Handsworth band on tour, as birthday compliments to B. C. Wallis and Miss J. M. Woolgar.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 21st, 1965, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Martin Gay (first quarter) 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, W. A. Hollamby 3, R. G. Crosland 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, J. Fry (first away from 'treble') 6.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMB.—On Mar. 13th, 1965, 1,472 Rutland Surprise Major: J. E. Anderson 1, Jennifer Sceney 2, A. G. Craddock 3, M. Elaine Murcott 4, J. Crowther 5, W. Davidson 6, E. N. Harrison 7, M. Maughan (cond.) 8.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On Mar. 13th, 1965, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. R. Gerrard (first quarter) 1, A. Howell 2, D. Jordan 3, H. Howell 4, P. Barker 5, J. S. Eastwood 6, J. Moore 7, M. G. Turner (cond.) 8. A farewell to the Rev. Alan G. Bond.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On Mar. 7th, 1965, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): P. Oliver 1, Rev. C. Rees 2, M. Jones 3, N. Lomas 4, A. Sharples 5, D. Mutershead (cond.) 6. In memoriam Mr. J. H. Rhodier, churchwarden for many years.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 21st, 1965, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Atfield (14, first quarter) 1, L. Parry (15) 2, S. Hammond (13) 3, A. Farnish (14) 4, S. Bloomfield 5, A. T. Beckwith (cond.) 6. For Matins.

ASSINGTON, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 19th, 1965, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. E. Smith (first quarter) 1, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, E. Smith 4, L. D. Mills 5, D. L. Mills (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Horrex, a member of this church for nearly 60 years.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Mar. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. J. Pettigrew (first on eight bells) 1, R. Liggins 2, Miss C. Jennings 3, A. S. Burridge (cond.) 4, A. R. Inman (first in the method) 5, M. G. Ingram 6, R. C. Ingram 7, D. R. Ingram 8.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. G. Yeo 1, E. T. Lee 2, P. J. England (first in the method) 3, M. J. Horseman 4, G. H. Pullin 5, L. Derrick 6, J. Brain (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, W. J. Lott 8.

BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM.—On Mar. 14th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. Redgens 1, W. G. Wilson 2, Pauline Kyme (first in method) 3, Christine M. Saville 4, J. O. Freeman 5, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 6. Rung by Durham University Society for Evensong.

BROMHAM, BEDS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss M. R. Field 1, R. Chapman 2, S. G. Hutchings 3, R. L. Piron 4, K. C. Fleming 5, E. P. Inskip 6, D. A. Hammond 7, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 1, 2 and 7.

BUTCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 18th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: G. H. Pullin 1, Monica Horseman 2, M. Heymann 3, J. Brain 4, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 5, P. Bridle 6. First in the method "inside" 2 and 3.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Jean Woodbridge 1, Eve Rimer 2, Mrs. Renée Page-Jones 3, G. W. Pybus 4, J. I. Booth 5, C. C. Brown (cond.) 6, R. D. Gibson 7, R. Page-Jones 8. First in the method for all. For Evensong.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On Mar. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Partridge 1, T. W. Palmer 2, C. Corderoy 3, H. Wells 4, P. Corderoy 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, G. K. Cook, H. Eccott 8. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. W. Palmer 1, C. Corderoy 2, J. N. Money 3, P. Corderoy 4, G. K. Cook 5, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 6, T. Eccott 8. Rung for the 21st birthday of Miss Margaret Davis, a local ringer, and for the wedding of Mr. M. Palmer, at Benson, on March 6th.

CRANFORD, MIDD.—On Mar. 7th, 1965, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Linda Piggott (first quarter) 1, J. Britchford 2, Josephine Pole 3, P. Woodgyver 4, D. Fowles (cond.) 5, P. Venn (first quarter) 6. For the wedding the previous day of Donald Montgomery and Mary Sadler.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—On Mar. 13th, 1965, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: F. R. Morton 1, N. Sherratt 2, H. Dowler 3, W. R. Sherratt 4, R. J. Ballard 5, G. A. Packer 6, D. Latham 7, B. Corbishley 8, R. Worrall 9, I. R. Nichols (cond.) 10. A wedding compliment to Yvonne Hughes and Neville Herbert-Jackson. Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 14th, 1965, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: S. Upton 1, Miss R. Stephens 2, J. Jeffrey 3, Miss P. Taylor 4, R. Durnford 5, J. Herbeque 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 20th, 1965, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. T. Locke 1, R. Beale 2, I. E. Brewer 3, F. Welch 4, R. J. Dean 5, J. W. Drew 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, W. H. Marks 8. For the wedding of Miss Veronica Whaites and Mr. P. Binder this day.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's on Feb. 16th, 1965, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Stevens (first quarter) 1, A. Baldock (cond.) 2, P. Fox 3, I. White 4, L. Baldock (first of Plain Bob Doubles) 5, W. J. Hayes 6.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Feb. 21st, 1965, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Fawkes 1, G. Seth 2, Kathleen Rivett 3, R. Huckle 4, M. Mariot 5, R. Law (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. R. Huckle.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Mar. 21st, 1965, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: J. K. A. Cook 1, M. E. Nissly 2, F. R. Nicholls 3, A. J. Davey 4, P. Woolven 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

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SOMERSET TOWER CIRCLE COMPLETED

Mr. John Brain, of West Town, near Bristol, achieved on March 13th a long-cherished ambition to ring in all the ringable towers in Somerset containing five bells upwards. The last two towers were Churchstanton and Ilton, and it seemed as if the fates were plotting against him, as three attempts were made to fix up a trip to these towers.

The first was fixed for January 30th but the date coincided with the burial of Sir Winston Churchill, which obviously ruled out the arrangements. The second attempt was fixed for March 6th but on the Wednesday previous came the late winter blizzard, and travel on that Saturday was out of the question.

The G.P.O. were making quite a profit out of it by now, as new postcards were sent off to the towers together with the others which we were visiting at the same time. The final postponement from March 6th to March 13th proved lucky.

Although there was still quite a bit of snow on the Blackdown Hills, where Churchstanton is situated, and a thick mist surrounding everything, we got through.

Churchstanton bells are a good-going Gillett six and well worth a visit; they are situated only a mile or so from the Devon border. Ilton bells have been augmented to six in the past year and if the tower was not one on which the old Somerset masons had worked their skill, the founders have produced a very pleasant six, which all heard to good effect.

Mr. Brain writes that he has had the good fortune to ring with many friends in the county. In this respect the most enjoyable aspect of the March 13th trip was that it brought together (for the umpteenth time!) his friends Cecil Clarke, Len Derrick and last but not least Michael Horseman. They all share with him the thrill of exploring parts of the county off the beaten track and ringing with as much pleasure on a rough-going five as a good-going eight. Having "completed the circle," so to speak, it will be a pleasure to revisit some of these towers again — Somerset possesses so many good rings that one can't go far wrong in this respect!

COWBRIDGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL— FIVE FIRST-PEALERS

Cowbridge Grammar School ringers have now scored their first peal of Minor. After a set-back at St. Athan on February 27th, when an attempt was lost midway in the last extent, success was achieved at St. Bride's Major on March 20th, the band containing two 13-year-old first-pealers—Paul Morgan and Robert MacPherson. Two others in the band got their first of Minor, and it was Ellis Thomas' first of Minor as conductor.

Earlier, at Baglan, on February 17th, Doubles in seven methods/variations was scored, and this was 13-year-old Chris Ricketts' first as conductor. First-pealers on that occasion were John Alexander (13), David Barrington (16) and Gabe Thomas (19). Thus seven boys at school have rung peals this term, five of them firsts. The band is now tackling Kent Minor, but this is still in a dodgy stage—or should one say not dodgy enough?

A TENOR'S LAMENT

Doh, Sol, Fa, Mi, Re, DOH.
That's the way the bells should go
Ringing out their summons clear
Every Sunday of the year.
Doh, Sol, Fa, Mi, Re, DOH.

Sol, Fa, Mi, Re, DOH.
Number one has gone away;
Now the bells can only say,
As they speak this Sabbath day,
Sol, Fa, Mi, Re, DOH.

Fa, Mi, Re, DOH.
Number two is wed,
Washing-up instead,
Might as well be dead!
Fa, Mi, Re, DOH.

Mi, Re, DOH.
Three is courting,
Bells cavorting.
Three Blind Mice
(Not very nice).
Mi, Re, DOH.

Re, DOH.
Oh, no!
Now four
's No more.
Re, DOH.

DOH, DOH, DOH, DOH.
Woe, woe, woe, woe!
Did five really have to go?
DOH.

R. S. FOSTER.

MELTON RINGERS CELEBRATE

The Leicester Guild is noted for its strong social sense, and the annual dinner of the Melton District, held at the Ann of Cleves Café, Melton Mowbray, on March 20th, was no exception. The three principal guests were the Rev. A. W. Harrison, of Somerby, who proposed the toast of "The Leicester Diocesan Guild," the Rev. A. G. Lancaster, of Waltham-on-the-Wolds, and Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Burton, from Leicester. The chairman, Mr. J. H. Cook, replied for the Guild. Mrs. Dorothy Day proposed "The Visitors," to which Mr. Burton suitably replied.

A social evening followed the dinner and speeches, organised by Mrs. Day, Miss B. Smith and Mrs. M. Stimson (District secretary). Thanks are due to Mrs. Stimson for the excellent arrangements. It was a most enjoyable evening.

LINCOLNSHIRE SILVER WEDDING

For many years ringing in South Lincolnshire has been ably upheld by Mr. James H. Musson, who lives in the somewhat isolated village of Silk Willoughby. March 20th was his silver wedding anniversary and a band of friends of long standing assembled at St. Denys' Church, Silk Willoughby, and rang a peal of Minor in seven methods. Oldest in the band was Harry Barnes, who rang excellently despite his 77 years. Afterwards Jim and Mary entertained the band to tea at their home, and a toast to their continued happiness was duly honoured.

THE EARL AGAIN

The Earl of Arran has again turned to "The Ringing World" for inspiration for his Wednesday column in "The Evening News" (London). The trouble is the peal of Mewslade Court Bob Minor at Limpsfield Chart and the submission of Mr. Richard Stevens that the bells changed course in one extent and he did not want his name associated with the peal.

The refusal of Mr. Christopher Mew (the conductor) to bow down to the charge adds fire to the Earl's story and he takes quotes from the letter. "There is already far too much back-biting between various factions of the Exercise . . ." "This accusation is yet another example of the damage which can be done by the finger-pointers"; "The reputations of those in the band will suffer, not to mention that of their home towers."

The Earl comments: "Perish the thought! In the band were such great names as Brian Bull and Alan Bagworth—at all cost they must not be compromised. For the sake of British bellringing, please get together, Chris and Dick and shake ropes. We don't want these ghastly Swiss waving their cowbells at us, do we?"

DISAPPOINTMENT FOR HANDBELL TEAM

For the past six years the boys of St. Wulfram's School, Grantham, have had the use of a set of handbells belonging to All Saints' Church, Branston, near Lincoln. Under the tuition of one of their masters, Mr. V. P. Evans, the boys have reached a high state of proficiency and have given a number of concerts. Branston Parochial Church Council want the bells returned by Easter. An appeal has been made by Mr. Evans in the "Lincoln Diocesan Leaflet" for a set and so far there have been no offers. "The boys are, naturally, very disappointed," comments Mr. Evans. They have grown to love the bells."

ALL IRELAND TOUR

Organised by John Gilbert, John Brain and Max Heymann, an "All Ireland" tour from the Bath and Wells Association will leave Bristol Airport on May 1st. Practically every tower in Eire and Northern Ireland will be visited, as well as renowned beauty spots and places of interest. This is not a peal tour but several quarters will be rung.

At present the band is one short, so if any energetic ringer has a fortnight to spare he is invited to contact M. Heymann, Eagle House, Chilcompton, Bath, at once. The party fly back to Bristol on May 13th.

PITMAN'S GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—Mr. J. David Atkinson in his letter (page 196) infers that Pitman's 240 of Grandsire Doubles has every change at handstroke and backstroke. This is not so. Consequently, although there are 24 callings of Pitman's 240, 12 of them bring up rounds at backstroke before the end of the 240. This is why I consider Mr. Price's 240's, both of which have 12 callings, to be better than either Morris's (eight callings) or Pitman's.—Yours faithfully,

J. DAVEY.

Northampton.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
LAPWORTH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of seven extents in four methods: (1) Plain Bob, (2) Kent T.B., (3) Plain Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.
*Ruth E. Gay .. Treble †Paul M. Evans .. 4
†Rosemary A. Tailby .. 2 Geoffrey Davies .. 5
†Stephen W. Barton .. 3 Philip W. Gay .. Tenor

Conducted by Philip W. Gay.

* First of Minor. † First in four methods. First in four methods on the bells.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

FAIRFIELD, BUXTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., March 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

Geoffrey Gardner .. Treble John Booth .. 5
Sidney Hough .. 2 Peter Wycherley .. 6
John Robinson .. 3 Neil Lomas .. 7
Alex Richardson .. 4 Denis Mottershead .. Tenor
Composed by W. Thornley. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., March 17, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1 Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.
Alan McFall .. Treble Gordon Benfield .. 5
Christine Andrew .. 2 Robert B. Smith .. 6
Denis Latham .. 3 Derek Butterworth .. 7
Jeffrey Brannen .. 4 John Booth .. Tenor

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

PREES, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.
On Sat., Mar. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.
John Ryder .. Treble Harold Worrall .. 4
Victor Neal .. 2 Christopher Jones .. 5
Edward V. Rodenhurst .. 3 Harry W. Howard .. Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

Rung as an 83rd birthday compliment to Albert H. Booth, of Davenham.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
BATTLE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., March 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

In three methods, comprising 2,544 St. Clement's College Bob, 1,568 Plain Bob, and 896 Little Bob, with 20 changes of method.
Rosemary Earl .. Treble Frank H. Hicks .. 5
Christine M. Fuller .. 2 Alan R. Baldock .. 6
Frederick J. Lambert .. 3 Thomas M. Barlow .. 7
Reginald V. Johnson .. 4 Ian V. J. Smith .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.

First peal of Spliced Plain Major for all except the ringer of the fourth. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E. flat.

CHISLEHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., March 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5184 LINCOLN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Peter Beresford .. Treble John S. Barnes .. 5
Joan Beresford .. 2 *Edwin A. Barnett .. 6
Sheila M. Dobbie .. 3 Derek E. Sibson .. 7
Peter M. Fleckney .. 4 Dennis Beresford .. Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.
* 650th peal. First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the seventh, and for the Society.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ASHOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., March 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Michael Willis .. Treble Burley P. Morris .. 5
Trevor Taylor .. 2 Denis R. Carlisle .. 6
Edmund Shuttleworth .. 3 Gordon A. Halls .. 7
David W. Parkin .. 4 Michael R. Blore .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

BASLOW, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Anne.

On Tues., March 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.
*Timothy Wylie .. Treble F. Martin Stanway .. 4
*Barrie Bateman .. 2 Henry Kirk .. 5
Gladys Richardson .. 3 Alex Richardson .. Tenor

* First peal. Conducted by Alex Richardson.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. J. White, Vicar of this parish, who was cremated earlier this day.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BRANCEPETH, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Brandon.
On Fri., March 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. approx.

Brian Redgers (John's) .. Treble Christine M. Saville (Neville's) 4
*Malcolm E. Johnson (Grey) 2 David J. Marshall (Bede's) 5
Janet Somerville (Aiden's) 3 John O. Freeman (Grey) Tenor

Conducted by John O. Freeman.

* First peal. First as conductor.
Rung in memoriam Canon C. Carew Cox.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HOLYWELL, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., March 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of London, York, Durham, Netherseal, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

R. Frank Baker .. Treble †Harold S. Peacock .. 4
Geoffrey A. Lucas .. 2 †Donald F. Murfet .. 5
*Albert J. Davey .. 3 †George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* First peal in seven Surprise "inside." † 200th peal for Association. ‡ 100th peal together.

Rung to welcome the arrival of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. V. Chamberlain, of Stamford, and to Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Wells, of Godmanchester.

HUNTINGDON.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., March 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*Harold S. Peacock .. Treble J. Richard Hough .. 4
Marybelle E. Nissly .. 2 Donald F. Murfet .. 5
Jane K. A. Cook .. 3 Peter Woollven .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter Woollven.

* Fourth "circle of the tower."

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. H. T. W. Nesbitt, on completion of his first year as Rector of this parish.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

GREAT BADDOW, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., March 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

Michael J. Cowling .. Treble Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 5
*Joe E. G. Roast .. 2 James L. Towler .. 6
Peter J. Eves .. 3 Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 7
†Peter G. Brown .. 4 Ian R. Panton .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* 350th peal. † First of London.

FOBBING, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Thurs., March 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,792 Cambridge, 1,504 Superlative, 992 London and 768 Bristol, with 100 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb. in G.

Philip J. Rothera .. Treble Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 5
Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 2 Peter J. Eves .. 6
*Michael J. Hallett .. 3 Joe E. G. Roast .. 7
Alfred J. House .. 4 Ian R. Panton .. Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* First peal of spliced.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. G. B. Humphreys, A.K.C., instituted and inducted on March 15th, 1965.

LITTLE WALTHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Thurs., Feb. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge and Plain Bob, and one each of Ipswich, Double Oxford and St. Clement's. Tenor 11 cwt.

Philip J. Rothera .. Treble Peter G. Brown .. 4
Ann Edwards .. 2 George E. Thoday .. 5
Michael J. Cowling .. 3 Ian R. Panton .. Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods, being seven 720's as follows: 1 Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, 2 Double Court, 3 Oxford T.B., 4 St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, 5 Oxford and Plain Bob, 6 Kent T.B., 7 Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Stephen D. Humphrey .. Treble *Brian J. Vaughan .. 4
*Peter G. Pitt .. 2 Frank B. Lufkin .. 5
Neil V. Avis .. 3 Walter Arnold .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* Most methods to a peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., March 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge and Plain Bob, and one each of Ipswich, Double Oxford and St. Clement's. Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.

*Philip J. Rothera Treble	James L. Towler 4
Marion R. Panton 2	*Peter G. Brown 5
†Michael J. Cowling 3	George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 25th peal together. † 25th peal.

Rung for St. Patrick's Day.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., March 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*Rita Peck Treble	Felix H. Erith 4
Jennifer M. Andrews 2	Alan R. Andrews 5
Alfred E. Honeywood 3	Edward E. Davey Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

* First peal.

DOWNHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sun., March 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being the following extents: Chester, London, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich, Cambridge. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

Marion Panton Treble	James L. Towler 4
Ian R. Panton 2	Joe E. G. Roast 5
Michael J. Cowling 3	Peter G. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

BERRINGTON, Shropshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., March 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

*Elizabeth Taylor Treble	Alan A. Elsmore 5
†Gillian Sims 2	†Marcus C. W. Sherwood 6
‡Julie A. V. Caligari 3	Austin T. Wingate 7
Robert A. Hatcher 4	George T. Cousins Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by George T. Cousins.

* First peal. † First in the method on eight. ‡ First of Major.

Rung after the wedding of Michael Challinor and Miss Ann Brassington.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ASHWELL, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 BURNABY DELIGHT MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720 (C.C. Nos. 10, 8, 12 et var. & 2).

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*J. Stuart Hutton Treble	*Terry R. Hatchett 4
*J. Richard Castledine 2	C. Michael Orme 5
*George E. Bonham 3	Philip Mehew Tenor

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to welcome David John Meredith, born December 21st, 1964.

RUSHDEN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., March 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire, St. Simon Bob, St. Martin Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in B flat.

*Robert D. Bellamy Treble	*George E. Bonham 3
†John Meredith 2	C. Michael Orme 4

Philip Mehew Tenor

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

* First peal of Doubles in seven methods. † First of Doubles.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Margaret M. Roden, a member of the band, on her 21st birthday, and to welcome Deborah Elaine Wells, born March 9th. Terry Hatchett is also associated in the compliment.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church.

On Sun., March 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,312 Superlative, 1,280 London, 1,248 Cambridge, and 1,184 Bristol, with 110 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 15½ cwt.

Judith M. Corby Treble	Colin A. Tester 5
Lucile M. Corby 2	Stanley Jenner 6
Olive D. Tester 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
Ann Jenner 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman (C.C.C. 13). Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

First peal of spiced as conductor.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Fri., March 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

A Variation of J. J. Parker's Four-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.	
David S. Osenton Treble	John W. Coleman 5
Herbert E. Audsley 2	Bernard F. L. Groves 6
Martin L. Howe 3	Frederick J. Cullum 7
Richard C. Stevens 4	Thomas W. Blewitt Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. G. Mason and F. J. Cullum.

STAPLEHURST, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., March 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PEMBROKE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

Percy J. Spice Treble	Ralph Bird 5
Ann Jenner 2	Ian H. Oram 6
Doris E. Colgate 3	Stanley Jenner 7
Arthur S. Richards 4	Thomas Cullingworth Tenor

Composed by A. G. Driver.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

The first peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

FARNINGHAM, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Feb. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, Bourne, Norwich, York, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Ralph Bird Treble	John Faircloth 4
Ian H. Oram 2	*Tony Lewis 5
*Margaret C. Godfrey 3	Thomas Cullingworth Tenor

Conducted by Ralph Bird.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. Messrs. Bird and Oram have now "completed the circle" in this tower.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., March 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 Variation of Thurstan's Four-Part.

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Peter J. Wycherley Treble	Alan McFall 5
*Margaret P. Booth 2	Neil Bennett 6
*Christine Andrew 3	Derek Butterworth 7
Gordon Benfield 4	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.

On Thurs., March 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

*Kenneth Wilson Treble	Cyril Low 5
Cyril Crossthwaite 2	*Eric Cook 6
*Dennis Jones 3	Fred Pearson 7
*Martin Snape 4	Joseph Ridyard Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.

* First peal of Bristol.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Ethel, M. Evans, one of the donors of the bells.

WHALLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin and All Saints.

On Sun., March 14, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

Derek Butterworth Treble	Geoffrey Cheetham 5
Margaret Fort 2	Richard Parker 6
Philip Crossthwaite 3	Geoffrey Kershaw 7
John Partington 4	Cyril Crossthwaite Tenor

Composed by A. Knights.

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

COPPULL, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Divine.

On Sun., March 14, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

Lester Briers Treble	Anthony H. Oakes 4
*Brian Clifton 2	David Borland 5
*William Morris 3	William O. Farrimond Tenor

Conducted by William O. Farrimond.

* First peal. First as conductor.

Rung by the resident band.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Wed., March 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Richard J. Clifton Treble	Arthur E. Rowley 5
Joseph W. Cotton 2	*Dan S. Pont 6
Roland H. Cook 3	R. Kingsley Mason 7
John K. Smith 4	G. Ronald Edwards Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

* First in the method.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

ULCEBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

*On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

In four methods, being two extents each of Beverley, Surfleet and Bourne, and one of Cambridge.

Geoffrey Bromfield Treble	Septimus Neave 4
*Arthur Pashley 2	Michael W. Crowder 5
*John H. Parker 3	C. Aubrey Harrison Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

* First in four Surprise Minor methods.

GOXHILL, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

*On Tues., Mar. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement and Plain Bob.

Ronald Chafer Treble	W. Arthur Crowder 4
Geoffrey Bromfield 2	Michael W. Crowder 5
Septimus Neave 3	Jack Bray Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. P. Michael Freeman on his induction to the above living.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Denys.

*On Sat., Mar. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being seven 720's, one each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Single Court, Double Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Primrose Surprise.

Harry Barnes Treble	James W. Haw 4
*Cecil Wade 2	Harvey E. Burrell 5
C. Leonard Blanchard 3	*James H. Musson Tenor

Conducted by Cecil Wade.

* 50th peal together.

Rung to honour the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Musson.

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

WEDNESBURY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

*On Sat., Mar. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

Peter S. Bennett Treble	Michael Pilgrim 6
Hazel A. Arrowsmith 2	John K. Foot 7
Malcolm A. Phillips 3	Jeffrey J. Fox 8
Christopher K. Cooper 4	John H. Fielden 9
Geoffrey H. Pullin 5	Richard S. Starkie Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett. First peal on ten bells as conductor. First on ten bells by the Society.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Bridget.

*On Sat., Mar. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents in five callings. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*Paul Morgan Treble	†David Barrington 4
†Iolo Davies 2	Christopher Ricketts 5
*Robert MacPherson 3	Ellis N. Thomas Tenor

Conducted by Ellis N. Thomas.

* First peal. † First of Minor. First of Minor as conductor and by the Cowbridge Grammar School band.

A 19th birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

OVERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

*On Mon., Feb. 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

David Eames Treble	*Arthur E. Rowley 5
Brian G. Warwick 2	*Gordon H. Lane 6
Richard J. Clifton 3	Joseph W. Cotton 7
John K. Smith 4	Derek P. Jones Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

* First peal in the method.

SWEPSTONE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

*On Fri., Mar. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.

Arthur E. Rowley Treble	William Johnson 4
Richard J. Clifton 2	Joseph W. Cotton 5
*Edwin Deakin 3	Michael E. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

* First peal of Surprise "inside."

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NORWICH.—At the Church of St. Peter, Mancroft.

*On Mon., Mar. 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Parker's Twelve-Part (seventh obs.). Tenor 19 cwt. 55 lb. in F.

Desmond P. Mortlock .. Treble	Martin Cubitt 5
A. Spencer Brothers 2	John A. Cox 6
George Sayer 3	David Cubitt 7
H. William Barrett 4	Nolan Golden Tenor

Conducted by Nolan Golden.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frank Sidney Jarvis, priest, Vicar of the church, in gratitude for his life and work.

GRESSENHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

*On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Double Court, Double Oxford, Kent T.B., St. Clement and Plain Bob.

George Bunning Treble	Kevin S. Hohl 4
Edward Howes 2	George P. Adams 5
Sidney Marshall 3	Timothy G. Pett Tenor

Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

WROXHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

*On Sun., Mar. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being extents of Double Court, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B.

Martin Cubitt Treble	*Roger B. Lubbock 4
William Clover 2	Peter Adcock 5
Thomas E. Spight 3	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

* First peal in seven methods.

(And the Gresham's School Society.)

SAXTHORPE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

*On Sat., Mar. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In four methods/variations, being 11 extents each of St. Simon and St. Martin, and ten extents each of Old Bob and Plain Bob.

Jonathan A. Royds-Jones Treble	Paul S. Royd-Jones 3
Peter N. Mackley 2	Andrew W. Sawyer 4

Richard A. J. Bower Tenor

Conducted by Richard A. J. Bower.

First tower bell peal as conductor. First peal in more than one method for all the band and the Society. Average age of ringers under 17 years.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

TETSWORTH, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Giles.

*On Sat., Mar. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being three different extents. Tenor 4 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D flat.

Helen Howes Treble	Robert A. Partridge 4
Michael Hodge 2	Angela Ayres 5
Roger Coe 3	Geoffrey K. Cook Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Cook.

First peal as conductor.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

STAVERTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

*On Fri., Mar. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR**

Containing 14 methods in the following seven extents: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (2) Primrose and Norfolk, (3) York and Durham, (4) London and Wells, (5) Berwick and Hexham, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich, with 74 changes of method.

James Linnell Treble	Graham C. Paul 4
Roger W. Smith 2	Charles E. Truman 5
Alan A. Paul 3	*Patrick I. Chapman .. Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Minor.

PATTISHALL, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

*On Sat., Mar. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR**

Containing 16 methods in the following seven extents: (1) Hull and Annable's London, (2) Bourne and Netherseale, (3) York and Durham, (4) London and Wells, (5) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet and Hexham, (6) Primrose and Norfolk, (7) Cambridge and Ipswich, with 76 changes of method.

Roger W. Smith Treble	Alan A. Paul 4
Diana M. Frost 2	Graham C. Paul 5
Anthony D. Sansom 3	Alan J. Frost Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal of Spliced Surprise as conductor.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

*On Thurs., Mar. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Tudor P. Edwards Treble	Martin D. Fellows 7
George E. Fearn 2	Peter S. Bennett 8
Norman J. Goodman 3	Michael J. Fellows 9
Roderick W. Pipe 4	Clifford A. Barron 10
John C. Eisel 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
Edward W. Colley 6	Peter Border Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

*On Thurs., Mar. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5042 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Robert E. Hardy Treble	John C. Eisel 7
Maryl R. Crosshwaite 2	Martin D. Fellows 8
Norman J. Goodman 3	George E. Fearn 9
Michael J. Fellows 4	Clifford A. Barron 10
Roderick W. Pipe 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
Edward W. Colley 6	*Peter Border Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.

* 100th peal on this bell.

CHILVERS COTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

*On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 13 cwt. 52 lb. in F sharp.

William J. V. Conduct .. Treble	John R. Ketteringham .. 6
Norman J. Goodman 2	Edward W. Colley 7
George E. Fearn 3	Robert E. Hardy 8
John R. Inley 4	David J. Purnell 9
Maurice G. Ingram 5	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

*On Thurs., Mar. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Frederick Shallcross .. Treble	Martin D. Fellows 6
Susan Funnell 2	Roderick W. Pipe 7
George E. Fearn 3	Michael J. Fellows 8
John C. Eisel 4	J. Alan Ainsworth 9
Edward W. Colley 5	Peter Border Tenor

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

*On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL**

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Roderick W. Pipe Treble	Antony W. T. Cleaver .. 6
B. Gillian Schofield 2	Norman V. Harding 7
Anne E. Bateson 3	Geoffrey Paul 8
Geoffrey R. Parker 4	Frederick E. Collins 9
Jack L. Millhouse 5	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

WEST OVERTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

*On Sun., Mar. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

Being 720 each of Carlisle, London, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

Richard Garratt Treble	Rev. Roger Keeley 4
Richard A. G. Inglis 2	Anthony R. Peake 5
Maurice A. New 3	Brian Bladon Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

Rung to welcome Michael Roger Keeley, born February 28th.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

HOLME PIERREPONT, Notts.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

*On Wed., Mar. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR**

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

S. Jane Dowse Treble	*Ruth Blackshaw 4
William L. Exton 2	Maurice W. Harrison 5
Robert D. Marsh 3	†George A. Dawson Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* 100th peal. † 50th peal. First in the method by all the band and on the bells.

The compliments of the band to Robin R. Rodgers and Janet Porter, married on March 13th, 1965, at Sutton-on-Hull, Yorkshire.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

*On Fri., Mar. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents in 12 methods/vars., being 3 extents Trent, 11 Plain Bob, ten Grandsire and two of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, St. David, Southrepps, April Day, Seighford, Litchurch and Kennington.

John Laverack Treble	George A. Dawson 4
Ruth M. Blackshaw 2	Maurice W. Harrison 5
Margaret E. Chilton 3	F. William Midwinter .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

A birthday compliment to Miss Margaret E. Chilton.

WEST BRIDGFORD, Notts.—At the Church of St. Giles.

*On Sat., Mar. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being four extents each of All Saints', Rushall, Reverse St. Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, April Day, Kennington, Seighford and six extents of Plain Bob.

S. Jane Dowse Treble	Maurice W. Harrison 4
Robert D. Marsh 2	C. Raymond Larkin 5
Ruth Blackshaw 3	Wilfred Ratcliffe Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

The best wishes of the band to David P. Henly and June M. James (niece of the conductor), married this day at St. John's Church, Carlton.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION

BARKWAY, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

*On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR**

In seven methods, comprising 1,600 each of London and Rutland, 480 each of Cambridge and Yorkshire, 320 each of Bristol, Lincolnshire and Superlative, with 109 changes of method.

Joyce Dodds Treble	Anthony Smith 5
Yvonne Edwards 2	Bruce Wakefield 6
Jennifer Cook 3	Roger Powell 7
Hadley Hunter 4	Richard Humphries Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Hadley Hunter.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON, Hants.—At the Church of St. Mary.

*On Sat., Mar. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

*Paul J. Faithfull Treble	Maurice J. Butler 5
Carolyn Vibert 2	Thomas H. Francis 6
*Patricia Pitfield 3	John R. Faithfull 7
†Stephen T. Kirby 4	David E. House Tenor

Conducted by John R. Faithfull.

* First peal. † First of Triples. First peal as conductor.

(And the Portsmouth College of Technology Society.)

PORTSMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury.

*On Sat., Mar. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in B flat.

Andrew Dixon Treble	R. Ian Bowron 4
J. Neville Haile 2	*Barry J. Dixon 5
*Roger K. Hawkins 3	K. Paul Gilliver Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.

* First peal of Minor. First peal ever by the College Society.

First peal on the front six at the cathedral.

Rung at the end of the Students' Charities Appeal Week.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

WORCESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Mar. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. in E.

Thomas W. Lewis	Treble	Muriel Reay	6
M. Roger Ashmore	2	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
R. George Morris	3	David Beacham	8
Norman J. Goodman	4	Clifford A. Barron	9
Roderick W. Pipe	5	George E. Fearn	Tenor
Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.		Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.	

HANDBELL PEALS

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

DURHAM.—At 210, Oswald Wing, Grey College.

On Thurs., Mar. 11, 1965, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

*William G. Wilson (Chad's) 1—2	John O. Freeman (Grey) 3—4
David J. Marshall (Bede) 5—6	
Conducted by David J. Marshall.	

* First peal in hand. First in hand as conductor. First in hand for the Society.

BUSHEY HEATH, Hertfordshire.—At 39, Titian Avenue.

On Sun., Mar. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 1—2	*Roger Baldwin	5—6
Christopher W. Woolley 3—4	*Stephen Ivin	7—8
Composed by Stephen Ivin.		Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal in the method on handbells

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.

On Thurs., Mar. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*A. R. Heppenstall	1—2	John Freeman	5—6
George E. Feirn	3—4	*Jack L. Millhouse	7—8
Composed by J. W. Washbrook.		Conducted by John Freeman.	

* First peal of Surprise "in hand." First peal in the method "in hand" by all and for the Guild.

LAUNTUN, OXON.—On Mar. 14th, 1965, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Sharpe (cond.) 1, H. A. Massey 2, J. Marriott 3, G. Penn 4, B. Coggins 5, J. W. Ancil 6. Before Evensong as a compliment to Mr. James Marriott, on his 81st birthday.

LONDON, S.E. — At Southwark Cathedral on Mar. 17th, 1965, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. D. Bailey 1, Alison M. Mann 2, R. J. Cooles 3, A. R. Millidge 4, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 5, R. W. Powell 6, R. E. J. Dennis (first of Royal) 7, R. O. Humphries 8, C. M. Meyer 9, M. J. Uphill 10. For St. Patrick's Day.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' on Mar. 14th, 1965, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: C. A. Hughes 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, M. T. Sprackling (cond.) 4, W. A. Theobald 5, R. Cadamy 6, J. Marks 7, W. Oatway 8, W. G. Wilson 9, M. E. Harrison 10.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Mar. 7th, 1965, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: N. Garrard 1, M. Garrard 2, J. Herbert 3, A. J. Smith 4, G. Hawkins 5, H. Wood 6, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 7, K. Lewin 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. J. Cheney and Miss Maureen Clay, and an anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Hawkins.

LYMINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 21st, 1965, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Pelham (first in method) 1, Mrs. R. Wake 2, Susan Main 3, C. H. Shepherd 4, G. Lee 5, R. Wake (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Rev. H. W. Newell, Vicar for past 16 years.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON. — On Mar. 13th, 1965, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Cynthia Edbrooke 1, Carole Everitt (first "inside") 2, Valerie Mellish (cond.) 3, Patricia Peatfield 4, C. Decm 5, P. Jupp 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Margaret Ruth) to the captain of the tower.

MARSHFIELD, GLOS.—On Feb. 11th, 1965, 1,280 Double Bob Major: M. Heymann 1, G. H. Pullin 2, R. Smith 3, Rose Smith 4, A. Perry 5, E. T. Lee 6, J. Brain 7, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 8. First in the method by all.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD

FELTHAM, Middlesex.—At 2, Oaks Avenue.

On Sat., Mar. 6, 1965, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Anthony C. Knights .. 1—2	*Kenneth L. Brown .. 3—4
Peter N. Felton (cond.) ..	5—6

* 50th peal.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

GNOSALL, Staffordshire.—At Sunnyside, Newport Road.

On Wed., Mar. 3, 1965, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten callings.

Ian Friend	1—2	Barnabas G. Key (cond.) 3—4
*E. Marion Key		5—6

* 100th peal for the Society.

A compliment to June, daughter of B. G. and E. M. Key, on becoming engaged to Mr. James McNaughton.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycloch.

On Sun., Feb. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5032 SPICED ROYAL

Being 4,440 Plain Bob and 592 Burford Little Bob, with 74 changes of method.

Hazel Way	1—2	J. Arthur Hoare	5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3—4	Richard T. Smith	7—8
Edmund J. Morris		9—10	

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal in this arrangement by all the band and for the Guild.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycloch.

On Mon., Feb. 22, 1965, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 XANTEN COURT BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.

Hazel Way	1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare		5—6

First peal in the method.

The band have now completed the alphabet to Plain Minor methods.

XANTEN COURT BOB MINOR:

x 14 x 36.14.56. 1h. = 12, 36245.

QUARTER PEALS

MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET. — On Mar. 21st, 1965, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. J. Chivers 1, H. D. Mackay 2, A. P. Beck 3, E. C. Wadman 4, F. Savage 5, R. G. Beck (cond.) 6, E. J. Targett 7, V. Savage 8. For Evensong.

OKHAM, RUTLAND.—On Mar. 21st, 1965, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. G. Briggs (87) 1, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 2, M. T. Stimson 3, A. J. Stimson 4, J. M. Thorley 5, R. J. Hill 6, E. A. Jacques 7, S. R. Hoy 8.

OLDHAM, LANCs.—At the Parish Church on Mar. 6th, 1965, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Pugh (first quarter) 1, R. S. Starkie 2, S. Hough 3, J. A. Booth 4, A. Sharples 5, N. Bennett (cond.) 6, D. Mottershead 7, N. D. Lomas 8. Rung on back eight after meeting short for peal.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Mar. 21st, 1965, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. R. Patterson 1, C. W. Outley 2, C. F. Mew 3, L. W. Allen 4, Julie S. Armstrong (first of Stedman) 5, B. J. Bull 6, A. R. Millidge (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, Christine M. Cobb 8. For Evensong.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—On Mar. 16th, 1965, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hiner (first quarter) 1, F. Pickering 2, G. R. Hiner 3, J. Smalley 4, G. W. Plikington (cond.) 5, G. Tukey 6, D. Burling 7. (6 and 7 covering.) Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. Cheetham, sidesman at this church, interred earlier this day.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS. — On Feb. 20th, 1965, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. Hatchett (cond.) 1, R. D. Bell 2, D. C. Bartholomew 3, D. Laud 4, K. D. Waples 5, H. A. Bradbury 6, R. G. Bell 7, J. R. Lloyd 8. A farewell to Fredk. W. Elliott, for 40 years a ringer at this church, who has gone to live at Westcliff-on-Sea.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Feb. 1st, 1965, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Page 1, C. Stratford 2, R. Stratford 3, L. Watkins 4, J. Watkins 5, B. L.

Burrows (cond.) 6. Rung for the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Brown.

SCORTON, LANCs.—On Feb. 28th, 1965, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. Crossthwaite 1, Mrs. Diana J. Handley 2, P. J. Crossthwaite 3, W. Bolton 4, D. McCormick 5, C. Crossthwaite (cond.) 6, S. Anderson 7, P. Handley 8. First in the method 4 and 5.

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.—On Mar. 21st, 1965, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. P. Voules 1, A. Beech (first "inside") 2, J. Harden 3, E. Voules (first "inside") 4, J. Hilton (cond.) 5, A. Skinner 6. Rung in memory of the late J. A. Beech, former captain of the band, and a "thank you" to the anonymous donor of the new bell ropes.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON.—On Mar. 15th, 1965, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Ley (first quarter) 1, R. J. Gay 2, J. L. Queen 3, R. W. Turner 4, C. G. J. Head 5, P. J. Daniel (cond.) 6. For Shebbear College Confirmation service.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 20th, 1965, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Minor: W. W. Miller 1, Muriel R. Page 2, H. D. Lister 3, W. Ruffles 4, H. Leather 5, L. E. Last 6, L. G. Brett (cond.) 7, W. J. Button 8. Rung after peal failure for the wedding of Mr. W. Shulver to Miss P. Keeble, both of Debenham.

LATE NOTICE

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday, Service at All Saints' 11 a.m. (bells 10 a.m.). Tea (5s.) at The Hopmarket. The Foregate, 5 p.m., for all who notify me by April 14th. Bells: Powick (6) 1.30-2.30, Malvern Link (8) 2.15-3.15, Welland (6) 3-4, Hanley Castle (6) 3.30-4.30, Worcester, St. John's (8) 2-3, Claines (10) 3.30-4.30, Cathedral (12) 6-7.30, All Saints' (10) 7-8.30.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 6598

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten bell practice at Minehead, Saturday, April 3rd, 7 p.m. Branch practice at Wiveliscombe, Saturday, April 24th. Bells 4 p.m. Tea available for number notified to Mrs. A. Gale, 5, Rotten Row, Wiveliscombe, by April 21st.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 6581

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Brailes, April 3rd. Usual arrangements, 3 p.m. onwards. Names for tea to Mr. Eric Cummings, Undy, The Park, Brailes, Banbury, Oxon. 6539

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western Branch will be held at Arlecdon on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. Gibson, The Vicarage, Arlecdon, Frizington.—Katie Gilbert, Branch Sec. 6560

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bampton on Sat., April 3rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service, 4.15. Tea afterwards. Names for tea, please, to G. W. Hollis, Roseneath, The Avenue, Tiverton. 6503

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Chatteris (6) on Sat., April 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6. Special methods: Wells and Childwall. 6532

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting on Sat., April 3rd at Chiddingfold. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in the Village Hall. Names for tea to John H. Payton, Sec., 26, Turners Mead, Chiddingfold. 6516

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Knebworth, April 3rd, 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names to Mrs. G. W. Critchley, 20, New Close, Knebworth.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6567

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District) and HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held on Sat., April 3rd at Sandhurst and Hawkhurst. Ringing at Sandhurst 2.30 and service. Tea and further ringing at Hawkhurst. Names for tea to Mr. D. J. West, The Cedars, Copt Hall Avenue, Hawkhurst, Kent.—D. J. W. and W. H. D. 6519

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Quarterly business meeting at Uxbridge on Sat., April 3rd. Ringing St. Margaret's from 3 p.m. and St. Andrew's from 6.30. Regret own arrangements for tea again. Business meeting in belfry at 7.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6484

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Reedham on Sat., April 3rd. Bells (5) from 6.30 to 9.—N. P. J. C., Branch Sec. 6527

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Old Bradwell (6) on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells from 6 p.m. 6546

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Packwood on April 3rd. Bells available 3.30. Meeting 5.30.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 6538

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Cropwell Bishop on April 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, "St. Ouen's," Whatton.—R. Blackshaw. 6545

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Balcombe (8) on Sat., April 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (by invitation) 5. Names only, to A. E. Laker, 2, Woodside, Haywards Heath Road, Balcombe (Tel. 298).—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 6500

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Conisbrough on Sat., April 3rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Bring own food, cups of tea will be provided.—J. Seager. 6537

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting on Sat., April 3rd. St. Mary Bourne 2-4. Service, Longparish, 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Further ringing after. Names to Miss P. Goddard, Garden Cottage, Longparish. 6517

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube Station) on Monday, April 5th, 7 p.m. 6564

SCOLE, NORFOLK.—Dedication of the new ring of six bells on Tuesday, April 6th, by the Bishop of Thetford. Special service 7.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—C. F. W. P. 6584

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Evening meeting, April 8th, Malmesbury. Bells (8) 7 to 9 p.m.—H. Heath. 6589

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Monthly practice, Curry Rivel (8), Saturday, April 10th, 6.30 p.m.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 6586

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Arlesey, Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. onwards. Usual arrangements. Names for District outing at this meeting, please.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 6570

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Holme-on-Spalding-Moor (6), Saturday, April 10th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea (important) to Mr. R. Carey, High Street, Holme, by previous Thursday. 6595

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Scarcliffe on April 10th. Bells (5) 3-5 p.m. and afterwards. No. 28E Midland bus leaves Chesterfield at 2.25 and half-hourly. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. J. Watkins, 88, Main Street, Scarcliffe, Bolsover, Chesterfield. Bolsover bells (8) available 7-9 p.m. Special methods: St. Simon's Doubles, plus Bristol.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 6593

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Houghton-le-Spring, Saturday, April 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, April 7th, to Mr. W. F. Sheraton, 27, St. Aidan's Terrace, New Herrington, Houghton-le-Spring. 6571

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, April 10th, at Mersham, Surrey (recently augmented to 8 bells). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Evening ringing 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea by April 8th to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 6575

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 10th, at Meldreth and Melbourn. Meldreth (6) 3 p.m. Service, Meldreth, 4.30. Tea, The Hall, High Street, Meldreth (opp. "British Queen"), 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Melbourn (6) after meeting.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 6580

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Romford on Sat., April 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Poolman, 162, Southend Road, Rainham. 6535

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Saffron Walden (12) on Saturday, April 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 6542

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Meeting. Meysey Hampton, April 10th, 5.30 p.m.—R. Wenban. 6572

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Monthly practice and quarterly meeting, Cranham, April 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea after service. Names before Tuesday, 6th.—E. Cribbley, France Lynch, Stroud. 6569

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, April 10th, Hannington (5), 3-4.30 p.m. Tea at Blunsdon 5 p.m. Ringing at Blunsdon 6-8 p.m. Names for tea to Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 6583

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION and BARNSELY SOCIETY.—Meeting, New Mill, Saturday, April 10th. Names for tea to H. Tinker, North House, New Mill. 6592

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Tenterden, Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8, 27 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss V. Relf, 3, The Bungalows, Shrubcote, Tenterden, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 6592

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting on Sat., April 10th at Pakefield (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Kessingland (6) 7 p.m. Names for tea, by April 7th (excepting coach party), to Mr. P. Kindred, 91, Pakefield Street, Pakefield, Lowestoft. 6505

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Bowness on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Wilson, The Cote, Beresford Road, Bowness-on-Windermere. 6565

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Adlington, Saturday, April 10th. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 7th, to Mr. T. Turner, 6, Railway View, Adlington, Chorley. Chorley-Bolton Road buses 122, 123, 126, 130, 304, 313, 322, alight Ridgway Arms.—L. Walsley. 6577

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—G. Cheetham, Branch Sec. 6573

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting to be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Philip A. Mason, Branch Sec. 6568

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting on April 10th at Ashby Folville. Bells (8) 6.30 till 9 p.m.—M. Stimson, Dis. Sec. 6587

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Swithland, Saturday, April 10th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service (if possible) 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, April 7th, to Mr. R. Brown, 34, Swithland Lane, Rothley (tel. Rothley 2870).—M. D. Barsby, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6563

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Barkston on Sat., April 10th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Mon., April 5th, to Mrs. V. Gray, Syston, nr. Grantham, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 6533

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lambourn, Saturday, April 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to W. C. Pottinger, 28, High Street, Lambourn, Berkshire. 6596

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Wiloughby, Saturday, April 10th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. G. Hancock, Brookside, Wiloughby, Rugby.—F. W. Hancock. 6585

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Great Ness on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, April 7th, to Rev. S. D. Austerberry, The Vicarage, Great Ness, Salop. 6576

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, April 10th. Isleworth (10) 2.30-4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Hall and business meeting. St. Mary's, Twickenham (8), 6.45-8.15 p.m. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, S.W.15, by April 8th. 6588

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.W. District.—Ringing meeting at Newmarket, St. Mary's (6) on Sat., April 10th. Bells from 2.30 to 9. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting follows. Names for tea, please, by Mon., April 5th, to Mr. A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds. Please note early date for teas.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 6507

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Ottershaw on Sat., April 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Egham. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. R. Pashley, 73, Hare Hill, Addlestone.—B. Bull, Asst. Sec. 6457

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Wimbrough Green, not Fittleworth, April 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please notify for tea by Wednesday previous to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. Tel. Sidlesham 325. 6574

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—Meeting, North Stoneham, April 10th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday, April 7th, to Mr. D. J. Forster, 62, Leigh Road, Eastleigh.—M. J. Thomas, Dis. Sec. 6590

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, WIVELIS-COMBE, SOMERSET.—Dedication service of two new trebles at 3 p.m. on Palm Sunday, April 11th. Visitors welcome. 6582

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting, April 17th at Packington. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., Village Hall. Service following. Names for tea to Mr. R. Clifton, Normanton Lodge, Normanton-le-Heath, Leicester. 6568

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M. at Midsomer Norton, Easter Monday, April 19th. Service 12 noon (preacher, the Bishop of Taunton). Lunch in Church Hall at 1.15 p.m. Names for lunch (6s.) and tea (2s. 6d.) essential to General Secretary, enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope. Bells available: Midsomer Norton (8), 11-12 and after meeting; Frome (8), Mells (8), Beckington (8), 9.45-11.15 and 5.30-7.30; Nunney (6), Whatley (6), 9.45-11.15; Marston Bigot (6), Leigh-on-Mendip (6), 5.30-7.30; Chewton Mendip (8), Shepton Mallet (8), Farmborough (6), all 10.30-11.30 and 5.30-7.30; Hemington (6), High Littleton (6), Chilcompton (6), all 6-8; Radstock (6), 5.30-7.30.—G. Salmon, Gen. Sec., 9, Kennion Road, Wells, Somerset. 6566

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, April 19th. Ringing: 12-1, Sawston (8), Meldreth (6); 12.30-1.30, West Wrating (5), Great Wilbraham (5), Orwell (5); 1-2, Ickleton (8), Horningsea (5); 1.30-2.30, Duxford (6), Bottisham (5); 2-3, Bourn (8), Witleesford (6); 2.30-3.30, Cherry Hinton (5), Foxton (5), Haslingfield (5); 3-4, Melbourn (6), Stapleford (6); 3.30-4.30, Harston (6), Little Shelford (6); 4-5, Trumpington (8); after meeting Trumpington (8), Cambridge St. Andrew's (8), Cambridge St. Bene't's (6), Chesterton (6). A Ringing Master will be in charge of each tower; members and friends are asked not to

ring outside the published times for which permission has been obtained. Service, Trumpington Parish Church, 5. Tea 5.30, Trumpington Village Hall, High Street, Trumpington, followed by annual general meeting. Tickets for tea (3s. 6d. per head, children under 10 free) are now available from B. D. Threlfall, 6, Pightle Close, Harston, Cambridge. Accommodation is limited: to ensure admission please send your money, and a stamped, addressed envelope, not later than Saturday, April 17th. 6579

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting on Easter Monday, April 19th at Canterbury. Service in Cathedral at 12 noon. Applications, not later than April 12th first post, for luncheon tickets (12s. each, children of resident members under 14, 3s. 6d. each, cash with order and s.a.e., please) agenda, details of ringing times in 12 towers, to Mr. B. W. May, "Keithston," Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent. Ringing School, Leeds, nr. Maidstone, on May 1st. Ringers' Rally at Rainham, July 10th. Association Dinner at Sittingbourne, September 25th.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6513

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting to be held in Cardiff on Easter Monday, April 19th. Service in St. John-the-Baptist Church at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. James' Church Hall at 5 p.m. Ringing available: Rumney, 12-1; Llandaff Cathedral, 1.30-3; Whitchurch, 2-3; and St. John's 2-4 p.m. and after the meeting. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, April 13th.—M. J. Pryor, Hon. Sec., 43, Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff. 6568

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Rotherham on Saturday, May 1st. Bells available: Wentworth (6), 11-12; Sprotborough (8), 11-12; Conisbrough (8), 12-1; Rawmarsh (8), 12-1; Wath (8), 1-2; Thrybergh (6), 2-3; St. Stephen's, Eastwood (8), 2.30-3.30 and 7-8; Rotherham Parish Church (10), 11.30-12, 12.30-1, 2.30-4 and 7-9; Treeton (6), 7-8.30; Whiston (8), 7-8.30. Service in the Parish Church at 4. Tea in the Parish Hall 4.45, followed by the general meeting. Subscriptions are now due and reports will be available. Names for tea are essential and should be sent to Mr. N. Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Rotherham, by April 29th.—W. F. Moreton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6591

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL FESTIVAL.—The annual festival will be held on Saturday, May 8th, at St. Thomas', Norbury, Hazel Grove. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5, followed by annual general meeting. Tickets for tea 5s. each. Applications before May 3rd to Mr. C. K. Lewis, 52, Wellington Road, Altrincham, Cheshire. Towers available: Norbury (8), 2-4 and after the meeting; St. George's, Stockport (10), 2-3.30; Pointon (6), 2-3.30; Marple (8) after meeting; Bowdon (8) by application.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 6544

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OBITUARY

MR. JOSEPH STANIER

Mr. Joseph Stanier, a member of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and for 25 years captain of Madeley, Shropshire, ringers, died on March 22nd. He had been a ringer at Madeley for 56 years and was also a very active church worker, both as a member of the parochial church council and as a sidesman. He conducted his first peal, off the tenor, in November, 1933, when all the other ringers were making their first peal attempt; he also took part in many peals for the Hereford Guild.

The funeral took place on March 25th, when the Madeley band of young ringers rang half-muffled before and after the service, which was attended by Mr. Harold Thomas, Ringing Master of the Hereford Guild, and Mrs. Joan Bennett, secretary of the Bridgnorth Branch.

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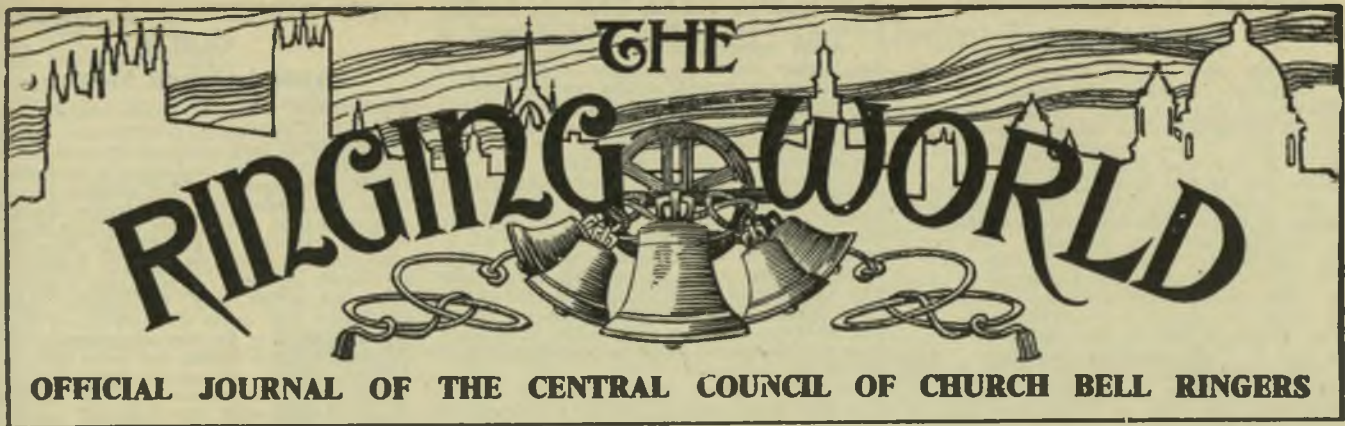
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NOTTINGHAM MEMORIES OF 40 YEARS AGO

THERE are events, sometimes great sometimes small, capable of turning the mind back over a great number of years and sending the fingers running hastily over diaries and other records to recapture something of the past. Such an occasion is the retirement of Mr. Frederick A. Salter from the post of Ringing Master at St. Peter's, Nottingham, and it has led us to the pleasant occupation of looking over notes of our doings in and around the beautiful Midland city some forty years ago.

The two centres of greatest activity, perhaps, were St. Peter's Church in the city, and Beeston, some four miles away. At the former there was an excellent general practice on Thursday nights and facilities for a peal once a month. At the latter there was a Sunday service band advanced enough to be ringing Surprise methods for Matins and Evensong and having a record of peals in all standard methods up to Cambridge Surprise. There was little serious handbell ringing.

In the years 1923 and 1924 we were notably reinforced by the arrival of Fred Salter and Frederick S. Bailey (the latter, of course, one of the famous Bailey brothers of Leiston), and progress in the city was made at an increased speed. At St. Peter's, ringers like George West, Frank Bradley and Laurence Chadburn were always ready for peals, and from far out at Long Eaton the two stalwarts Dick Drage and Joe Bailey were usually available for any enterprise; and so, with some of the Beeston men, there was promising peal-ringing material, and some good performances resulted. A peak performance, one that indeed stood out at this time, was the accomplishing of 5,024 London Surprise Major on October 11th, 1923, on the bells at St. Peter's, conducted by that fine ringer Albert Coppock. It was the first in the method in the city of Nottingham and it was rung by a mixed band from the city, from Long Eaton and from Beeston.

Some interest now began to be shown in handbell ringing, and an earnest start was made by meetings in the watch-repairing shop of William A. Janes, a queer upstairs lair over a strange shop in the quaintness of Castlegate. Here we practised Bob Minor and soon rang a peal of it, the first handbell peal to be rung in Nottingham. One or two more peals of Minor followed and then

we were joined by Fred Salter and Tom Kirkby and went in for Bob Major and Grandsire Caters. Several peal attempts followed but although we persevered we never succeeded in getting the desired peal of Major. Quarter peals were scored and once we rang nearly halfway for the peal, but final success eluded us. It was the departure from Nottingham of Mr. Janes that brought our handbell enterprise to a close, but we remember with affection the little old den in Castlegate, the strange old dark stairs, the quiet kindness of Billy Janes, the happy hour with the bells and the hospitality of the bar parlour of The Royal Children next door.

At this time the Beeston band was maintaining the reputation it had built up over the years. Since the days of Reuben Clifford the company had gone ahead with an enthusiasm and driving power created and sustained by one fixed aim, and that was to ring a peal in the standard methods up to London. In this matter they progressed slowly but surely, from Treble Bob to Stedman, from Stedman to Double Norwich, from this to Superlative and Norfolk, and then, after great tribulation, to Cambridge. To the Beeston band, who started from humble beginnings, who had no tutor and no outside help, and no brilliant conductor to correct mistakes, these struggles meant much, and each successive stage in their progress was marked by joy and an exhilaration absent from so much of our easier peal ringing today.

One cannot but look back with affection to the Beeston men of forty years ago. William Clifford senior and junior were father and son and the old man was over seventy when he studied Cambridge for his first peal in the method, and seventy-six when he rang in the final triumph of a peal of London. Kindly Alfred Moss and the gentlemanly Charles Dicken, white moustached and tall-collared, and never known to say or do an unmannerly or unkind thing; Arthur Lowe, much travelled and an authority on the location and merits of country inns, a philosopher full of wise saws, and always likely to trip up in London when he was fifths-place bell! Percy Price was tall, lean and powerful, an earnest ringer and one of the finest handlers of a heavy bell in the Midlands. And with us, until almost the last success, was Albert Coppock, an excellent musician, a competent ringer and a very capable conductor. In 1924 he left Beeston tower to become Ringing Master at Lenton, and the burden of serious conducting was assumed by Percy Price.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AUSTRALIA ?

THE main story in the current issue of "Ringing Towers" deals with the re-dedication of Bendigo bells. These bells were recast at Whitechapel to a lighter weight (tenor approximately 18 cwt. against 20 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.). A new steel frame was placed in a concrete ring 18 feet lower in the tower. On the day before dedication a few ringers assembled to try the eight bells, but one Bendigo lad, who had not rung for more than two years, could only remember the muscle power needed—the result, one cracked and one broken stay. The broken stays were replaced at 10 p.m.

The dedication was by the Bishop of Bendigo, and W. F. W. concludes his report: "As the organ faded the bells could be heard pealing and exulting, free at last of worn-out fittings, free for ever of a lurching tower, singing with overtones the like of which had never been heard before."

GREAT ADVENTURE II

On September 8th Tom Lock's party of British ringers arrive in Perth at the commencement of a four weeks' west to east tour of Australian ringing centres. It is not yet known what the size of the ringing party will be, or its composition, but we understand that before long a "closing date," as it were, would be set and those who have expressed a firm interest will be asked to commit themselves.

Roughly the plan is that the first week-end will be spent in Adelaide, the second in Hobart and Melbourne, the third and fourth in Sydney. Victoria and New South Wales country centres will be visited on week-days, as will Maryborough.

HOLY TRINITY, HOBART

This tower provides a feature story and also an amusing one. Some years ago a leak developed in the Trinity tower roof. The churchwardens disclaimed responsibility by saying it was the ringers' job. The drips became annoying until someone had the brilliant idea of leaving the sixth bell set, which caught the drips. Next there was the problem of baling out the bell before ringing.

After some time, Phil, a man of ideas, decided to examine the roof and found a broken joint, which he said he would mend. He went up with fire pot and fuel and the soldering gear and soon had the break mended. Then, to his consternation, he discovered that the heat from the pot had set fire to a rafter. He dashed down the ladders and into the church, where he spotted some water near the font in readiness for a baptism. Grabbing the ewer he rushed back and flung the contents on the blaze. Fortunately that extinguished the fire. Commenting afterwards on the use of that particular water, Phil said: "Any port in a storm."

NOTTINGHAM 40 YEARS AGO

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The mainspring of this rather remarkable band, however, was Frederick S. Price, and his indomitable courage and unquenchable optimism sustained us in our grim struggles with London Surprise and urged us on to final victory. Many were the attempts for this peal, and many were the disappointments, but there came at last that great day, January 31st, 1925, when Percy Price called "That's all" at the end of a good 5,024, and we all ran to the veteran of 76, William Clifford, to offer him our congratulations. Many peals have followed this one, but few have given such joy and satisfaction. It marked the peak of Beeston ringing, a height from which it rapidly declined. For those who at this time strive to raise the standard again, we would remark that Beeston rose to fame from very small beginnings; it can do so again.

These rambling recollections arise from pleasant thoughts of Mr. Fred Salter and the lovely city of Nottingham. We trust that he, too, may find joy and profit in the remembrance of those far-off times. E. C. S.

A RINGING WEEK-END IN PARIS

Friday, March 26th, saw about a dozen members of the University of London Society and a lady friend congregating at Victoria (some arrived at the correct time) to take advantage of British Rail's cheap (£4 10s.) trip to Paris for the France-Wales rugby match. However, nothing was further from our minds than rugby just then.

We boarded the train about midnight at Newhaven, quickly grabbing our seats in the lounge. When the boat started, Richard, Robert and Alan were seen scurrying off in the direction of the deck with handbells. This was supposedly a peal attempt, but a combination of icy-cold wind, spectators and flash-bulbs upset concentration to such an extent that although four separate 720's were rung, there was no success; even a quarter peal fired out in the last course.

We had not much success, either, in getting a compartment together in the French train, but most people managed to grab an hour or so's sleep before arrival at Gare St. Lazare at 7.30. We went for breakfast to a little bistro across the road, where we ate delicious rolls and drank coffee, which was 2/6 per cup, but Tony somehow only had to pay 7d. for a glass of vin blanc.

Our first destination was Pont Neuf, under which we saw Philip, Edward and Nick started on a handbell peal on a set of thimble-sized bells. Despite the attentions of a large dog which snapped viciously whenever Edward called his bobs, this was brought round in two hours and one minute. Across the river, Robert, Richard and Tony were not having the same success, however, but eventually managed a quarter in 28 minutes.

While the ringing was going on the rest of the party went sightseeing to the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe and the Cathedral of Notre Dame. The whole party was to have met at Notre Dame to go to lunch, but the quarter peal band had other ideas. They eventually arrived, 45 minutes late, having ascended and rung what was believed to be the first touch in the Eiffel Tower, and having narrowly escaped being run down by a Parisian taxi, only to find that the others had left.

After lunch, the peal ringers went dining and window shopping, eventually splitting up to enable Edward to try (unsuccessfully) to telephone some "oiseau" he had met on a previous visit to Paris. The quarter ringers eventually met up with the saner members of the party at Sacré Cœur, from where there was a glorious view of Paris. One or two even had enough energy to climb the dome. From there we walked the few yards to watch the artists of Montmartre at work. One particular artist, whom we watched produce a most glorious portrait of a very attractive girl, disappointed us all when he said "Tweenty-faav francs, please," in a broad American accent.

When we all reunited (successfully this time) at Notre Dame, we found that Edward had a posy in his hand and a John Lennon hat on his head. When we had humoured him he told us that he had got through to his girl, but wasn't sure whether she would join us for dinner, which we were to have in Montmartre, to the music of an "orchestra." She did, but to our horror (and Edward's) she had brought a man with her. However, he turned out to be her cousin.

We said "au revoir" to Paris at 11.20 p.m., this time managing to get a compartment together. Sleep was the main object; Edward was bent double; Alan was stretched out along the luggage-rack, nearly falling off once; and Nick, Robert and Karen were hanging out of the windows trying to cool their parched tongues (tiredness has some strange effects). The boat journey back was cold and foggy.

At Newhaven the Customs nearly had Richard's camera, but let him through in the end. Everyone slept all the way to London, where we split up, vowing to make this an annual affair (British Rail permitting). Most went home for more sleep; others went for breakfast at Victoria; and one or two had even enough energy to ring at St. Paul's or Cornhill. R. E. J. D.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD

Annual General Meeting

ON March 13th the Guild held its annual general meeting at Edenbridge. A change of venue had been made owing to there being no facilities for tea and meeting at Coleman's Hatch. Arrangements for ringing had been made at Cowden and Edenbridge during the afternoon until service time at Edenbridge. The service, conducted by the Rev. D. Bartleet, was well attended, with the Rev. J. Collins (vice-president), of Hever, reading the lesson. The choir, led by Mr. Beck, the organist, rendered an anthem and again the well-known Ringers' Hymn was sung by the congregation. Over 70 members and friends sat down to a tea in Church House, where the now traditional spread had been prepared by Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Leigh with the help of wives and mothers of members of the Edenbridge band. After tea the business meeting was held with the Rev. J. R. Missen (president) in the chair.

We were pleased to welcome several of our vice-presidents, and Mr. B. E. Jeffrey thanked them for their support and interest in the Guild. The report and statement of accounts for 1964 were taken as read, and it was noted that two peals had been rung for the Guild including some first-pealers. Eight new members were elected and welcomed into the Guild by the president. The following officers were elected: President, the Rev. J. R. Missen; chairman, Mr. B. E. Jeffrey; vice-chairman, Mr. J. E. Warner; secretary, Miss M. A. Ladd; hon. auditor, M. R. D. Divall.

A NEW TREASURER

Mr. C. W. Hancock could not stand for re-election as treasurer as he would probably be moving from the district in the next few months. The news was received with regret, and Mr. Hancock was thanked for his loyalty and for doing this job so efficiently during the past five years. Mr. Hancock said that he would miss the Guild meetings very much and the friendship of the members. Mr. Colin Osbon was elected his successor. Changes in the committee were the election of Miss E. Tester, Mr. F. I. Hairs and Mr. G. Fry. Mr. and Mrs. S. Jenner did not seek re-election.

It was decided to hold an outing in October with Mr. C. A. Bassett as organiser, and a dinner in 1965 with Mr. E. J. Ladd as organiser, the 1965 one being a huge success.

The news of loss of three former members of the Guild in 1965—Mr. S. Russell (late of Rotherfield), Mr. G. Apps, a founder member (Cuckfield) and Mr. L. Tidy (of Limsfield Chart)—was received with regret, the members standing in silence as a mark of respect.

Mr. B. E. Jeffrey said how pleased he was to see so many members attending the Guild meetings each month and hoped the Guild would go from strength to strength, there being over 100 paid up members on the books at this time.

Mr. B. V. Collison thanked the Edenbridge ringers, the Rev. D. Bartleet and their helpers for entertaining the Guild in such a splendid manner.

After the meeting ringing was enjoyed at Edenbridge and Hever until 8.30 a.m. M. A. L.

A DEVON OUTING

The first of a series of outings for 1965, organised by Mr. A. L. Bennett, was held on February 24th, when accompanying him were the Misses S. L. Dowell and M. Russell. Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Bould, Messrs. A. Caffry, K. E. Fursdon and R. A. Southwood. A pleasant time was spent at Dean Prior Parish Church, and after tea at a local cafe a short time was spent ringing on the five at Littlehempston, where the ringing chamber is in a dilapidated condition. Another ring of five at East Ogwell, near Newton Abbot, concluded the day. Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor and call changes.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE PERRIN

With regret we announce the death, suddenly, on March 21st, of Mr. George Perrin, who for many years had acted as judge for contests of the Halifax and District Association. Apart from this Association he was also a member of the Barnsley & District Society and the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Mr. Perrin, who was 78, had been nearly all his life a service ringer, being associated with the following towers: Saddleworth, St. George's and St. John's, Mossley, and Friezland. He was always of a cheerful countenance and good humour, but could hold his corner in an argument, especially about ringing, and good striking in particular.

The funeral service was at Friezland, Yorks, and the burial at Saddleworth on April 1st. Towers represented were Meltham, Huddersfield, Saddleworth, Bradford Cathedral, St. George's, Mossley, St. John's, Mossley, and Friezland.

God called "That's all" and "Stand" and he obeyed, as he always did. A. F.

MR. FRANK C. W. KNIGHT

THE news of the death on March 31st of Frank Colston Winter Knight at the early age of 48 will be received with very deep regret by all ringers and others who knew him.

Born at Lyminge, Kent, Frank studied music—his greatest passion in life after ringing—at Trinity College of Music, and later received a Doctorate in Music from Harvard University, U.S.A. Later he taught successively at Hove Grammar School, both in Surrey. While at Farnham, he frequently rang with the Guildford band under the leadership of the late Alfred Pulling.

After the war he taught successively at Brentford, Orpington, Finchley, Folkestone, Canterbury, Ramsgate and Winchester. In each place Frank took an active part in local ringing; while at Orpington he did very great work in reviving ringing on the fine octave at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, and was responsible for introducing the late John L. Morris (and through him the present Kent County Association peals secretary, Mr. I. H. Oram) to ringing.

At Winchester he held office in the Cathedral band, and was for a short time captain at St. Lawrence-in-Thamet, Ramsgate. During this time he presented a cup to be awarded for a striking competition in the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association: the first competition for this cup is, it is understood, to be held shortly. In addition to his ringing activities, Frank was organist at a number of churches during his life, particularly at Chilham and Minster-in-Thamet, Kent, where he did sterling work in choir training.

The First Peal for their University



Generations of ringing undergraduates of the University of Sussex will honour this picture. It is of the band that rang the first peal for the University, one of four Minor methods, at Washington, on February 17th. The ringers, from left to right, are: Raymond J. Talbot, Michael J. Bew (conductor and hon. secretary of the University Guild), Catherine M. Powell, John C. Baldwin, Terry G. Williams and Peter J. Came.

[Photo by courtesy of the "Worthing Gazette."]

The funeral service took place at Lyminge Parish Church on April 3rd, and was conducted by the Rev. G. H. Luckett, Rector of Lyminge, assisted by the Rev. C. Hartley Bird, Vicar of St. Lawrence-in-Thamet, and the Rev. P. N. Bond, a personal friend of long standing. Our sympathy goes out to his mother and family, and we pray that his soul may rest in peace. P. N. B.

AN APPRECIATION

MANY ringers will mourn the passing of Mr. Frank C. W. Knight, whose death is reported this week.

Our paths first met when he took up an appointment as master at Farnham Grammar School at the end of the last war. He had already learned to handle a bell but knew nothing of change ringing and it took a lot of cajoling by the late A. H. Pulling and myself to persuade him away from tenoring behind. Once started, however, he showed great enthusiasm and was soon teaching a band of his schoolboys to ring the heavy Farnham eight. Also, being a fine mathematician, he was soon composing, albeit sometimes producing peculiar methods with a double treble bob hunt.

As an accomplished pianist (when he got going on "Polonaise in A" the room shook) and church organist, he was much more concerned with perfect striking rather than complicated methods, and when he was in the band it was usually a joy to ring. The most perfect piece of precision striking I ever heard was his playing of a course of Grand-sire Trioles which he had written out as a piece of music for the piano.

Frank possessed a many-sided character and was full of novel ideas. One we worked out between us was for a ringing school—which came to naught because it was in advance of its time. He told me that it was he who gave A. J. Corrigan the fundamentals upon which the "place notation" book was based. He organised the "Kent tours" just after the war, and it was on the first of these tours that I made the acquaintance of Ronald Dove—and so "Dove's Bellringer's Guide" was born. Frank was the inventor of the best collective noun yet devised for ringers—a "dandle" of ringers. He asked me to print some sheets to record his peals and, following his suggestion that they might be made more widely available, my series of "Ringers' Record Books" was marketed.

When he left our district he went from strength to strength, taking part in several record peals, including ringing the tenor to the 12,663 Stedman Cinques at Oxford and ringing in the 12,740 Bob Royal at Prittlewell. He also gained quite a reputation as a ringer of heavy bells. He represented the Cumberland Youths on the Central Council for three years. In 1957 he became a Doctor of Music; then in 1958 his health broke down and he did no ringing until July, 1963, just before moving to Winchester to take up an appointment as mathematics master at Winchester County School for Boys. Our last meeting was when he brought some friends from the Winchester area to join us in ringing a peal (his own composition) of Bob Major at Aldershot.

Our sympathy goes out to his dear mother, who survives him. W. H. V.

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During the 1920's Mr. Woolley refers to, a soldier's pay was 2s. "per diem." "The R.W." therefore cost one-eighth of a day's pay and quite often those three hours were spent on sentry duty outside the royal palaces in London in the sweltering sun, but it was threepence well spent.

In these days, a car is often the forerunner of ringing. Petrol prices, also those of many other things we could do without, have increased. Shortly there will be 25% extra on postage. We have no option but to accept it, and we shall.

With regard to the sometimes two pages of quarter peals and the Gratefully Acknowledged column, I consider them as being the Editor's begging bowls, and I cannot understand why so may peal ringers have their quarters published unless they want other ringers to be continuously reading their names.

Most of us remember the thrill of our first quarter peal, but in my view the inclusion of a young person's age is such that it is of no news value outside the local band. If initial efforts by these people have to be in print, why not do so in the church magazine where the Confirmation candidates and accomplishments of the choristers are mentioned.

How much actual work are some of us prepared to do for a shilling? We have never had it so good and we must be prepared to pay for our wants.

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DURHAM VILLAGE TOWER'S PLIGHT

Dear Sir,—Some months ago you published an appeal for funds to help raise money for our three bells to be restored and to have three more added to make a ring of six.

The ringers and myself have once again approached the Church Council and have been told they are sorry they cannot give us permission to start an "official" fund to raise the £1,800 we need as there is more important work to be done on the church itself.

I, as tower captain, have 19 youngsters who are able to ring and are also learning the art, and, as I said, we have only three bells.

They have a fund of their own and have collected £40, and they are still hoping for a good Samaritan.

May I say that we are very grateful for all the letters we get inquiring about our progress.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS JOPLING.

St. Mary-the-Virgin, Shincliffe.

CENTRAL COUNCIL COLLECTION

Dear Sir,—Although it has probably already been noticed, I would nevertheless like to point out that Extent No. 34, given for plain methods of Group H in the Central Council Collection of Minor Methods, has been misprinted; the first two calls in all six parts should be singles, and not bobs as shown.—Yours faithfully,

S. HUMPHREY.

Wollaton.

BELL INSCRIPTION TRANSLATION

Dear Sir,—A non-ringing friend has asked me if I can find out for him something concerning a bell inscription in Witherstock Church, Westmorland. It appears that the inscription reads:

"Dulcedine Vocis Cantabo Tuo Noe.
I.B. 1670."

The "Noe" is rather puzzling. It is true that the Vulgate uses the Latin Noe for Noah, but it is hardly likely that the bell would be required to sing the praises of the builder of the Ark! It is more likely, as has been suggested, that the word is short for "Nomine," in which case a free translation could then run: "With sweetness of voice I will sing in Thy Name."

Any information about this bell, its founder, its present uses, and anything of interest, would be welcome, and may interest readers of our journal. If any correspondent can send me advance information (to the address below) I shall be grateful.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

46, Manor Gardens,
Warminster, Wiltshire.

DEPENDENCE ON FRED PRICE

Dear Sir,—Please allow me to point out that in your very nice account of Mr. Fred Price's career as a teacher of bellringing at the Washington Cathedral, you have made an error in copying the testimonial given to him by the National Cathedral School. This declaration, contrary to the usual custom, is one of Dependence, not Independence. This was our way of emphasising the debt that the school owed him and our sorrow at taking leave of him.

There were many ways in which we depended on Fred Price—the girls for his teaching, the staff for his friendship, and all of us for the example of his character. This is a relationship from which we do not ever want to cut ourselves adrift!—Yours sincerely,

KATHERINE LEE, Principal.

ELIZABETH FRY, Vice-Principal.

National Cathedral School for Girls,
Washington.

ROPES—THANKS!

Dear Sir,—May I, through the columns of "The Ringing World," express my grateful thanks to the following towers who so magnificently responded to my appeal for bell ropes:

Kirby Wiske, Yorkshire;
Woodchurch, Birkenhead, Cheshire;
Walton-on-Thames, Surrey;
and an anonymous short-draughted tower whose unknown representative left a pile of bell ropes on my doorstep. I very much hope this tower will identify itself.

Also grateful thanks to Isleworth, Middlesex, whose offer I have not had to take up—Yours sincerely,

TONY CLAYTON (Rev.).

Tooting Graveney, S.W.

HOLY SATURDAY

Dear Sir,—Once again "The Ringing World" carries the announcement of a meeting to be held on Holy Saturday; with 51 other Saturdays in the year I would have thought every Association would be able to arrange its programme without intruding into Holy Week, and how any incumbent can give permission for several hours of secular ringing on the day after Good Friday passes my comprehension.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD G. CAPLE.

Clevedon, Somerset.

STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—There are no doubt a number of young conductors of Stedman Triples who would like to be able to compose and prove some short musical touches in this method, and for their benefit I send a few examples. They should aim at getting pairs of bells which give musical changes, such as 46-74, etc., behind. I think the following very good, and with one exception they contain 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 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Queens and Whittington.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

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THE BELLS OF OXBOROUGH

The Sad Story of the Fall of a Church

BY DAVID L. CAWLEY

THE county of Norfolk is notable for its 750 churches which still stand and for the 250 which have gone to decay. It is a county of glorious churches like Salle and Walpole St. Peter, of glorious towers like those in Norwich, and magnificent bells such as those at St. Peter Mancroft and St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth. Alas, it is a county of many unringable bells—many possibly not as unringable as they are reputed to be. Three of these unringables hang in churches possessing the only three mediæval stone spires in Norfolk. Firstly, we have the lovely chiming five in the 315ft. high tower and spire of Norwich Cathedral. Secondly, the chiming six of Snettisham, rehung by Taylors in 1958, with the ancient sanctus bell, in a really lovely tower with 175ft. high spire. Thirdly, we had the six at St. John the Evangelist's, Oxborough, near Swaffham.

This lovely building, situated near the famous Oxburgh Hall, dominated the surrounding countryside with its 156ft. high spire. Containing work of all three periods of Gothic, it was notable for its fine panelled oak roofs, its rood screen and ancient benches and, loveliest of all, the Bedingfield Chapel and tombs, separated from the south aisle by a beautiful screen of terra-cotta work of the Renaissance period.

The slender tower with its stone spire carried bells at an early date, and in 1582 we find that Stephen Tonne of Bury St. Edmunds cast the No. 4 (and possibly the No. 5 bell). Augmentation went on and in 1858 the Norfolk bell historian, John L'Estrange, visited the tower and recorded the inscriptions on the then ring of five bells, as follows:

Treble: + Omnia fiant ad gloriam Dei 1610. (Weight in 1962, 5 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.).

Second: 10 DR 1636.

Third: + Te per orbem terrarum sancta confitetur ecclesia + patrem immensa maiestatis. (5 wt. 1 qr. 13 lb.)

Fourth: John Wortley and John Blomefield Churchwardens 1808. (7 cwt. 2 qr. 2lb.)

Tenor: O christe rex gloria es eu thomas draper me fecit 1586.

There was also a clock bell without inscription. Originally the third also bore the words:

De bvri sante edmundi stefanvs toni me fecit. W.L. 1582. Prior to recasting by Dobson in 1808, the inscription on the fourth was: Venerandum tuum verum et unicum filium.

The second and treble were by John Draper. In 1867 the bells were rehung by John Warner and Sons, of Cripplegate, the second and tenor recast and a new treble added. These were inscribed as follows, and the weight are those of 1962:

New treble: Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1867. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

Old 2 (3rd): Same. 5 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

Tenor: Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1867. Glory be to Thee, O Christ. 11 cwt. 0 qr. 4 lb.

During a storm in 1870 the mediæval stone spire was struck by lightning. Things remained

in a fairly precarious state until the following year, when it was decided to rebuild the spire, which was done. However, the weight of the new stone spire caused a problem, and it had been mentioned that on occasions when the bells were rung the structure swayed violently. By the 1920's there was no ringing at all. The writer has spoken to ringers who saw the bells at about this time, and it would appear that the fittings were not in good order. Not long after the end of the war it is believed that the Parochial Church Council were warned that the foundations of the tower were unsatisfactory. When it is remembered that the tower was lofty and rather slender, built of flint rubble, it is perhaps not surprising that there should be trouble.

"At 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 28th, 1948, the tower and spire collapsed," wrote the Rural Dean in the Register of Services, "bringing down most of the nave roof and south arcade shortly afterwards." The church was ruined apart from the three chancels and the Bedingfield screen, already referred to. The bells remained where they fell, some cracked or broken. It was the beginning of the end. One of the Regional Books, "Breckland," describes the departed glory of Oxborough Church, finishing by saying "tossed high on the rubble lies an immense bell where it fell on the day of the disaster, its rusty clapper beside it." Later the rubble and the ruins of the tower were cleared away, leaving the walled-up chancels and a portion of the aisle, the former of which is the only portion left for services. The bells were dug out and after reposing at the home of a churchwarden were sent to the keeping of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

By 1962 it became apparent that, in a village with a population of only 160, of whom half were Roman Catholics, and possessing six badly damaged bells with nowhere to hang them, it would be unrealistic to try to raise the money required. In that year a faculty was obtained for the sale of all the bells, broken and otherwise, to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Unfortunately, the only bell of antiquarian interest, the No. 4, had been smashed in pieces. From the metal sold, the foundry provided a bell of 14in. diameter, which is hung in the ancient sanctus bell turret over the chancel arch which has been blocked. So at least a tiny proportion of what was lost has been returned, so that the bells of St. John's, Oxborough, will never quite be silent for ever.

SOUTH CADBURY, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 14th, 1965, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. L. Andrews 1, W. A. Osborn 2, H. F. Creed 3, D. Gare 4, W. J. Tiley (cond.) 5, J. Rendell 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. Fred Mead, late tower captain.

SOUTHILL, BEDS.—On Mar. 18th, 1965, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): T. R. Hatchett 1, P. Mehew (cond.) 2, G. E. Bonham 3, J. Meredith 4, P. Woolven 5. Rung after meeting short for peal attempt.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Mar. 17th, 1965, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pamela Gough 1, W. Savill 2, Rosemary Weal 3, T. Wellen 4, J. H. Payton (cond. 720) 5, Elizabeth Stevenson (cond. 540) 6. For St. Patrick's Day.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

On March 13th ten members of the S.U.G.C.R. and two ringers from Southampton set off in a minibus for a day's outing in London. Unfortunately, due to unexpectedly heavy traffic, the journey took longer than anticipated, and we had to forgo the planned visit to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in the morning.

After lunch near St. Paul's Cathedral we started the afternoon's programme by ringing at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane. From there we went to nearby St. Lawrence Jewry (these bells were much enjoyed). We were joined during the afternoon by two members of London University Society and three other visitors, whose help was greatly appreciated.

Our next tower was to have been St. Olave's, Hart Street, but the Master of London University Society had unfortunately forgotten that we were coming. The Rector was out, and as keys were not available we were denied access to the church and bells. However, this gave us time for a welcome tea break at Fenchurch Street Station.

We then made our way down the East India Dock Road to All Saints', Poplar, where, after some initial difficulty with raising the tenor, Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal were rung. The final tower was St. George the Martyr, Southwark, where some of the best ringing of the day took place on the very pleasant eight.

Ringling ranged from rounds to Grandsire Caters and included Cambridge Major and Minor, Kent, Double Norwich, Stedman and Plain Bob. We felt the day had helped all our members, including beginners. The Guild is grateful to Peter Joyce for arranging the outing, to the incumbents and ringers who met us, to the visitors who joined us and to Mick Thomas, of Southampton, who so expertly drove us to and from our destinations.

R. J. K.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The meeting, on a wet March 20th, was held at Tewin—and although several cars went on a round trip of the nearby countryside, most of them eventually found the church. Ringing took place on the six until the service, and afterwards a long convoy of cars made its way round the lanes to the cafe where tea had been arranged. The business meeting was held back in the church, Mr. Geoffrey Dodds being elected chairman.

The Misses J. Stone and D. Parrott, from Harpenden, were elected full ringing members, and D. Keen and P. Avis probationary members. C. Hewitt was transferred from probationary to full membership.

It was arranged that, unfortunately, stiletto heels would not be allowed in the hall at Harfield at the annual general meeting on April 24th.

The District outing is to be held on July 19th, and the car rally on October 2nd.

A vote of thanks went to the Rector and the organist, and the meeting was closed. Evening ringing took place and ranged from rounds to Surprise Minor.

J. A. F.

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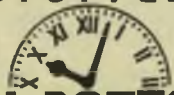
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ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF MINOR METHODS

Compiled by H. CHANT

(Continued from page 230.)

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CAERNARVON (CASTLE) DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.3. 6ths 56342.
No name. C.C. Collection, 1907. 2nds 64523.

CAITHNESS SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 123 x 34 x 3. 2nds 64523.
Single change method.

CALVERLEIGH ALLIANCE

34.16 x 36 x 14 x 5. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

CAMBRIDGE BOB

x 56 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 5. 2nds 35264.
From 'Campanologia,' 1677, by F. Stedman. One of the methods described as "Peals composed at Cambridge by S. S. S. was "Samuel Scattergood, who entered Trinity College . . . a ringer and composer of five-bell peals . . . nothing that he did proved of permanent value, his 'peals' on five and six bells are very clever and have their place in the evolution of the Art." ("College Youths," J. A. Trollope).

CAMBRIDGE DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 1. 6ths 35264.
Under this name in C.C. Collection, 1907. In a notebook of C. D. Potter as New Violet" somewhat earlier.

CAMBRIDGE SINGLE

34.16 x 16 x 1. 2nds 42563.
In Annable's notebook.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 5. 2nds 56342.
First appeared in later editions of "Campanologia" (1702) and reappeared in almost every treatise on bellringing after this. It was even named in the C.C. Collection of 1907!

CAMBRIDGE TREBLE BOB

See British Scholars' Pleasure.

CAMPANULA TREBLE BOB

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 5. 2nds 54632.

CANDLESBY SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.5. 6ths 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

CANTERBURY DELIGHT

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.3. 2nds 35264.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

CANTERBURY PLEASURE (I)

34.16 x 16 x 1. 2nds 42563.
"Bell News," W. Walker. 1882.
See Cambridge Single.

CANTERBURY PLEASURE (II)

x 16 x 16.34.5. 6ths 35264.
Reverse of the above. In C.C. Collection, 1907.

CANTERBURY SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.3. 6ths 56342.
Called Alnwick in C.C. Collection, 1907.

CAPEL TREBLE BOB

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 16.34 x 12.5. 6ths 56342.
First published C.C. Collection, 1931.
Also called Overton.

CAPTAIN CLARK

x 36 x 14.56 x 56 x 16 x 34 x 1. 6ths 56342.
W. Walker. "Bell News," 1883. Contains single changes.

CAPTAIN COOK

x 56 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 12 x 1. 6ths 56342.
Same source as previous method.

CARLISLE DELIGHT

See Coventry Delight.

CARLISLE SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 5. 2nds 35264.
First published "Clavis," 1788.
In C. C. Collection, 1907.

CARISBROOKE (CASTLE) DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.3. 6ths 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907. Also called Howard Delight.

CASTLETON DELIGHT

36 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.1. 2nds 42635.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.

CASSINGTON SPECIAL ALLIANCE

36.14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 1. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

CAWTHORNE TREBLE BOB

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.5. 6ths 65243.

CHADKIRK TREBLE BOB

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 3. 2nds 56342.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

CHALFONT ALLIANCE

x 16 x 16.34 x 12.5. 6ths 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

CHARLWOOD DELIGHT

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 12.5. 6ths 64523.
First published C.C. Collection, 1931. Also called Grove Delight.

CHARNWOOD SPECIAL ALLIANCE

34.16 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.5. 6ths 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

CHEAPSIDE BOB

x 36 x 14 x 56 x 16 x 34 x 1. 6ths 56342.
In "Campanologia," 1702. However, "Ringing World," February 15th, 1963, gives Tulip as Cheapside.

CHEDDLETON DOUBLE SURPRISE

x 34 x 14.56 x 12.36 x 34 x 1. 6ths 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

CHELFORD SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 3. 6ths 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

CHELSEA DELIGHT

36 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.5. 2nds 56342.
In "Clavis," 1788.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

CHESTOW DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.5. 6ths 56342.
See also Queen Victoria.

CHESTER SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.5. 2nds 35264.
In "Clavis," 1788. Also named in C.C. Collection, 1907.

CHESTER-LE-STREET SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.5. 2nds 42563.

CHEVIOT TREBLE BOB

36 x 34.16 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.1. 2nds 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907. Also called Daffodil.

CHICHESTER DELIGHT

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.1. 6ths 34625.
First published in "Clavis," 1788.

CHILDWALL BOB

x 16 x 36.12.3. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

CHILTERN TREBLE BOB

36 x 34.16 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.3. 2nds 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907. Also called Fuchsia.

CHISWICK BOB

See Magnus Double.

CITY BOB

x 16 x 16 x 3. 2nds 36245.
First appeared in "Campanologia," 1677, and is also in Annable's notebook under this name. Appeared in "Campanologia," 1702 as London New Bob, and as Wakefield Single Bob in "Thackrah," 1852.

CITY DELIGHT

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 3. 4ths 54263.
Campanologia," 1702.

CLANDON ALLIANCE

36.14 x 36.12 x 34.5. 2nds 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

CLAPHAM ALLIANCE

36.14 x 16 x 14 x 5. 2nds 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

CLARENCE DELIGHT

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 3. 6ths 64523.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907. Also called Duke of Clarence and Armley Delight.

CLAYTON DELIGHT

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.3. 4ths 36524.

CLEWER SPECIAL ALLIANCE

34.16 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 3. 2nds 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

CLYST ALLIANCE

x 14 x 16 x 34 x 3. 6ths 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

COLCAR DELIGHT

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 3. 4ths 35642.

COLDSTREAM SURPRISE

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.3. 2nds 56342.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

COLLEGE BOB I

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 1. 4ths 45362.
"Campanologia," 1677.

COLLEGE BOB II

x 34 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 34 x 1. 2nds 35264.
"Campanologia," 1677.

COLLEGE BOB III

x 56 x 14 x 56 x 36 x 12 x 3. 4ths 54263.
Aptly described by Arthur Gill of Wath as "Westminster Reverse and Westminster." In "Campanologia," 1677.

COLLEGE BOB IV

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 5. 2nds 42635.
"Campanologia," 1677. Shares with Oxford Treble Bob the distinction of being the first "Regular" Treble Bob Minor method published. Also Bocking and Norwich. See also St. Albans.

COLLEGE BOB V

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 5. 2nds 36245.
"Campanologia," 1677. Also Luton Surprise and Stormy Weather (??).

COLLEGE BOB

x 16 x 36 x 3. 6ths 64523.
In C.C. Collection, 1907, as College Single. The College Bob which appears on many old peal boards (e.g., Harleston, Northampton, February 28th, 1780), was probably the "College Single Bob," of "Campanologia," 1702, and "Clavis," 1788. See also Albion Delight.

COLLEGE BOB REVERSE

See College Little Bob.

COLLEGE DELIGHT

x 34 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 12 x 5. 6ths 64523.
"Campanologia," 1702. Also William Woodcock's notebook.

COLLEGE DOUBLE BOB

x 14 x 36 x 3. 4ths 54263.
"Campanologia," 1702. Had already appeared in "Campanologia," 1677, as "College Little Bob dodging before and behind." College Little Bob in Annable's notebook if Bob is 1.2 but College Double if Bob is 1.6.

COLLEGE EXERCISE TREBLE BOB

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 5. 2nds 64523.
First published in "Clavis," 1788. Islington in C.C. Collection, 1907.

COLLEGE LITTLE BOB

x 14 x 16 x 1. 4ths 35642.
"Campanologia," 1677. Called College Single Bob in "Campanologia," 1702, and College Single in "Clavis." Also known as College Bob Reverse and College Single Reverse, as it is the reverse of the present standard method. In Annable's notebook the method is called College Little Bob with a 2nds place Bob, and College Single with a 6ths place Bob.

COLLEGE LITTLE DOUBLE

See College Double Bob.

COLLEGE NEW TREBLE BOB

See Anstone Treble Bob.

COLLEGE PLEASURE

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 3. 4ths 36524.
"Campanologia," 1702.

COLLEGE SINGLE

See College Bob, also College Little Bob.

COLLEGE SINGLE BOB

See College Little Bob.

COLLEGE SINGLE REVERSE

See College Little Bob.

COLLEGE SURPRISE

x 36 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 12 x 5. 6ths 34625.
William Woodcock. Not a Surprise method.

COLLEGE TREBLE BOB

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 3. 4ths 45362.
"Campanologia," 1702.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' DELIGHT

See York Delight.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' PLEASURE

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 3. 6ths 34625.
Huddersfield Surprise in "Thackrah," 1852. Snaith and St. Lawrence in C. D. Potter's notebook.

COMBERMERE DELIGHT

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 5. 2nds 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

CONISBROUGH DELIGHT

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.5. 2nds 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

CONWAY (CASTLE) DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.3. 6ths 56342.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

("C" to be continued)

QUARTER PEALS

LONG LENGTH

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.—On Mar. 19th, 3,840 Minor (Cambridge, Kent and Plain Bob): B. Veitch (longest length) 1, P. Ann Freeman 2, Hazel A. Arrowsmith 3, M. A. Phillips 4, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 5, R. S. Starkie 6. A peal attempt brought round. Rung by Liverpool U.S.C.R.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Mar. 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Carole Becraft (first quarter) 1, Carol Cousins 2, Margaret Godfrey 3, A. M. Macve (cond.) 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5. Also on Mar. 21st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Katharine Guy 1, Carol Cousins 2, A. M. Macve 3, Wendy Wallace 4, E. G. H. Godfrey (first of Surprise as cond.) 5, C. H. Macve 6. Both rung for Evensong.

AMBERLEY, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. J. Wake 1, M. J. Kirk 2, Anne M. Smith 3, P. Stevens 4, B. J. Davis (cond.) 5. Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt as birthday compliments to Teresa Lee (Chichester), Noel D. Kirk (Kirkby-in-Ashfield) and Donald A. Kirk (Stedham).

ASHWICK, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. R. Jenkins 1, J. Steppard (first "inside") 2, Sheila Y. Hallett (first in two methods as cond.) 3, R. C. Taylor 4, R. F. Bowditch (first "inside" in two methods) 5, J. G. Rose 6.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss C. Jennings 1, R. Liggins 2, A. S. Burbridge (first of Stedman Triples as cond.) 3, M. G. Ingram 4, R. C. Ingram 5, D. R. Ingram 6, E. J. Franklin 7, A. R. Inman 8. First of Stedman Triples 1 and 2.

ASTON, HERTS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Izzard 1, R. Spicer 2, B. J. Harris (cond.) 3, F. J. Robinson 4, C. A. Critchley 5, A. E. Jones 6. For the Patronal Festival.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Hart (first of Triples) 1, R. J. Cook 2, Jean L. Lavender 3, S. F. Kimber 4, Juliet M. Stoy 5, F. Jennings 6, R. J. Talbot (cond.) 7, J. Schofield 8.

BISHOPS CANNINGS, WILTS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Osborne 1, Pamela Osborne 2, W. Mortimer 3, J. Romain 4, W. Beaven 5, S. Grant (cond.) 6, D. Bailey 7, F. Osmund 8. First of Triples 1, 2 and 7. Rung in memorial Canon C. C. Cox, president of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lucy Smith 1, L. E. Monk 2, N. C. Bowen 3, C. T. Collins 4, C. W. Bowen 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Mar. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): G. Evans 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, H. Preece 5, D. Bailey 6, A. Gibbs 7, T. J. Frole 8. Rung for Evensong and for the visit of P.C. A. Gibbs, of Warmley.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary Redcliffe on Mar. 21st, 1,319 Grandsire Cinques: D. Burcher 1, N. Hancock 2, Miss J. Murrell 3, Miss M. D. Hancock 4, Mrs. A. Burcher 5, W. Abraham 6, S. Badman 7, J. Slater 8, D. Helliwell 9, K. Rider 10, E. F. Hancock (cond.) 11, S. Gillet 12. First of Cinques for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS Philip and Jacob, on Mar. 21st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. T. Parsons 1, Janet D. Phillips 2, Maria E. Kirby 3, Michael G. R. Zobel 4, Elizabeth Bowden 5, P. J. Bird 6, D. B. Williams 7, P. T. Hurcombe (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 2 and 4. Rung by members of the U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: S. Roberts 1, Joan M. Dawson 2, W. Lee 3, Olivia A. Marshall 4, D. Thorp 5, R. J. Lumley 6, P. M. Dawson (cond.) 7, P. M. Lumley 8. Rung half-muffled in memorial Mrs. G. G. Lane, wife of the Vicar.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Old Doubles and Plain Bob): B. W. Pocock 1, Sandra M. Pitman (aged 12, first in two methods as cond.) 2, Jean M. Pitman 3, W. J. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman 5, G. Finnmore 6. First in two methods 1 and 3. In honour of Mr. H. I. Pitman who this year celebrates 21 years as a ringer in one tower.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Munday 1, R. Cooles 2, R. Fentiman 3, C. Munday 4, W. Parrott 5, J. Davidge 6, D. Herschell (cond.) 7, I. Kingswood 8. A.M.D.G.

CULCHESTER, ESSEX.—At St. Peter's on Feb. 21st, 1,264 St. Clement's Bob Major: A. Dale 1, H. Webb 2, E. P. Duffield 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, E. Piper 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, E. E. Davey 8. First in the method by all except tenor ringer. Also on Mar. 21st, 1,312 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. Piper 1, H. Webb 2, E. P. Duffield 3, B. Webb 4, K. Smith 5, G. Collins 6, E. E. Davey 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. Both rung for Evensong.

CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Duck 1, A. Locke 2, G. F. Dunstan 3, Kathleen N. Mossop 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, D. A. Trethewey 6. A wedding compliment to Elizabeth Riddy, daughter of the joint captain of the tower.

COPT OAK, LEICS.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jennifer Kidger (first quarter) 1, A. Ellway (first "inside") 2, M. Harrad (first as conductor) 3, Mary Barrass (first Doubles) 4, Jane Robinson 5, Judy Thurman 6.

CORSLEY, WILTS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. C. White 1, E. C. Shepherd 2, P. Harding 3, F. S. Slatford 4, C. White 5, N. G. Knece (first of Cambridge as cond.) 6. For a thanksgiving to the donor of the money for rehanging these bells.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Cambridge and Plain Bob: Annette Watson 1, A. Spurgeon 2, E. W. Roast 3, P. J. Came 4, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 5, J. West 6. For Confirmation service.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church on Mar. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Sprackling 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Rosemary Rich 4, R. Fansom 5, R. Snack (first of Stedman) 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, F. Bishop 8. For morning service.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Trudy Newcombe 1, Beryl Platt 2, Teresa Langdon 3, Sheila Moore 4, H. Howson 5, T. G. Hawkins (cond.) 6, D. Langdon 8. For Evensong.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Mar. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Elliott 1, Mrs. D. L. Hiscock 2, Miss S. Aveyard 3, A. D. Flood 4, J. W. Priest 5, C. K. Hill 6, W. A. Peck 7, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 8.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints on Mar. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. A. Deverell 1, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 2, C. W. Otley 3, A. J. Hampton 4, L. C. Way 5, M. J. Uphill 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, J. A. G. Harvey 8. For Evensong.

GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 19th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: N. Sherratt 1, W. Sherratt 2, R. Worrall 3, F. Morton (first quarter) 4, R. Ballard 5, H. Dowler 6, B. Corbishley 7, I. Nichols (cond.) 8.

GUDMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. M. Morris 1, W. E. A. Morris (first quarter) 2, Mrs. R. B. Davey 3, E. J. Thoday 4, Miss J. Davey 5, A. J. Davey 6, P. E. Wells (cond.) 7, G. W. Henson 8. Rung on the middle six following the wedding of Doreen Veronica Chandler and Colin Sanders.

HOLT, WILTS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. R. Carter 1, R. D. Quartley 2, J. H. Nibbs 3, D. L. Nibbs 4, C. P. Quartley 5, G. A. Carter (first as cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the conductor's 21st birthday.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Mar. 21st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: W. J. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh (cond.) 2, R. Blackshaw 3, D. Barker 4, M. W. Harrison 5. Rung at Evensong to welcome Mr. Smithard back to Nottingham after being 45 years in Canada.

HURSELL, SURREY.—On Mar. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Aveyard 1, G. Oliver 2, C. K. Hill 3, P. J. Privett 4, D. G. Blows 5, R. Collins (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Jeff Bills and Joyce Drury, both local ringers.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,280 St. Clement's Bob Major: Audrey M. Short 1, Rev. C. Marshall 2, K. Prime 3, M. Bartlett 4, C. Clarke 5, M. Stone 6, E. Skipsey 7, R. Short (cond.) 8. First of Major in the method by all except ringer of 7th.

Rung for the 81st birthday of Mr. Harry Shere, of Welwyn Garden City; also 73rd birthday of Mr. J. Stannard, of Ilminster.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor: G. Spratt 1, Dierdre Cox 2, R. W. Picton 3, B. M. Barker 4, P. W. Harper 5, K. D. Waples (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Brentnall (first quarter) 1, R. W. Picton 2, B. M. Barker 3, D. A. Bedford 4, D. J. Goodman 5, K. D. Waples (cond.) 6. For the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Members of London University inquire for details of peals rung on the Continent of Europe.

The ringer of the seventh in the peal at Pontefract on March 13th (page 221) was David Smith, and not as printed.

Mr. Christopher M. Richards, who rang in a quarter at Cuddleston, will, after Trinity ordination, join the staff of St. Mary Redcliffe.

Congratulations to the University of Sussex Society on scoring their first peal. Another peal attempt will be made before the end of the academic year. The University now has a regular Tuesday evening practice at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton.

The four boys ringing the front bells at Shebbear College, North Devon, had only started to ring Kent about a week before. A quarter in the method was successfully attempted and the only touches rung had been three leads. The 720 went through almost without a hitch. Cambridge is the next goal.

According to "Ringing Towers," Mr. Philip M. Gray is going (or has gone) on a business trip to Australia. He hopes to meet as many of his constituents as possible. (He is representative of the Australian and New Zealand Association on the Central Council.)

Mr. E. W. Jones, captain of Madeley ringers, informs us that the quarter peal at Ryton on January 9th was not the first quarter on the bells, as there was a quarter rung for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II on Coronation Day by J. L. Stanier 1, H. Tranter 2, T. S. Wilkes 3, D. Evans, of Madeley, and H. Douglas, of Dawley. Madeley's quarter in memory of Sir Winston Churchill was rung on January 24th and not January 23rd as stated.

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TRIPLES PEAL FOR RUGBY VICTORY

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Bridgend on March 13th was especially arranged to celebrate Wales' victory over Ireland at Cardiff Arms Park earlier that day. Most of the members of the band were at the game and immediately it was over they all travelled to Bridgend for the peal. (Actually two members were so held up in the crowds that they arrived only just in time to start.)

No consideration had been given to the possibility of Wales not winning, but in the case of this unlikely event the peal would probably have been rung half-muffled.

EASTER IN CORNWALL

Two parties of ringers are spending Easter week in Cornwall—one from Sussex, the other the Oxford University Guild. In his parish magazine the Rev. A. S. Roberts writes: "We wish them a pleasant holiday as they make the music of bells, which is really a rhythm of tones."

Apart from the Vicar, Carbis Bay has 12 ringers and four beginners. There is also Mr. F. B. Ditcher, late of Ranmoor, Sheffield, who is now living in Lelant and helps every Sunday. Later this year Margaret Gallop is going to Sheffield to train as a nurse.

COMING-OF-AGE AS RINGER

This Easter Mr. Herbert I. Pitman, of Canford Magna, Dorset, achieves 21 years as a ringer at one church. To mark the occasion a quarter peal of Old and Plain Bob Doubles, called by his 12-year-old daughter, was rung on March 27th, and he was presented with "The Sound of Bells" and a record token from the ringers, also a peal card from the Campanology Society of Canford School.

Mr. Pitman was taught to ring by Mr. William Dunning, whose 87th birthday was on March 28th) and learned methods from Mr. W. C. Shute. He has been captain for 18 years, starting with a band of learners and keeping the tower active ever since.

His wife is a ringer, and their two younger children, aged ten and seven, are learning.

R.A.F. MEN—LOOK OUT FOR CHRIS

A promising member of the Chobham, Surrey, band, Chris Hill, has left to begin a career in the R.A.F. He will be missed not only in his own tower but in the Chertsey District, where he has been very active. With seven peals and 33 quarters in the book, he can be sure of a welcome at most towers near where he is stationed. His first station is Swinderby, Lincs. We wish him all the best, both in his new job and also amongst Service ringers.

ROMANTIC TOWER

A quarter peal attempt at Horsell, Surrey, for the wedding of local ringer Bryan Priestley, came to grief near the end. Horsell ringers are well in the marriage news, three of them being wed in three weeks.

2,145 PEAL RINGERS ALREADY THIS YEAR

Mr. John Hunt and Miss Gillian Hussey submit the following details of leading peal ringers for 1965 up to and including March 26th:

Leading men tower bell peal ringers: Michael J. Fellows 19 (3), Martin D. Fellows (19), D. John Hunt 16 (12), J. Alan Ainsworth 16 (6), George E. Fearn 16 (1).

Leading lady tower bell peal ringers: Gillian M. Hussey 16, Susan Funnell 14, Jennifer M. Taylor 12.

Leading handbell peal ringers: J. Arthur Hoare 7, Brian J. Woodruffe 7 (7).

Number of tower bell peal ringers to date, 2,145.

Number of handbell peal ringers to date, 64. Figures in parentheses are number of peals conducted.

CHERTSEY'S GOOD TURN

The question posed by Mr. Tom Page to the Guildford annual general meeting: "Who is going to travel 20 miles to ring rounds on ten bells?" was effectively answered on March 28th, when ten ringers from the Chertsey District travelled to St. Nicolas', Guildford, to ring for the 8 a.m. service. The Rector had specially asked for the bells to be rung. The ringers left home at 7 a.m.—and enjoyed it!

"IPSE DIXIT"

"We have not got a good tenor ringer at Dorking," said Mr. A. P. Cannon while adjudicating the striking competition of the Sussex Association at Burgess Hill.

SLOUGH RINGER MARRIED

On Mothering Sunday (March 28th), Miss Pamela Jarvis, who has been a bellringer at Slough Parish Church for the past 11 years, was married to Mr. Kenneth Marson, a chorister at Holy Trinity Church, Windsor, at St. Mary's Church, Langley Marish, Bucks. She was given away by her brother, Alan, who once learned to handle a bell but whose employment in Paris prevents his continuing the art.

The service was choral, the bridegroom's fellow choristers and organist providing the music, which included Purcell's "Bell" anthem, "Rejoice in the Lord alway." Many of Miss Jarvis's ringing colleagues attended the reception held at the Church Hall, and rang a quarter peal (which appears in the quarter peal columns) following the ceremony. The bridesmaid was Miss Elizabeth Birmingham, also a ringer, and daughter of the Slough belfry captain. A very pleasant gesture during the reception was the recognition of Mothering Sunday by the bridegroom, who presented bouquets to Mrs. Jarvis, Mrs. Marson and the bridegroom's landlady, with whom he had lived for the past eight years. At the conclusion of the reception the bride placed her bouquet on her late father's grave in the churchyard adjoining the hall.

After the honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Marson will take up residence at Dedworth, Windsor. Pamela has been a very loyal member of the Slough band, and has rung a number of peals up to and including Surprise methods. She will be sorely missed at Slough.

LONG LENGTH OF YORKSHIRE

Congratulations to Mr. Martin D. Fellows and his band of Worcestershire and Districts Association ringers in ringing 11,520 Yorkshire Surprise Major at Hanbury on March 27th in 6 hours and 6 minutes. This was the longest length for the Association on tower bells and exceeds the previous record by 1,344 changes. The latter was 10,176 Double Oxford Bob Major rung at Brierley Hill on December 27th, 1909, conducted by the late Robert Matthews.

SYDNEY NEWS

Friends of Mr. Tom Goodyer, the well-known leader of Australian ringing, will regret to learn that he was admitted to hospital for minor surgery on Sunday, March 28th, but he is hoping to be back ringing by Easter. A speedy recovery, Tom!

It is anticipated that within two or three weeks the seventh bell at St. Mary's Basilica, Sydney, which has been out of the frame for some months past with axle trouble, will be restored to service. Triples and Major will then be heard again across the city. Our correspondent informs us that a new set of ropes has been ordered.

TWO 70-YEAR-OLDS

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Dunster on March 27th was in honour of two veterans reaching their three score and ten years—Arthur R. Tudball's birthday being on March 27th and William A. J. Knight's on February 19th. Both took part in the peal, William A. J. Knight conducting. The peal was also a compliment to Arthur, who is secretary of the Dunster Deanery B. and W. Association, on completing 50 years as a ringer at Dunster Church. The occasion was fittingly celebrated afterwards.

TOO OLD AT 18!

This was the case at Canford Magna, Dorset, on Mothering Sunday, when the young ringers took over the belfry for the annual Mother's Day service. They were pleased this year to be able to reduce the age limit from 21 to 18.

In charge was 12-year-old Sandra Pitman, performing her duties like a veteran.

GOING TO LLANDUDNO?

Mr. John F. Astbury will remember his 21st birthday at Llandudno, when he called a quarter peal at Holy Trinity Church in which there were six quarter peals. Llandudno hope this coming summer to welcome many visitors at service ringing on Sundays and practices on Wednesdays. Their help will be most useful.

MRS. HAZELDEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Hazelden, widow of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, of Guildford, would like to thank all the friends who sent her cards for her 90th birthday, on March 30th, and the Guildford Diocesan Guild for such lovely flowers. She also wishes to thank the ringers who attempted a peal at St. Nicolas', Guildford, on her birthday. The Rector visited her in the evening to take her greetings and to tell her that the bells were ringing merrily. She entered the Royal Surrey County Hospital on Monday (April 5th).

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DUNSTER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Mar. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 21 cwt.
*Patricia Lloyd Treble	George Sparkes 5
Fred Casley 2	Henry W. Lloyd 6
Arthur R. Tudball 3	William A. J. Knight 7
Edward R. Tyndale-Biscoe .. 4	*Godfrey H. G. Frost .. Tenor
Conducted by William A. J. Knight.	
* First peal. † 160th peal.	

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOTFOLD, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., March 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 lb. in G.

*Linda Ellison Treble	Robert D. Bellamy 4
J. Stuart Hutton 2	George E. Bonham 5
†Marybelle J. Nissly 3	Philip Mehew Tenor

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal "inside."
 Rung with felicitations in honour of the 90th birthday of Mrs. Gertrude Bonnett, who taught at Stotfold Church School from 1887 to 1940. Mrs. Bonnett was the first school teacher of the conductor, who offers this tribute in grateful appreciation.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., March 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Thomas R. Sharp Treble	Anthony M. Faulkner 5
Frances Fairbank 2	Philip G. Erith 6
Allen Twyman 3	Nicholas J. Davies 7
John G. Hallett 4	David L. Wilcox Tenor
Composed by J. Pritchard. Conducted by David L. Wilcox.	
First peal of Major as conductor.	

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., March 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Dennis Latham Treble	Richard Wharton 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Ivor R. Nichols 6
Raymond J. Ballard 3	Barry Corbishley 7
*Frank R. Morton 4	Roy Worrall Tenor
Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.	
* First peal in the method.	

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

EWERBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., March 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 15 cwt.

Denis R. Carlisle Treble	Gordon A. Halls 6
Edmund Shuttleworth 2	David W. Parkin 7
Trevor Taylor 3	Malcolm P. Phipps 8
David J. Marshall 4	Denis A. Frith 9
John F. Murfin 5	David W. Friend Tenor
No bobs called.	

(Ilkeston District)

SAWLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., March 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-Part.	Tenor 9½ cwt.
David Camm Treble	E. Frederick Gobey 5
William E. Simpson 2	David J. Marshall 6
Girling Rigby 3	Denis R. Carlisle 7
*Alec Humphrey 4	Reginald G. Newsum .. Tenor
Conducted by David J. Marshall.	
* First peal.	

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

STRATTON, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

Michael Sinden Treble	Derek Jewell 5
Margaret A. Bould 2	*Brian D. G. Vince 6
D. Roy Bould 3	Harry Stacey 7
Edgar Nunn 4	Robert A. Southwood .. Tenor
Composed by J. Armiger Trollope. Conducted by Robert A. Southwood.	
* First peal on eight.	

Rung to celebrate the marriage of John Thomas, of Kilkhampston, to Myra Fudge, a Stratton ringer, which took place at this church earlier in the day.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
 CHIDDINGSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
 On Sat., March 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in E.

Elizabeth A. M. Tester .. Treble	John E. Warner 5
Olive D. Tester 2	D. Paul Smith 6
Richard W. H. Hayes 3	Brian E. Jeffrey 7
*David J. M. Cox 4	Colin A. Tester Tenor
Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Colin A. Tester.	
* First peal of Major.	

BLETCHINGLEY, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Mar. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 18 cwt. in E.
*James H. French Treble	Richard W. H. Hayes 5
Brian E. Jeffrey 2	D. Paul Smith 6
Eric Nixon 3	†Keith G. Game 7
†Kevin Taber 4	David J. M. Cox Tenor
Conducted by Brian E. Jeffrey.	
* First peal of Triples. † First in the method.	

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

EATON SOCON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Mar. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F

*Marybelle J. Nissly .. Treble	John Meredith 5
Peter Woolven 2	George E. Bonham 6
†Robert D. Bellamy 3	George E. Thoday 7
Jane K. A. Cook 4	Philip Mehew Tenor
Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Philip Mehew.	
* First peal of Major. † First of Major "inside."	

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Mar. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

John Clark Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 5
*Anne Edwards 2	Michael J. Hallett 6
Joe E. G. Roast 3	†James L. Towler 7
Ian R. Panton 4	†Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. Tenor
Composed by C. J. Sedgley, No. 8.	
Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.	
* First peal of Surprise "inside." † 50th peal together.	

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose.

On Tues., Mar. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 GRIFFIN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

*D John Hunt Treble	Reginald G. Hooper 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Michael J. Hobbs 6
*Brynley A. Shackleton .. 3	Patrick J. Bird 7
Bernard G. North 4	James R. Taylor Tenor
Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by D. John Hunt.	
* Have now "circled the tower." First peal in the method.	

OLVESTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the

Blessed Virgin.

On Sat., Mar. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 11 methods, comprising 1,280 London, 960 Rutland, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Wembley, New Gloucester and Cray, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E.

Don C. Exell Treble	*Bruce Wakefield 5
*Elizabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	James R. Taylor 6
Jennifer M. Taylor 3	Anthony R. Peake 7
*Michael J. Hobbs 4	Brian Bladon Tenor
Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.	
* First peal in 11 methods.	

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

LIMERICK.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Mar. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent each of Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Newborough, and blocks of Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse Canterbury and Clifford's Pleasure. Rung on the front five.

Tenor approx. 8 cwt.

Sandra M. Dukes Treble	John T. Dunwoody 3
*Charles J. Reede 2	Frederick E. Dukes 4
Colin A. Lewis Tenor	
Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.	
* First peal. The greatest number of methods rung in a peal of Doubles on tower bells in Ireland. For St. Patrick's Day.	

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THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

BALLYLESSON, Co. Down.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Mar. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings and extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*Maud Austin Treble	Gerald D. Brown 4
†Rosemary Thompson .. 2	Raymond F. Bain 5
*John Lindsay 3	John T. Dunwoody Tenor

Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.

* First peal and first attempt. † First of Minor "inside."

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

LEEDS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Mar. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 RUTLAND SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

David S. Osenton Treble	*Cyril S. Jarrett 6
Alexander Waddington .. 2	Alec W. Fry 7
Christopher T. Osenton .. 3	John W. Coleman 8
Monty W. Gilbert 4	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 9
*†Terence Barton 5	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* 50th peal together. † First of Royal. First of Royal in the method by all the band, except the conductor. First of Royal in the method as conductor.

CHISLEHURST, Kent.—At the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., Mar. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

Tony Lewis Treble	Ian H. Oram 5
Richard G. Crosland .. 2	John S. Barnes 6
Ann Jenner 3	Dennis A. Chapman .. 7
Robert W. Hinde 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band, except the ringer of fifth.

Rung within the octave of the Feast of the Annunciation.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Mar. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge, 992 each Pudsey and Superlative, and 928 Bristol, with 99 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Edward J. Jenner Treble	Doris E. Colgate 5
Ann Jenner 2	Colin A. Tester 6
*Hilary F. Martin 3	Stanley Jenner 7
Olive D. Tester 4	Robert W. Hinde Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal of five-spliced.

ADDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.

On Sat., Mar. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Annable's London, London, Bourne, York, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B.

Mary S. Taylor Treble	*Eric G. H. Godfrey .. 4
Margaret C. Godfrey .. 2	Tony Lewis 5
Ian H. Oram 3	John Faircloth Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. The ringer of the third has now "circled the tower."

Rung with the best wishes of the band following the marriage at this church between Andrew M. Macve and Katharine M. Guy.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

PRESTWICH, Manchester.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Feb. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 15 lb. in F.

Derek Yates Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis 5
John Worth 2	Basil Jones 6
William H. Dowse 3	Frank Osbaldiston .. 7
Frank Reynolds 4	A. Peter Whitehead .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by John Worth.

(Preston Branch.)

PENWORTHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Mar. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in A.

J. J. Parker's Six-Part.	
*John Ascroft Treble	*Betty Faunch 5
*Philip Dunderdale .. 2	Dennis H. McCormick .. 6
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 3	Cyril Crossthwaite .. 7
Margaret Crossthwaite .. 4	†Edmund A. McElroy .. Tenor

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mr. George A. Bath, churchwarden.

(Preston Branch.)

LEYLAND, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James, Moss Side.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

John Nelson Treble	John Nixon 4
*Henry Hunter 2	Bernard Moss 5
Lawrence Walmsley .. 3	James E. Sumner Tenor

Conducted by Bernard Moss.

* First in three methods.

Rung to welcome Janet Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Nixon.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.

On Sat., Mar. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Martin C. Faulkes Treble	W. Ernest Rawson 6
Geoffrey M. Brewin .. 2	J. Martin Thorley 7
David G. Wilford 3	E. Alan Jacques 8
William A. Lacey 4	A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 9
Malcolm E. Wade .. 5	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

First as conductor on ten.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Martin C. Faulkes.

CROFT, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Mar. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in three methods: (1 and 2) St. Simon's, (3-12) Plain Bob, (13-22) Grandsire, (23-42) Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B flat.

Frederick Watson Treble	Gordon Geary 4
Brian G. Warwick 2	John Vernon 5
Mrs. Jill Belcher 3	*James W. Robins Tenor

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

* First peal.

A welcome to the Rev. J. Bidder, inducted Rector of Croft on March 12th; also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Warren, of Croft.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Mar. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Richard D. Gibson Treble	George E. Feirn 5
Michael W. Crowder .. 2	John Hall 6
C. Aubrey Harrison .. 3	Rev. Frederick Ross .. 7
Jack Bray 4	Michael Maughan Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner.

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

First peal in the method for all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

BUCKMINSTER, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Fri., Mar. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

Denis A. Frith Treble	David J. Hopkinson .. 4
*Charles F. Baxter .. 2	Graham J. N. Colborne .. 5
*Andrew Colborne .. 3	Roland H. Cook Tenor

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

* First of Plain Bob Minor "inside."

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.

On Sat., Mar. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Tudor P. Edwards Treble	Donald G. Clift 5
Elizabeth Brown 2	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 6
Thomas Yeomans 3	David J. Llewellyn .. 7
*Penelope J. Welch .. 4	William T. Petty Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

Rung to celebrate Wales winning the Triple Crown and International Rugby Championship at Cardiff earlier in the day.

LLANGYNWYD, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Gwynyd.

On Mon., March 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six scores. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Thomas E. Hiddins .. Treble	Harold Preece 4
D. R. Lynn Jones .. 2	William T. Petty 5
D. Walford Davies .. 3	Trevor J. Froley Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

Rung as a farewell to the curate, the Rev. Kenwyn H. P. Evans, and a 16th birthday compliment to Malcolm, son of the ringer of tenor.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.

On Sat., March 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods; comprising 1,280 each of London and Rutland, 640 Bristol, 512 Superlative, 480 Cambridge, 320 each of Lincolnshire and Wembley, and 288 Yorkshire, with 120 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Pauline Fennell Treble	† Timothy G. Pett 5
Edward F. P. Bryant 2	* Anthony H. Smith 6
* Yvonne Edwards 3	* Roger W. Powell 7
* P. Gerald McIlhone 4	* Richard O. Humphries .. Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
* First peal of Spiced Surprise Major in eight methods. † First of Spiced Surprise Major. First of Spiced Surprise Major in eight methods as conductor.

ST. MARY CRAY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., March 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being fourteen methods, in the following seven spliced extents: (1) Westminster and Allendale, (2) York and Durham, (3) London and Wells, (4) Norfolk and Primrose, (5) Cambridge and Ipswich, (6) Beverley and Surfleet, (7) Berwick and Hexham.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G.

Nicholas J. Davies Treble	* † Robert E. J. Dennis 4
Diana M. Frost 2	Alan J. Frost 5
* Anthony H. Smith 3	* Richard O. Humphries Tenor

Conducted by Richard O. Humphries.
* First peal of Spiced Surprise Minor. † Most methods to a peal. First of spliced as conductor.
Rung on the conductor's 20th birthday.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., March 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

* Robert J. Warrilow .. Treble	Alan Sharples 6
Janet Warwick 2	Gordon Benfield 7
David J. Baker 3	Basil Jones 8
Brian A. Tomlinson 4	Geoffrey D. Fearnough .. 9
John H. Soames 5	Edward F. P. Bryant .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
* 200th peal. First on ten as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the Master, David J. Baker, on the day of the Guild's annual dinner.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HAPPISBURGH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and an extent. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

William B. Duncan .. Treble	* Stephen F. High 4
* Thomas J. Brock 2	Gilbert E. Larter 5
† Norman P. J. Cossey .. 3	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Minor.

SAXTHORPE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Cambridge, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 2 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E.

David L. Cawley Treble	Shelagh R. Collins 4
Michael E. Stracey 2	Ernest H. Mastin 5
Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville 3	Robin Shipp Tenor

Conducted by Ernest H. Mastin.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOOK NORTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Jan. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

Claire Dillamore Treble	Peter Wilkinson 5
M. Jane Foster 2	John Manley 6
Andrew S. Hudson 3	Nicholas Martin 7
Hadley Hunter 4	S. Clarke Walters Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Andrew Hudson.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.

On Tues., March 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

* Alec Gammon Treble	† Noel D. Deam 5
Charles Coles 2	* Roy H. Jones 6
Christopher C. Clarke .. 3	A. James Adams 7
Harry W. Badger 4	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. † First on eight bells and 50th peal.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUAI SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Frederick W. Soden .. Treble	D. Kay Adkins 5
Brian J. Luff 2	Christopher C. Clarke .. 6
Reginald W. Rex 3	Wilfrid G. Wilson 7
Brian W. Hall 4	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tippler. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
The first peal in the method (Tippler's E 7-1).
Rung for the Feast of the Annunciation.

MARSTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., March 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods, being 240 Antelope, 480 each Longparish, St. Anne, Newborough, Bluebell, Daffodil, All Saints, 960 each Grandsire and St. Helen. Tenor 5 cwt. in C.

David G. Oliver Treble	Roy H. Jones 3
Noel D. Deam 2	* Garth A. Porter 4
Alec Gammon 3	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

* First peal "inside."

Rung as birthday and wedding compliment to Miss Janet Edmeades and John S. Walker.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., March 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D.

* Graham C. Paul Treble	* Alan A. Paul 6
Diana M. Frost 2	Patrick I. Chapman .. 7
* Charles E. Truman .. 3	Alan J. Frost 8
* Roger W. Smith 4	Barrie Hendry 9
* Barry E. Saunders 5	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund, K. and M.

On Thurs., March 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Alan A. Paul Treble	Roger W. Smith 5
Shirley Ruddlesden .. 2	Eric Billings 6
Stanley Ruddlesden .. 3	Patrick I. Chapman .. 7
Robert S. Roberts 4	Barrie Hendry Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Barrie Hendry.
A compliment to Rev. Canon W. Denny, on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, and to mark the restoration of the tower. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLOUGHBY-IN-THE-WOLDS, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.

On Fri., March 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 13 methods, being three extents each of Marchington, Rushall, All Saints, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Reverse Canterbury, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Kennington, Seighford, April Day and six extents Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 lb.

* John Eborall Treble	S. Jane Dowse 3
Ruth Blackshaw 2	† Maurice W. Harrison .. 4
* Sydney Adams 3	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.
* First peal in 13 methods. † 100th peal.
Rung to welcome Mr. J. Smithard on a visit to England after 45 years in Canada.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

KINVER, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5216 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

J. Dennis Holden Treble	Eric E. Speake 5
*Marlene E. Townsend .. 2	Roderick J. Lees 6
*Reni M. Hodister 3	Derek K. Knowles 7
F. Hector Bennett 4	Harry Griffiths Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox.

Conducted by Eric E. Speake.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

LITTLE ASTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., March 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.	
John Conduct Treble	*Cyril T. Collins 4
Edward W. Colley 2	*Clifford W. Bowen 5
Clive M. Smith 3	Michael W. Fairey Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Fairey.

* First peal of Surprise.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION

LONDON, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Putney.

On Sat., March 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

*Christopher F. Mew .. Treble	Alan R. Patterson 5
*Patricia Rogers 2	Giles B. Thompson 6
*Brian J. Bull 3	*Michael J. Uphill 7
David W. Struckett 4	*Christopher H. Rogers .. Tenor

Composed by Edwin Timbrell.

Conducted by Giles B. Thompson.

* First peal of Kent T.B. Major. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.
In memoriam William Willett, late of Chelsea.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ARUNDEL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Feb. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Stanley G. Ponting .. Treble	Philip Stevens 5
*Jean M. Pike 2	Henry C. Weaver 6
Leonard Stilwell 3	W. Leslie Weller 7
Michael J. Wake 4	Robert Wake Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Robert Wake.

* First peal of Major. Tenor 13½ cwt.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. E. H. Grimston, Vicar of Arundel, who died suddenly on February 21st.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Valerie J. Howard .. Treble	Reginald E. Lambert .. 5
*†Thomas E. Sone 2	Frank I. Hairs 6
*†Derek Slater 3	Ernest J. Ladd 7
*†Robert T. Lambert .. 4	John A. Howard Tenor

Composed by C. H. Middleton.

Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.

* 100th peal for the Association. † 200th peal together. ‡ First of Surprise Major. Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

THE SUSSEX UNIVERSITY GUILD.

WASHINGTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Feb. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., and four different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb.

*Terry G. Williams .. Treble	†Raymond J. Talbot .. 4
Peter J. Came 2	John C. Baldwin 5
Catherine M. Powell .. 3	†Michael J. Bew Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Bew.

* First peal. † First of Minor. ‡ First in four methods. First peal as conductor. First peal by the Guild at first attempt.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Wed., March 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tom Chapman Treble	*Peter J. Joyce 6
*Mrs. T. H. Francis .. 2	*Michael J. Thomas 7
*John R. Faithfull .. 3	Maurice J. Butler 8
David J. Forder 4	Frank C. Price 9
†Carolyn Vibert 5	Thomas H. Francis .. Tenor

Conducted by David J. Forder.

* First peal of London Royal. † First of Surprise Royal "inside."
First of London Royal as conductor. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

HIGHCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sun., Mar. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Helen M. Diserens .. Treble	James R. Taylor 5
Jennifer M. Taylor .. 2	Frank W. Lewis 6
Jennifer M. Cook 3	*Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
*Robert C. Kippin .. 4	Noel J. Diserens Tenor

Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.

* First peal in the method. First in the method in the county and for the Guild. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

OLD SWINFORD, Stourbridge, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

*Chris F. Wooldridge .. Treble	†William H. Cooper 5
M. Irene Ellsmore 2	Michael J. Fellows 6
†Peter L. Bill 3	John C. Eisel 7
Clifford Skidmore 4	Martin D. Fellows Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by John C. Eisel.

* First peal of Surprise. † Has now "circled tower." ‡ First of Yorkshire.

Quarterly peal for the Northern Branch.

STOURBRIDGE, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Mar. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in E.

*M. Irene Ellsmore .. Treble	Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 5
†James Attwood, jun. .. 2	Gerald C. Hemming .. 6
Ian Lloyd 3	†Michael J. Fellows 7
Martin D. Fellows 4	†John C. Eisel Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.

* 25th peal. † First peal in method "inside." ‡ 100th peal together. First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major on the bells.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., March 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 Pudsey and Superlative, and 416 Lincoln, with 121 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

John N. Lindon .. Treble	*James Insley 5
Roderick W. Pipe 2	Michael J. Fellows 6
John R. Insley 3	Martin D. Fellows 7
Clifford A. Barron 4	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* 25th peal. First peal of eight spliced on this plan by all the band.

HANBURY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 6 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 11520 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

James Attwood, jun. .. Treble	Michael J. Fellows 5
Arthur C. Berry 2	Gerald C. Hemming 6
Ian Lloyd 3	John C. Eisel 7
Maurice G. Ingram 4	Martin D. Fellows Tenor

Composed by John Segar. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.

Greatest number of changes yet rung for the Association on tower bells. Longest length by all except John C. Eisel.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

ELLAND, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Mar. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt.

Arthur Rogers .. Treble	Ian North 5
Patricia Lockwood .. 2	Vivian Nutton 6
Frances Fairbank .. 3	Albert W. Bond 7
Susan Jackson 4	J. Henry Fielden Tenor

Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 832 Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey, with 127 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

Harold B. Schofield .. Treble	Roderick W. Pipe 5
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 2	J. Henry Fielden 6
B. Gillian Schofield .. 3	Frederick A. Munday .. 7
Maurice J. Thurmott .. 4	Roy Bettley-Cooke Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Schofield.

TADCASTER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20½ cwt.

James Thorley .. Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw 5
Howard Scott 2	Rev. Fredk. Ross 6
Kathleen M. Higgins .. 3	Ian M. Holland 7
W. Eric Critchley .. 4	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 22, Castleton Grove.

On Thurs., March 18, 1965, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods: (1) Reverse Bob, (2 and 3) Double Bob, (4 and 5) Double and Plain Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.
*David J. Marshall .. 1—2 | Rodney A. Yeates .. 3—4

Andrew G. Craddock (cond) 5—6

* Most methods to a peal on handbells. Most methods to a peal as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.

On Tues., March 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, comprising 640 each of Bristol, Ealing, Superlative and Watford, and 320 each of Ashted, Berkshire, Cambridge, Elford, London, Radlett, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1—2 | Roger Baldwin .. 5—6
John R. Mayne .. 3—4 | Christopher W. Woolley .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Betty Fold.

On Mon., March 15, 1965, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE

Tenor size 11 in G.

Robin Shuttleworth .. 1—2 | Mary Whalley .. 3—4

Joseph Whalley (cond.) 5—6

First peal in the method by all.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

BARTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At "Glebeland."

On Wed., March 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

John Hall .. 1—2 | Jack Bray .. 5—6

C. Aubrey Harrison .. 3—4 | *Michael W. Crowder .. 7—8

Composed by F. Bennett.

Conducted by Jack Bray.

* First peal "in hand."

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. Davis 1, Miss C. Bouldin 2, H. L. Bennett 3, D. Standing 4, R. Glover 5, R. Button (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on Mar. 21st, 1,260 Bob Doubles: A. B. Eldridge (first quarter) 1, P. A. Harrison 2, K. I. Davis (first as cond.) 3, R. C. Button 4, R. H. Glover 5, D. W. Standing 6. For morning service.

CHURCH HANBOROUGH, OXON.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Susan Cantwell 1, D. Floyd (cond.) 2, L. Porter 3, G. Porter 4, R. Jones 5, J. Betts 6. Birthday compliments to David Betts, nephew of the tenor ringer, and Carolyn Osbourne.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Derwent Doubles: Maureen Green 1, Thelma E. Staples 2, G. Allcock 3, J. A. Harrison 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. For St. Patrick's Day and the last day of winter. Also on Mar. 21st, 1,320 Fortune Doubles: Linda Baguley (first quarter attempt) 1, Maureen Green 2, G. Allcock 3, J. Harrison 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

LANGLEY MARISH, BUCKS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Foster 1, Jennifer Seeny 2, W. Birmingham 3, W. Birmingham, jun. 4, G. R. Shedden 5, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Miss Pamela Jervis (Slough) to Mr. Kenneth Marson.

LLANDUDNO, CAERN.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): K. Richards 1, Mrs. C. Evans 2, Rev. T. Evans 3, A. Burton 4, J. F. Astbury (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, Miss P. Daniels 6, A. Ainge 7, Rev. G. Heyward 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: Capt. M. Amos 1, J. Robinson 2, Mrs. F. Adcock 3, W. Adcock 4, Mrs. M. Robinson 5, F. Adcock 6, B. A. Richards 7, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 8. First quarter of Kent Major on the bells and by most of the band. For the Confirmation service when J. Adcock, a ringer, was confirmed.

NYNEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Matravers 1, D. Lee 2, S. J. Gullick 3, A. Riddle 4, N. J. Maggs (cond.) 5, J. D. Hopkins (first quarter) 6.

PARIS, FRANCE.—Under Pont Neuf, Right Bank, Ile de la Cité on Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. J. Dennis 1—2, R. O. Humphries (cond.) 3—4, A. H. Smith 5—6. First quarter peal in Paris. Rung by U.L.S.C.R.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Lockyer 1, H. DeCombe 2, Valerie Rushforth (first "inside") 3, D. White 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, K. Tipper 6. For Evensong.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Mar. 28th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. F. Mew (cond.) 1, Alison M. Mann 2, R. J. Cooles 3, B. J. Bull 4, Deborah Hopkins 5, S. C. Walters 6, A. R. Millidge 7, A. R. Patterson 8. For Evensong.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): C. M. Richards 1, Marie R. Cross 2, P. Dawes 3, Daphne J. Pollard 4, D. Salter (first as cond.) 5, Carol Long 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung for the baptism of Patricia Ann Wellman, grand-daughter of Mr. W. B. P. Andrews, people's warden. Also for the birthdays of Carol Long, Janet M. Turner, Valerie Hook and Ellen Franklin, all members of the local band.

RUPLEY, HANTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Pamela Gough 1, Diane Street 2, Lesley Read 3, D. M. Hughes 4, Elizabeth Stevinson (cond.) 5, W. Bone 6.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Feb. 28th, Plain Bob Minor: Nita West 1, J. Harvey 2, W. Simpson 3, G. Futers (first of Minor as cond.) 4, A. Humphrey 5, D. Marshall 6.

SHRUB END, ESSEX.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. G. Pitt 1, D. M. Whent 2, S. D. Humphrey 3, B. J. Vaughan 4, N. V. Avis (cond.) 5, Lesley Ward 6.

CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.

On Wed., March 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

A. Robin Heppenstall .. 1—2 | John Freeman .. 5—6

George E. Feirn .. 3—4 | *Jack L. Millhouse .. 7—8

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

Conducted by John Freeman.

* 1,100th peal.

Tenor size 15 in C.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

PARIS, 1e.—Under Pont Neuf, Left Bank.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.

*Philip G. Erith .. 1—2 | Edward F. P. Bryant (cond.) 3—4

Nicholas J. Davies .. 5—6

* First peal "in hand." First peal in Paris.

First peal for the Society outside the British Commonwealth.

Tenor size 3 in A.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—All rung at Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycloch.

On Sun., Mar. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 22 in C.

Hazel Way .. 1—2 | J. Arthur Hoare .. 5—6

Brian J. Woodruffe .. 3—4 | Edmund J. Morris .. 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal on the bells.

On Mon., March 8, 1965, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 ROYDON BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way .. 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4

*J. Arthur Hoare .. 5—6

* 200th peal. First peal in the method on handbells.

On Fri., Mar. 12, 1965, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 KILLARNEY BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way .. 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4

J. Arthur Hoare .. 5—6

First peal in the method.

On Sat., March 13, 1965, in 1 Hour 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GLANTAWE BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way .. 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4

J. Arthur Hoare .. 5—6

First peal in the method.

GLANTAWE BOB MINOR: 34. 16 x 16 x 56. l.h. 16—65243.

QUARTER PEALS

NYNEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Matravers 1, D. Lee 2, S. J. Gullick 3, A. Riddle 4, N. J. Maggs (cond.) 5, J. D. Hopkins (first quarter) 6.

PARIS, FRANCE.—Under Pont Neuf, Right Bank, Ile de la Cité on Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. J. Dennis 1—2, R. O. Humphries (cond.) 3—4, A. H. Smith 5—6. First quarter peal in Paris. Rung by U.L.S.C.R.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Lockyer 1, H. DeCombe 2, Valerie Rushforth (first "inside") 3, D. White 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, K. Tipper 6. For Evensong.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Mar. 28th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. F. Mew (cond.) 1, Alison M. Mann 2, R. J. Cooles 3, B. J. Bull 4, Deborah Hopkins 5, S. C. Walters 6, A. R. Millidge 7, A. R. Patterson 8. For Evensong.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): C. M. Richards 1, Marie R. Cross 2, P. Dawes 3, Daphne J. Pollard 4, D. Salter (first as cond.) 5, Carol Long 6. First quarter 1 and 6. Rung for the baptism of Patricia Ann Wellman, grand-daughter of Mr. W. B. P. Andrews, people's warden. Also for the birthdays of Carol Long, Janet M. Turner, Valerie Hook and Ellen Franklin, all members of the local band.

RUPLEY, HANTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Pamela Gough 1, Diane Street 2, Lesley Read 3, D. M. Hughes 4, Elizabeth Stevinson (cond.) 5, W. Bone 6.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Feb. 28th, Plain Bob Minor: Nita West 1, J. Harvey 2, W. Simpson 3, G. Futers (first of Minor as cond.) 4, A. Humphrey 5, D. Marshall 6.

SHRUB END, ESSEX.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. G. Pitt 1, D. M. Whent 2, S. D. Humphrey 3, B. J. Vaughan 4, N. V. Avis (cond.) 5, Lesley Ward 6.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On Mar. 17th, 1965, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: I. Davey (first of Treble Bob) 1, Rhoda Housden 2, Jessie Kippin 3, Patricia Laycock 4, Pamela Gough 5, Elizabeth Stevinson 6, F. Housden 7, C. H. Kippin (cond.) 8. First in method 4, 5 and 6.

SHARNFORD, LEICS.—On Feb. 12th, 1,296 Hull Surprise Minor: R. D. Hart 1, Mrs. P. J. Wright 2, K. F. Gardner 3, D. J. Allen (cond.) 4, A. R. Wright 5, G. Pratt 6.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 21st, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: C. T. Richards 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, Miss P. Rogers 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, J. W. Euston 5, L. C. Way 6, D. P. Smith 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer 9, J. W. Smith (cond.) 10, H. W. Rogers 11, J. F. M. Meybrey 12. For Nave Evensong.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On March 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Austin (first quarter) 1, Sally M. Holland (first "inside") 2, S. Laud 3, G. Avent 4, R. G. Smith 5, W. G. Paul (cond.) 6, D. Laud 7, R. G. Bell 8. For evening service.

WELLESBOURNE HASTINGS, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. Randall (first of Minor) 1, Miss C. F. Dolphin 2, G. W. Randall 3, J. L. Garner-Hayward 4, E. J. Gower 5, E. Holdsworth (cond.) 6. For Matins.

WIMBLEDON, S.W.—On Mar. 20th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Elizabeth Zass 1, Judith Geiringer 2, Vanessa Rodrigues 3, Rosamund Rawlings 4, M. Bingham 5, G. Reynolds 6, A. Bagworth (cond.) 7, A. Bishop 8. A compliment to Caroline Carpenter and Robert Harris on their marriage.

WITCHCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Mar. 14th, 1965, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. Shepherd 1, F. Williams 2, H. Crisp 3, D. Wills 4, F. Mack (cond.) 5, A. Knight 6. First of Bob Doubles for all. For Evensong.

WORCESTER.—At All Saints' Church on Feb. 7th, 1965, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: L. J. Haines (first on six) 1, G. Bowen 2, D. G. Franklin 3, R. Sheppard 4, R. J. M. Grosvenor (first of Minor "inside") 5, M. J. Robinson (cond.) 6.

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LEWIS.—As from April 10th, the address of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Lewis will be 38, Boston Avenue, Reading. 6623

PERSONAL

"And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent."—St. John xvii, verse 3.

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MISCELLANEOUS

ASH, SURREY.—There will be no practice on Wednesdays, April 14th and 21st. Please note new tower secretary is Mrs. Angela J. Smart, Okemead, Hutton Road, Ash Vale, Aldershot, Hants. 6604

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Due to unavoidable circumstances, it will not now be possible to arrange a suitable ringing programme for the proposed meeting at Exeter on May 29th, 1965.

Will all members please note that this meeting has therefore been cancelled.

JOHN CHILCOTT.

6613

BROWNSEA ISLAND.—Advance Notice: Ringing, St. Mary's Church, 3-5 p.m., Saturday, June 5th. It is hoped to ring at Poole (10) in the evening. More details later. 6617

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.—The eight bells have been rehung by Messrs. Taylors, work now completed. Dedication during 11 a.m. Matins on Palm Sunday. Ringing 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 12 noon to 1 p.m. Everyone welcome. 6578

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual report for 1964, containing 25 compositions, 5s. Previous years (all with many compositions) available at 2s.—B. G. Warwick, 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills, Leicester. 6524

ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH, READING.—All peal attempts are booked for 1966.—V. Cherrill, Sec. 6599

MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting at Scarcliffe on April 10th. Bells (5) 3-5 p.m. and afterwards. No. 28E Midland bus leaves Chesterfield at 2.25 and half-hourly. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. J. Watkins, 88, Main Street, Scarcliffe, Bolsover, Chesterfield. Bolsover bells (8) available 7-9 p.m. Special methods: St. Simon's Doubles, plus Bristol.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 6593

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, April 10th, at Merstham, Surrey (recently augmented to 8 bells). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Evening ringing 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 6575

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 10th, at Meldreth and Melbourn. Meldreth (6) 3 p.m. Service, Meldreth, 4.30. Tea, The Hall, High Street, Meldreth (opp. "British Queen"), 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Melbourn (6) after meeting.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 6580

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at Romford on Sat., April 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. M. Poolman, 162, Southend Road, Rainham. 6535

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Saffron Walden (12) on Saturday, April 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 6542

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Stone, April 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Quarry House Farm, The Quarry, Cam, near Dursley. Tel. Dursley 2907. 6606

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Luke's, Farnworth, on April 10th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Church School followed by business meeting.—G. I. Howlett, Branch Sec. 6624

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Lambourn, Saturday, April 10th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to W. C. Pottinger, 28, High Street, Lambourn, Berkshire. 6596

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, April 10th. Isleworth (10) 2.30-4.30 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Hall and business meeting. St. Mary's, Twickenham (8). 6.45-8.15 p.m. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, S.W.15. 6588

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at *Wisborough Green*, not Fittleworth, April 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. Tel. Sidlesham 325. 6574

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—Meeting, Bishopstoke, April 10th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. D. J. Forder, 62, Leigh Road, Eastleigh. North Stoneham after tea.—M. J. Thomas, Dis. Sec. 6611

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—Dedication service of two new trebles at 3 p.m. on Palm Sunday, April 11th. Visitors welcome. 6582

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting and Striking Contest at Great Longstone on Saturday, April 17th, at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for which please advise, by April 14th, Mrs. Shaw, The White Lion, Great Longstone.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 6611

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting, April 17th at Packington. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., Village Hall. Service following. Names for tea to Mr. R. Clifton, Normanton Lodge, Normanton-le-Heath, Leicester. 6568

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M. at Midsomer Norton, Easter Monday, April 19th. Service 12 noon (preacher, the Bishop of Taunton). Lunch in Church Hall at 1.15 p.m. Names for lunch (6s.) and tea (2s. 6d.) essential to General Secretary, enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope. Bells available: Midsomer Norton (8), 11-12 and after meeting; Frome (8), Mells (8), Beckington (8), 9.45-11.15 and 5.30-7.30; Nunney (6), Whatley (6), 9.45-11.15; Marston Bigot (6), Leigh-on-Mendip (6), 5.30-7.30; Chewton Mendip (8), Shepton Mallet (8), Farnborough (6), all 10.30-11.30 and 5.30-7.30; Hemington (6), High Littleton (6), Chilcompton (6), all 6-8; Radstock (6), 5.30-7.30.—G. Salmon, Gen. Sec., 9, Kennion Road, Wells, Somerset. 6566

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting on Easter Monday, April 19th, at Penrith. Bells available at 1 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea 4.30, to be followed by A.G.M. Names for tea are essential and should be sent not later than April 15th to Mr. M. Allison, 10, Brougham Street, Penrith.—J. W. Brownrigg, Gen. Sec. 6608

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The 78th annual meeting will be held at Ashover on Easter Monday, April 19th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided.—T. H. Radford, Hon. Sec. 6005

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, April 19th. Ringing: 12-1, Sawston (8). Meldreth (6); 12.30-1.30, West Wrating (5), Great Wilbraham (5), Orwell (5); 1-2, Ickleton (8), Horningsea (5); 1.30-2.30, Duxford (6), Bottisham (5); 2-3, Bourn (8), Witleford (6); 2.30-3.30, Cherry Hinton (5), Foxton (5), Haslingfield (5); 3-4, Melbourn (6), Stapleford (6); 3.30-4.30, Harston (6), Little Shelford (6); 4-5, Trumpington (8); after meeting Trumpington (8), Cambridge St. Andrew's (8), Cambridge St. Bene't's (6), Chesterton (6). A Ringing Master will be in charge of each tower; members and friends are asked not to ring outside the published times for which permission has been obtained. Service, Trumpington Parish Church, 5. Tea 5.30, Trumpington Village Hall, High Street, Trumpington, followed by annual general meeting. Tickets for tea (3s. 6d. per head, children under 10 free) are now available from B. D. Threlfall, 6, Pightle Close, Harston, Cambridge. Accommodation is limited: to ensure admission please send your money, and a stamped, addressed envelope, before Saturday April 17th. 6579

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting on Easter Monday, April 19th at Canterbury. Service in Cathedral at 12 noon. Applications, not later than April 12th first post, for luncheon tickets (12s. each, children of resident members under 14, 3s. 6d. each, cash with order and s.a.e., please) agenda, details of ringing times in 12 towers, to Mr. B. W. May, "Keithston," Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent. Ringing School, Leeds, nr. Maidstone, on May 1st. Ringers' Rally at Rainham, July 10th. Association Dinner at Sittingbourne, September 25th.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6513

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting to be held in Cardiff on Easter Monday, April 19th. Service in St. John-the-Baptist Church at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. James' Church Hall at 5 p.m. Ringing available: Rumney, 12-1; Llandaff Cathedral, 1.30-3; Whitchurch, 2-3; and St. John's 2-4 p.m. and after the meeting. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, April 13th.—M. J. Pryor, Hon. Sec., 43, Downton Road, Rumney, Cardiff. 6568

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday. Service at All Saints' 11 a.m. (bells 10 a.m.). Tea (5s.) at The Hopmarket. The Foregate, 5 p.m., for all who notify me by April 14th. Bells: Powick (6) 1.30-2.30, Malvern Link (8) 2.15-3.15, Welland (6) 3-4, Hanley Castle (6) 3.30-4.30, Worcester, St. John's (8) 2-3, Claines (10) 3.30-4.30, Cathedral (12) 6-7.30, All Saints' (10) 7-8.30.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 6598

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Meeting, Easter Monday, April 19th, Kirkby Malzeard (6) from 2.30 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided. Sharow (8), 6.30–8 p.m.—Edward Hudson, Hon. Sec., Singleton Cottage, Sharow, Ripon.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Ringing practices in April, all commencing 6.30 p.m.: 20th, St. Paul's Cathedral; 27th, St. Giles', Cripplegate. No practice April 13th. Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, April 27th, at 8.15 p.m.—John Chilcott. 6612

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, April 24th, at St. Mary's, Warwick. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Numbers for tea important to Mr. J. L. Garner Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. **Diary holders note change of date.** 6609

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 24th. Bells available: St. Alkmund's (8) 2 p.m.–4 p.m.; Cathedral (10) 3.45 p.m.–4.30 p.m. and after meeting; also St. Peter's (8) after meeting. Service, Cathedral, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea, by April 20th, to Mr. G. A. Halls, 54, Willson Avenue, Littleover, Derby.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 6610

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting April 24th, Berkeley, 2.15 p.m. in Town Hall or Church. Tea 4.30 at Berkeley Arms, Berkeley. Price 3/9 in advance before April 21st to F. S. Browning, Berkeley Arms, Berkeley, Glos. Send stamped and addressed envelope for tickets. Service, St. Mary's, Berkeley, 6 p.m. Towers open: Berkeley 11–1.45 and after service; Cromhall 10.30–11.30; Stone 11–12; Stinchcombe 11–12.30; North Nibley 11–1.45; others by application to the incumbents. Nominated for Master, Rev. F. F. Rigby and Mr. W. F. Scudamore; for Central Council, 1966–68, A. L. Barry, W. B. Kynaston, J. R. Taylor and C. A. Wratten.—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec. 6620

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Hatfield on Saturday, April 24th. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting at Countess Ann School, School Lane, 4.50. **Stiletto type heels must not be worn in the School Hall.** Resolutions will be presented to increase subscriptions and peal fees, to centralise the bell fund and to alter the format of the annual report. Ringing arrangements: Kimpton (6) 9.30–10.30, South Mymms (6) 10–11, Wheathampstead (6) 10.30–11.30, Radlett (6) 11–12, Harpenden (8) 11–12, Sandridge (6) 11.30–12.30, Welwyn (8) 12–1, St. Albans Cathedral (12) 12–1, St. Michael's (8) 1–2, St. Stephen's (6) 1.30–2.30, St. Peter's (10) 2.45–3.45, Tewin (6) 2–3, Essendon (6) 3–4, Hatfield (10) 3–4.15 and after meeting until 8.30, North Mymms (8) 7.30–8.30. Names for tea essential, by Wednesday, April 21st, to Miss A. Chapman, 18, Endymion Road, Hatfield (Tel. 2191).—A. R. Agg Gen. Sec. 6597

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be at Ormskirk on Sat., April 24th. Standish (8), Coppull (6), Parbold (8), Southport, Emmanuel (8) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aughton, Christ Church and Aughton, St. Michael's 2–3 p.m. Ormskirk (8) 3–4.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, with money (3s. 6d. each) by Sat., April 17th, to Mr. D. R. Jones, 226, Prescott Road, Aughton. Meeting after tea. Ormskirk (8) until 8 p.m. Wigan, All Saints' (10) 7–8.30 p.m.—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 6418

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Leicester, Saturday, April 24th. Ringing arrangements: St. Margaret's (12) 2.30–4, Cathedral (12) 3–4.10, All Saints' (8) 3–4. Service, Leicester Cathedral, 4.15 p.m.; preacher, the Rev. R. J. Hunting, Vicar of Sileby. Tea 5 p.m. in Alderman Newton's Boys' School Dining Centre (21, St. Martin's). Accommodation for tea limited to 140. Names must be sent, by Wednesday, April 21st, to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. (Tel. Leicester 823140.) **No name, no tea.**—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6625

LINCOLN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 24th. Holy Communion, Ringers' Chapel, Cathedral, at 8 a.m. Tea in the Tythe Barn at 4.15 p.m. Service at Cathedral 5.15 p.m. Meeting after service. Ringing: Brant Broughton (6) 11–12, Norton Disney (6) 12–1, Bassingham (6) 1–2, Lincoln Cathedral (12) St. Giles' (8), St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) 2 p.m. until tea-time and after meeting. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to J. Walden, 50, Cecil Street, Lincoln. **Please note times of tea and service.**—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 6618

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — Meeting at Mulbarton, Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. P. Adcock, 64, Birchfield Road, Mulbarton, Norwich (NOR 93W).—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 6614

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The A.G.M. will be held at Yarnton (6) on April 24th. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the hall.—Ted Patching. 6323

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch. — Business meeting at Duston on Saturday, April 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Ringing again afterwards. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton. 6607

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting Cattistock, Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Notify, by April 21st, Mr. G. Goringe, West Holway Farm, Cattistock, Dorchester. 6600

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, April 24th, East Hoathly (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Waldron (8) 6.15 p.m.–8.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, April 21st, to G. M. Fitzhugh, 36, London Road, Hailsham, Sussex.—G. Fitzhugh, Hon. Sec. 6506

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at Llangatock (8), April 24th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea at 2/6 each. Names for tea, before April 17th, to M. R. Thomas, Ty Gorsaf, Brecon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meetings will be held at King's Somborne on April 24th at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Monday previous. 6615

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL FESTIVAL.—The annual festival will be held on Saturday, May 8th, at St. Thomas', Norbury, Hazel Grove. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5, followed by annual general meeting. Tickets for tea 5s. each. Applications before May 3rd to Mr. C. K. Lewis, 52, Wellington Road, Norbury (8), 2–4 and after the meeting; St. George's, Stockport (10), 2–3.30; Pointon (6), 2–3.30; Marple (8) after meeting; Bowdon Altrincham, Cheshire. Towers available: Norbury by application.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 6544

ST. GLUVIAS, CORNWALL.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7 dodging): Barbara Duck 1, A. Locke 2, Frances M. Rickard 3, T. L. Hodge 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, D. A. Trethewey 6, E. H. Langley 7, D. B. Carder (first quarter) 8.
WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Comber (first of Minor) 1, D. Comber (first of Minor "inside") 2, D. Roberts 3, J. Leppard 4, D. Slater (cond.) 5, B. Parke 6.
WROXHAM, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): J. Barry Pickup 1, T. J. Brock 2, I. Margetts 3, S. T. High 4, N. P. J. Cotessey 5, R. B. Lubbock (cond.) 6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, for many years known as the Chapel of Ease, dates from the early part of the 19th century and has a ring of eight bells with the tenor weighing 20 cwt.

It was at this church that the North and East District met on March 20th for their monthly meeting. From 3.30 p.m. the bells rang out to a variety of methods to suit all tastes under the guidance of Mrs. H. G. Hart.

The Vicar, the Rev. R. E. Simpson, welcomed the ringers to his church and conducted the Association's Form of Service. The basis of his short address was taken from a remark made by one of his small daughters, "Are you pleased with me?" and left a thought with us all that we could ask the same question of our Master.

Following the service, a visit was made to the Crypt, where sandwiches, cakes and tea were soon disposed of by the 30 or so ringers present.

Before returning to the belfry for further ringing, Mr. H. G. Hart thanked the Vicar, Mr. Ron Wood who accompanied at the piano during the service, the ladies who had provided the excellent repast, and those two Holloway stalwarts, Dorren Deverell and "Dick" Newman, for making local arrangements. E. H. K.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Meeting at Chilton Foliat on March 20th, the Marlborough Branch was unfortunate in that the weather proved unkind. The attendance up to tea time was very sparse indeed but things improved afterwards when visitors arrived from Wootton Bassett, Marlborough College, Wells, Pilton (Somerset), Devizes, Bromham, Newbury and Thatcham.

Those at tea were the guests of the Rev. R. Unwin and Mrs. Unwin, and thanks were expressed by the Rev. R. Keeley (Branch Ringing Master) for a beautiful spread. He also paid tribute to the local tower captain (Mr. K. Cooke) for his help in arranging the meeting.

In the circumstances the main items on the business agenda were deferred until the April meeting, which it is hoped will be at Mildenhall. One item discussed, however, concerned the possibility of organising a party to attend the annual Guild Festival at Sherborne on May 8th. The idea is to be explored further.

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PROGRESS AT REDCLIFFE

The quarter peal of Cinques rung for Evensong at St. Mary Redcliffe on March 21st was the first by St. Mary's Guild. In it, five members scored their first of Cinques and all can now look forward to greater efforts. It marked the consecration of the Church of St. Martin, Que Que, Rhodesia, this church being a gift from St. Mary Redcliffe in thanksgiving for the restoration of the tower, which is now nearing completion.

QUARTER PEALS

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: H. B. Fuller 1, Miss B. Syrett 2, C. A. Thompson 3, A. G. Harrison 4, C. R. Catchpole 5, A. G. H. Maynard 6, R. R. Churchill (first as cond.) 7, A. C. W. Roope 8. Rung in honour of the Rector, Rev. F. G. Wood, being appointed Rural Dean of the Redenhall Rural Deanery.

SOUTH STOKE, OXON.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. D. Patching 1, P. G. Holden 2, J. A. H. Betts 3, M. J. Church 4, J. F. List 5, D. Floyd (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. List's father and grandmother.

SOUTHWARD, LONDON.—At the Cathedral on Mar. 28th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. D. Tomlin 1, D. E. Rothera 2, K. Warner 3, M. M. Powell 4, I. M. Smith 5, J. R. Ketteringham (cond.) 6, R. J. Moore 7, D. Hewitt 8, G. Penney 9, G. E. Thoday 10. For Evensong.

STEENEY, LONDON.—At St. Dunstan's Church on Mar. 21st: B. Mead 1, A. Neale 2, H. Weedon 3, Hazel Weedon 4, L. Fox (cond.) 5, C. Ellmore 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Mar. 24th, 1,320 London Surprise Minor: J. Paynton 1, Carolyn White 2, W. Savill 3, D. Tubbs 4, Elizabeth Stevinson (cond.) 5, Pamela R. Gough 6. First in method 2 and 3.

TUNBRIDGE, KENT.—On Mar. 21st, 1,280 London Surprise Major: C. W. Hancock 1, Sheila M. Dobbie 2, Ann Jenner 3, W. Rogers 4, W. H. Dobbie 5, P. J. Dye 6, L. T. Pope (first of London Major) 7, S. Jenner (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. D. Boyd 1, E. Ann Sadler 2, Carol P. L. Cooke 3, R. R. Sparrow 4, L. Atton 5, R. C. Woodward (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 3. For the engagement of John Woolley and Margaret Woodward.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew on Mar. 21st, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: B. Morton 1, Miss C. Turner 2, D. Willets 3, R. Stait 4, A. H. Hingley 5, M. G. Turner (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 3 and 4.

WEST MALLING, KENT.—On Mar. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Anne M. Oakley 1, Ann Funnell 2, P. Hatcher 3, D. Parks 4, P. Carter 5, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher 6. Rung for the wedding of Keith Wallis, a member of the band, and Diana Wright.

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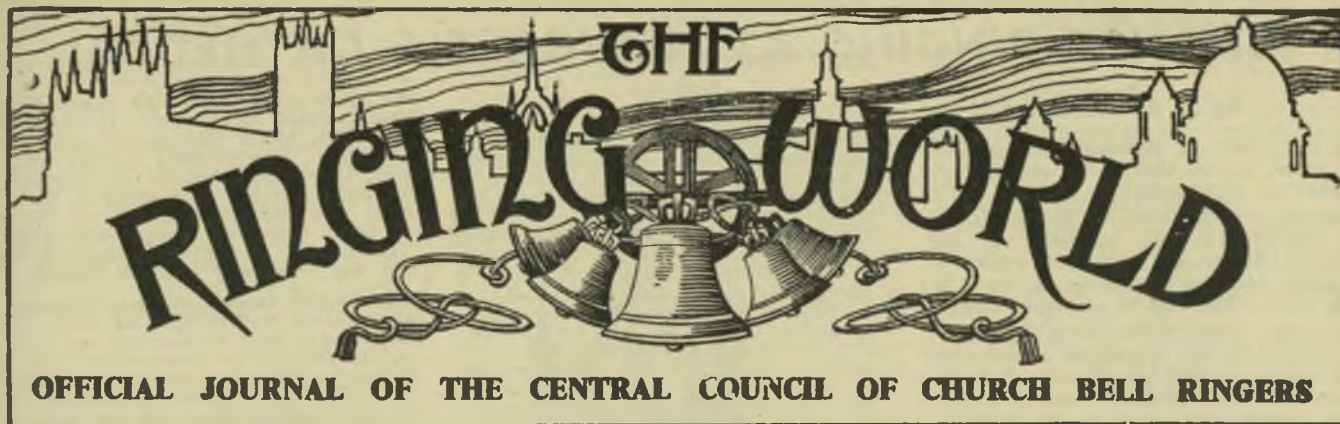
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THE VICTORY

WHY do we ring peals with the footnote "In Memoriam A.B." when the Sunday ringing proclaims that Jesus Christ is risen? I have never asked myself this question before, but writing an article for the Easter number of "The Ringing World" made me pause and think about it. Certainly, the peals show our respect for our friends who have died and our sorrow at their death; but it does not alter the fact that when the bells ring out from our church towers on Sunday mornings they are proclaiming the good news that Jesus Christ is risen, and that this event is the turning point in history. Perhaps then our footnote might read: "God be praised, He gives us the victory through Our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians xv, 57, New English Bible)—followed by the names of those for whom the peal is rung.

The reason I would use this footnote is that it reminds us of those things which are important for our Christian belief in the Resurrection; that it is Jesus Christ who wins the victory, that the victory is given to mankind and that we can share in the victory.

In the first place we are concerned with what happened on that Easter morning. The stories in the Gospels all stress that the tomb was empty and that Jesus appeared to His followers on many occasions during the next few weeks. This is the historical evidence that we have. But what to me is equally important is the profound change that took place in the lives of the disciples. Their witness is not only that they could vouch for the empty tomb and that they saw Jesus after His Resurrection, but that they were different people. Whereas at the time of the Crucifixion they ran away, after the Resurrection they are prepared to speak quite openly about their faith in Jesus Christ. What we know of the first Christians points to a "before" and "after" the events of Good Friday and Easter Day. The turning point in their lives is the victory of Jesus on the Cross which is proclaimed by His Resurrection.

What is the Victory that Christ gains? It is that which is foreshadowed in Gethsemane when Christ faces the agony of His coming Crucifixion and chooses the will of the Father. The victory over the temptation to choose a course less than that ordained by God; whereas

the disciples escape the choice by running away. It is the victory also over the power of death which seems to be the final end, the ultimate separation from God and all whom we love; but Christ is raised up by the Father. The separation is not real. So the glorious assertion of Easter morning is that Christ has conquered the power of sin and death.

The effect on the disciples is quite dramatic; they are "changed" men and women. Not surprising when we remember that Jesus has promised to all His followers that this would be so. "I am the resurrection and I am life." (John ii, 25, New English Bible.) What Christ achieves by His Death and Resurrection is given to all His followers who trust in Him. It is not a victory for Christ alone; it is a victory which is shared with all mankind.

But most important of all, I suppose, is the question—how can we share in this victory of Christ? What does it mean as far as we are concerned? What do we make of the sayings of Jesus which suggest that we already have the chance of eternal life, that we have already passed from death to life? How do we share the experience that the disciples knew—this experience of passing from death to life?

Perhaps, as the disciples did in the beginning, we all too easily keep our distance from Good Friday. We preserve it as an historical event far removed from us and so never accept that daily we come up against the Cross. For like the disciples at that point our tendency is to run away, to escape and to avoid; whereas Christ faces up to all that life brings to Him—disillusion, pain, suffering, evil—because He comes to win a victory. The other thing we want to avoid, of course, is death, because this seems to us to be the final separation from all whom we hold dear and from all that we want to cling on to. But isn't it true that when we "cling on" to people and things, wanting them to remain the same, finally they lose their vitality and wither away. Perhaps the better way is to let the old relationships with people, the old memories die, so that they can be replaced with new, more mature relationships, with new, living experiences which rise up to replace those that have died.

In a very real way we are faced with our Gethsemanes and our crosses every day; but we also face the possibility of our resurrection to new life because of what Jesus Christ does for us on the Cross.

CHANGE RINGING AT NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL

By R. A. Yeates

IN the centre of Newcastle, near to the station and the river, is the ancient Parish Church of St. Nicholas. The fortress of Newcastle was founded by Robert, William the Conqueror's son, in 1080. In 1091 Osmund, Bishop of Salisbury, founded St. Nicholas', the first church in the expanding little town. This church was burnt down in 1216 and a much enlarged new one erected. In about 1450 the magnificent lantern-steeple was added. In 1882 the Diocese of Durham was split and St. Nicholas' became a Cathedral. Today, although it is still officially a parish church, the population living nearby is negligible.

The first bell known to have been installed in the Cathedral was by William Dawe of London between 1385 and 1418. Two more were added in the early 15th century and the present tenor in 1593. In 1615 and again in 1622 the tenor was recast at Colchester, the respective weights being 28 cwt. and 32 cwt. In 1658 yet another bell was placed in the tower, probably by John Hodshon of London. The ring of five was augmented to eight in 1717, the bells being cast by Phelps and paid for by Newcastle Corporation.

FIRST CHANGE RINGING

The first change ringing recorded on the bells was on February 7th, 1754, when "Newcastle's team of bellringers" rang 2,520 changes of Plain Bob Triples in 1 hour 36 minutes. "The first time that ever was done in Newcastle, the whole peal being thought impossible because of the bad going of the bells." In April, 1754, halfway through a peal attempt, the tenor cracked and was sent to Lester and Pack of London, weighing on return 36 cwt. On April 10th, 1755, a peal of Plain Bob Triples, the first in the tower, was rung in 3 hours 13½ minutes. In 1791 the 5th was recast at Whitechapel.

Just before this (1788) a ring of eight had been made up at nearby Gateshead. This seems to have resulted in the foundation of the "Union Society" of ringers of Newcastle and Gateshead. Unfortunately no records of this Society besides peal boards have been found. A list of peals rung by them, apparently including some not on boards, is found in the first annual report of the Durham and Newcastle Association (1878). Grandsire Triples was rung to peals at St. Nicholas' in 1808, 1809, 1842 and 1848. Peals of Grandsire were also rung at Gateshead, Hexham and All Saints', Newcastle. A quarter peal of Stedman has also been mentioned. Shortly after 1850, however, the Society collapsed.

Although a further peal was rung in 1852, this collapse is attributed in an 1897 "Bell News" to the death of George William Dods-worth, a farmer. He is described as "leader and patron" of the Society. He died in 1850 at the age of 30, a few months after calling a peal at Gateshead. Two days before his demise the death occurred of Robert Balmbrach, the conductor of the 1848 Hexham peal. No doubt this also accelerated the decline into call changes.

In 1875, at a time of revival of ringing throughout the North-East, the Society rang a 720 at St. Andrew's, Newcastle, which was said to be the first in the city for 16 years. In 1876 a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at North Shields, conducted by Thomas Denton. He had done some ringing with the College Youths in London. On the foundation of the Durham and Newcastle Association in 1877-1878 the Society joined, now calling itself the "Old Society."



BELLS CLOCKED FOR ROYAL VISIT

In the period 1878 to 1892 the Cathedral bells seem to have lapsed into very poor condition. A number of members of the Society rang frequently with the good change ringers at St. John's. However, little change ringing was done at the Cathedral. On the visit of the Duke of Cambridge to Newcastle in 1887 three of the bells were clocked; the first four were rung to call changes. At this time the tenor was never rung and the seventh rarely. The next year the Society severed its connection with the Association.

In 1892 all this was changed. A ring of ten (tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb in D flat) was made up by Taylor's; the main contributors to the cost were Newcastle Corporation and John Hall, J.P. Of the four oldest bells in the tower three were kept, outside the ring; the oldest was sold to an antiquarian and placed in Langley Castle, Northumberland. The Association was not invited to the opening. In the correspondence relative to this in the "Bell News" some facts emerge. Of the ten ringers at the Cathedral eight had rung peals: Thomas Denton, Edward Wallis and Sergeant Power seem to have been ringers of considerable experience and ability. However, they were for the most part elderly men, did not encourage learners and held no regular practice. The root of the trouble may have been that, unlike St. John's ringers, they were paid.

All the same, from 1892 to 1903 a different order was established. Due to the presence of a number of ringers from St. John's a very good Sunday band was maintained, complex methods rung and local peals achieved. This happened particularly when St. John's bells were closed from 1900 to 1902. However,

the efforts of the St. John's ringers seem to have aroused resentment. In 1903 there were five former St. John's men at the Cathedral. Two of them received notice to quit; two resigned because of this; one left for other reasons. It is stated in the "Bell News" of that time that this was the work of some unspecified person who acted as "contractor" in the employment of ringers and was presumably a ringer himself.

From 1903 to 1912 the pre-1892 order was re-established. Although a little change ringing was done in the early part of this period, call changes became the rule. The leading ringers were a family named Pigg. In 1912 they had a dispute with the Cathedral Chapter, perhaps about the low standard of ringing. C. L. Routledge, of St. John's, was asked to form a band of unpaid ringers, the official reason being that the Chapter had run out of funds with which to pay the call changers. When the new band rang the bells for the first time the Vicar was asked by several of the congregation if the bells had been altered in any way as they sounded so much sweeter than before!

AN OUTSTANDING BAND

Routledge did not teach any new ringers for the Cathedral; it was just that now that the St. John's band began ringing at the Cathedral as well. At the time St. John's had an outstanding band. Among the ringers was the brilliant conductor, the late W. H. Barber. The band was improved moreover in the next few years by the presence of ringers working at the Tyne on war munitions.

In 1914 the Cathedral Society decided to augment the bells to 12. After some money had been raised, however, the bells were given outright by Mr. and Mrs. Lister Newcombe. Later in the same year a flat sixth, "the Dixon bell," was given by Miss Alice Dixon, the sister of one of the ringers. In 1918 a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung by a local band. This was followed in 1924 by two peals, one of Grandsire and one of Stedman Cinques. This very high standard was kept up until about 1930. Then Caters rather than Cinques became the rule. The actual standard of ringing remained, however, excellent. The trouble was that no one (except the verger's son) was ever taught at the Cathedral. Usually ringers became attached to the Cathedral on moving into the area, or moved from other local towers. Also the average age of the band increased. In 1945 C. L. Routledge died and the late Joseph Keen, once of North Shields, became Ringing Master. The deterioration has continued until the recent teaching of some boys by the Ringing Master, Mr. G. S. Deas.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

March saw the Guild's first quarterly meeting of 1965, which was held at Pembroke. Here the bells were in use for an hour and a half before the service, which was conducted by the Rector.

After an excellent tea, for which Pembroke is noted, a short business meeting was held. The Rector taking the chair. The meeting opened with a short touch of Grandsire Triples on handbells.

New members were elected from Cardigan, Pembroke and St. Florence. The highlight of the meeting was the reading of the draft proposals to be considered at the annual general meeting. Some of these were of a highly controversial nature, and if the way they were received is any pointer then the annual should be very lively. Anyway, we are looking forward to the annual general meeting at Carmarthen in June. Afterwards we returned to the tower, where Triples, Minor and Doubles methods were rung.

A. F. W.

PHILIP GRAY VISITS HIS CONSTITUENTS

PHILIP GRAY is currently attending the Commonwealth Mining and Metallurgical Conference, a peripatetic affair meeting in various centres all over Australia. This has given him the opportunity in what spare time he can snatch from a full business programme, to visit the ringers of the Australian and New Zealand Association he represents at meetings of the Central Council—his constituents, as he puts it.

Philip began by losing a number of peals—one of Grandsire Triples at St. Paul's, Melbourne, and an undisclosed number "in hand" in Sydney. Then things began to improve. He conducted a peal of Bob Major in Melbourne on the front eight of the rehung twelve and last week-end he conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide.

For this he flew from Surfer's Paradise in Queensland, via Sydney and Melbourne, on the Saturday, March 27th—a jaunt of some 1,300 air miles. Saturday, 28th, found both Philip and the Archbishop of Canterbury at the Cathedral. After the Choral Eucharist, at which His Grace celebrated, the peal began and some 3 hours and 25 minutes later it came round. By calling Parker's Six-Part on this occasion, Philip has now conducted all the Parker family of Grandsire Triples peals.

After refreshment and service ringing for Evensong, we deposited our C.C. representative at the Adelaide airport, 23 hours after his arrival, for a flight back to Melbourne—and on to Hobart the following morning. Philip returned to Adelaide on April 4th, when he was able to ring at the Town Hall. After that he goes to Melbourne again for a projected peal of Caters or Royal.

Philip can come back to Adelaide any time he likes. Quite apart from anything else, he was heard on two occasions to refer to our Taylor octave as "the finest heavy eight in the world"! W. B. P.

SUFFOLK GUILD

At the annual general meeting of the South East District, held on March 13th, attendance fully justified the arrangements made by the Ringing Master, Mr. Howard Egglestone, who deployed the ringers so that the younger ones were extended to their full capacity, and the more experienced used to give confidence.

The service, somewhat delayed through the Vicar's enthusiasm for football as well as ringers (he played for Ipswich in their amateur days), was accompanied at the organ by Mr. Oldfield and indicated that ringers can sing as well as ring. The address was given by the Rev. B. Haste.

An excellent tea, served in the Village Hall by Mrs. Margaret Egglestone and helpers, was followed by the business meeting. Arising from the minutes, Mr. G. W. Pipe, Guild Ringing Master, commented on the situation confronting some newly elected members in their own tower. One of the conditions imposed on the band was that ringers should attend every service for which they rang, irrespective of any other service attended. They were unable to observe this condition, but the Vicar was adamant, so a band of loyal church people were unable to use their talents and the bells were consequently not rung.

Despite the chairman's (Mr. G. R. Goodship) appeal to look for new talent, the officers were re-elected with one exception, Mrs. Winifred Lockwood being elected the new secretary. The meeting was pleased to have Mr. E. Pearce, the retiring secretary, with them, looking fit and well after being in hospital.

MASHONALAND DIOCESAN GUILD

Central African Provincial Guild Formed

THE final annual general meeting of the Guild was held in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, on March 14th, and was followed by a special meeting which amended the constitution and converted the Guild into a Provincial one. This in turn gave way to a meeting of the Provincial Guild, until at last tea time was reached, and finally some ringing. Five representatives from the Que Que band were present, and they took the chance of ringing rounds on eight and ten bells, call changes, and of plain hunting on five, all of which they did with great competence considering that their normal ringing is confined to four slow-going bells.

Ringing then continued with a touch of Bob Major and was finally rounded off with a quarter peal of Bob Triples for Evensong, the first quarter on the major eight in the tower, and, of course, for the Guild.

In his annual report the Master (Mr. J. R. Milford) gave evidence of the achievements of the last few months since Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blagrove arrived in September. He commented on the impressive speed with which Mr. Blagrove taught newcomers to handle bells on their own and the coolness with which he rings one tower bell in each hand and keeps another six errant ringers in place.

The Master reported three quarter peals, including the first of Minor, the first on eight bells, and one half-muffled in memory of Sir Winston Churchill, and also one peal, on the day of the great service of thanksgiving for the completion of the nave of the Cathedral. This was the first peal for three members. Call changes on ten bell are now rung frequently in Salisbury, and touches of Bob Triples and Bob Major are rung fairly often, but he thought that the standard of striking and the amount of paper work done between practices left something to be desired.

Finally the Master looked ahead to the end of the golden Blagrove era, and the dangerous possibility that Mr. Colin Stevenson being lost at the same time by having to look for work: he underlined the need for a band by that time who can correct their own mistakes when ringing, and are ready to welcome and systematically instruct newcomers to the towers. He said: "It is inevitable that many will start to learn and few become accomplished change ringers, but the only answer is enthusiasm, perseverance and patience from teachers and ringers alike, and a tradition of regular service ringing."

The remaining business included the treasurer's report, showing an unspectacular state of solvency, and the election of officers (Master, Mr. J. R. Milford; secretary/treasurer, Mr. K. S. Cross; librarian, Mrs. B. Mason; committee members, Messrs. F. T. Blagrove, C. Stevenson, H. Earle and Miss F. Pellatt).

The special general meeting then amended the Guild constitution so that it is now the "Central African Provincial Guild of Bell Ringers." It thus covers 485,000 square miles and includes one ten-bell and one four-bell tower.

Trustees were then appointed under the amended constitution. The Dean of Salisbury (the Very Rev. G. French Beytagh) was elected as honorary vice-president in recognition of his outstanding help to the ringing in Central Africa, and Mr. S. Eking, of Salisbury, was elected to honorary life membership of the

QUARTER PEALS AND SKITTLES AT BRIDGWATER

RINGERS from Bridgwater and North Somerset joined in a most enjoyable afternoon's ringing, followed by a social evening in the Bridgwater area on March 27th. Quarter peals, including one for the "married couples," had been arranged, and after a short pull at West Huntspill for those who had not rung there, the party split up to make their various attempts at the towers allotted.

General ringing had been arranged at St. Mary's, Bridgwater, from 5—6.30 p.m. and the belfry soon assumed the look of a meeting as the various bands returned from their afternoon's exertions. We learned that three of the four attempts were successful.

The ringing over, the company adjourned to the Crooked Chimney at Pawlett, where a total of 34 ringers and their wives enjoyed an excellent dinner, served in most pleasant surroundings.

The final venue of the evening was the Manor House Hotel nearby, where the traditional skittles match took place, and although in the later stages the stickers-up were not averse to "arranging" some rather surprising scores, it was obvious that Bridgwater were decisive winners.

A most enjoyable time was had by all, and it remains only to thank Mr. Cecil Clarke, of Bridgwater, for all his hard work in giving us such an enjoyable day out.

Appended are the quarter peals:

Cossington, Somerset. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Stone (first quarter) 1, Monica Horseman 2, Audrey Short 3, M. J. Stone 4, M. J. Horseman (conductor) 5, R. D. Short 6.

West Huntspill, Somerset. — 1,260 Doubles (four methods): G. Davis 1, L. Derrick (conductor) 2, T. G. Phillips 3, C. Kortright 4, W. J. Lott 4, H. Hardwidge 6.

Woolavington, Somerset. — 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. T. Clarke 1, G. H. Pullin 2, P. J. England (first of Cambridge) 3, G. H. Marchant 4, E. T. Lee 5, J. Brain conductor) 6.

A SPRING DAY IN "SUNNY" SUSSEX

AT the typical Sussex village of Balcombe, the Northern Division of the County Association held a very successful quarterly meeting on April 3rd. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until time for service, which was conducted by the Rector, who in his address welcomed the ringers and thanked them for all the work they were doing for the church.

After a short but pleasant walk to the Village Hall, the ringers found a splendid tea awaiting them, kindly provided by that local stalwart Mr. A. E. Laker, to whom the meeting tendered their grateful thanks. A short business meeting followed, with handbells concluding the visit to the Village Hall. Back at St. Mary's Church, ringing continued until 8.30. Several visitors from outside the county were given a hearty welcome, the outstanding one being that evergreen "back-ender" Reuben Sanders, who rang the seventh to a perfectly-struck touch of Stedman Triples, the rest of the band being made up of several of his old friends, all over the age of 60, their total ages adding up to 545 years. F. I. H.

Guild. Finally, plans to ring a farewell peal for the Dean, and to appeal as widely as possible for contributions towards the other two bells for the Que Que tower, were discussed. J. R. M.

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Letters to the Editor

MR. WOOLLEY DISSATISFIED

Dear Sir,—Since I figure in your leading article of April 2nd, I think I might be allowed to reply. Your answers fail to satisfy me, and I trust that you, and others who may be interested, will refer back to my letter in your issue of March 26th.

I must say, with all respect, that your arguments seem intended to confuse rather than clarify. Whether "The Ringing World" paid for itself before the war is irrelevant. My point is that ringers were ready to pay 3d. in those days, so should be ready to pay its equivalent (one shilling or more) in these more prosperous times. If the price before the war was inadequate, it should have been more, and today's price should be higher still.

Very many readers are sending donations. Why? Is it merely to ensure that their own reports are published, or is it through a genuine desire to see the paper solvent and able to carry on? If the latter, as I firmly believe, then they would surely be ready to pay a little more for the paper and save the present wasteful procedure with small postal orders. Why not ask them? Let us know exactly what the paper would cost per copy without any donations or having to batten on certain advertisers for space, and find out how many readers are willing to pay.

To end on a lighter note. Your leader states: "Weddings in weekly newspapers are often charged for and an additional charge is made for an illustration." While I do not doubt your word, I decided to discover the local custom, so I inquired of our two Watford papers. From both I had a most emphatic (almost indignant) "No!" No charge, not even with an illustration, though one of them was kind enough to point out that if I engaged a professional photographer the sordid fellow might demand something. I asked the first if they sent their own reporter. He said no, but if I would just fill in a form they would write the report from that. I gathered he wanted it done at once; he was most pressing. I was more wary with the second, but he was most anxious to know when and where the ceremony was to take place; he asked again and again. It was all rather embarrassing. Fortunately all this was done over the phone, or I would surely have been driven to commit bigamy.—Yours sincerely, Busbey Heath. C. W. WOOLLEY.

EXISTENCE VITAL

Dear Sir,—I agree most heartily with your front page article "And Some Were Ditched" in the April 2nd issue. There is certainly nothing derogatory in charity, especially if it helps to keep "The Ringing World" serving the Exercise, and every ringer will surely realise how vital is the continued existence of this weekly newspaper to the art of change ringing. The publication in "The Ringing World" of forthcoming meetings must save the various ringing Guilds and Societies pounds which would have been spent in postage each year.

How unfortunate that more have not followed the lead given by the Oxford Guild in making an annual donation to the funds of "The Ringing World."—Yours faithfully, Linslade, Beds. ALAN W. JEFFS.

P.S.—From now on your "Gratefully Acknowledged" column will occupy a lot more space, I'm sure.—A. W. J.

PEALS OF DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—I agree with Mr. J. D. Atkinson and Mr. E. A. Barnett that there is no reason why the Council should refuse to recognise peals of Grandsire Doubles containing Mr. Brian Price's 240's when it does recognise Mr. Morris' and my 240's. I consider that Mr. Price's 240's are quite as good and I am at a loss to know why they were not included. I should certainly support a proposition that they should be passed at the next Central Council meeting if it is brought forward.—Yours faithfully, A. J. PITMAN. Leamington Spa.

MORE ABOUT DOUBLES PEALS

Dear Sir,—My answer to Mr. E. A. Barnett ("The Ringing World," April 2nd, page 228) is Yes.

At the beginning of the 18th century the goal of ringing the extent of Triples was a challenge to both the composer and the performer, and the Exercise soon discovered that this length was sufficient to rank as a worthwhile achievement, but at the same time well within the limit of practicability. If the extent on eight or more bells had been insisted upon, few peals on such numbers would have been rung (in fact only one has!), so it seemed natural to take the extent on seven as an arbitrary but nevertheless ready-made yardstick for a peal on higher numbers. (It is interesting to reflect that it could be—and I believe once was—a moot point whether a peal should consist of at least 5,040 changes, rather than 5,000—which although round is an arbitrary number, whose roundness stems from the quite irrelevant fact that we have ten fingers. If we had had twelve fingers, and counted in twelves, 5,040 would be written 2E00, which is a round number (even non-mathematical ringers will no doubt appreciate that E stands for the "digit" eleven), while 5,000 would be 2X88 (where X stands for ten), and I imagine that peals of less than 5,040 would never have been countenanced.)

But once we come to fewer bells than seven we are in trouble, as repetition is inevitable, if we are to preserve comparable lengths. It seems clear that we must have complete extents, with perhaps 240's or 1,440's that bring up rounds at handstroke (although apparently this last requirement is not insisted upon), and since there is no point in going beyond the 5,040 changes, that has been agreed upon as the proper length for a peal of Doubles or Minor, I would agree that it is pointless to add a touch. We are therefore led by more or less inevitable steps to the accepted definition of a peal of Doubles or Minor which I quoted, in essence, in my previous letter. But there is no absolute inevitability about it: it is, after all, a definition, i.e., something laid down arbitrarily (albeit with good cause). And as I understand the definition, there is no such thing as a peal of 5,100 Doubles, so Mr. Morgan should not have claimed one; but that his band did ring a peal of 5,040, which he could have claimed.

Suppose a band goes into a tower and rings a touch of 60 Doubles to get the feel of the bells; and then (a) they set their bells, and after a few moments embark upon 5,040 Doubles, or (b) at the end of the 60 ring a few rounds and then start on the 5,040, or (c) go straight into the 5,040 at the conclusion of the 60. Which of these would count as a peal? Certainly the first. I would say all three. Mr. Barnett would, I imagine, disallow (c), but perhaps not (b) (but would three blows of rounds be enough, and if so why not one?). (Of course the possibility of a breakdown in the 60 cannot arise here—except in case (a), where all parties would agree it wouldn't matter!) I have also been asked, if an attempt for a peal of Doubles broke down in the twelfth extent, could one claim a quarter peal of 1,320? Of course we are not so fussy about quarters; and I think the answer would have to be Yes; although I do not imagine that any self-respecting band would bother to make the claim (except perhaps in a case where it would have been somebody's first quarter, on the principle that a quarter of a loaf is better than no bread).

One might criticise Mr. Morgan for attempting to ring a length of 5,100 Doubles, and for claiming a peal of that length having done so; but I still feel that the only correct interpretation of the definition of a peal of Doubles entitles his band to claim to have rung a true peal of 5,040.

A poser in return for Mr. Barnett: Would 14 consecutive extents of Minor count as two peals, or none?—Yours sincerely,

A. R. PARGETER.

Sampford Peverell, Devon.

WHAT IS A PEAL?

Dear Sir,—The correspondent who sent in the details of the peal in 23 Minor methods claimed to be rung by the U.L.S.C.R. at Biggin Hill on March 3rd omitted to mention their 24th method—"Firing." Obviously one cannot expect perfect striking all the time and complete freedom from trips in the ringing of peals; otherwise the number rung would be drastically curtailed, but surely ringers must set themselves some minimum standard of what is acceptable. This standard would have to be varied slightly if the peal was being rung by a band of experts or if the band included one or more attempting their first peal, but our sights should not be set too low. The young gentlemen who rang in this performance are undoubtedly going to be amongst the future leaders of our Exercise, and although much of their striking was of a good standard, I feel that they should examine their consciences in the near future and think: "Did we really ring what we claim—5,040 changes?"—Yours faithfully,

H. MICHAEL WILLIAMSON.

Biggin Hill, Kent.

UMPIRE'S REPORT ON PUTNEY PEAL

Dear Sir,—I umpired the silent and non-conducted peal of Holt's Original rung at Putney on April 3rd. I am pleased to confirm that it was absolutely rung silent and non-conducted and with conviction throughout. Every "lead" was checked and found correct, and I congratulate the band on their achievement.—Yours faithfully,

LOUIS HEAD.

Maidstone.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—In reply to the request of Mr. I. S. Merry for a touch of Grandsire Triples of not more than 167 changes, and containing Queens at a plain or bobbed lead, I enclose the following which he may find useful:

(154)	(154)
234567	234567
S 572634	— 752634
S 645372	S 647352
S 326745	— 236547
— 573426	253764
547632	275436
564273	247653
526347	264375
532764*	— 532764*
— 475632	— 475632
467253	467253
S 234567	S 234567

* Queens at hand.

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT E. J. DENNIS.

Bootle, Lancs.

154 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Ivan S. Merry ("Belfry Gossip," "Ringing World," April 2nd) the following touch contains Queens at handstroke at a plain lead.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID E. HOUSE.

234567
— 752634
— 467352
S 324567
352746
— 673452
— 647235
— 526347
— 532764
— 475632
467253
S 234567

This touch was also submitted by Mr. H. E. Taylor, of Darley Dale.

OBITUARY

MR. FRANK C. W. KNIGHT AN APPRECIATION

IT would seem a hard thing to write an appreciation of someone whom one has known for barely two years. Yet the writer of this feels no compunction in so doing, for in that short space of time he has been able to perceive the very great qualities of Frank Knight, whose untimely death took place on March 31st.

Frank's example in ringing is one of which any ringer might have been proud. Although he rang only about 140 peals—not a high number by modern standards—his chief glory was in the number of people he taught to ring and in the number of people who, though they might be ringers of several years' standing, came to be better ringers through him. He was a painstaking and tireless worker in this respect and there are many ringers in his own county of Kent, and elsewhere, who will testify to this. And yet he still had time to devote himself to composition, in which field he excelled himself many times, and in his younger days, to method construction. Although he favoured the simpler methods as being more musical, he was an expert in no small way in the field of the construction of Surprise methods. His greatest practical achievement was ringing the 30-cwt. tenor of Christ Church, Oxford, to the record peal of 12,663 Stedman Cinques on August 21st, 1946, in 8 hours 47 minutes. Yet he in no way despised ringing lesser peals with little-known bands and in the simplest of methods. There was no false humility there, and therein surely lay the key to the high regard in which he was held.

In 1959 a sudden coronary thrombosis all but ended his ringing career. For four years he was able to devote himself to his other interests, foremost among them being music. He was a most accomplished musician, in which sphere he had graduated and later became a Ph.D. He was well read in many other subjects besides, and particularly on religious subjects. It is sad to think that his return to ringing in 1963 was to end so soon. In 1964 he was appointed captain of the fast-waning band of St. Laurence's, Thanet, and in no time at all he was training a large contingent of young ringers. In October of last year he was appointed Ringing Master of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association, and announced that he was presenting to the District a trophy to be awarded annually at a striking competition. It is sad to think that when the first competition is held the donor of the trophy will not be there to see it presented. His natural generosity and hospitality was always expressing itself in this and other ways.

At the funeral, when one heard the passage from Job—"We brought nothing into this world and it is certain we shall take nothing out"—one was inclined to reflect that one may leave much behind, for good or for evil. We thank God for what Frank Knight has left behind—the challenge to become better and better ringers. Though Frank, with his ever-present smile and ready humour, has left us we can still say, with Job again, "The Lord gave, the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." D. L. C.



MR. HERBERT LANGDON

An outstanding personality in London ringing, Mr. Herbert Langdon, died on April 7th, aged 84 years. He was the youngest of four ringing brothers and the son of a well-known London ringer, Henry Langdon.

He was taught to ring by his brother William at St. Giles', Camberwell, and later rang at Lambeth, Chelsea, Fulham and St. Margaret's, Westminster. In 1900 he became a College Youth and in February of that year first rang at St. Paul's. This was the start of an active association with the Cathedral Society which lasted 58 years. For 10 years he was a substitute ringer, and then in 1910 he was elected to full membership of St. Paul's Guild. He succeeded Mr. W. T. Cockerill as conductor in 1938 and held this office until his retirement in 1958.

Mr. Langdon was also associated with Westminster Abbey bells and was the only survivor of the band who rang in the opening touch when the bells were augmented to eight in 1919. His first peal, Holt's Original, was rung at St. George's, Camberwell, in 1899, and was conducted by Mr. G. E. Symonds. His peal total was 549, of which he conducted 237. Mr. Langdon was the conductor of the 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton in 1922 (a record). He had also conducted Carter's odd bob peal of Stedman Triples and rang this composition to a silent peal on handbells. Herbert Langdon was in the forefront of ringers of his day, honoured and respected by all who knew him. By profession he was a shipping agent.

MR. WILLIAM ARTHEY

Mr. William Arthey, of Ardleigh, near Colchester, died on March 30th, aged 86. He had worked as a roadman and postman in the village, besides being steeplekeeper and a ringer at Ardleigh Church for over 40 years.

One Sunday in 1954, while ringing in a touch of Bob Major for Matins, he had a stroke and collapsed. For the ensuing 11 years he was paralysed and speechless, but he had managed to convey to his family that when he died he hoped a fully-muffled peal would be rung at his funeral.

Unfortunately a peal could not be arranged on a Monday afternoon, but a fully muffled quarter peal of Bob Minor was accomplished by: F. C. Southgate (74) 1, Susan Wenden 2, Mark Hughes 3, A. W. Cole (80) 4, F. H. Erith 5, P. G. Erith (conductor) 6.

MR. GEORGE NORTHWAY

Ringing in Southern Hampshire is poorer by the sudden death during an operation at Southampton Chest Hospital on January 20th of Mr. George Northway. He was only 25 and entered hospital the previous Wednesday and came out at the week-end to attend the annual meeting of the Southampton District.

He learned to ring at Romsey Abbey and rang there until his marriage in 1962 to Miss Gladys Kitcher, of Eling. Not long after moving to Eling the condition of the frame became a cause for concern and it was decided to rehang the bells in a new steel frame. He was largely responsible for the collection of several tons of waste paper which helped towards raising the money for the job. By this time he had been elected captain and was re-elected again only a few days before his death.

Because of his health he had rung only seven peals, a half peal and 82 quarter peals. He organised many outings, usually four a year.

His funeral on January 27th was attended by many friends of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild from as far afield as Fareham and Fordingbridge, also Mr. and Mrs. White, from Warminster. He was laid to rest while slow rounds, half-muffled, were rung on the bells.

The first quarter peal on the rehung bells, Grandsire Doubles, was rung to his memory, and also quarter peals at Romsey and Fawley. Peals of Stedman Caters at St. Mary's, Southampton, and of Spliced Surprise Major at St. Michael's, Southampton, were also rung in memoriam.

Every sympathy is extended to his widow and to his parents. May he rest in peace.

J. H.

COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): T. Owen 1, W. S. Crawford 2, B. Lloyd 3, G. Rich 4, R. Evans 5, R. Owen (first quarter) 6, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 7, W. Norcott 8. In memoriam Joseph L. Stanier, of Madeley, whose funeral took place on March 25th. Rung as a token of sympathy and esteem for valued friend and ringer.

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COPT OAK SPECIAL ALLIANCE

34.16 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.5. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

CORNHILL LITTLE BOB

34 x 36.14 x 3. 2nds 42635.
This new type of method was first incorporated in an extent and rung in peal on May 26th, 1961.

COTGRAVE ALLIANCE

x 14 x 16.34 x 34.1. 2nds 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

COTSWOLD TREBLE BOB

36 x 34.16 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 1. 2nds 35264.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907. Also called *Foxglove*.

COTTENHAM ALLIANCE

36.14 x 36 x 34 x 1. 2nds 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

COURT BOB (I)

x 14 x 16 x 1. 6ths 35264.
For full description see under *Single Court*. See also *Double Court*.

COURT BOB (II)

x 14 x 36 x 1 x 16 x 16 x 6. 35264.
Asymmetrical. In Hubbard's "Art of Ringing," 1845.

COURT SINGLE BOB

See *Single Court*.

COVENTRY DELIGHT

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 1. 6ths 35264.
First published "Clavis," 1788. Also named *Carlisle* and *Evening Star*, under which latter name it (incorrectly) appeared in C.C. Collection, 1907.

COVENTRY TREBLE BOB

See *Trinity Sunday*.

COVERLEIGH SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.5. 6ths 34625.

CRANFORD SPECIAL ALLIANCE

34.16 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 1. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

CRANFORD SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 123 x 34 x 3. 6ths 56342.
Single change method.

CRAYFORD LITTLE COURT

x 16 x 14. 6ths 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

CRIPPLEGATE LITTLE BOB (I)

x 34 x 14 x 14. 6ths 34625.
"Campanologia," 1702.

CRIPPLEGATE LITTLE BOB (II)

34 x 36.14 x 34. 6ths 64523.
Modern version. Rung on handbells May 26th, 1961, as with *Cornhill*.

CROFT SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 3. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

CROFTON SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.5. 6ths 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

CROFTON TREBLE BOB

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16.34 x 12.5. 2nds 54632.

CROMER ALLIANCE

x 16 x 16 x 12 x 5. 6ths 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

CROWLAND DELIGHT

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 16.34 x 12.5. 2nds 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

CROWN BOB (I)

"Campanologia," 1702. Omitted in later editions. An early attempt at method splicing. Thus

23456

Oxford T.B.

24365

42356

College Pleasure

62534

26543

College T.B.

45623

54632

4 times

repeated.

360

No other calling is given so that it is not possible to discover how a 720 was produced. The name *Crown Bob* appears on several peal boards (e.g., Newport, I.O.W., January 22nd, 1793), but a 720 would, of course, be false if this version of *Crown Bob* was used.

CROWN BOB (II)

See *King Edward's Surprise*.

CUCKNEY DELIGHT

See *Glastonbury Delight*.

CUMBERLAND BOB

34.16 x 36 x 1. 2nds 56342.

No name in C.C. Collection, 1907. Called *Cumberland Surprise* by W. Walker. "Bell News," 1882-3. Also called *Stoke-by-Nayland*.

CUMBERLAND EXERCISE

See *Morning Star*.

CUMBERLAND SURPRISE

See *Cumberland Bob*.

CUMBERLANDS YOUTHS' EXERCISE

36.16 x 36 x 5. 2nds 36245.
W. Walker. "Bell News," 1882-3. (3 blows in 6.)

CUNECASTRE SURPRISE

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 3. 2nds 35264.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

"D"

DAFFODIL TREBLE BOB

See *Cheviot Treble Bob*.

DAHLIA TREBLE BOB

See *Quantock Treble Bob*.

DANBURY DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 123 x 12 x 5. 6ths 56342.
Single change method.

DARFIELD DELIGHT

See *Woodcock's Delight*.

DARFIELD EXERCISE (I)

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 1. 4ths 35642.

DARFIELD EXERCISE (II)

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 1. 2nds 56342.
This method found in William Woodcock's notebook is identical with the *Evening Star* published in C.C. Collection, 1931.

DARFIELD PLEASURE (I)

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 3. 4ths 36524.

DARFIELD PLEASURE (II)

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 1. 4ths 35642.
In C. D. Potter's notebook.

DARFIELD SURPRISE (I)

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.1. 2nds 42563.

DARFIELD SURPRISE (II)

x 56 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 3. 4ths 45362.
William Woodcock's notebook.

DARFIELD VICTORY

x 36 x 14 x 56 x 16 x 14 x 1. 6ths 34625.
William Woodcock's notebook.

N.B.—At least some of these Darfield methods were rung in the Wath-on-Dearne Darfield area. Evidence may be found in notebooks and minutes of the local Societies.

DARLINGTON ALLIANCE

34.16 x 16 x 34 x 1. 2nds 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

DARRINGTON ALLIANCE

34 x 34.16 x 36 x 3. 2nds 42635.

DARTON DELIGHT

x 36 x 14 x 56 x 36 x 14 x 3. 6ths 65243.

DARTON EXERCISE

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 5. 2nds 54632.

DARTON NEW PLEASURE

See *Royston Treble Bob*.

DARTON TREBLE BOB

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.1. 2nds 36245.
Also known as *Thurton Treble Bob*.

DARTON VICTORY

See *Royston Treble Bob*.

DAY STAR

See *Ecclesfield Treble Bob*.

DEARNE VALLEY SURPRISE

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 1. 2nds 65324.
Rung at Wath-on-Dearne.

DEEPCAR DELIGHT

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 5. 2nds 42563.

DENBY TREBLE BOB

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.1. 4ths 45362.
Rung at Wath-on-Dearne.

DENTON SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.3. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

DENTON TREBLE BOB

See *Nelson Treble Bob*.

DEWSBURY DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 14 x 1. 6ths 65243.
Found in the notebooks of C. D. Potter, William Woodcock, and A. Gill.

DEWSBURY SINGLE BOB

See *Grandsire Double Bob*.

DEWSBURY SURPRISE

x 36 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 14 x 1. 2nds 54632.
W. Walker. "Bell News," 1882-3. Also William Woodcock.
Not a Surprise method.

DIAMOND

x 16 x 36 x 56 x 36 x 14. 2nds. 42563.
Asymmetrical. In Annable's notebook.

DINTING DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.3. 4ths 36524.

DIONIS DOUBLE

See *Andrew's Double*.

DISLEY DELIGHT

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 3. 2nds 35264.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

DONCASTER DELIGHT

x 56 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 1. 6ths 56342.
In the notebooks of C. D. Potter and William Woodcock.

DONOTAR DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.3. 2nds 42635.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907. Also called *Lily*.

DORNEY COURT

See *Annable's*.

DOUBLE BOB

See *Double Plain Bob*.

DOUBLE COURT

x 14 x 36 x 1. 6ths 56342.
Called *Court Bob* in Stedman's *Campanologia*, 1677; "Campanologia," 1702; "Clavis," 1788; and Annable's notebook. It was called *Double Court Bob* in "Shipway," 1816, and *Double Court* in C.C. Collection, 1907.

DOUBLE LONDON SURPRISE

See *Biddulph Surprise*.

DOUBLE OXFORD BOB

x 14 x 36 x 5. 2nds 42635.
Oxford Double Bob in "Campanologia," 1677, 1702, and "Clavis"—also in Annable's notebook; *Double Oxford* in "Shipway," 1816, and C.C. Collection, 1907.

DOUBLE PLACE

36.14 x 36.14.5. 2nds 64523.
The 3rd of three place methods, composed by Shipway and published in his "Campanologia," 1816. See also *Place* and *Reverse Place*. Each one involves bells lying 3 blows in one position.

DOUBLE (PLAIN) BOB

x 16 x 16 x 5. 2nds 56342.
Called *Single Bob* in "Campanologia," 1677, but *Double Bob* in "Clavis," 1788, and C.C. Collection, 1907.

DOUBLE STEDMAN

See *Stedman*.

DOUBLE STEDMAN SLOW COURSE

36.14 x 36.14.3. 4ths 35642.

DOVE DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 1. 6ths 52364.

DOVER (CASTLE) DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 1. 6ths. 42635.
First published C.C. Collection, 1931. Also called *Prince Regent*.

DRONFIELD DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 1. 4ths 52643.

DRONFIELD SURPRISE

See *Bakewell*.

DUKE OF ALBANY (I)

See *Royal Sovereign*.

DUKE OF ALBANY (II)

A false method once rung in South Yorkshire.

DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE

See *Nelson's Victory*.

DUKE OF KENT

See *Belper*.

In notebook of a Mr. Addy, of High Hoyland, Barnsley.

DUKE OF LEEDS

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 3. 4ths 64235.
Called *Evening Exercise* in William Woodcock's notebook; also in Addy's notebook of 1865.

Alphabetical Index—continued.**DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH**

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 16
x 12 x 16 x 34 x 16. 43562.
Asymmetrical. Addy's notebook.

DUKE OF NORFOLK

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 5. 2nds 64523.
Grandsire Treble Bob in Annable's notebook. Sandal Delight in Thackrah's book, 1852. No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.

DUKE OF WELLINGTON

A false method in W. Walker's 1882 list.
See also Bishop's Delight.

DUKE OF YORK TREBLE BOB

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 1. 4ths 62534.
In Thackrah's book. "Composed" by him, 1794; first rung at Dewsbury same year. Was a "standard" six-bell method until "regular" lead-ends only were included in C.C.'s publications. Snowdon included it in his "Standard Methods."

DUNEDIN DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.5. 2nds 64523.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907. Also called Bristol Delight.

DUNHOLME SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.5. 2nds 42635.

DUNSTABLE BOB

x 14 x 16 x 5. 4ths 46325.
"Campanologia," 1702. Also Annable's notebook.

DURHAM SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.1. 2nds 35264.
First published in "Clavis," 1788. Also named in C.C. Collection, 1907.

(To be continued)

5,007 STEDMAN CINQUES

(No. 10)

BY ANDREW HUDSON

2314567890E 6 9 18 19

3124657890E (a)

314265 S —

413265 — S S

412365 S —

214365 — S

2134657890 1 S 2

314265 — 2

412365 — 2

413265 S 2 } A

312465 — 2

214365 — 2

2143658790E (b)

213465 A

2143658709E 1 A

(a) — 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13s, 14, 15, 16.

(b) = 1, 2, 13s, 15s.

First rung at St. Giles', Cripplegate,
by the Cambridge University Guild,
on January 16th, 1965, conducted by
J. M. H. Hunter.

5,088 SEDGLEY SURPRISE MINOR

BY CHARLES J. SEDGLEY

M W H 23456

— — — 54632

— — — 36245

— — — 42563

x — — 42635

— — — 63425

— — — 46325

— — — 34625

— — — 23645

Repeat twice.

Rung at Sedgley, Staffs, on October 2nd, 1964.

Conducted by R. W. Pipe.

Method:

—58—16—12—38—14—38.143614—78—1.h. b.

120 MILES FOR A QUARTER PEAL

ON Sunday, March 28th, a day tour to St. Paul's, West Maitland, was arranged for Graeme Heyes, of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. Six Sydney ringers completed the party and met at St. James', Turramurra, for morning service ringing, with attempts at Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Soon after 10 a.m. we started on our 120-mile run northwards. David Langdon (All Saints', Parramatta) flew off in his modified Sprite ahead of Jack Cummins' (St. Mary's) Holden, and eventually reached Maitland half an hour ahead of schedule. The Holden suffered a burst tyre en route.

After lunch at the Aussie Cafe (the name didn't influence us, as we had already passed the Paragon!) we drove to the campanile at St. Paul's and were welcomed by local ringers Sid Hedges and Tony Farmer. The St. Paul's team has suffered from ringers leaving the district and there are now only four regular ringers. However, we soon had Sid and Tony ringing plain hunt. Sid felt confident about ringing the treble to a quarter peal of Grand-sire Doubles, and this was duly rung, conducted by Enid Roberts.

As we emerged from the tower, Sid's wife, Win, drove in the gate with a load of delicious afternoon tea. The effects of 90 degree-plus weather and the prevailing drought conditions at Maitland made us very appreciative of the Hedges' hospitality, and we consumed great quantities of tea, coffee and orange juice. Refreshed, we decided to attempt a quarter of Cambridge Surprise Minor, conducted by William Waison, and this, too, was unsuccessful.

As darkness fell we said farewell to our hosts, David and Graeme disappeared rapidly south in the Sprite, and the remainder of us followed at a more respectable pace. An unplanned venture on to an unsurfaced road caused a second blow-out, and we passed within a mile of the glow of a bush fire near Gosford, but by half past ten we were all safely back in Sydney after a most successful day tour. W. G. K.

ACROSS DORSET

A WEEK after the snow of the first day of spring, Saturday, March 27th, provided glorious sunshine to display what must surely be the best of Dorset countryside as a party of itinerant ringers described a north-south line across the county.

The ringing at some ten churches commenced at Childe Okeford, continued to Iwerne Courtney and at both these towers members of the local band welcomed us. The six at St. Martin's, Bryansstone, preceded lunch and we raised the bells for their own band to ring for a wedding.

Pimperne opened the afternoon's proceedings and was followed by Winterbourne Whitchurch, where the Vicar left the televised "Grand National" to open the tower for us. Everything comes from Birmingham—even this tower's bell frame! Passing Milton Abbey, we came to Hilton, which, along with Haslebury Bryan, gave us an easy task. Not so the next six, at Buckland Newton, which required great efforts to ring to say nothing of those required to raise the bells.

Problems, too, were experienced at the mighty 19 cwt. five of Sydling St. Nicholas—long draught, heavy—but these were small compared with the difficulty of finding precisely what part of the bell the chiming apparatus was attached to!

Martinstown, alias Winterbourne St. Martin, has a splendid little 8 cwt. ring which, when we had found the treble, provided a fitting end to the tour. I. C. S.

ORMESBY, YORKS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Ellerington 1, Mrs. M. Lawson 2, Mrs. L. Warrior 3, A. Woodall 4, J. Roach 5, K. Lawson 6, T. Cox 7, P. Wishart 8. For Confirmation service at which the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. K. Lawson were confirmed.

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'BELFRY GOSSIP'

With the peal of Stedman Caters at Worsley on March 27th, Mr. Peter Wycherley has rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

We regret to learn that Mr. John R. Ketteringham is in the Louis Lloyd Ward of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, W. He was due to have an operation last week-end and expects to be in hospital for some time.

Mr. Frank T. Blagrove, now at Prince Edward School, Salisbury, Rhodesia, hopes to go to Kilifi, Kenya, this Easter. It is 1,700 miles away and a dirt road for most of the journey.

The two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. K. Lawson had a listening role when a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Ormesby, Yorks, for the Confirmation service, as they were candidates. Afterwards they commented favourably on the ringing.

The quarter peal of Plain Bob Major at Ewell on March 28th was rung on the eve of the birthday of Peter Munday. It was his first attempt as conductor. His father, Mr. C. W. Munday, is the new general secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

Mr. F. J. Lewis, of Cirencester, was afraid he would have let the side down in the quarter peal rung at Holy Trinity, Watermoor, on March 25th for his 84th birthday. He, however, rang in a touch of Stedman before the quarter started.

Exuberant with their peal of nine Spliced at Knowle on April 3rd, two of the band took the wrong train home. The rest of the band have yet to be convinced that their motive was not to advertise their achievement to the rest of Gloucestershire.

According to the "Church Times" an 18th century bell in St. Michael's Church, Hallam, Notts, which for over 50 years has been cracked and silent, has been recast and rehung at the request of Sir Stephen Gibson, a former parishioner. Also renovated and rehung is a smaller bell reputed to date from the 12th century.

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TOWER CAPTAIN'S WEDDING

A peal of Surprise Minor was rung at St. Mary's, Addington, Surrey, on March 27th, by friends of the bride and bridegroom following the wedding of the tower captain, Mr. Andrew Macve, to Miss Katharine Guy, of St. Mary's, Lewisham.

Andrew has been largely responsible for the building up of the Sunday service band to a Surprise Minor standard during recent years and he will be greatly missed. Quarter peal attempts before Evensong are a regular weekly occurrence, 34 having been rung, largely by the Sunday service band in 1964, most of them being conducted by Andrew. The peal ringers included the best man, a bridesmaid and an usher.

The local band wish Andrew and Kate every happiness in their new venture.

A TEN FOR SYDNEY

The Sydney Press report that the ring of ten bells for St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral, Sydney, will be installed ready for ringing by November 30th this year. At present the stonework on the south-west tower is being repaired in readiness for the bells.

WORK VOUCHER PROBLEM

Mr. Walter G. Knight, of 20, Warrangi Street, Turramurra, New South Wales, is anxious to come over to "the land of bell ringing." He has his fare for the return trip but wants to gain some experience in advertising and also ring some bells.

The U.K. Information Office has suspended the application for work vouchers indefinitely. He asks if any reader can help him to obtain the all-essential work voucher—in other words, offer him employment.

A DOUBLE SILENT

Mr. Donald G. Clift, of Cardiff, was privileged to take part in the peal of Holt's Original rung strictly silent at St. Mary's, Putney, on April 3rd, and in consequence has now been lucky enough to ring the composition silent on both handbells and tower bells. From investigations he has made it would appear that the only other ringer to accomplish this was the late Challis F. Winney. In endeavouring to establish if this is correct, Mr. Clift asks anyone with information to the contrary to notify him.

A SUSSEX WEDDING

A band of seven Kent ringers and one from Sussex, by kind invitation of Mr. W. Arthur Riddington, rang a peal of Rutland Surprise Major at Upper Beeding on April 3rd for the wedding of Trevor Anthony Cracknell to Mr. Riddington's second daughter, Wendy. The band also rang the bride in and out of church. After the peal the band were entertained, in the usual Riddington manner, by the bride's father and mother.

ST. SIDWELL'S, EXETER

In the 1942 blitz the Church of St. Sidwell, Exeter, was destroyed and the 10 bells in the church crashed down. The church now considers that there are better uses for £60,000 than building a new bell tower to the restored church. The one bell retained from the original ring will be sounding again soon and the others, except one stolen, are to be sold.

M.R.I. IN WHITSTABLE BELFRY

M.R.I.—Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence—is now almost the password of the Anglican Communion. When, after the Toronto Conference, we were urged to look again at our giving with the stern warning "None of us lives to himself; The Church that lives to itself will die by itself," the Church of All Saints with St. Andrew, Whitstable, Kent, decided to translate words into action and to raise enough money to build a church in Willowvale, South Africa. The ringers also took up the challenge and have collected £60 for a bell. This has now been cast and it is to be dedicated at Whitstable on May 2nd. It will be on view some time beforehand. Owing to structural difficulties it is a small bell, weighing about $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., and it is inscribed as follows:

John Taylor and Co. Founders.

Whitstable to Willowvale 1965.

Glory be to God.

It will certainly be better than the pieces of old railway line in normal use as "bells" out there, writes David L. Cawley.

IN A GOOD FRIDAY FILM

A B.B.C. West Region film unit visited the Old Church, Uphill, on April 4th during ringing in connection with the restoration appeal shortly to be launched. As well as shots of the bells and the magnificent view from the top of the tower, they filmed and recorded plain courses of Bob Minor, and several ringers separately, including visitors Gillian Webb, of Lichfield Cathedral, and Ann Durent, of Crayford.

It is expected, writes Mr. P. John Hall, that the film will be used in "Points West" on, most inappropriately, Good Friday.

A LADIES' GUILD STALWART

The Ladies' Guild has lost one of its great stalwarts by the death of Miss Elizabeth Foulk, who was interred at Duffield Cemetery, Derby, on March 30th. One of her notable performances was turning in the tenor to the first all-ladies' peal of Major at Handsworth, Sheffield, in 1925. Mr. Denis R. Carlisle, of 85, Derby Road, Risley, Derby, would be interested to hear of any ladies who rang with Miss Foulk in that peal.

THE LATE MR. F. C. W. KNIGHT

In the report of the passing of Mr. Frank C. W. Knight a line was unfortunately lost. The report should read: "Later he taught successively at Hove College and then at Kingston and Farnham Grammar Schools."

WHAT WAS REALLY SAID

Mr. A. Patrick Cannon writes:

Dear Sir,—With reference to the comment in "Belfry Gossip" under "Ipse Dixit." I fear I have been misinterpreted! I did not say "We have not got a good tenor ringer at Dorking." What I said was "We do not have a good tenor ringer only at Dorking," meaning that all our men who can ring the tenor can also ring "inside." I was mentioning how useful the "tenor ringer only" was in the old days to bands all over the country. They always helped to maintain a good beat, so important for ringing odd-bell methods.

THE STEEPLEKEEPER

"The Irish Bell News" has an ever-useful editorial on "The Steeplekeeper." His duties are listed as follows: "Seeing that the bell frame is kept painted, all bolts and nuts are tight, bearings properly lubricated, ropes are examined and moved up or down to lengthen their lives against fraying at the garter hole, clappers are checked, greased, and see that none are loose, gudgeons greased, and to see that broken stays are replaced and that renewals are proper fits and secure with the requisite bolts, and the tower and ringing room are kept in a clean and tidy state. One who carries out these duties religiously can be classed as a good steeplekeeper."

The article also describes his opposite number: "The steeplekeeper who 'knows everything' yet does not maintain the bells in proper order, who refuses to take advice and keep the door to the belfry under lock and key at all times, is a menace to his church and the bellringers. Occasionally ringers come across such people, who get very offended if their attention is drawn to an obvious fault in the bells. Nobody knows everything, even as he gets older he still has something to learn. The taking of advice is a great asset to any steeplekeeper, and good steeplekeepers will listen to wise words and give them, too."

THE LATE CANON C. CAREW COX

AN ANALYSIS OF HIS PEALS

CANON COX rang altogether 136 peals, of which he conducted 54. These were rung in 85 different towers in 25 counties of England and Wales and for 22 Associations. He learned to handle a bell at Stockland, Devon, in 1902 and rang his first peal at St. Paul's Hammersmith, on December 17th, 1904, which was Grandsire Triples, conducted by Thomas Langdon. His last peal was at Lyme Regis on December 19th, 1957. Details: **Minor**.—Treble and Plain Bob 1, Plain Bob 5, Cambridge 2.

Triples.—Grandsire 18, Stedman 37.

Major.—Plain Bob 18, seven each of Kent, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge. Bristol 2, Lyme 2, and one each of Oxford T.B., Yorkshire and Rutland.

Caters.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 14.

Cinques.—Stedman 3.

A peal of Bob Royal at Wimborne in 1921 later proved to be false. Forty-one peals were rung for the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and 16 for the Warwickshire Association.

Canon Cox's first peal as conductor was Holt's Original at St. Nicholas', Chiswick, on April 1st, 1907. He called this composition from every bell and was in the band which rang it "silent" at Christ Church, West Bromwich, in 1909. He was also in the peal of Stedman at Gateshead in 1908, when W. H. Barber called Carter's Odd Bob "blind-folded." Other peals of note are the first peal of Stedman Caters by ten clergy at Warwick in 1910, the first peal on the restored ring at Sherborne in 1934, the first peal for the newly-formed Clerical Guild, which he conducted in 1938 at Knebworth, Stedman Cinques on the old 12 at Bow, and the first peal of Lyme Surprise Major, which he conducted in 1951.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
ADELAIDE, South Australia.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., Mar. 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Six-Part.	Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. in C.
James O. Goulter Treble	William B. Pitcher 5
Monica E. Collins 2	Brian R. Cox 6
Frederick N. Smeaton 3	Philip M. J. Gray 7
Ronald K. Russ 4	David J. Bleby Tenor

Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.

Rung in honour of the visit to Adelaide of His Grace, the Archbishop of Canterbury.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Wed., Mar. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.	Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in G.
*Pauline Bligh-Cheesman Treble	Derek B. Williams 4
†Christine Snelling 2	John T. Parsons 5
Michael G. R. Zobel 3	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

* First peal. † First "inside."

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Mar. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version.	Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.
Derek F. Yates Treble	John Worth 6
Harold C. Lonyon 2	Alan McFall 7
Basil Jones 3	*Michael W. Crowder .. 8
Robert J. Warrilow 4	A. Peter Whitehead .. 9
William H. Dowse 5	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.

Conducted by Basil Jones.

* First peal of London Royal.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Mar. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Single Oxford Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob.	Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.
John E. Brough Treble	Gerald Parsons 4
Terence E. Trickett 2	Frank R. Morton 5
James S. Baker 3	Frederick S. Sutton .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

The treble ringer has now "circled the tower" three times.

SANDBACH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 16½ cwt.
Howard G. Flynn Treble	James S. Baker 4
A. Doreen Edwards 2	Gerald Parsons 5
Terence E. Trickett 3	Frank R. Morton Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

Rung on the back six.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHURCHILL, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Mar. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Reginald G. Hooper .. Treble	Ian D. Thompson 5
Hubert E. Ashley 2	Geoffrey W. Randall .. 6
Edward Holdsworth 3	Ernest J. Gower 7
Brynley A. Shackleton .. 4	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed.

Conducted by Peter Border.

Rung with best wishes to Roger Harris and Janet A. Evans, married at Allesley on March 20th, and Ian C. Maycock and Anne Hobbins, married at Claines, this day.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in G.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sun., Mar. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

F. Mark Robottom Treble	Philip J. Rothera 5
Linda M. Foot 2	John H. Fielden 6
David J. Allen 3	John K. Foot 7
Susan Funnell 4	Peter S. Bennett Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by David J. Allen.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Ian C. Maycock and Miss Anne L. Hobbins.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

CHULMLEIGH, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., March 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Jennifer M. Cook Treble	*Malcolm M. Powell .. 5
*John R. Faithfull 2	Alan Carveth 6
*Peter J. Joyce 3	David J. Forder 7
John R. Taylor 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

Conducted by David J. Forder.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 22 cwt. 26 lb. in D.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CIRENCESTER, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., March 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Andrew Howard Treble	Michael J. Hobbs 5
Elizabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	Bernard G. North 6
Alan Tubb 3	John C. Slater 7
Hugh N. Evans 4	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler.

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of the Holy Nativity, Knowle.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 1,024 London, 800 Watford, 896 Bristol, 640 Cambridge, 512 each of Dorchester and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 123 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.

*Ivor Goulter Treble	†Cyril A. Wratten 5
Rev. Roger Keeley 2	Don C. Exell 6
*Victor Griffin 3	Anthony R. Peake 7
Edward R. Venn 4	Brian Bladon Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* 25th peal together. † 300th peal.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.

On Sat., March 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Eric Edmondson Treble	Vernon Green 5
Robert L. Piron 2	Gerald Penney 6
*Christine M. Rimmer .. 3	Roger Baldwin 7
David A. Carpenter 4	Stephen Ivins Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal in the method.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Caroline Carpenter and Robert Harris at Wimbledon later in the day.

GREAT AMWELL, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

*Paula Healing Treble	†Michael J. Sherrick .. 4
Julia A. Fellows 2	Roger D. R. Brown .. 5
Keith J. Walpole 3	Gerald Penney Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all the band.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Fri., April 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, and 1,248 Bristol, with 111 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.

Herbert E. Audsley Treble	Frederick J. Cullum 5
Ann Jenner 2	Philip A. Corby 6
Lucile M. Corby 3	Martin L. Howe 7
David S. Osenton 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

In memoriam the Princess Royal.

BROMLEY COMMON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Percy J. Spice Treble	Maxwell F. Oakshett .. 5
Arthur G. Mason 2	R. Thomas Newman .. 6
F. J. Hilda Oakshett .. 3	*Tony Lewis 7
*Richard G. Crosland .. 4	Ian H. Oram Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* First peal in the method.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Peter Wycherley Treble	J. Colin Ashworth 6
Tudor P. Edwards 2	Dennis Latham 7
*Christine Andrew 3	Richard Starkie 8
John P. Partington 4	Derek Butterworth .. 9
Geoffrey Cheetham 5	Ivan Kay Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Sylvia Walker and Robert Harrop.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MILNROW, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Derek Butterworth Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw 5
*Richard Starkie 2	*Dennis Latham 6
Margaret E. Fort 3	Richard Parker 7
J. Colin Ashworth 4	*Tudor P. Edwards Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis.
* First peal in the method.

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., March 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 1,600 London, 1280 Rutland, 640 Bristol and 320 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative, Pudsey and Lincolnshire, with 110 changes of method.

*Robert B. Smith Treble	Peter Wycherley 5
John Booth 2	Derek Butterworth 6
Dennis Latham 3	Neil Bennett 7
Philip H. D. Jones 4	Frederick Shallcross Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.
* 500th tower bell peal. First of Spiced Surprise as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Philip H. D. Jones.

KIRBY LONSDALE, Westmorland.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.
Nicholas M. Newby Treble	Alan Capstick 4
James E. Dickinson 2	Nicholas M. Newby, jun. .. 5
Stanley Anderton 3	Thomas F. Metcalfe Tenor

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Peter J. Staniforth Treble	Norman Chaddock 6
John Chilcott 2	George W. Pipe 7
Harold N. Pitstow 3	Frank C. Price 8
John Freeman 4	Wilfrid F. Moreton 9
George E. Fearn 5	Harry Parkes Tenor

Composed by David E. Parsons. Conducted by John Chilcott.
A 65th birthday compliment to Harry Parkes.

CLAYBROOKE PARVA, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Alfred Ballard Treble	William A. Lacey 5
W. Ernest Rawson 2	B. Stedman Payne 6
Geoffrey M. Brewin 3	Roland H. Cook 7
Dan S. Pont 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

*Geoffrey Paul Treble	Harold F. Gibson 7
Jane K. A. Cook 2	James W. Raithby 8
Anne E. Bateson 3	†John Hobson 9
Jack L. Millhouse 4	†John R. Pratchett 10
Geoffrey R. Parker 5	†Peter A. Sharp 11
Walter Tomlinson 6	William L. Exton Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts (C.C.C. No. 18).

Conducted by Geoffrey Paul.

* 200th peal. † First peal of Stedman Cinques "inside." ‡ First peal of Stedman Cinques.

A compliment to Robin H. Rogers and Janet I. Porter, on the occasion of their marriage.

PINCHBECK, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., March 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 DARLINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Ronald C. Noon Treble	Denis Woods 5
Frank Taylor 2	George W. Massey 6
Derek J. Jones 3	Cyril R. Burrell 7
Roger D. Bailey 4	Raymond H. Daw Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by George W. Massey.

IRNHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods/variations, being 10 extents each of April Day, Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire (all different) and 12 Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in G.

David J. Hopkinson .. Treble	*David R. Baxter 3
Charles F. Baxter 2	Michael R. Rooney 4

†William A. Holmes Tenor

Conducted by David R. Baxter.

* 25th peal for the Guild. † First of Doubles.

Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Baxter, parents of the conductor.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

PENARTH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Augustine.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED MAJOR

Being 1,440 Cambridge Surprise and 3,600 Plain Bob, with 90 changes of method.

James L. Fitzgerald .. Treble	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 5
Penelope J. Welch 2	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland .. 6
Ruth E. Havard 3	Stephen Fenwick 7
Roger G. Havard 4	David J. Llewellyn Tenor

Arranged by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.

First peal of Spiced Plain and Surprise Major for all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Bridget.

On Thurs., April 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being two 240's and 38 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Graham A. Evans .. Treble	Harold Preece 4
Thomas E. Hiddins .. 2	D. Walford Davies 5
William T. Petty 3	Trevor J. Froley Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

* First peal (13 years).

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., April 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 CHESTERFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Claudia A. Critchley .. Treble	John Hill 5
Joan Beresford 2	G. William Critchley .. 6
John R. Ketteringham .. 3	Thomas J. Lock 7
Alick Cutler 4	John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

TOTTENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5104 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 lb.

Patricia Rogers Treble	C. Martin Press 5
Joan Spreadbury 2	Christopher H. Rogers .. 6
Vanessa C. A. Rodrigues .. 3	Robert E. Hardy 7
David E. Rothera 4	John R. Ketteringham .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.

First peal of Little Bob Major by all the band except the conductor.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to mark the engagement of Robert Hardy, of Elstree, and Katherine Maylott, of St. Albans.

NON-ASSOCIATION

KING'S LYNN, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 29 cwt. 75 lb. in C.

A. Benjamin Cooper .. Treble	*David S. Johnson 6
F. Charles Hobson 2	Ian G. Campbell 7
Keith Goldthorpe 3	John S. Rank 8
Nolan Golden 4	*Ronald Ducker 9
Norman V. Harding 5	Brian D. Threlfall Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

* 25th peal together.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LOWESTOFT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Thurs., April 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

Miss D. Toon Treble	Thomas J. Brock 5
P. Kindred 2	Norman P. J. Cossey 6
Andrew E. Crowe 3	Stephen F. High 7
Leonard M. Raphael 4	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Composed by J. Burton.

Conducted by Stephen F. High.

First peal as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
HOLKHAM PARK, Norfolk.—at the Church of St. Withburga.
On Sun., March 21, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Single and Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tony Owen Treble	Leslie W. Houghton .. 4
Shelagh R. Collins .. 2	*Michael Stacey .. 5
Fev. M. C. C. Melville .. 3	Norman V. Harding .. Tenor

Conducted by Norman V. Harding.

* First peal in seven methods.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
OXFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

*Percy Hull Treble	Gwilym Salmon 7
Walter F. Judge 2	John Hartless 8
Nicholas J. Martin .. 3	Frank L. Harris 9
Frederick A. H. Wilkins 4	Robert C. Kippin .. 10
Frank W. Lewis 5	Edward J. Chivers .. 11
Philip N. Tubbs 6	Lewis F. Cobb Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

Conducted by Philip N. Tubbs.

* First peal on twelve bells.

Tenor 31 cwt.

CHOLSEY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., April 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

A 27-course block reduced.	Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.
*Stephen J. Franklin .. Treble	G. Robert Mordaunt .. 5
*Geoffrey K. Cook 2	*Andrew J. Howes .. 6
*Angela M. Ayres 3	*Robert A. Partridge .. 7
Roger M. Heyworth .. 4	Bruce Wakefield .. Tenor

Conducted by Bruce Wakefield.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method for all except the conductor. First as conductor on eight.

NORTHLEIGH, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods/variations, being one extent each of Marston, Tichborne, Folk, Cadbury, three each of Little Aston, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Seighford, Old April Day, Kennington, and seven each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*Susan M. Holden .. Treble	Peter G. Holden .. 4
†Edward D. Patching .. 2	James F. List 5
†T. Geoffrey Holden .. 3	M. Douglas Morgan .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Holden.

* First peal at first attempt. † First of Doubles. First in 14 methods by all the band and first of Doubles as conductor. Peter G. Holden is now the first local ringer to have "circled the tower" to peals. First peal on the bells by a resident band.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Thomas J. Lock .. Treble	†David S. Osenton .. 7
Cyril S. Jarrett 2	John S. Mason 8
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 3	†Christopher T. Osenton 9
Gilliam M. Hussey .. 4	Martin L. Howe .. 10
*Andrew J. Corby 5	†Trevor A. Cross .. 11
D. John Hunt 6	Philip A. Corby .. Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus "inside." † First twelve bell peal.

‡ First of Maximus.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., April 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John C. Eisel .. Treble	Edward W. Colley .. 7
Jennifer M. B. Cook .. 2	Martin D. Fellows .. 8
*Roger W. Powell .. 3	Norman J. Goodman .. 9
Susan Funnell 4	Michael J. Fellows .. 10
Roderick W. Pipe .. 5	J. Alan Ainsworth .. 11
George E. Fearn .. 6	Peter Border .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal of Maximus.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARMINSTER, Wiltshire.—At the Minster Church of St. Denys.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Edgar C. Shepherd .. Treble	Raymond E. J. Baker .. 5
David G. Massey 2	David T. H. Robertson .. 6
Frances M. Massey .. 3	Norman G. N. Knee .. 7
George W. Massey .. 4	Frederick S. Slatford .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by George W. Massey.

CORSCOMBE, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Seven extents in three methods, being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt. in F sharp.

Mrs. C. W. Powell .. Treble	Gilbert W. Rendell .. 4
Cuthbert W. H. Powell .. 2	*Frank G. Knight .. 5
Raymond P. Selway .. 3	William E. Turner .. Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

* First peal of Minor "inside."

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAYBROOK, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

George A. Dawson .. Treble	Peter Humphrey .. 5
*F. David Wilson .. 2	Robin Stalvies .. 6
Susanna Poppleston .. 3	Simon Humphrey .. 7
Elizabeth Foster .. 4	Richard A. G. Inglis .. Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Richard A. G. Inglis.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

A birthday compliment to Frederick A. Salter.

FARNSFIELD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 FARNSFIELD BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

M. (Baz) Smedley .. Treble	David D. Parsons .. 3
*Margaret E. Chilton .. 2	George A. Dawson .. 4
John R. Pratchett .. Tenor	

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

* 75th peal. First peal in the method.

A compliment to John C. Warren and Hilary Skeritt, on their engagement.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

BURTON-UPON-TRENT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

*Margaret M. Woolley .. Tenor	Barnabas G. Key .. 6
†Jennifer L. Toon .. 2	John K. Smith .. 7
Gordon Harrison .. 3	Ian Friend .. 8
Percy Haynes 4	George L. Roobottom .. 9
William J. Leach .. 5	†Michael Webster .. Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

* First peal. † First on ten bells. G. L. Roobottom has now "circled the tower."

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Brunning, on their silver wedding anniversary and birthday celebration of 4th and 5th ringers.

PATSHULL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., March 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

*Philip R. Johnson .. Treble	Remi M. Hodister .. 4
Marlene E. Townsend .. 2	Clive M. Smith .. 5
*Richard B. Dorrington .. 3	Philip G. K. Davies .. Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

* First peal of Surprise.

FORTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being four extents of Oxford and three extents of Kent, rung alternately. Tenor 14½ cwt.

E. Marion Key .. Treble	Cyril Taberner .. 4
Anthony Howell .. 2	Ian Friend .. 5
Barnabas G. Key .. 3	Howard Howell .. Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London, S.W.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.
Diana M. Frost Treble	Christopher F. Mew .. 5
Donald G. Clift 2	Frank E. Darby 6
Thomas E. Sone 3	Roderick W. Pipe 7
Alan J. Frost 4	Brian J. Bull Tenor

Rung silent and non-conducted.

The tenor ringer has "circled the tower."

Umpire: Louis Head.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

UPPER BEEDING, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

Herbert W. Woolven .. Treble	Colin A. Tester 5
Cyril S. Jarrett 2	Martin L. Howe 6
Oliver D. Tester 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
David S. Osenton 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Trevor Anthony Cracknell and Wendy Riddington, who were married at this church this day.

SEDLSCOMBE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John Baptist.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, a 2,160 of Cambridge Surprise, and two extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Eric A. Fellows Treble	Frederick J. Lambert .. 4
*Ann Harris 2	Alan R. Baldock 5
*Valerie Mephram 3	Ian V. J. Smith Tenor

Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.

* First of Minor in three methods.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Wed., March 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

*Christine Mason Treble	David E. House 6
David J. Forder 2	Maurice J. Butler 7
Carolyn Vibert 3	Michael J. Thomas 8
Thomas H. Francis 4	Frank C. Price 9
John R. Faithfull 5	Tom Chapman Tenor

Conducted by David J. Forder.

* First peal of Royal. First of Pudsey Royal by all except 4, 7 and tenor, and first on the bells. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

BIRLINGHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Thurs., March 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of Southrepps, Kennington, Old, St. Columb, April Day, Clifford's Pleasure, Dedworth, Wychbold, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire, and nine extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

*Ronald J. Stephens .. Treble	John Clements 3
James Attwood, jun. .. 2	*Ian Lloyd 4

*Arthur C. Berry Tenor

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.

* Most methods/variations to a peal.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Sheffield and District Society)

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., March 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

David Nichols Treble	Neil Donovan 6
Kathleen M. Higgins .. 2	George S. Lee 7
Norman Chaddock 3	John N. D. Chaddock .. 8
Richard Tibbetts 4	Richard E. Price 9
Cyril Rusby 5	Stuart Armeson Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

Rung after the wedding of Miss Sheila Briggs.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., March 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

Ronald H. Dove Treble	*John E. Whittall 6
John K. Smith 2	Arthur C. Berry 7
George Pluckrose 3	Jeffrey Brannon 8
*Kingsley C. Jones 4	Derek P. Jones 9
Adrian C. Boorman 5	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Plain Bob Royal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to C. Barrie Dove.

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.

On Sat., March 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 HUNSLET BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in B flat.

Catherine R. Slater .. Treble	*John E. Whittall 5
*Arthur C. Berry 2	*George Pluckrose 6
*†Kingsley C. Jones .. 3	C. Barrie Dove 7
*Adrian C. Boorman .. 4	*Jeffrey Brannon Tenor

Composed by J. Carter.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells.

PENISTONE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sat., March 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 ST CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*Stuart Armeson Treble	*Neil Donovan 5
*David Nichols 2	George S. Lee 6
Richard Tibbetts 3	Norman Chaddock 7
Richard Farnsworth .. 4	John N. D. Chaddock .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde.

Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

* 25th peal together. First in the method for all except N. Chaddock.

(Sheffield and District Society)

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., March 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.

Tessa Hollis Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw 5
Norman Chaddock 2	Neil Donovan 6
Elsie Chaddock 3	Stuart Armeson 7
John J. L. Gilbert 4	John N. D. Chaddock .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Norman Chaddock.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At "Bombay," 24, Ridge Crescent.

On Wed., March 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's Twelve-Part.	Tenor size 12 in F.
Alan McFall 1—2	Robert B. Smith (cond.) 5—6
Neil Bennett 3—4	Derek Butterworth .. 7—8

First peal of Triples on handbells by all the band except the conductor. First peal of Triples on handbells as conductor.

A birthday compliment to Derek Butterworth.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—All rung at Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycloch.

On Fri., March 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

*Penelope J. Welch .. 1—2	J. Arthur Hoare 5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe .. 3—4	Hazel Way 7—8

Arranged by Brian J. Woodruffe. Conducted by J. Arthur Hoare.

* First peal of Major on handbells. First peal of Major on handbells as conductor.

On Sat., March 13, 1965, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 TROSTRE BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1—2 | *Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4

J. Arthur Hoare 5—6

* 600th peal. First peal in the method.

On Mon., March 22, 1965, in 1 Hour and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 ENNERDALE BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4

J. Arthur Hoare 5—6

First peal in the method.

On Sun., March 28, 1965, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Edmund J. Morris 1—2 | Hazel Way 3—4

J. Arthur Hoare (cond.) .. 5—6

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BISHOPSTOKE, Hampshire.—At 20, Edward Avenue.

On Wed., February 24, 1965, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent of Kent T.B. and six different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 24 in D sharp.

Margaret E. L. Chapman 1—2 | Frank C. Price (cond.) .. 3—4

David J. Forder 5—6

50th peal as conductor.

TROSTRE BOB MINOR:

34. 16 x 16. 34. 56. 1.h. 16—65243.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY. — On April 4th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Rayfield 1, Wendy Wallace 2, R. Bird 3, Margaret Godfrey 4, J. Preston (first of Surprise) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. Rung by the local band for Evensong and as a wedding compliment to Andrew Macve and Katherine Guy.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA. — At St. Peter's Cathedral on Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. S. Adams 1, Monica Collins 2, Kaye Lynas 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, R. K. Russ 5, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 6, B. R. Cox 7, D. J. Bleby 8. Rung half-muffled for the funeral of Sir Winston S. Churchill. Also on Feb. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. S. Adams 1, Kaye Lynas 2, Monica Collins 3, H. Greenhalgh 4, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 5, R. K. Russ 6, B. R. Cox 7, D. J. Bleby 8. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. O. Goulter 1, Monica Collins 2, Kaye Lynas 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 5, B. R. Cox 6, R. K. Russ 7, D. J. Bleby 8. For Evensong.

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS. — On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. J. Hall 1, Miss P. Kingstone 2, Miss D. Webb (first as cond. "inside") 3, F. E. Hall 4, G. Kingston 5, Rung to honour the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Webb.

ALFORD, Lincs. — On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Maultby 1, Miss B. Willoughby 2, J. I. Smith (cond.) 3, S. H. Sutton 4, D. Maultby 5, C. Wilkins 6. A wedding compliment to George R. Willoughby (ringer at this church) and Miss Barbara E. Martin; also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Willoughby, of Totby Manor, bridegroom's parents.

BALDOCK, HERTS. — On Mar. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. Ellison (first of Major) 1, E. Wills 2, P. Salisbury 3, S. Hutton 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, L. Hughes 6, M. Orme (cond.) 7, J. Dear 8. Also on April 4th, 1,280 St. Clement's Bob Major: J. Orme 1, R. Castledine 2, D. Salisbury 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, S. Hutton (first in the method) 5, J. Dear 6, E. Buck 7, C. Harwood (cond.) 8.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET. — On April 2nd, 1,264 St. Clement's Bob Major: R. Smith 1, E. T. Lee-2, Rose Smith 3, P. J. England 4, G. H. Pullin 5, M. Heymann 6, J. Brain 7, M. J. Horseman (cond.) 8. First by all except 7 and 8.

BATH, SOMERSET. — At St. Michael-with-St. Paul's on April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Webber 1, Miss C. Mitchell 2, G. J. Hawkins 3, D. C. Hawkins 4, J. G. Hobbs (cond.) 5, P. J. Devrell 6.

BECKENHAM, KENT. — On Mar. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. W. Cave 1, P. M. Balchin (first "inside") 2, Mrs. R. Ling 3, F. P. Mead 4, Mrs. C. Shiers 5, R. Ling (cond.) 6, S. A. Nicholls 7, D. E. Beach 8.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX. — On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss S. Bird 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss H. Copperthwaite 3, R. J. Brown (cond.) 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. For Maids on Mothering Sunday.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT. — On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Penelope Kift (12) 1, Mrs. B. Stocker 2, Mrs. D. Williamson 3, R. C. Kift 4, Mrs. B. van-Asselt 5, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 6. First in method by 1 and 4.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK. — On Mar. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Southgate 1, E. Jackson 2, M. H. Whittell 3, N. F. Whittell 4, M. J. Howes (first as cond.) 5. For Evensong.

BURTON, HANTS. — On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Rushforth 1, K. Sansom 2, S. Lockyer (first "inside") 3, H. DeCombe 4, K. Tipper (cond.) 5, E. Marriner 6.

CADOXTON-JUNTA-NEATH, GLAM. — On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): J. Alexander 1, E. N. Thomas 2, R. MacPherson 3, D. Barrington 4, C. Ricketts 5, I. Davies 6. Jointly conducted 2 and 5. Also 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Alexander 1, I. Davies 2, R. MacPherson 3, D. Barrington 4, C. Ricketts 5, E. N. Thomas (cond.) 6. Rung by the Cowbridge Grammar School.

CASTLE ASHBY, NORTHANTS. — On April 3rd, 1,320 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): E. Buckley 1, B. Vickers 2, R. Cowley 3, D. Pearson (cond.) 4, T. Smith 5.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET. — On Mar. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Chaplin 1, C. Reasons 2, H. Spencer 3, C. Avery 4, J. Walton (cond.) 5.

COSSINGTON, SOMERSET. — On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Nabb (13) 1, Audrey M. Short 2, L. Walker 3, R. Short (cond.) 4, H. Best 5, Rev. G. T. Voden 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6. First by an all Sunday service band at this church.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX. — At St. Mary's on Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Fox 1, A. Baldock (cond.) 2, Janet Percy 3, Rev. M. Northwood (first on eight bells) 4, L. Baldock 5, R. Percy 6, H. Reynolds 7, I. White 8.

ECCELESTON, LANCs. — On April 1st, 1,272 Oxford T.B. Minor: L. Walmsley 1, J. Nelson 2, J. D. Nixon (cond.) 3, W. H. Hunter 4, G. J. Mee 5, J. E. Sumner 6. For Confirmation.

ESHER, SURREY. — On April 3rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. F. M. Maybrey 1, P. Henry 2, Anne Horsford 3, Genebeth Mooring 4, C. Daws 5, C. J. Webb 6, D. G. Blows 7, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise Major by 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7.

EWELL, SURREY. — On Mar. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Wiles 1, P. J. Munday (first as cond.) 2, Mrs. C. W. Munday 3, W. Parrott 4, R. C. Spittle 5, S. J. Philbrick 6, C. W. Munday 7, J. E. Beams 8. For Mothering Sunday and a birthday compliment to conductor.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX. — On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Frostick 1, Elizabeth W. Smith (first quarter) 2, Anne M. Smith 3, Felicity S. Pocock 4, P. Stevens (cond.) 5, P. M. Wills 6. For Evensong.

FILTON, GLOS. — On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Howard (cond.) 1, Miss R. C. J. Sheldon 2, Miss M. N. Haslum 3, D. C. Haslum 4, D. S. Voss 5, F. M. Sheldon 6. Rung for the fourth anniversary of the consecration of the church.

GEDLING, NOTTS. — On April 4th, 1,320 Doubles (11 variations): J. Dawson 1, Miss M. E. Chilton (25th quarter) 2, J. T. Burnup 3, D. A. Osborne 4, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 5, R. Adey and R. J. F. Watson 6. Most methods to a quarter by all, 25th quarter on the bells.

GOOLE, YORKS. — On April 3rd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. B. Cooper 1, K. Goldthorpe 2, G. K. Smith 3, F. C. Hobson 4, R. Ducker 5, I. G. Campbell 6, R. D. Gibson 7, Rev. F. Moss (cond.) 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX. — On Feb. 28th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. Ainger 1, I. J. M. Saunders 2, M. J. Cowling 3, Jane Foster 4, J. P. Brandon 5, H. Carter 6, P. M. Wilkinson (cond.) 7, D. A. S. Symonds 8. A compliment to the tower captain, Mr. L. Ainger, on the birth of a grand-daughter.

HASLEMERE, SURREY. — On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Venton 1, F. Bowden 2, Mrs. E. Weatherley 3, I. Weatherley 4, Mrs. Kee Bowden 5, A. Betsworth 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, R. G. Burford 8. For Mothering Sunday service.

HEMINGTON, SOMERSET. — On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Hawkins 1, Sandra Weaver 2, E. Penney 3, R. Weaver 4, Jennifer Durston (cond.) 5, N. Perkins 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Sir Winston S. Churchill.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS. — On Mar. 28th, 1,320 Doubles (six methods): R. Larkin 1, J. Dowse 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison (cond.) 4, J. A. Heaps 5. For Evensong.

HURSTPIERPONT, SUSSEX. — On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6 and 8 covering): Kathleen Forecast (first in the method) 1, H. W. Brown 2, A. M. Humphrey 3, Eileen Cutler (first on a cover bell) 4, J. R. Norris 5, P. Wilson (first quarter) 6, S. W. Brown (cond.) 7, R. Tribe 8. Rung by the local band to welcome the Rev. R. A. Hook, M.A., following his Institution and induction to the living of Hurstpierpoint on the previous Monday.

HUTTON, ESSEX. — On April 4th, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints): W. G. Wright 1, C. E. Hill 2, W. J. Waller 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Princess Royal.

IRNHAM, Lincs. — On Mar. 20th, 2,520 Doubles (seven methods): A. J. Colborne 1, D. J. Hopkinson 2, P. A. Slight 3, G. N. J. Colborne 4, D. R. Baxter (cond.) 5. Rung for the birthdays of 1 and 4.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK. — On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Shelagh R. Collins 1, M. Stacey 2, W. Cousins 3, R. Newton 4, C. Cousins 5, E. H. Maslin (first of Stedman as cond.) 6, N. V. Harding 7, J. Coles (first quarter) 8. For Evensong. Also on April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Bush 1, R. Newton 2, W. Cousins 3, R. Shipp 4, G. Mann 5, C. Cousins 6, N. V. Harding (cond.) 7, L. W. Houghton 8. Half-muffled in memoriam H.R.H. the Princess Royal.

LUNG ASHTON, SOMERSET. — On Mar. 29th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: D. G. Yeo 1, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 2, G. H. Pullin (first of Rutland) 3, A. E. Cox 4, E. T. Lee 5, M. J. Horseman 6, J. Brain 7, P. Bridle 8.

LATE NOTICES

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Hartford on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. R. W. Worrall, 33, Riddings Lane, Hartford. 6672

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—St. Bridget's, West Kirby, April 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous. — Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtun, Birkenhead. 6681

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Meeting at Buckden, Saturday, April 24th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6667

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tilney All Saints', Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6674

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chiltern Branch
A.G.M., WENDOVER
Saturday, April 24th

Ringling 2.30 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names, by Wednesday previous, to D. G. Wheeler, 47, Whaddon Chase, Aylesbury, Bucks. 6675

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Stow-on-the-Wold Branch. — Evening meeting, Bourton-on-the-Water, Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) available 6 p.m.—7.30 p.m., or later if required.—L. C. Dowdeswell, Sec., Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold. 6666

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—Combined practice at Farnborough (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and bells up to 9 p.m. on April 24th. Notifications for tea to Mrs. J. M. Kippin, 75, Southwood Road, Cove, Farnborough, Hants. 6668

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ludlow and Church Stretton District. — Quarterly meeting, Worthen, Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. No teas provided.—G. Randle, Hon. Sec. 6661

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Wargrave on April 24th at 6 p.m. Special method: Cambridge Major. 6679

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Mildenhall, Saturday, April 24th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 6678

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on Saturday, April 24th. Ringing from 2 p.m. Names for tea, by 20th inst., to Dr. Graham Service, 17, Clevedon Gardens, Glasgow W2.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Meeting, April 24th, Lymington, 3 p.m. Tea in Olde Bank House 4.40. Service and ringing at Milford-on-Sea 6.15. Names for tea essential to L. F. Cobb, 182, Southampton Road, Ringwood. 5663

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District.—Meeting, Tuesday, April 27th, All Saints', Leicester, 4.30 p.m. Striking Competition, May 1st, South Wigston, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names, by April 28th, to undersigned. Entries for competition by April 24th.—A. James Poyner, 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leicester, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.E. District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 1st, at Burnham—not Tollesbury as previously announced. Bells and striking competition 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Thursday, April 29th, to J. P. Brandon, 424, Baddow Road, Chelmsford (72100). Visitors welcome. Special method: Killamarsh. 6676

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Annual general meeting, Ipswich, Saturday, May 1st. St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6), St. Mary-at-Quay (6), St. Nicholas (5). All 2.30—4.15 p.m. St. Mary-le-Tower (12) 3—4 p.m.; St. Lawrence (5) 4—4.30 p.m. Service in St. Lawrence's Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. followed by business meeting. St. Mary-le-Tower 7—8 p.m. St. Margaret's (8) 7—9 p.m. Names for tea to Andrew T. Beckwith, 8, Lansdowne Road, Ipswich (Tel. 75647). 6662

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OSWY STREET MEMORIAL CUP. This open 6-bell contest will take place in North Notts on September 11th. Write for rules and send entries to H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, Notts. 6644

VETERANS' REUNION.—July 3rd next at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. All over 65; please make an effort to attend. All interested, write J. Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W.16. 6652

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MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting and Striking Contest at Great Longstone on Saturday, April 17th, at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., for which please advise Mrs. Shaw, The White Lion, Great Longstone.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 6611

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—A.G.M. at Midsomer Norton, Easter Monday, April 19th. Service 12 noon (preacher, the Bishop of Taunton). Lunch in Church Hall at 1.15 p.m. Names for lunch (6s.) and tea (2s. 6d.) essential to General Secretary, enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope. Bells available: Midsomer Norton (8), 11-12 and after meeting; Frome (8), Mells (8), Beckington (8), 9.45-11.15 and 5.30-7.30; Nunney (6), Whatley (6), 9.45-11.15; Marston Bigot (6), Leigh-on-Mendip (6), 5.30-7.30; Chewton Mendip (8), Shepton Mallet (8), Farmborough (6), all 10.30-11.30 and 5.30-7.30; Hemington (6), High Littleton (6), Chilcompton (6), all 6-8; Radstock (6), 5.30-7.30.—G. Salmon, Gen. Sec., 9, Kennion Road, Wells, Somerset. 6566

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting on Easter Monday, April 19th, at Penrith. Bells available at 1 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea 4.30, to be followed by A.G.M. Names for tea are essential and should be sent to Mr. M. Allison, 10, Brougham Street, Penrith.—J. W. Brownrigg, Gen. Sec. 6608

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Easter Monday, April 19th. Ringing: 12-1, Sawston (8), Meldreth (6); 12.30-1.30, West Wrattling (5), Great Wilbraham (8), Orwell (5); 1-2, Ickleton (8), Horningsea (5); 1.30-2.30, Duxford (6), Bottisham (5); 2-3, Bourn (8), Witleford (6); 2.30-3.30, Cherry Hinton (5), Foxton (5), Haslingfield (5); 3-4, Melbourn (6), Stapleford (6); 3.30-4.30, Harston (6), Little Shelford (6); 4-5, Trumpington (8); after meeting Trumpington (8), Cambridge St. Andrew's (8), Cambridge St. Benet's (6), Chesterton (6). A Ringing Master will be in charge of each tower; members and friends are asked not to ring outside the published times for which permission has been obtained. Service, Trumpington Parish Church, 5. Tea 5.30, Trumpington Village Hall, High Street, Trumpington, followed by annual general meeting. Tickets for tea (3s. 6d. per head, children under 10 free) are now available from B. D. Threlfall, 6, Pigtle Close, Harston, Cambridge. Accommodation is limited: to ensure admission please send your money, and a stamped, addressed envelope. 6579

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Practice at Yorktown, Camberley (8), on Easter Monday, April 19th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. All welcome. 6646

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Easter Monday, April 19th, annual general meeting at Canterbury. Service Cathedral at noon. Ringing School, Leeds, near Maidstone, May 1st, 10.30 a.m. onwards. Applications with 6s. and s.a.e. to me. Ringing Rally, Rainham, July 10th. Association Dinner, Sittingbourne, September 25th.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec., 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent. 6530

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting to be held in Cardiff on Easter Monday, April 19th. Service in St. John-the-Baptist Church at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in St. James' Church Hall at 5 p.m. Ringing available: Rumney, 12-1; Llandaff Cathedral, 1.30-3; Whitchurch, 2-3; and St. John's 2-4 p.m. and after the meeting. Names for tea, please.—M. J. Prvor, Hon. Sec., 43, Downton Road, Rumney. Cardiff. 6568

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday. Service at All Saints' 11 a.m. (bells 10 a.m.). Tea (5s.) at The Hopmarket. The Foregate, 5 p.m., for all who notify me. Bells: Powick (6) 1.30-2.30, Malvern Link (8) 2.15-3.15, Welland (6) 3-4, Hanley Castle (6) 3.30-4.30, Worcester, St. John's (8) 2-3, Claines (10) 3.30-4.30, Cathedral (12) 6-7.30, All Saints' (10) 7-8.30.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 6598

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice meeting, Batheaston (6), Thursday, April 22nd. Bells available 7.30-9 p.m.—M. de Jong. 6635

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Backwell (8) on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 6240

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cheddar on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—M. Legg, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wanstraw, Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. Colwell, The Kennels, Wanstraw.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 6649

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Barton-le-Cley, Saturday, April 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. H. Mann, 67, Hexton Road, Barton, Beds. 6636

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, April 24th, at St. Mary's, Warwick. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Numbers for tea important to Mr. J. L. Garner Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. Diary holders note change of date. 6609

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Derby, Saturday, April 24th. Bells available: St. Alkmund's (8) 2 p.m.-4 p.m.; Cathedral (10) 3.45 p.m.-4.30 p.m. and after meeting; also St. Peter's (8) after meeting. Service, Cathedral, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea, by April 20th, to Mr. G. A. Halls, 54, Willson Avenue, Littleover, Derby.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 6610

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Tickhill, Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. W. Cannings, 4, Westgate, Tickhill, Doncaster. 6648

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting April 24th, Berkeley, 2.15 p.m. in Town Hall or Church. Tea 4.30 at Berkeley Arms, Berkeley. Price 3/9 in advance before April 21st to F. S. Browning, Berkeley Arms, Berkeley, Glos. Send stamped and addressed envelope for tickets. Service, St. Mary's, Berkeley, 6 p.m. Towers open: Berkeley 11-1.45 and after service; Cromhall 10.30-11.30; Stone 11-12; Stinchcombe 11-12.30; North Nibley 11-1.45; others by application to the incumbents. Nominated for Master, Rev. F. F. Rigby and Mr. W. F. Scudamore; for Central Council, 1966-68, A. L. Barry, W. B. Kynaston, J. R. Taylor and C. A. Wratten.—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec. 6620

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Egham, Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Mrs. D. Parsons, Boswinger, Mount Lee, Egham.—R. Collins, Dis. Sec. 6638

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Hatfield on Saturday, April 24th. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting at Countess Ann School, School Lane, 4.50. Stiletto type heels must not be worn in the School Hall. Resolutions will be presented to increase subscriptions and peal fees, to centralise the bell fund and to alter the format of the annual report. Ringing arrangements: Kimpton (6) 9.30-10.30, South Myms (6) 10-11, Wheathampstead (6) 10.30-11.30, Radlett (6) 11-12, Harpenden (8) 11-12, Sandridge (6) 11.30-12.30, Welwyn (8) 12-1, St. Albans Cathedral (12) 12-1, St. Michael's (8) 1-2, St. Stephen's (6) 1.30-2.30, St. Peter's (10) 2.45-3.45, Tewin (6) 2-3, Essendon (6) 3-4, Hatfield (10) 3-4.15 and after meeting until 8.30, North Myms (8) 7.30-8.30. Names for tea essential, by Wednesday, April 21st, to Mr. A. Chapman, 18, Endymion Road, Hatfield (Tel. 2191).—A. R. Agg, Gen. Sec. 6597

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Ash-by-Wrotham on April 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify, by previous Wednesday, Mr. J. V. Muller, School House, Ash, Sevenoaks.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6641

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Chilham, Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea Village Hall. Names for tea together with cash, please (cost 2/-), by Wednesday, April 21st, to Mr. J. E. Harding, Thorpe Farm, Old Wives Lees, Chilham, Canterbury. 6651

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, April 24th. Bells 3.15. Service 4.30. Evening ringing at St. Luke's, Bromley Common. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 21st, to Mr. P. J. Spice, 6, Glebe Road, Bromley. 6654

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at Headingley on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available: St. Michael's (8) 3-4.45 p.m. Short service at St. Chad's 5 p.m. followed by tea. Names for tea, please, by previous Thursday, to Mr. Alfred Johnson, 80, Castle Grove Avenue, Leeds 6. St. Chad's bells available after tea. 6639

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Leicester, Saturday, April 24th. Ringing arrangements: St. Margaret's (12) 2.30-4, Cathedral (12) 3-4.10, All Saints' (8) 3-4. Service, Leicester Cathedral, 4.15 p.m.; preacher, the Rev. R. J. Hunting, Vicar of Sileby. Tea 5 p.m. in Alderman Newton's Boys' School Dining Centre (21, St. Martin's). Accommodation for tea limited to 140. Names must be sent, by Wednesday, April 21st, to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. (Tel. Leicester 823140.) No name, no tea.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6625

LINCOLN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 24th. Holy Communion, Ringers' Chapel, Cathedral, at 8 a.m. Tea in the Tythe Barn at 4.15 p.m. Service at Cathedral 5.15 p.m. Meeting after service. Ringing: Brant Broughton (6) 11-12, Norton Disney (6) 12-1, Bassingham (6) 1-2, Lincoln Cathedral (12) St. Giles' (8), St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) 2 p.m. until tea-time and after meeting. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to J. Walden, 50, Cecil Street, Lincoln. Please note times of tea and service.—John Freeman, Hon. Sec. 6618

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Gosberton, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Wednesday previous, to Mr. A. G. Payne, Seadyke Lane, Gosberton, Spalding, Lincs.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6653

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Mulbarton, Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea to Mr. P. Adcock, 64, Birchfield Road, Mulbarton, Norwich (NOR 93W).—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 6614

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Spring meeting, Lower Heyford, April 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45. Bells Rousham (6) 6 p.m. Names for tea, by April 21st, to Mrs. Adams, The Square, Lower Heyford, Oxford.—C. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec. 6629

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, April 24th, at Slough. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Please send names for tea by Tuesday, April 20th.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 6647

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Business meeting at Duston on Saturday, April 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Ringing again afterwards. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton. 6607

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Meeting at Geddington on April 24th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Weekley in evening. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mrs. H. Knight, Carlton House, Geddington. Special methods: St. Simon's, Double Court, Beverley. All welcome. 6659

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Spring meeting at King's Cliffe on April 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday previous, to R. H. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough. 6656

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Finedon (8), Saturday, April 24th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Branch Secretary, Mr. R. Cowley, 45, Milner Road, Finedon, Wellingborough. 6657

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting Cattistock, Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Notify, by April 21st, Mr. G. Goringe, West Holway Farm, Cattistock, Dorchester. 6600

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Burton Bradstock, Saturday, April 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 6650

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, April 24th. Babworth, West Retford, East Retford, open from 3 p.m. Service at East Retford 4.30. Names for tea (2s. 6d.), by the previous Thursday, to Mrs. M. C. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford. Evening ringing at East, West and Ordsall. Alterations to rules are to be discussed. 6643

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting on April 24th, Earl Stonham (5) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. in Parish Room adjoining churchyard for those who apply by Wednesday, April 21st, to L. E. Last, Low Street, Hoxne, Diss, Norfolk. Ringing to follow at Stonham Aspoll (10) from 6 p.m. 6642

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, April 24th, East Hoathly (6), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Waldron (8) 6.15 p.m.—8.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, April 21st, to G. M. Fitzhugh, 36, London Road, Hailsham, Sussex.—G. Fitzhugh, Hon. Sec. 6506

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meetings will be held at King's Somborne on April 24th at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Monday previous. 6615

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, April 24th, St. Mary's, Alverstoke. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Brodrick Hall 5. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, please, to Mr. H. Nobes, 6, Molesworth Road, Gosport. 6637

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Meeting, Saturday, May 1st, at Queensbury. Names for tea essential, by April 26th, to Mr. C. Ellison, 9, Hazeldene, Queensbury, Bradford. Method: Cambridge Major. 6630

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, May 1st. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business in Walker Hall to follow. To ensure tea, give not less than three days' notice to Mr. S. G. Peck, 20, Merryhills Drive, Enfield, Middlesex. Ringing: Southgate 2.30 p.m. and evening: Enfield (St. Andrew's) 2.30 to 3.40 p.m.; Wood Green 2.15 to 3.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 6640

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wareham, Saturday, May 1st. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Lytchett Minster 7-8. Names for tea, by Wednesday, April 28th, to Mr. C. Heawood, 4, Walls View Road, Wareham. 6616

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION & SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting at Rotherham on Saturday, May 1st. Bells available: Wentworth (6), 11-12; Sprotborough (8), 11-12; Conisbrough (8), 12-1; Rawmarsh (8), 12-1; Wath (8), 1-2; Thrybergh (6), 2-3; St. Stephen's, Eastwood (8), 2.30-3.30 and 7-8; Rotherham Parish Church (10), 11.30-12, 12.30-1, 2.30-4 and 7-9; Treeton (6), 7-8.30; Whiston (8), 7-8.30. Service in the Parish Church at 4. Tea in the Parish Hall 4.45, followed by the general meeting. Subscriptions are now due and reports will be available. Names for tea are essential and should be sent to Mr. N. Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Rotherham, by April 29th.—W. F. Moreton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6591

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL FESTIVAL.—The annual festival will be held on Saturday, May 8th, at St. Thomas', Norbury, Hazel Grove. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5, followed by annual general meeting. Tickets for tea 5s. each. Applications before May 3rd to Mr. C. K. Lewis, 52, Wellington Road, Altrincham, Cheshire. Towers available: Norbury (8), 2-4 and after the meeting; St. George's, Stockport (10), 2-3.30; Pointon (6), 2-3.30; Marple (8) after meeting; Bowdon (8) by application.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec. 6544

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PENN. STAFFS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. T. Ford 1, Pamela Garbett 2, G. F. Griffiths 3, C. F. W. Eyre 4, Gillian M. Griffiths 5, E. G. Bowyer 6, C. Griffiths (cond.) 7, J. A. Roden 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Gillian Griffiths.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Stephen's Church on Feb. 28th, 1,260 (Grandsire and Plain Bob) Doubles: C. M. Rimmer 1, D. Fellows 2, Miss A. J. Macfarlane 3, P. T. Dale 4, P. J. Fells (cond.) 5, A. Malyan 6. A welcome to Don Fellows, who is returning to St. Albans in the near future. Also on Mar. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain, St. Martin's and St. Simon's): Miss C. J. Bland 1, Miss C. M. Rimmer (cond.) 2, R. Lewis 3, Miss A. J. Macfarlane 4, P. J. Fells 5, R. Bickerton (first quarter) 6.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods, 7, 6 and 8 covering): R. L. Coles 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, D. A. Burt 3, A. F. Lee (conductor) 4, Shirley A. Cox 5, I. P. Cox 6, D. F. Jefferies 7, J. H. Thompson 8. First in five methods by all except 3 and 4. A 21st birthday compliment to D. Jefferies. Also on Mar. 21st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. L. Coles 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, Shirley A. Cox 3, A. F. Lee 4, I. P. Cox 5, D. A. Burt (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 3 and 5 (all aged 14). A wedding compliment to two Twerton ringers, Mavis Baker and Jim Jefferies.

WHEATLEY, OXON.—On April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Woodward 1, A. J. Howes 2, Helen J. Howes 3, R. A. Howes 4, F. Absalom 5, Susan J. Howes (first as cond. on tower bells) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At Holy Trinity, Water-moor, on Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Law 1, Revd. T. P. Hearn 2, Mrs. W. Godwin 3, E. H. Jefferies 4, F. J. Lewis, jun. (cond.) 5, H. L. Cooke 6, W. Godwin 7, H. Telling 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Lewis, jun. and the ruby wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Cooke; also the 84th birthday of F. J. Lewis, sen. (Mar. 27th)*

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Mar. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Marriner 1, Valerie Porter (first quarter) 2, Pauline Smith 3, B. Hawkins 4, D. Parr 5, G. Peters 6, A. H. Smith 7, A. J. Smith (cond.) 8. A compliment to Alfred Winch on his 85th birthday.

NEATH, GLAM.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Lynda Williams 1, R. J. Hosking 2, E. J. Morris 3, J. Locke 4, J. M. Hughes (cond.) 5, D. G. Gould (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

UFFLEY, HERTS.—On April 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Carling 1, J. Harris 2, M. Trigg 3, E. Buck (cond.) 4, M. Orme 5. For the wedding of Margaret Preece and Peter Valentine.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Mixed Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. C. Hack (first quarter) 1, D. J. Gale 2, R. J. Gale 3, R. Hedges 4, F. G. Sandy (cond.) 5, A. J. Gould 6. For Mothering Day service.

RUTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (7, 6 and 8 covering two methods): Janet Hazeldine 1, Peggy Butcher (cond.) 2, Betty Butler 3, J. Nelson 4, A. Fuller 5, A. Baines 6, A. Butcher 7, W. Sale 8. A wedding compliment to Miss J. Carter and Mr. A. Lowther, married at Rotherfield this day.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Michael's Church on Mar. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss H. Webb 1, Miss P. Drew 2, Miss H. Walters 3, A. J. Luxford 4, Miss R. J. Kemp 5, Rev. K. W. H. Felstead 6, M. D. Trigg 7, P. J. Joyce (cond.) 8.

STURRY, KENT.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. Bouldin 1, Miss J. Parr (first quarter) 2, P. Harrisson 3, Miss C. Bouldin 4, R. Buton (cond.) 5, A. Pullin 6. For Evensong.

WALKERVILLE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jane Carter (first of Minor) 1, Suzette Wright 2, Helen Henderson 3, B. R. Cox 4, D. J. Bleby 5, R. K. Russ (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sir Winston S. Churchill.

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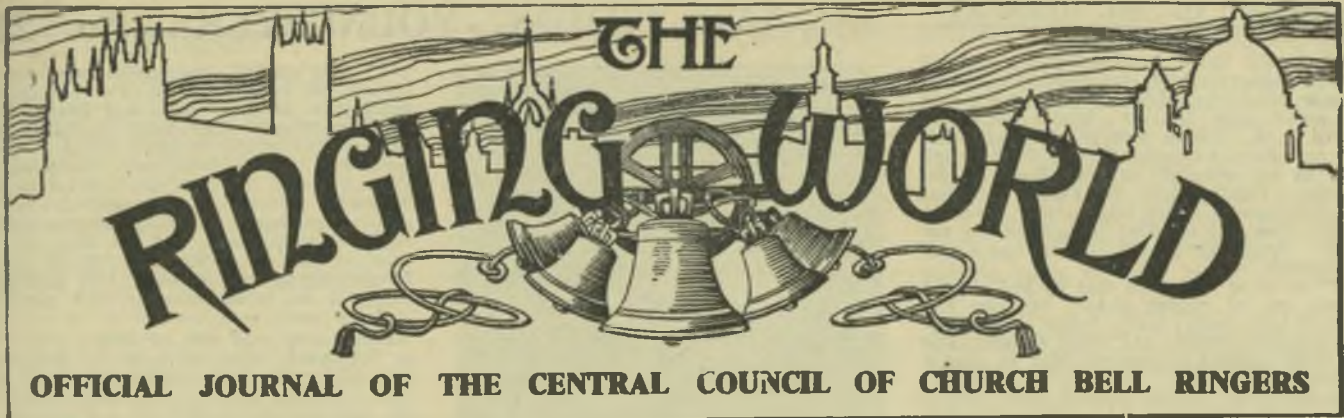
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HERBERT LANGDON, LONDON

OLDER members of the Exercise will be saddened by the news of the passing of Herbert Langdon on April 6th. He had been ailing for over three years and although severely handicapped by his own and his wife's illness, he doggedly carried on his business as a shipping agent from his home at Tooting. Towards the end he was unable to lie down in bed, and had to sleep in a chair because of the choking effects of severe catarrh. A few days earlier he had been removed to hospital but he died suddenly soon after his admission.

One by one these giants of the past are gradually slipping away from us, and we are all the poorer for their loss. Bert Langdon was one of the most colourful personalities the Exercise has ever known and his ringing career was remarkable. Born on September 2nd, 1881, in London, the son of a well-known London ringer, Bert was the youngest of three ringing brothers. Thomas, the eldest, and William each achieved considerable distinction in ringing, but Bert, who had been taught to ring by William, very soon outstripped them both.

His first experience of change ringing took place at Chelsea and Fulham, and later he migrated to St. Margaret's, Westminster, where he became conductor. In 1900 he became a College Youth, and in February of that year first rang at St. Paul's Cathedral. Evidently the Guild ringers of that day were impressed by his first effort, and he was appointed at once as a substitute ringer and served as such for ten years.

In 1910 he was elected to full membership of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild, and in all rang continuously at St. Paul's for 58 years. He succeeded W. T. Cockerill as conductor in 1938. During his career he associated with such great ringers as Matt Wood, James Pettitt, W. T. Cockerill, W. Prime, Sam Joyce, H. Springall, Ted Horrex, C. Burden, T. Benney, W. Tanner, A. B. Peck, Bob Newton, J. Oxborrow, J. W. Golding, Challis Winney, G. N. Price, the Pasmore brothers and many others, with all of whom he rang many peals. His first peal was rung at St. George's, Camberwell, in 1899. It was Holt's Original, conducted by that wonderful stalwart, still with us, George E. Symonds, who also conducted his next three. His fifth peal was Stedman Caters, at Beddington, con-

ducted by Harry Barton, who had taken a great liking to this promising youngster.

Bert never kept a record of his peal performances, but research by Len Stilwell and Edwin Jennings discloses that his total was in the region of 550, of which he conducted 238. His conducting of Thurstans' four-part was masterly and one could not but conclude that he was completely conversant with the "tune" from start to finish. He would conduct from any bell; indeed it was in the field of Stedman that he most distinguished himself.

The 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton in 1922 was his longest length, and he declared that throughout that remarkable performance he never had to correct any fault or mistake—he just called the bobs and singles!—and all that after starting in early morning after no breakfast. Bert also conducted the unfortunate long length of 12,675 Stedman Cinques, composed by Harry Miles, which afterwards was found to be false. He was extremely proud to have conducted Carter's odd bob one-part of Stedman Triples and to have taken part in the performance when this peal was rung on handbells strictly silent. He was closely associated with George N. Price in many remarkable achievements on both tower- and handbells.

He was an honorary member of the Westminster Abbey band, having been connected with it since the time the bells were augmented to eight.

As is customary with Westminster Abbey ringers, his body was received there at 5.45 p.m. on April 12th, and a short service was held in St. George's Chapel. The body remained there until 8.30 the following morning, when it was taken to Streatham for cremation.

During the last seven or eight years he did no ringing, but he maintained a lively interest in all that was going on in the field of ringing, and now we have lost another valuable link with those wonderful men of the past. We shall miss him, but we shall never forget him, and his sterling character, his ringing ability and his fairness will always be remembered by all who knew him.

To his widow, the whole Exercise will send out its heartfelt sympathy, and she may find some consolation in feeling that her sorrow is shared by his countless friends, not only in London, but also in all parts of the country.

JAFUS.

FUNERAL OF MR. HERBERT LANGDON

On a cold, bright April evening, a knot of ringers gathered outside the cloisters of Westminster Abbey, to take part in a service that has grown sadly familiar. Within four years Alfred Peck, Horace Belcher, Richard Deal, and now Herbert Langdon, had all been carried here to lay overnight in the chapel of St. George. Together with St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey ringers there were old friends who had travelled to London for the service, Arthur Davis, Bill Hibbert and Frank Smallwood.

It was seven years ago that he had slipped quietly out of ringing circles, but one still recalled him clearly; sharp, bright eyes, stooping shoulders, bowler hat tilting forward, and the small battered attache case that he carried everywhere.

Among many notable contemporaries he had been outstanding, both as a ringer and a personality. He was a remarkable conductor of Stedman, and achieved many fine performances in this method. His services to London ringing will probably remain unequalled: forty years at Westminster Abbey, and nearly sixty years at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Paul's Cathedral, where he was conductor for twenty years.

The coffin was carried in, and the procession formed and moved off slowly, the ringers following two by two, round the cloisters and along the nave to the small chapel. Here the funeral service was said, and, at the end, a course of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells by Frank Smallwood, Harold Pitstow, Philip Chalk and Michael Chilcott.

Then we left him, in the quiet Abbey, and went out into the evening, with our memories of a man who we were glad to have known.

M. C.

OLDEST BELLRINGER RETIRES

MR. WILLIAM OSWALD TALBOT (86), of Sunset Rise, Meanwood, believed to be the oldest bellringer in Leeds, and the longest-serving ringer at St. Michael's Church, Headingley, has retired because of failing health. For 64 years, twice every Sunday, he has climbed the 56 steps to the belfry to ring one of the eight bells.

"The finest bells in Leeds," he says. "Better than the Parish Church. The smallest weighs 5 cwt., the biggest over a ton. I have rung them all in my time."

Since he moved to Meanwood 13 years ago, Mr. Talbot has travelled to St. Michael's by motor-cycle. He has rarely missed a service, except for sickness and holidays, since he first joined the team at St. Michael's in 1901.

"I first started ringing," he told the "Yorkshire Evening Post," "when I was 13 in my native Worcestershire. 'I came to Leeds in 1900 as a commercial traveller.'"

In 1901 St. Michael's had a fine team of ringers, and new members were always ready to join. Today it is a different story.

"You can't train a ringer in 25 minutes," said Mr. Talbot. "Young people today won't give their time to master the art. We now depend mostly on visitors to Leeds. Students at the University who have rung church bells at home help us quite a lot."

"Not everybody loves the bellringers," says Mr. Talbot. "They sound nice a long way off but close at hand they can be disturbing."

When the bells of St. Michael's go on too long, people phone the Vicar to see if he can have them stopped.

"Quite understandable," says Mr. Talbot. "For instance, if you are trying to get a baby to sleep when the bells start, it is bound to make you angry."

"Yorkshire Evening Post" report.

Steeple Keeper Found Dead

Steeple keeper and verger at Wadhurst Parish Church, Sussex, Mr. J. Newick was found dead lying in the south aisle when Mr. C. A. Bassett went to lock up the church after the Wednesday practice on April 7th. An obituary report will appear in our next issue.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 21



PETER JOHN JOYCE
The Guildford Diocesan Guild

WITH the dedication of the Guildford Cathedral bells so near it seems appropriate to have yet another of the Guildford Guild's youngsters contributing to this series.

Peter John Joyce was born on September 21st, 1945, at Farnborough, Hants, where his father had been a ringer for over 20 years and where his mother also learned to ring.

Peter was educated at the Church School of St. Peter and Farnborough Grammar School. Hard work at these two schools won for him ten "O" levels and four 'A.' His reward for this excellent achievement was a place at Southampton University, where he is reading mathematics.

Peter was 13 when he started to ring and was taught by his father and Mr. R. H. Mills, the vice-captain of St. Peter's, Farnborough. Although at that time all towers in the district were fully manned and the bells were being rung regularly, opportunities for peals and advanced ringing were few and far between. This situation changed considerably some two years ago due to the invasion to the district by the well-known Kippin family

and other skilled and enthusiastic ringers. During the last two years Peter has enjoyed taking part in many peals and quarter peals at Farnborough. The most notable was a peal of 14 Spliced Surprise Minor rung on November 10th, 1964, and conducted by Chris Kippin. The peal, the last before augmentation to eight, is believed to be the greatest number of Spliced Surprise Minor methods rung there, and, in fact, in the south of England. The peal fulfilled one of Peter's ringing ambitions—to take part in a peal with his father, who last took part in a peal 15 years ago.

Peter's first peal was on March 5th, 1961, at Frensham, when he rang the second to four Minor methods conducted by Mr. Tom Page. During the last two years his total has increased rapidly and is now nearing 45, and includes the following:

Minor.—Plain Bob 1, London Surprise Minor 1, four methods 3, five methods 2, six methods 1, seven methods 5, Spliced Surprise Minor—10 methods 1, 14 methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 4, Double Norwich 1, Cambridge Surprise 2, Yorkshire 8, London 3, Bristol 2, Spliced Surprise in four methods 1, Yorkshire Surprise Royal 1.

From his early ringing days Peter has been one of the most regular Sunday service ringers at Farnborough and is greatly missed now that he has gone to Southampton. Of the 40 successful quarter peals rung at Farnborough he has taken part in the majority and conducted many, and hopes to ring his first peal as conductor in the near future.

Like most ringers he has a story to tell in connection with his ringing activities. It happened on a ringing tour in Herefordshire, when he and another unfortunate had a disagreement with a certain landlady, who turned them out of the house on a cold and very dark night to fend for themselves. Fortunately they were taken in at the local inn for the remainder of the week, and all ended well except that they had to pay a second bill for lodgings, as they had already paid the not too friendly landlady in advance.

Peter is interested in handbell ringing and in addition to methods has taken part in tune ringing at Christmas time for various charities. Congratulations to you, Peter, for a fine record, and to the Guildford Guild who are doing such a good job among the youngsters.

NORVING.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The meeting of the Mansfield District on March 27th was held at Warsop and, as always, a very pleasant day was had by all. Most disappointing though to the local company, and particularly the ladies, was the poor turn-up for tea. Anyone who has attended previous meetings at Warsop will know just what preparations had been made. In view of this it was decided that meeting notices will in future appear twice.

The District chairman presided at the business meeting, where Mr. R. Hardy was accepted as a new ringing member. During the service which followed, the Rev. J. G. P. Habgood extended a cordial welcome to all.

Interesting and varied ringing took place during the afternoon and evening in a freshly decorated ringing chamber which is a credit to the efforts of the Warsop ringers. A pleasure, too, on this occasion, was the presence of "Jafus" throughout the whole proceedings.

Next meeting, including the District round of the Crawford Cup—Selston, May 22nd.

D. J. B.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Ringling in general was of a good standard at the practice meeting of the Central District at Wilby on March 20th. Ringers came from Lowestoft, Kessingland, Thetford, Diss, Ipswich and surrounding villages.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Biggleswade District

When the Biggleswade District met at Arlesey on April 10th, many people were surprised to find the bells going better than they expected—probably due to a very recent oiling.

The Vicar, the Rev. E. B. Edgell, conducted a short but interesting service after which the 33 ringers present adjourned to St. Peter's Hall for an enjoyable tea prepared by the church working party.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. L. M. Bywaters announced final arrangements for the district outing on May 15th and the possibility of holding a car treasure hunt on the afternoon of May 8th, preceding the evening meeting at Henlow, was discussed. Members were also reminded about the A.G.M. to be held at Bromham on May 1st.

The ringing throughout the evening was, as in the afternoon, of a reasonably good standard and covered a wide range of methods.

A. R. A.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On April 2nd, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (Bristol, Cambridge, London, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 31 changes of method): Rhoda Housden 1, Patricia Laycock 2, Pamela Gough 3, Jessie Kippin 4, F. W. Housden 5, Elizabeth Stevinson 6, C. H. Kippin 7, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 8. First quarter of spliced for 2, 3 and 6. Rung to mark the 21st birthday of Miss Susan Hord.

OBITUARY

MISS ELIZABETH FOULK

For 50 years a familiar figure at meetings and ringing functions around Derby, Miss Elizabeth Foulk died on March 26th. Without doubt the most faithful ringer any church of bellringing association could wish for, her passing is deeply grieved by many friends.

During the 1914-18 war, when there were few men available for bell ringing, Mr. Sidney Dawson taught Miss Foulk to ring and she proved an apt pupil. A founder member of the Derby Diocesan Association, she had also been a long serving member of the Midland Counties Association and the Ladies' Guild. About a year ago her doctor advised her to give up ringing and it was only then that her ringing associates realised that she was not so young. She was in fact 79.

Although very humble about her ringing, Miss Foulk was a very advanced ringer, being capable of ringing methods such as London and Bristol Major, and she very rarely made a mistake because she would not ring a method until she had learned it thoroughly first.

As a peal ringer Miss Foulk was not prolific but she did ring several peals, and the programme of which she was most proud was when she turned the tenor in to the first all-ladies' peal of Major. This was Bob Major at Handsworth, Sheffield, in 1925.

The interment took place at Duffield Cemetery on March 30th, and the following members of the Derby Diocesan Association were present: Walter Steen, Gordon Halls, George Clift, Denis Carlisle, David Marshall, David Parkin, John Dodd, Fred Stone, Burley P. Morris, Mrs. Marriott and Mrs. Jones.

A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung over the grave, and immediately after the ceremony the bells of Duffield Church were rung slowly and half-muffled to Stedman Triples and Duffield Major.

D. R. C.

MR. FRANK C. W. KNIGHT
ANOTHER APPRECIATION

I would like to add my tribute to the late Frank C. W. Knight, so admirably expressed by P. N. B. and W. H. V. It was with great regret I read of his death, as I had known him since 1945. Before he went into hospital for his serious operation in January, I had a sad letter from him, in which it was obvious he knew his end was near. He asked to be remembered to his ringing friends and sent good wishes.

As has already been mentioned, Frank was a born enthusiast and a good organiser. He was never happier than when teaching beginners and ringing peals in the simpler methods. He was a very good tenor ringer and amongst those he had "turned in" to peals were Manchester Town Hall and St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, as well as ringing Southwark Cathedral "behind." But for his ill health from 1958 until his death, there is no doubt he would have taken part in many more good peals on the heavy end. The Exercise will be the poorer without him, and I mourn his death.

A. P. C.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Mar. 25th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Miss C. Tranter 1, H. Tranter 2, Miss P. Alford 3, H. Hyde 4, P. W. Jones 5, J. Tranter (cond.) 6, T. S. Wilkes 7, A. J. Mollin 8. In memory of Mr. J. L. Stanier, who was buried earlier in the day.

GETTING AN ESSEX FIVE TO RING

By J. E. Eyre

(Master of Ringers, St. John-of-Jerusalem, South Hackney)

ON Sunday, April 4th, the ancient ring of five bells at Navestock, in Essex, rang out for the first time for many years. This was the result of no small amount of work on the part of the young band from St. John-of-Jerusalem, South Hackney.



Navestock, with two Miles Graye bells, two dating from c. 1450 and one "M. and S." 1860 is listed by Dove as unringable, and is also a "virgin" tower, not having a peal to its name. With the exception of the treble, the bells are very heavy going (tenor 10 cwt.). There is a long rope draught and due to a loose clapper the second bell strikes mute unless ringing "wrong-side."

The sound of the bells is pleasing, though unusual. Although the tenor is G as Dove states, the bells are certainly not in the major key of G and the variety of workmanship in casting the bells can be noticed in the differing tones of each. As near as can be determined they seem to be in the key of F, with the third bell being B flat.

There is still a great deal to be done to the bells and work will continue after Easter. The Roll of Honour of those who have put in many hours of hard work on the bells with little visible effect on their appearance is as follows: John Baker, Jeff Eyre, Colin Harris, Murray Henderson, Robert Hill, George Lambeth, Brian Meek, Megan Owen, Allan and Grahame Todd.

The Rector of Navestock, the Rev. Norman Motley (who is also Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill) to show his appreciation invited the young band to ring for Evensong at Navestock and have tea with the villagers afterwards.

The invitation was readily accepted and in addition to ringing for the service, at which the Archdeacon of Southend preached, the St. John-of-Jerusalem Handbell Choir gave a rendering of two well-known hymns, which was greatly appreciated.

Thanks go particularly to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Adams (Mr. Adams was at one time a ringer at Epping Upland) for supplying the tea and transporting the ringers to the station.

SCHOOL SOCIETY TRAVEL BY AMBULANCE

[An account of an outing by members of the King's School Society of Ringers at Worcester, written by a boy who learned to ring in January of this year.]

ON February 25th twelve members of the King's School Society of Crange Ringers, Worcester, and two masters set out from Edgar Tower on an outing to three towers in the county—Earls Croome, Ripple and Strensham. A retired ambulance, affectionately known as the "School Bus," provided the transport.

On arrival at Earls Croome one or two enthusiasts proceeded to thump out a tune on the chimes, but our leader, Mr. P. Cattermole, soon stepped in and removed the hammers. After a few pulls in the rise our leader exclaimed: "No, they're not off," and after performing damped simple harmonic oscillations on the end of his rope, went and fiddled with the ropes a bit more, after which the bells were raised without hitch. A touch of Stedman Doubles preceded call changes rung by beginners like myself. I found some difficulty in getting used to the bells as they are a light ring on ball-bearings, a sharp contrast to the 16 cwt. six at St. Swithun's, where I am learning to ring. After this the experts showed how to ring Bob Minor. The back five were rung down in peal and the ringing finished with "catch them in Queens" on the six.

Having embussed we proceeded to Ripple. The bells here are vintage Rudhall and of excellent tone. With the help of Mr. Charles Haylings, the churchwarden, the bells were rung up and a touch of Kent Treble Bob rung. Later Stedman and Grandsire were rung and a truly superb lower in peal rounded off a good session. After ringing, our leader insisted that we should inspect the transitional arcade and the 12 misericord seats in the church.

At Hanley Castle we muffled the bells as a token of respect to Sir Ronald Lechmere, who had died recently. Because of the half-muffling no Minor was rung. Call changes were successfully rung while our leader wandered round the church and on his return five bells were lowered in peal. Having collected the one muffle which was ours we descended from the tower and set out for Worcester.

The outing was great fun and I am thoroughly glad that I took up ringing—even if I don't know why I did.

J. S. R.

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Letters to the Editor

20 MILES TO RING ROUNDS ON 10

BELLS or CHERTSEY'S GOOD TURN

Dear Sir,—You stated in "Belfry Gossip" (page 248) that my question was effectively answered by ten ringers from the Chertsey District who obliged the Rector of St. Nicolas, Guildford, by ringing for one morning service. I assume from "The Ringing World" the band rang 30 minutes of enjoyable rounds!

As the bells of St. Nicolas are silent week after week, may I suggest the Chertsey District send a band to ring 30 minutes of rounds for the 8 a.m. service every Sunday, say for the next 12 months. I will then agree that the question I posed at the annual general meeting (several others remained unanswered) has been effectively answered.

In the meantime I remain of the opinion that, say, six of the Guild's "top brass" will not more than once travel 20 miles (plus) to ring rounds for 30 minutes with four ringers capable of only rounds—not even on Guildford Cathedral's new ring of ten.—Yours sincerely,

TOM PAGE.

4. Highfield Gardens,
Aldershot, Hants.

P.S.—Most ringers have done a "good turn" at some time or another without having to broadcast it.—T.P.

Note.—The ringing was heard by the Editor—it was not rounds.

WHAT ABOUT IT, WALES?

Dear Sir,—From time to time we see some peculiar footnotes to peals in "The Ringing World," but the one attached to the peal of Stedman Triples at Bridgend on March 13th must surely take the biscuit. Are we really supposed to believe that the peal was actually arranged to celebrate Wales' victory over Ireland at Rugby football?

If it was, the band must have some wild ideas on the correct use of church bells. A peal attempt for Saturday enjoyment after a Rugby match, yes, but for the reason stated, oh dear no, Mr. Edwards.

As for the comments on the subject in "Belfry Gossip," if we must read that warped sort of humour, sir, I suggest you start a new column headed "Belfry Rubbish"!—Yours sincerely,

ROBIN H. ROGERS.

Burv St. Edmunds.

NOTTINGHAM MEMORIES

Dear Sir,—Reading the leader in the current issue of "The Ringing World" revived happy memories of my life in the lovely city of which it is said: "Robin Hood paid frequent visits to annoy the Sheriff."

I was born in Nottingham some 86 years ago—the 27th of this month. I joined the St. Mary's band in 1902. Bishop Baynes was Vicar. F. Dunell organist. G. Hudson verger, and the ringers were as follows: William Lee (Ringing Master), Albert Lambert (Assistant (Ringing Master), William Smith, John Harts-horn, F. Lee, Jack Sheldon, S. Baker, Walter Shipman, Rev. Mr. Powell, A. Cox and myself. In 1907 I retired to join the band at St. Peter's, which possessed eight bells: the two trebles were added in 1918 by H. R. Cobbin as a thankoffering for his recovery from a serious illness.

The ringers were: Jack Hickman (Ringing Master), H. R. Cobbin (Assistant Ringing Master), William Pinder, B. Bellamy, G. Johnson, Dick Clark, T. Burnham, F. Knibbs, Frank Johnson, E. Olliver, Alf Barrett, Adolf Roberts (of Stoke Coventry) and occasionally Jimmy George (of Rugby) and the Rev. F. E. Robinson.

It was most amusing to see Albert Connock rush for his coat when "Stand" was called to join the choir at a nearby Congregational Church. I have a large photograph of St. Peter's ringers taken in 1911. Shortly after, I left the district.

T. R. FLINT.

Worksop, Notts.

ADVICE TO EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Dear Sir,—What is Mr. Gummer's authority for his proposition that we should pay one shilling for "The Ringing World"? Why not two shillings or even five shillings? Perhaps he wanted to be nice and agree with Mr. Woolley that the journal should cost more.

Nevertheless all this twittering about price increases and charities should be a clarion call to the Editorial Committee that all is not well with Messrs. Woolley and Gummer. Although it is difficult to estimate how far their views are echoed by ringers elsewhere, there is a growing tendency towards the view that "The Ringing World" must be made to stand on its own financial feet.

The leading article "And Some Were Ditched" told how last year "The Ringing World" made a profit because it accepted voluntary peal booking fees. Presumably the recent price increase ensures that the journal will make a profit without the aid of pecuniary contributions from readers—or does it? The article stated that "The increase of one penny in the selling price enables the committee to meet with confidence the addition of five per cent. in production costs that became operative this year . . ."

Does this mean that the price increase represents the five per cent. increase in production costs, in which case the "little extras" are still needed for there to be a profit on the journal or does the increase ensure that the journal will stand alone without the "charitable" support of its readers? We are not told whether the present price not only covers production costs but also ensures that there will be a comfortable profit margin next year.

On balance, it is highly probable that the "little extras" will still be needed, and this state of affairs is, as our two learned writers point out, not very satisfactory. There is no doubt that the present system of frequent and inadequate price increases plus reliance on voluntary contributions is far too haphazard and unbusinesslike and while it continues we shall hear of "The Ringing World's" struggle for survival accompanied by nattering letters from disgruntled readers.

The inevitable retort to all this will be that the Editorial Committee is being kind to its readers by endeavouring to keep prices down and by preventing the introduction of a peal booking fee. This is a doubtful argument. Why should a few faithful volunteers be burdened with the upkeep of "The Ringing World's" profit margin? This is exploitation by those who do not contribute to the "Gratefully Acknowledged" column and is grossly unfair.

Having worked out production costs and expected profits necessary to keep the journal in business, the committee responsible should then decide how to achieve these ends in a true entrepreneur-like fashion; either by realistic price increases to readers or by more advertising in the journal or by charging peal and quarter peal ringers for the space they use, or by any other suitable means. The solution to these problems is not as easy as Mr. Gummer would like us to believe; certainly it is not a simple matter of increasing the price to one shilling and leaving it at that. For all he knows, a shilling might not be sufficient, while four shillings for a quarter peal publication might enable "The Ringing World" to shelter one or two larger newspapers under its umbrella. There are many factors to be considered; for example, should the users pay extra cost (if any), or should the readers, or both? How will they react to the increases? Should there be more and varied advertising? These are just a few questions.

The answers lie in the hearts of those who read "The Ringing World." Any ringer with sufficient common sense to realise that without the paper the Exercise would disintegrate will be only too pleased to do whatever is neces-

sary for its economic safety and independence. In the meantime the Editorial Committee must be bamboozled, if the vernacular will be excused, into adopting some definite policy; so far it has been content to sit on the fence and throw down random and less than sensible declarations.—Yours faithfully,,

MICHAEL R. MEADOWS.

Wentworth, Yorks.

Note.—The penny increase was expected to provide for additional labour charges and reasonable advances in postal charges provided income from peals and quarter peals is maintained at the present level. Some Associations, like the Bath and Wells and the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, make a peal levy. If the principle of the payment of 6d. a rope was accepted by Guilds and Associations for peals and quarter peals published, the income would be adequate for normal expenditure. It must not be overlooked that the journal has reserves to meet over a year's production.—Ed.

IN PRE-WAR DAYS

Dear Sir.—The financial state of "The Ringing World" has never been solid. On two occasions before the last war collections were made to help the proprietors to keep the paper going; the late Tom Gofton and Bill Barber took the North; James George and Albert Walker the Midlands; Tom Coles and Bill Pye took London and the South; and on each occasion over £300 was collected.

Now that the paper is run by the Central Council I feel it is time we put it on a paying basis.

The charge for our journal should be at least 1s. per week, and a booking fee should be charged for quarter peals and peals. Quarter peals to be 6d. per ringer, and peals should be charged for at 1s. per ringer.—Yours faithfully,

E. W. PYE.

Saffron Walden, Essex.

EASTER EVEN

Dear Sir,—No doubt many will respect Mr. Caple's objection to ringing meetings on Easter Even (or Holy Saturday) from the one fact alone that most parishes are far too busy on this day to cope with all the additional arrangements necessary on such occasions. It seems, however, that the ringing of bells need not be discouraged on Easter Even when so much is or has to be done. My "English Churchman's Kalendar" has the following interesting note:

"April 17. EASTER EVEN. Evensong is not one of the Easter Day Services, for the general rule that every great festival has its first Evensong is here suspended. The service has a mixed character; the church is decorated, the altars are vested in white, the bells are rung; but the crosses and images are not unveiled till after Evensong, and incense is not used."—Yours sincerely,

A. S. ROBERTS (Rev.).

Carbis Bay.

PEAL OF OXFORD T.B. MINOR

Dear Sir,—I was interested in the 5,040 T.B. Minor on page 192 of the March 12th issue, by E. C. S. Turner. Could I ask a few questions about it?

(a) Is it possible to use part of this as a quarter peal?

(b) Is it possible to have a 1,260 one-part of Oxford T.B. rather than a 720 and a touch to make up the length?

(c) Is the peal or part of it true to Kent instead of Oxford?

(d) Are there equivalent sorts of compositions in other methods?

(e) All this poses the wider issue—what exactly is allowable in Minor peal ringing and for quarter peals of Minor?—Yours sincerely,

ANDREW J. SALISBURY.

Upminster, Essex.

Handbells at Stradbroke, Suffolk, 1914-1919

By Claude Rush

WHERE did the majority of those 60 or so bells go to? I know that an octave of them is in the ringing chamber of All Saints' Parish Church there; it was presented to the church by the widow of a former owner of the bells. But where are all the others?

As a boy from the age of 11, during the Great War and for a time afterwards, I was a member of the band. There were about a dozen of us, all boys, between the ages of, say, 11 to 19.

The bells belonged to Herbert Bayles, who was our tutor and conductor. He was one of the village's saddlers and also verger for 47 years, which post he took from his father when his father died. This was previously held by his grandfather and so the family had served in this capacity for nearly a century.

Herbert was born in 1861 and lived until he was 75. When I first knew him, in 1909, he had a flowing moustache and was of pale complexion and slight build. His time was completely taken up by four activities: (i) work as a verger, steeplekeeper and clock-winder; (ii) harness-making; (iii) delivery of telegrams (no telephone there then) in Stradbroke and some of the parishes adjoining; and (iv) writing out with blue and red pencil in large figures on sheets of cardboard which he hung on an easel, the handbell tunes, and tutoring his team of ringers whose performances I am afraid were never of exceptionally high standard!

Sometimes he would be writing out these tunes in his saddler's shop near the church, humming to himself to get the right figures for the notes, with me leaning over watching and listening, when a farmer would come into the shop for some item of harness repairs. As soon as the door-latch was touched he would shoot his pencils and paper under the counter and grab awl, needle and waxed thread with a "Er . . . Good morning" to the caller as though bells were furthest from his mind, whereas, I am sure, they were really always foremost. Then, as soon as the caller had gone, out again would come the pencils and paper for a resumption of the tune to be practised the next time the ringers met.

DEATH KNELL

While writing of Herbert Bayles in particular, I ought to mention here that, when ringing the church tenor for a death in the village or some notable person beyond its boundaries, he was most careful that only 12 blows should be struck in the hour. He would get another ringer to help him raise the ton bell; then he would put his watch near the window and every five minutes for an hour he gave one blow, setting her alternately at back and hand with much preparation each time. Then he lowered her. But while waiting he recorded the occurrence with lead pencil on the limewashed wall of the window aperture. As an example his ringing of the death bell for my father was something like this: "Rang the Death Bell for ex-Sergt. Harry Rush for one hour at 5 p.m., 23rd November, 1920."

The wall here was covered with scores of these records. Tollings for Queen Victoria and King Edward VII were among them, fully-muffled in their cases, I believe. He also drew in red, black and blue pencil one or two particularly wonderful sunsets he had witnessed from the ringing chamber while waiting for the time for the next blow. Unfortunately—I think it is very sad—a "clean-up" of the chamber not more than 20 years ago has included the complete obliteration of all those items.

A "TWO-HANDER"

Now, to return to handbells. Of these 60 bells the largest was a presentation bell with inscription on its waist. It was an E flat and getting on for a foot across its mouth. The clapper ball was large and round, shod with felt where it struck the bell. The bell was a "two-hander," and when not in use it hung on a nail in a beam in the ceiling of Herbert Bayles' living room. If one pushed the clapper on to the bell the boo-oo-om went round and round for half a minute. I cannot remember anything of the inscription, but vicars of Stradbroke then and a few decades earlier were Dr. Tate and Canon Ryle, who later became Bishop of Liverpool, I think. One of those names might be on the bell and so give a clue to establishing where that particular bell is, and perhaps where many of its mates are, today. It would be interesting to hear of them. The smallest bell was about the size of an egg cup. Once I saw Herbert Bayles in Stradbroke Queen's Head drink a tot of whisky from it, then ring it and, gently raising it, say: "Now d'you listen to it!"

As Christmas approached and until well into January, the band went forth, semitones hung on hooks on belts with shoulder straps. We performed at various points in the village roads, in public houses and private ones, too. We walked, cycled or went by horse-drawn vehicle to neighbouring villages, including Hoxne, Horham, Wilby, Worlingworth and Fressingfield, where the Suffolk bell historian, Dr. J. J. Raven, had been rector.

THE REPERTOIRE

We played the well-known carols, some hymns, "John Peel," "The Lincolnshire Poacher," "The Vicar of Bray," "Blue Bells of Scotland," "Comin' Through the Rye," "I'll Tak' the High Road" and "Auld Lang Syne"; also, as it was war-time, "Tipperary," "There's a Long, Long Trail," "Pack Up Your Troubles," "K-K-K-Katie" and "Keep the Home Fires Burning."

The Bayles family numbered four—father, mother, daughter and son. The first three are dead. The son, also Herbert, now well over 70, I suppose, if still alive, went London way. If he should hear of this article, he could probably say what happened to over 50 of the bells, especially the booming E flat double-hander. I would love to know.

GREAT ADVENTURE II.

Dear Sir,—With just over four months to go before the tour in Australia commences, many things that have been planned now need to be definitely decided upon. The first matter of major importance is to what extent can the provisional programme be fulfilled, and this depends on the number and content of the party. Our friends on the other side of the oceans must know very soon. It is apparent from the present number going on this trip that the programme will have to be somewhat curtailed, and so anyone who is still "thinking it over" must decide without further delay and let me know.

It is planned to be away for four or five weeks from the first week in September. We hope the tour will include New Zealand, and so ringers from this island have a unique opportunity. I am disappointed to the extent that, so far, we shall not be taking a twelve-bell band, but I would ask anyone with suitable capabilities to take part in this "tour of a lifetime." Three or four more in the party would even benefit all in expense, as we could enjoy some concession in the travelling fare.

The following are those who will be going: Rev. M. C. C. Melville (King's Lynn), Mr. and Mrs. S. Burton (Leicester), Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White (Guildford), Messrs. A. P. Cannon (Dorking), J. L. Garner-Hayward (Coventry), T. J. Lock (North Mymms), A. G. Mason (Orrington), C. W. Pipe (Grundisburgh), L. Stilwell (Worthing), and W. Williams (London), and Miss A. Horsford (Twickenham).

You will see from "The Ringing World" issue dated April 9th that a closing date and other details are expected, so I will make the last day of this month as the closing date for inquiries.

Jim Pipe is leaving here before the main party, calling at places in the U.S.A., then to Japan, Hong Kong, Manila, Singapore and Perth. After the tour to return via Djakarta, Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta and Delhi. He wonders if others would be interested in this. Mr. and Mrs. Burton are going by sea.

I might add that my recent invitation to any society or individual to forward a contribution towards the "extra" expenses, and as a gesture of goodwill, has received a steady response, but I have no doubt many of the generous kind have yet to send their gift in one form or another.—Yours faithfully,

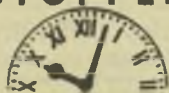
T. J. LOCK.

P.S.—Mr. Philip M. Gray, who will soon be returning from a business trip to Australia, writes that everybody out there is looking forward to our visit very much and it is the main topic of conversation with all the ringers he has met.—T. J. L.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Neilson 1, Rose Wrauten 2, Rachel Sinden 3, Elizabeth Topp 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. P. Brotherton 6. For Matins.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKS.—On April 3rd, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Delphine Holman (first quarter) 1, J. J. Spraggett 2, J. F. Thorne 3, T. G. Hill 4, R. J. Edden 5, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 6, I. R. Nightingale 7, M. Hill 8. Rung after the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. M. Rathbone (née Coupland).

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ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF MINOR METHODS

Compiled by H. CHANT

(Continued from page 263)

"E"

EARDISLEY SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 36.14 x 12.5 6ths 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

EARL OF KIMBERLEY

x 56 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 34 x 3. 4ths 62534.
William Woodcock's notebook.

EARLSHEATON TREBLE BOB

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 3. 6ths 46532.
Rung and named at Cawthorne.

EARL'S VICTORY (I)

See Nelson's Victory.

EARL'S VICTORY (II)

In Addy's notebook, 1865; identical with
Arnold's Victory.

EASTERN YOUTHS' PLEASURE

See Ecclesfield Treble Bob.

EASTHAMPTON DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 123 x 34 x 1. 2nds 64523.
Single change method.

EASTWOOD SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.5. 2nds 65324.

EBOR SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 5. 4ths 35642.

ECCLESFIELD DELIGHT

See Ecclesfield Treble Bob.

ECCLESFIELD TREBLE BOB

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 1. 6ths 34625.
Also called Day Star; Eastern Youths'
Pleasure in Annable's notebook. Chris-
tened Mirfield Delight in Thackrah's book
but often rung as Ecclesfield Delight.

ECCLESTON ALLIANCE

34.16 x 36 x 14 x 1. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

EDINBURGH DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.5. 6ths 35264.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907. Rung
as Nostell at Wath-on-Dearne and other
South Yorkshire towers.

EDLINGTON TREBLE BOB

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 16.34 x 12.5. 4ths 36524.
As rung at Wath-on-Dearne.

ELLACOMBE ALLIANCE

x 16 x 36 x 12 x 3. 6ths 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

ELSHAM SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.5. 6ths 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

ELSTON DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 3. 2nds 42635.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907. Also
called Woodside.

ELY DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 1. 2nds 35264.
First published in "Clavis," 1788.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

ENDERBY DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.3. 4ths 54263.
In A. Gill's notebook.

ENFIELD BOB (I)

See Andrew's Double.

ENFIELD BOB (II)

x 16 x 36 x 36 x 16 x 16 x. 2nds 34625.
Asymmetrical. In Annable's notebook.
Also Tottenham Bob.

ENNERDALE BOB

34.16 x 36 x 1. 6ths 35264.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907. Also
called Long Stanton.

EVENING DELIGHT (I)

x 34 x 14 x 36 x 36 x 16 x 34. 4ths 52643
52644.
In "Campanologia," 1702. Thackrah, in
his book, pointed out that this method
was false and rearranged it. See Hor-
bury Delight (I).

EVENING DELIGHT (II)

x 16 x 16 x 16 x 36 x 14 x. 6ths 35264.
Asymmetrical. In Annable's notebook.

EVENING EXERCISE (I)

See Duke of Leeds.

EVENING EXERCISE (II)

x 14 x 36 x 16 x 16 x 16 x. 6ths 35264.
Asymmetrical. In Annable's notebook.

EVENING PLEASURE

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 3. 4ths 54263.
Also called Pink and White Rose; the
latter, a production of William Woodcock,
was rung a good deal in the Barnsley
area.

EVENING STAR (I)

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 1 2nds 56342.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907. (The
Evening Star in this publication was
Coventry.) Was Darfield Exercise in
William Woodcock's notebook, and Cat-
liffe according to the Wath-on-Dearne
band.

EVENING STAR (II)

34 x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 1. 4ths 35642.
The original version; in "Campanologia,"
1702. Also in Annable's notebook.

EVERTON TREBLE BOB

Identical with the Crofton Treble Bob rung
at Wath-on-Dearne.

EVESHAM DELIGHT (I)

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 1. 6ths 64523.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.

EVESHAM DELIGHT (II)

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 5. 2nds 42563.
There is a growing tendency to drop the
"Abbeys" and "Castles" from place
names of methods. Pity!

EXPERIMENT

In "Campanologia," 1677. No figures
given but contains elements of Little Bob
in so far as the treble hunts up to 4ths
place only.

EXETER BOB

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 5. 2nds 36245.
In Annable's notebook. See also Paddock.

EYAM DELIGHT

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 12.5. 6ths 34625.
(To be continued)

10,080 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE

MAJOR

By RICHARD J. PARKES.
V M W H 234567

		3	524367
		2	463257
In, Out	4th	—	346257
		2	362457
2		3	342756
—		—	236457

Repeat twice.

No 82's. No 83's at backstroke.
Rung at Accrington on Saturday, April 10th,
1965, conducted by the composer.

COMPOSITIONS OF SURPRISE MAXIMUS

The following "short" peals of Maximus
have all been rung in recent years at St.
Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, and the
majority of them have not been published
before.

5,042's CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

The following two compositions are both
arranged by Peter Border.

23456	M	W	H	23456	M	W	H
42356	—	—	—	34256	—	—	2
53624	—	—	—	26543	—	—	2
46325	—	—	—	43265	2	—	3
24365	—	—	3	62534	—	—	—
63245	—	—	—	(32456)	—	S	—
45236	—	—	—				
62534	—	—	—				
(32456)	—	S	—				

The following four compositions are all
arranged by Roderick W. Pipe.

23456	M	W	H	23456	M	W	H
34256	—	—	2	42356	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	34256	—	3	—
64352	—	—	—	53246	—	—	—
56342	—	—	—	43265	S	S	3
43265	—	—	3	62534	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—	(32456)	—	S	—
(32456)	—	S	—				
23456	M	W	H	23456	M	W	H
34256	—	—	2	42356	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	34256	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—	56342	—	—	2
62345	—	—	—	43265	—	—	3
36245	—	3	—	62534	—	—	—
43265	—	—	—	(32456)	—	S	—
62534	—	—	—				
(32456)	—	S	—				

5,042's YORKSHIRE, LINCOLNSHIRE, ALBANIAN SURPRISE MAXIMUS

23456	M	W	H	23456	M	W	H
34256	—	—	2	34256	—	—	2
53246	—	—	—	53246	—	—	3
36245	—	—	2	43265	S	S	3
43265	—	—	3	62534	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—	(32456)	—	S	—
(32456)	—	S	—				

5,042 PUDSEY

S. MAXIMUS	23456	W	H
42356	3	—	—
34256	3	—	—
24536	2	—	—
32546	—	—	—
(42536)	S	—	—

5,042 SUPERLATIVE

S. MAXIMUS	23456	B	W	H
34256	—	—	—	2
32546	—	—	—	2
53246	—	—	—	3
52436	—	—	—	2
253749608ET	x	—	—	S

Round in 2 changes.

5,040 LYDDINGTON S. MAXIMUS

23456	M	6ths/Out/7ths	W	H
54632	—	—	—	—
64235	—	—	—	—
24365	—	x	—	—
32465	—	x	—	—
43265	—	x	—	—
62534	—	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—	—
34256	—	x	—	—
23456	—	x	—	—

QUARTER PEALS

NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, SOMERSET. — On April 9th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Monica Horseman 1, J. Brain (250th quarter) 2, P. J. England 3, G. H. Pullin 4, A. E. Cox 5, M. Heymann (first of Surprise as cond.) 6.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS. — On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Cheney 1, W. C. Budd 2, J. G. Edgson (first quarter as cond.) 3, P. M. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh 5, I. Penny (first quarter) 6. Also on Mar. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. J. Bellamy 1, J. G. Edgson 2, R. W. Gibbons 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Lynda Hopkins (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE. — At St. George's Church, Jesmond, on April 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: S. J. Pardoe 1, M. E. Johnson (first on eight) 2, Susan Elliott (first of Triples "inside") 3, J. G. White 4, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 5, R. A. Yeates 6, J. A. Sturrock 7, P. R. Martin 8. For Evensong.

NOTTINGHAM. — At St. Mary's Church, on April 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Elizabeth Feaver 1, P. Rathby 2, Judith A. Stocker 3, Margaret E. Chilton 4, C. F. Briggs 5, W. L. Exton (cond.) 6, P. R. Humphrey 7, H. Poyner 8, J. W. Rathby 9, W. Nichols 10. First of Caters 1, 2 and 7. Rung after a peal failure as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Walter Nichols.

NUTFIELD, SURREY. — On April 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Richardson (first of Minor): Miss D. M. Bird 2, Miss N. Kempsall 3, T. H. Bird 4, W. Dunn 5, G. Oliver (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 2nd.

PINNER, MIDDY. — On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss H. R. Jefferson 1, Miss D. B. Cartwright 2, Miss M. E. Took (first as cond.) 3, D. E. R. Knights 4, M. W. Took 5, J. Hutchinson 6, K. B. Sanders 7, M. Hickman 8. For Confirmation service.

PRESTON, RUTLAND. — On April 8th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day and Plain Bob): A. Naylor 1, Carol Cooke 2, L. Atton 3, G. Norris 4, C. Hudson (cond.) 5. A compliment to Alan Jacques.

PUTNEY, LONDON. — On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. F. Mew 1, Hilary Coyle (first "inside") 2, L. W. Allen 3, B. J. Bull 4, A. R. Millidge 5, Christine M. Cobb 6. Jointly conducted by 1, 3, 4 and 5. For Evensong.

PYLE, SOMERSET. — On April 5th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Sheila Y. Hallett (cond.) 1, J. Sheppard 2, C. R. Jenkins 3, R. C. Taylor 4, J. G. Rose (first "inside" in four methods) 5, B. Dredge (first quarter) 6. First in four methods 1, 2, 3 and 4.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET. — On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. W. Knight 1, R. D. Short 2, P. J. England 3, G. H. Pullin 4, E. T. Lee 5, J. Brain (cond.) 6.

RADWAY, WARWICKS. — On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): P. C. Randall 1, G. W. Randall 2, F. M. Robottom 3, J. K. Foot 4, P. S. Bennett (cond.) 5. First in 11 methods for all except the conductor. For the induction of the new Vicar, Rev. P. S. L. Shaw.

ROMFORD, ESSEX. — On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. M. Poolman 1, Miss A. Rowland 2, D. Heath 3, E. Williams 4, W. Poolman (cond.) 5, F. Markham 6. For Mothering Sunday. Also on April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Rowland 1, Mrs. M. Poolman 2, F. Markham 3, D. Heath 4, W. Poolman 5, E. Williams (cond.) 6. For a service commemorating the amalgamation of schools in the G.L.C. Borough of Havering.

ROWDE, WILTS. — On April 10th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Valerie Rushforth 1, D. White 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, H. DeCombe 4, D. Hughes 5, K. Tipper 6.

SALISBURY, RHODESIA. — On March 14th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. E. Mason 1, Monica Blagrove 2, J. R. Milford 3, Frances Pallatt 4, C. Stevenson 5, K. S. Cross 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, N. F. Mason 8. First of Triples 1 and 8. First of Triples "inside" 2 and 6. First of Plain Bob Triples 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8, and in Africa. Rung for the annual meeting of the Mashonaland Diocesan Guild, and its extension to the Central African Provincial Guild.

SEND, SURREY. — On March 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Evans (first quarter) 1, Jill May 2, Carolyn White 3, D. J. Tubbs 4, D. A. R. May (cond.) 5, S. Strudwick 6.

SHEBBEAR, DEVON. — On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Kent T.B. and Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Turner 1, C. G. J. Head 2, D. J. Ley 3, P. J. Daniel 4, R. J. Gay 5, J. L. Queen (cond.) 6. Rung for the annual visit of the president of the Methodist conference to Shebbear College.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET. — On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Elsdale (first quarter) 1, G. Norcliffe, jun. 2, R. Welch 3, D. R. Best 4, J. Cornelius (cond.) 5, P. England 6. A 91st birthday compliment to Mr. A. Pond, oldest resident, and a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Norcliffe, sen.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS. — On April 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Penelope J. Welch 1, Maureen Woolley 2, Christine McLaren 3, Pamela M. Turner 4, R. J. Cann 5, Brian J. Woodruffe 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, M. J. Pryor 8, B. D. A. Woolley 9, A. Crabtree 10.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS. — On April 11th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Cook 1, Margaret K. Fenton 2, M. J. Cook 3, R. T. Wakefield 4, B. Wakefield (cond.) 5, P. Wakefield 6. For Evensong. First quarter in the method by members of the choir.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON. — At the Cathedral, on March 21st, 1,307 Erin Cinques: Miss P. Rogers 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, P. M. Wilkinson 3, J. M. Hadley Hunter (comp. and cond.) 4, L. C. Way 5, P. A. Brand 6, D. W. Struckett 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer 9, J. W. Smith 10, C. H. Rogers 11, D. P. Smith 12. For Nave Evensong.

STAFFORD. — On April 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. R. Wiggins 1, E. Fairbrother 2, F. Beech 3, F. Eley 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 7, C. J. Evans 8. First in method 2 and 3. Rung for Confirmation service.

1965 CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING TICKETS FOR TOURS AND RECEPTION
Would members applying for the above, please note that tickets will not be despatched until on or after May 10th, 1965.—E. Billings, Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

TALGARH, BRECS. — On April 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. J. Smith 1, Miss D. E. Boyce 2, J. A. Ellis 3, R. A. Hatcher 4, M. T. Johns 5, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 6. First of Minor "inside" 2 and 3.

TARRINGTON, HEREFORDS. — On March 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Godsall 1, P. D. Sell 2, P. D. S. Callgari 3, I. C. S. Morton 4, M. C. W. Sherwood 5, J. F. I. Turney (cond.) 6. Rung by Hereford Cathedral School Society.

TEWIN, HERTS. — On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Garrod 1, J. Weaving 2, Mrs. B. Banks 3, D. Digby 4, P. Owen (first as cond.) 5, H. Shires 6. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Alec Weaving (son of J. Weaving), who died recently.

THORLEY, HERTS. — On March 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Hutley 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, A. Richardson 3, F. Bird 4, T. Camp 5, K. Westwood (first quarter) 6.

THORNHILL, YORKS. — On April 4th, 1,320 Oxford T.B. Minor: Mrs. Heb. Wood (first quarter) 1, D. Scargill (cond.) 2, H. Wood 3, J. Lynch 4, E. Arnott (first quarter) 5, Heb. Wood 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. Hepworth, a ringer at this church for over 50 years.

TICHBORNE, HANTS. — On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): K. Sansom 1, Lesley Read 2, Diane Street 3, Pamela Gough 4, Elizabeth Stevinson (cond.) 5, D. M. Hughes 6.

WHEATHAMSTEAD, HERTS. — On March 14th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): Lesley Lilly 1, J. Chamberlain 2, A. Wilby 3, Gillian Brearley 4, M. Sherrick 5, K. Walpole (cond.) 6. For the christening of Simon Christopher, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Brown, ringers at this tower.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY. — On Feb. 17th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Lesley Eames 1, Marion Baulkwell (first "inside") 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, M. Bangham 4, Elizabeth Zass 5, Hilary Johnson 6, D. C. Brooks 7, A. Bagworth (cond.) 8. Also on Mar. 14th, 1,344 Kent Major: Lesley Eames 1, Elizabeth Zass 2, Deborah Hopkins 3, Rosamund Rawlings 4, Hilary Johnson 5, D. C. Brooks 6, A. Bagworth (cond.) 7, A. Bishop 8. First in method for 1 and 2.

WOOLHOPE, HEREFORDS. — On March 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. Goodsall 1, K. S. Morton (first "inside") 2, P. D. Sell 3, M. C. W. Sherwood 4, J. F. I. Turney (cond.) 5, W. P. Nash 6. Rung by the Cathedral School Society.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mrs. Hazenden (of Guildford) had an operation in the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, on April 13th, and is very seriously ill.

The choir at All Hallows' Church, South Cerney, Glos, have rung their first quarter of Cambridge Surprise Minor. We expect with six pairs of musical ears it was a most worthy performance.

In the memorial peal to the Rev. E. H. Grimston at Arundel on February 27th (see page 252), the ringer of the sixth was David D. Smith and not as published. Our correspondent sends his apologies to David.

Highclere, Hants, latest quarter peal is Peter Furness, who has recently earned the right to be called a teenager. The band congratulate him on his performance at East Woodhay.

Mr. T. R. Flint, of Workop, who adds to Mr. Edgar Shepherd's "Nottingham Memories" in our issue of April 9th, also rang at All Saints' Church where Joe Woolley was captain. On leaving Nottingham he went to Warsop and, among his pupils was Mr. H. T. Rooke.

For the quarter peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Solihull for Evensong on April 4th it was an unexpected pleasure to welcome Mr. Jack Pryor, Brian J. Woodruffe and Penelope J. Welch from South Wales, who arrived just before ringing commenced. We thank W. Leeson, V. W. Rigg and G. E. Fearn for so kindly standing down.

A thoughtful act by Mrs. Carew Cox, widow of Canon C. Carew Cox, was to ask us to forward the outstanding numbers of the late Canon's subscription to an old age pensioner who could not now afford our journal. We were most happy to oblige and are forwarding them weekly to a Chichester resident. We have a number of pensioners in similar circumstances on our list.

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ENCOURAGING NEWS FROM SOUTH WALES

The Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association is on the crest of a wave. The annual report for 1964 reveals that never before has the Association rung 50 peals in a year, and they are all on tower bells. While Swansea and Brecon beat them in actual numbers, with about a century of handbell peals, the list is a creditable one with three of Cinques, two Royal, seven Caters and 12 Major. There were also some individual honours with Mr. and Mrs. D. J. King ringing their 150th together and David his 50th for the Association. Mr. D. G. Clift reached his century and Mr. T. M. Roderick his 175th. Leading conductor and peal ringer was Mr. N. W. H. Simon, son of the President, who is now sharing his peal activities with Bristol University.

Mr. Jack Pryor, the hon. secretary, makes a point about the progress of young ringers, stating: "The general standard of ringing continues to improve and it is pleasing to note the increasing number of young ringers now ringing some of the more advanced methods. The popularity of the practices where these methods are rung indicates the keenness of the members to improve their standards; some travel many miles to these practices."

The decision of the College Youths to visit Newport, Cardiff and Llandaff for their annual provincial meeting was in honour of their Master, Mr. Jack Phillips, who in 1931 was Master of the Association. In his letter of thanks for the welcome, Jack stated: "It was a highlight of my life to return again to my happy hunting ground of bell ringing." At the end of Mr. Phillips' year of office a good peal was rung at Newton Nottage, where he made his first attempt at change ringing by handling the tenor behind Grandsire Doubles.

Another first during the year was the ordination in St. Woolos' Cathedral of Mr. R. C. Lucas. In the memory of the Rev. I. J. Richards, the hon. treasurer, he is the first official of the Association to be ordained.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SOCIETY

Since the Hereford Cathedral School Society has restarted two years ago, great progress has been made by its members. The peal of Minor at Peterchurch on April 6th is another step forward in the progress of the Society, which began with a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles in July, 1963 and a peal of Doubles the following December. Many of the Society's ringers make Hereford Cathedral their regular tower, and it is in no small part due to the tireless efforts of Messrs. G. T. Cousins and A. T. Wingate that members of the Society have been able to progress so far, seven members of the Society having between them a sum total of 44 peals.

The Society is also in contact with the ringers at King's School, Worcester, having met last autumn at Ledbury for an afternoon's ringing. It is to be hoped that members of the Society while not forgetting their duties to the Hereford Guild and their own towers may long continue to ring together as a united school band.

MR. BRIAN G. WARWICK

Popular secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, Mr. Brian G. Warwick, wants to relinquish his office in 1966 and accordingly in the Guild's annual report asks for a volunteer to come forward and take over his work. The reason is that more of his time is being taken up with musical activities since accepting the position of organist and choirmaster at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Knighton, a church with a high musical tradition.

This has also meant that Brian ceases to be a Sunday service ringer as Knighton has only one bell. As our quarter peal columns have revealed he has been associated with St. Thomas', South Wigston, since 1953. Five years ago he started a band of ringers from scratch and they quickly reached the stage of attempting a quarter peal every Sunday evening and have rung all local peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Their farewell peal to Brian was Plain Bob Major.

ALL FOR A BIRTHDAY

Hartest, a picturesque Suffolk village, originally had a ring of five bells cast by Darbie in 1661. In 1953 Taylor's recast the cracked second bell and rehanging the ring in a steel frame with an empty pit for a future treble. Thus they remained till Arthur W. Rolfe gave the greater part of the money towards the new treble, inscribed: "Arthur Rolfe gave me. 1963."

And so it was fitting that a peal should be attempted there to mark his 78th birthday (April 15th). "Just for fancy" he wanted a band of ladies to do him the honour on April 10th. Unfortunately flu prevented Mrs. Mills from ringing and Don Mills kindly rang in her place.

The peal in six minor methods however, came to grief but a good quarter was rung in 40 minutes. Afterwards Mrs. Vinten entertained the ringers to a much welcome tea which was greatly appreciated. To A. W. R. we offer our congratulations and wish him many years of happy ringing.

A "DAWDLE"

The word Mr. Will Viggers intended to use in his appreciation of the late Mr. Frank C. W. Knight was "dawdle" not "dangle" of ringers. He adds: "Anyone who has seen ringers wandering along from the service to the tea at meetings will recognise the apfness of the word." It is regretted that our reading department took a different view of his handwriting.

HANDBELL CALL TO SERVICES

During the absence of the six Whitchurch (Devon) bells, which have been taken to Loughborough for repair and retuning, the bellringers will use handbells to call parishioners to Sunday services, said the Vicar (the Rev. A. R. Gerry) at the annual parochial meeting on April 8th.

ONE OF THE FRIEZLAND SIX

Mr. George Perron, who died recently, was one of the Friezland ringers who took part in making the recording of these bells, an extract from which record is incorporated in Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd's book "The Sound of Bells." To his memory an attempt was made at Saddleworth on April 4th to ring 1.320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, fully muffled. Unfortunately this came to grief more than halfway, through the breaking of the third rope.

The band consisted of: Jack Smith (Friezland) 1, Jack Hulme (Saddleworth) 2, William Herbert Nield (St. John's, Mossley) 3, Robert Stell (Saddleworth) 4, Arthur Farrand (Friezland) 5, Alfred John Bennett (Friezland) 6. Mr. Joseph Burgess acted as umpire.

NEWSPAPER'S BELLS GIVEN TO CHURCH

Marston Parish Church, Bapchild, Kent, has now installed a ring of five bells, the gift of the "News of the World." The bells had previously hung on the roof of the newspaper's offices in London and were unused.

In the presence of a congregation that filled the church, the Assistant Bishop of Canterbury, the Rt. Rev. Kenneth C. H. Warner, performed the ceremony of dedication. Assisting in the service was the Rector, the Rev. Arthur Luman.

PRIORITY BY AMBULANCE

King's School Society, Worcester, went for an outing in a retired ambulance affectionately known as the "School Bus." The vehicle had its advantages as two policemen mistook it for an ambulance on official duty and stopped all traffic to allow it to pass through the rush hour traffic converging on Worcester Bridge.

MEWSLADE COURT BOB MINOR PEAL

The committee of the Surrey Association met on April 7th to consider the objection to the peal of Mewslade Court Bob Minor rung at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, December 19th. Mr. W. Parrott, the hon. secretary, informs us it was resolved "that the peal of Mewslade Court Bob Minor rung at Limpsfield Chart on December 19th, 1964, be accepted by the Association." The objection, therefore was not upheld.

VETERAN LOSES PEAL AT VERY END

With just over a course to go and after three hours of good ringing, a peal of Oxford Major was lost at Bingley, Yorks, on April 4th. Ringing the treble at 82 years of age was Mr. E. H. Simpson, a Bingley ringer. The peal was being attempted to mark his 55th wedding anniversary, also to mark his granddaughter's 21st birthday and the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Schofield and was specially arranged for a Sunday afternoon. The Rev. Bruce Grainger, curate at Bingley, was one of the unsuccessful ringers. Mr. H. B. Schofield, of Bradford Cathedral, informs us that it is hoped to make another attempt in the near future.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE CENTRAL AFRICAN PROVINCIAL GUILD.
SALISBURY, Rhodesia.—At the Cathedral of St. Mary and All Saints.
On Wed., March 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt.

*Ken S. Cross Treble	H Peter Raynor 5
Monica Blagrove 2	J Michael S. Young .. 6
Mrs. V. Grossmith 3	*Colin Stevenson 7
*James R. Milford 4	Frank T. Blagrove Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Major and of Plain Bob in Africa.

Rung in thanksgiving for the anonymous gift of the bells. And as a farewell to the Very Rev. French-Beytagh, Dean of Salisbury, also in thanksgiving for his work in the completion of the Cathedral.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

SOUTHILL, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Thurs., April 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Marybelle J. Nissly Treble	*George E. Bonham 4
John Meredith 2	Philip Mehew 5
George W. Massey 3	*Peter Woollven Tenor

Conducted by Peter Woollven.

* 25th peal together.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

OLD GLOSSOP, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 13 lb.

Sidney Hough Treble	Alan Sharples 5
Neil Bennett 2	Frederick Shallcross .. 6
Peter J. Wycherley 3	Denis Mottershead 7
John A. Booth 4	Neil D. Lomas Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Neil Bennett.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Alan McFall and Pamela C. Baker, which took place earlier in the day at All Saints', Marple.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., April 7, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Edward Jenkins Treble	Jeffrey Brannan 5
Margaret Booth 2	Edmund Shuttleworth .. 6
Christine Andrew 3	Derek Butterworth 7
John A. Booth 4	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde (C.C.C. No. 2).

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Pamela C. Baker and Alan McFall, who were married at Marple on April 3rd.

KIDSGROVE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.
On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

*Paul Atkins Treble	Frank R. Morton 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Barry Corbishley 6
Christine Birks 3	Roy Worrall 7
Harold Dowler 4	Ivor R. Nichols Tenor

Composed by C. H. Kippin. Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.

* 25th peal.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

CHURCH LAWFORD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., March 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Seven extents in four methods, viz.: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) (3) Kent T.B., (4) (5) St. Clement's, (6) (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

*Antony R. Crowther .. Treble	†Andrew K. Putnam .. 4
Arthur R. Wright 2	William Johnson 5
Raymond D. Hart 3	Geoffrey Pratt Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Pratt.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods.

A wedding compliment to Roger Harris and Janet Evans.

BURTON DASSETT, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

Being seven extents.	
Diana Reeves Treble	Robert A. Reeves 4
Ernest G. Jones 2	Barry J. Davis 5
Christopher C. Clarke .. 3	Michael W. Coleman .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.

FARNBOROUGH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 7 cwt.

Robert A. Reeves Treble	*Ernest G. Jones 4
*Diana Reeves 2	Christopher C. Clarke .. 5
*Barry J. Davis 3	*Michael W. Coleman .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.

* First peal in the method.

SHILTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in B flat.

Nigel A. Crowther Treble	†Richard T. Liggins 4
*Antony R. Crowther .. 2	Hubert E. Ashley 5
Raymond D. Hart 3	Geoffrey Pratt Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Pratt.

* First "inside." † First peal.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

CULMSTOCK, Devon.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

Richard J. Bowden Treble	James R. Taylor 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Peter Bridle 6
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 3	John C. Slater 7
Michael J. Hobbs 4	*D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* 350th peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

UFFCULME, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Peter Bridle Treble	†John C. Slater 5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	James R. Taylor 6
Gillian M. Hussey 3	D. John Hunt 7
*Michael J. Hobbs 4	Ralph G. Edwards Tenor

Composed by M. Hodgson.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* 100th peal of Major. † First of Rutland.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

JARROW-ON-TYNE, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: Wells, London, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Stephen J. Pardoe Treble	†James Crowther 4
†Rodney A. Yeates 2	Michael Maughan 5
†Andrew G. Craddock .. 3	†William Davidson Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal. † First in seven Surprise methods.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

WALTHAM FOREST, London.—At the Church of St. Mary, Walthamstow.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*David Wright Treble	Colin G. Wright 6
Dennis Hewitt 2	David E. Belcham 7
†Anthony M. Faulkner .. 3	Peter D. Chapman 8
Kenneth Warner 4	Aidan St. J. Boyack 9
Malcolm M. Powell 5	Alfred J. House Tenor

Conducted by Alfred J. House.

* First peal. † First of Royal.

Rung on the eve of a civic service in this church to mark the inauguration of the Greater London Borough of Waltham Forest.

HORNCHURCH, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Thurs., April 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

*Peter A. Over Treble	John Armstrong 5
Alan D. Gargrave 2	John W. Stephenson .. 6
Dennis Ellisdon 3	Andrew J. Salisbury .. 7
Colin E. Wright 4	Robert J. Chapman Tenor

Conducted by Andrew J. Salisbury.

* First peal.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr.

Rung to commemorate the inclusion of Hornchurch in the new London Borough of Havering.

GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., April 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Dennis A. S. Symonds .. Treble	Peter G. Brown 5
*Yvonne A. Murray 2	Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 6
Alison M. Mann 3	James L. Towler 7
Richard J. Harrison .. 4	Joe E. G. Roast Tenor

Composed by James Topp.

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* First peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BARKWAY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,152 Bristol and Yorkshire, 960 Cambridge and Lincolnshire and 864 Rutland, with 74 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 16 cwt.

Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. Treble	Peter J. Eves .. 5
Joe E. G. Roast .. 2	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 6
*Peter G. Brown .. 3	James L. Towler .. 7
Philip J. Rothera .. 4	Ian R. Panton .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* First peal of five spliced.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

Michael R. Thomas .. Treble	John W. Hope .. 4
Malcolm T. Johns .. 2	W. John Clayton .. 5
Colin A. Lewis .. 3	Robert A. Hatcher .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.

(The Hereford Cathedral School Society.)

PETERCHURCH, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., April 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G.

*Ralph C. Godsall .. Treble	Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 4
Peter D. Sell .. 2	†Kenneth S. W. Morton .. 5
Peter D. S. Caligari .. 3	John F. I. Turney .. Tenor

Conducted by John F. I. Turney.

* First peal. † First peal on a working bell. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of Minor for the Hereford Cathedral School Society. Average age of band 16½ years.

Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to M. C. W. Sherwood.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ASPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

Giles B. Thompson .. Treble	Stephen P. Darvill .. 5
Julia A. Fellows .. 2	Jonathan D. Chamberlain .. 6
Gillian Brearley .. 3	Gerald Penney .. 7
Keith J. Walpole .. 4	Roger D. R. Brown .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton.

Conducted by Roger D. R. Brown.

ELSTREE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., and two extents each of Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Elsie K. Hart .. Treble	H. George Hart .. 4
David A. Carpenter .. 2	D. Kay Adkins .. 5
Eric Edmondson .. 3	*Kenneth R. Dunstan .. Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

* 300th peal.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

CARRICKFERGUS, Co. Antrim.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

*Rosemary Thompson .. Treble	†John Lindsay .. 5
Gerald D. Brown .. 2	William A. Patterson .. 6
Jean Jeffery .. 3	*Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 7
Harry Brown .. 4	John T. Dunwoody .. Tenor

Composed by H. Dains.

Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. † First of Major. First peal on bells since rehanging.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

PRITTEWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PRITTEWELL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

Judith M. Corby .. Treble	†Robert W. Hinde .. 6
*Lucile M. Corby .. 2	†Andrew N. Stubbs .. 7
†Ann Jenner .. 3	Andrew J. Corby .. 8
†Hilary F. Martin .. 4	Philip A. Corby .. 9
†David A. H. Bennett .. 5	†Stanley Jenner .. Tenor

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

* First in the method "inside." † First in the method. First of Royal as conductor.

In memoriam Frank C. W. Knight.

THE LADIES' GUILD

and THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BARCOMBE, Sussex.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Bartholomew.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in F.

Angela Grainger .. Treble	Angela Wright .. 4
Rosemary Earl .. 2	Peggy Taylor .. 5
Janet Percy .. 3	Betty Percy .. Tenor

Conducted by Janet Percy.

First peal for the Ladies' Guild by all the band, and also first peal in Sussex for the Guild

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

OSWALDTWISTLE, Lancashire.—At the Church of Immanuel.

On Sun., March 21, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

Richard J. Parkes .. Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw .. 5
J. Colin Ashworth .. 2	Richard S. Starkie .. 6
John P. Partington .. 3	Tudor P. Edwards .. 7
Margaret E. Fort .. 4	Ivor Kay .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Richard J. Parkes.

HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sun., March 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

Kenneth R. Davenport .. Treble	Neil Bennett .. 5
John P. Partington .. 2	Richard S. Starkie .. 6
John Robinson .. 3	Philip J. H. Hudson .. 7
John A. Booth .. 4	Tudor P. Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon H. Sargeant, M.A., Vicar of this church 1934-1950, and an honorary life member of the Association.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 variation of Thurstan's. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Tudor P. Edwards .. Treble	Richard Starkie .. 5
J. Colin Ashworth .. 2	John H. Fielden .. 6
John P. Partington .. 3	Derek Butterworth .. 7
Jeffrey Kershaw .. 4	Donald Bateman .. Tenor

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., April 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Derek Butterworth .. Treble	†John P. Partington .. 5
*Margaret Humphreys .. 2	Peter J. Wycherley .. 6
Eileen Cross .. 3	Richard S. Starkie .. 7
Margaret E. Fort .. 4	John H. Fielden .. Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden.

Conducted by John H. Fielden.

* First peal of Major and on an "inside" bell. † 200th peal.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 5 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 10080 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Tudor P. Edwards .. Treble	Richard S. Starkie .. 5
Maryl R. Crosswaite .. 2	Jeffrey Fox .. 6
Richard J. Parkes .. 3	J. Barry Pickup .. 7
Philip J. Crosswaite .. 4	John H. Fielden .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parkes.

(Preston Branch)

ECCLESTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B., and two extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*John Nelson .. Treble	*John Nixon .. 4
†David Marsden .. 2	*James E. Sumner .. 5
Lawrence Walmsley .. 3	Bernard Moss .. Tenor

Conducted by Bernard Moss.

* First peal in six methods. † First peal. First in six methods as conductor.

A 21st birthday compliment to David Marsden; also a wedding compliment to Arthur Ian Smith and Eileen Ann Ball, who were married this day.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

John A. W. Bayliss Treble	William Johnson 4
*Laurence Watkins 2	Brian L. Burrows 5
John Watkins 3	Michael E. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

* 25th peal.

Arranged as a compliment to Jennifer Stratford and David Meadows, who were married at this church immediately prior to this peal.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

John Walden Treble	Peter A. Sharp 5
Beryl N. Reed 2	*Jack L. Millhouse 6
Anne E. Bateson 3	Geoffrey R. Parker 7
Joyce M. Gurnhill 4	Geoffrey Paul Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Anne E. Bateson.

* 100th peal London Surprise Major. First peal as conductor.

QUADRING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Norwich, Surfleet, York, Primrose, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

Edwin T. Chapman Treble	*Derek J. Jones 4
Frank Taylor 2	*Roger D. Bailey 5
Keith R. Davey 3	Timothy G. Pett Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

* 50th peal together.

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BAGLAN, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catharine.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Harry Boyce Treble	John Locke 4
Raymond J. Hosking 2	Edmund J. Morris 5
John M. Hughes 3	Gwyn I. Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

COLESHILL, Warwickshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*David Lloyd Treble	†William J. V. Conduct .. 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	†David R. Ingram 6
†Keith T. Taylor 3	†Gordon H. Lane 7
Joseph W. Cotton 4	Derek P. Jones Tenor

Composed by W. Barton.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

Rung for the wedding of Elizabeth Smith and Barry Hall.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., March 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Arthur E. Rowley Treble	*John A. Underwood .. 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	†Dan S. Pont 6
Brian G. Warwick 3	G. Ronald Edwards .. 7
Joseph W. Cotton 4	†Derek P. Jones Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* 250th peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ 650th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., April 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 JOHANNESBURG SURPRISE MAJOR

*G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	*Arthur E. Rowley .. 5
*John A. Underwood .. 2	*Dan S. Pont 6
*Rev. Malcolm M. C. Melville .. 3	*Gordon H. Lane .. 7
Joseph W. Cotton 4	†Derek P. Jones Tenor

Composed by W. Barton.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method "inside."

A 4th birthday compliment to Joanne, daughter of the seventh ringer. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MULBARTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sun., March 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Barrie Warnes Treble	Thomas E. Spight 4
William Clover 2	Peter Adcock 5
Desmond P. Mortlock .. 3	Leslie Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Peter Adcock.

* First peal.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Colin and Elaine Spight and grandson to Thomas E. Spight.

NORWICH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. George, Colegate.

On Thurs., April 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Peter Adcock Treble	Charles Goodman 4
David Cubitt 2	John Cox 5
Desmond P. Mortlock .. 3	Martin Cubitt Tenor

Conducted by Peter Adcock.

For All Fools'.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., March 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Comprising seven courses each of Tittums and Backstroke Home, and 12 courses each of Inverted Tittums and Handstroke Home.

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

Claire Dillamore Treble	Frank Lewis 7
Andrew S. Hudson 2	Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 8
M. Jane Foster 3	Christopher H. Rogers .. 9
Hadley Hunter 4	John Manley 10
Peter Wilkinson 5	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 11
Nicholas Martin 6	S. Clarke Walters Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Andrew S. Hudson.

KINGSCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 KINGSCLERE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

Philip Murduck Treble	William Birmingham .. 5
Jennifer Sceeny 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd 6
Frederick W. Soden .. 3	Wilfrid G. Wilson 7
Reginald W. Rex 4	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

First peal in the method by the Guild, on the bells and by all the band.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

EDITH WESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in twelve methods: (1) Hereward and Single Oxford, (2) Cambridge, (3) Double and Fulbeck, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

Edwin T. Chapman Treble	Keith R. Davey 4
J. Martin Thorley 2	Gerald W. Reynolds .. 5
Derek J. Jones 3	Roger D. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

In memoriam Charles Thorley.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

CHILTON FOLIAT, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being five extents each of Stedman Slow Course, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and seven of Grandshire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

K. Barry Osborne Treble	*Alfred W. Johnson .. 3
Pamela A. Osborne 2	Rev. Roger Keeley .. 4

Derrick P. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Derrick P. Bailey.

* Most methods to a peal.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. R. Unwin, after 20 years' ministry at Chilton Foliat.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Denis.
On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Ruth M. Blackshaw Treble	Maurice W. Harrison .. . 4
Ronald G. Russell 2	Frederick Derry 5
Philip C. Pitchford 3	James H. Musson .. . Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

A compliment to Mrs. J. Wright affectionately known to all as Gran, on her 93rd birthday; also a wedding compliment to Mr. W. P. Dockerty and Miss G. O'Donnell.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

TANNINGTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Ethelbert.

On Wed., April 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven extents. Standard calling. Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb.
*Kenneth A. Chapman .. Treble | Leslie G. Brett .. . 4

Jack Pilgrim 2	Harold W. H. Leather .. 5
Walter W. Miller 3	William J. Button .. . Tenor

Conducted by Harold W. H. Leather.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. John A. Clayton—murdered in East Africa, March 14th, 1965.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

HEATHFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising two extents each of Single Oxford and St. Clement's, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb. in G.

Godfrey M. FitzHugh .. Treble	Frederick J. Lambert .. 4
Ann Harris 2	*Alan R. Baldock .. . 5
Valerie Mephram 3	Ian V. J. Smith .. . Tenor

Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.

* 50th peal.

WARBLETON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 9 lb. in A flat.

Sybil Tonkin Treble	Ian V. J. Smith .. . 4
Rosemary Earl 2	Thos. M. Barlow .. . 5
*John L. Hill 3	Alan R. Baldock .. . Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment (April 16th) to John L. Hill.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

PROBUS, Cornwall.—At the Church of SS. Probus and Grace.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

William A. Theobald .. Treble	*Ronald D. Short .. . 5
Trevor N. J. Bailey .. . 2	Martin F. Lock .. . 6
Margaret A. Bould .. . 3	†D. Roy Bould .. . 7
Robert A. Southwood .. 4	Alan Carveth .. . Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by William A. Theobald.

* First in method "inside." † First peal of Surprise.

A compliment to the Ven. F. Boreham, Archdeacon of Cornwall, on his pending retirement.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Wed., April 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Tom Chapman Treble	Michael J. Thomas .. . 5
Carolyn Vibert 2	John R. Faithfull .. . 6
Mrs. T. H. Francis .. . 3	Maurice J. Butler .. . 7
Thomas H. Francis .. . 4	David J. Forder .. . Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by David J. Forder.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

KIDDERMINSTER, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

R. George Morris .. Treble	Michael J. Fellows .. . 7
Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 2	Thomas W. Lewis .. . 8
*Ian Lloyd 3	Gerald C. Hemming .. 9
Clifford Skidmore .. . 4	David Beacham .. . 10
Sidney T. Holt 5	John C. Eisel .. . 11
*Arthur C. Berry .. . 6	Martin D. Fellows .. . Tenor

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.

* First peal on 12 bells.

Rung by an entirely resident Worcestershire band. Quarterly peal for the Northern Branch.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

SKIPTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of Holy Trinity.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt.

Clive Longden Treble	Malcolm P. Phipps .. . 5
Geoffrey N. Goodall .. 2	Alf Smith 6
Adrian Boorman 3	Len Goodall 7
Christopher Hughes .. . 4	Alfred B. Sullivan .. . Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Conducted by Len Goodall.

(Sheffield and District Society)

CONISBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., April 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

Michael Meadows .. Treble	Neil Donovan 5
*Tessa Hollis 2	Jeffrey Ker.shaw .. . 6
†David Nichols 3	John N. D. Chaddock .. 7
Stuart Armeson 4	Norman Chaddock .. . Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker.

Conducted by Norman Chaddock.

* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., April 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

*John Webb Treble	Ronald H. Dove .. . 5
James S. Webb 2	Adrian C. Boorman .. . 6
R. Fraser Mack 3	C. Barrie Dove .. . 7
Susan Jackson 4	Geoffrey D. Armitage .. Tenor

Composed by B. Annable.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.R.H. the Princess Royal, a regular worshipper at Leeds Parish Church.

ILKLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 12 methods, being 960 each of London and Rutland, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, Wembley, Uxbridge and Eastcote, with 149 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

James Thorley Treble	Vernon Bottomley .. . 5
W. Eric Critchley .. . 2	*Neil Donovan 6
*Frederick A. Munday .. 3	*Stuart Armeson .. . 7
Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 4	Richard E. Price .. . Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

* First peal in twelve methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

(The St. George's Guild, Jesmond.)

JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 22, Castleton Grove.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (six callings). Tenor size 15 in C.

*Stephen J. Pardoe .. 1—2	Rodney A. Yeates .. . 3—4
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Andrew G. Craddock (cond.) 5—6

* First peal. First peal by members of the St. George's Guild.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.

On Fri., March 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1—2	Roger Baldwin .. . 5—6
Christopher W. Woolley .. 3—4	Stephen Ivin .. . 7—8

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At Wayside Cottage.

On Fri., March 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Sheila Brown 1—2	Gerald Penney .. . 5—6
Julia A. Fellows 3—4	Roger D. R. Brown .. 7—8

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Betty Fold.

On Wed., March 31, 1965, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Reverse Canterbury, and one Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

Robin Shuttleworth .. 1—2	Mary Whalley .. . 3—4
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Joseph Whalley (cond.) .. 5—6

First peal in four methods by all.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On April 11th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Wendy J. Wallace 1, J. Preston (first in three methods) 2, R. Rayfield 3, Margaret C. Godfrey 4, C. H. Macve 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (most methods as cond.) 6.

BENEDEN, KENT.—On April 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Stewart 1, V. E. Relf 2, L. Sweatman 3, B. Johnson 4, R. J. Brown 5, G. Stewart (cond.) 6. A welcome to Angela Bridget Denne, with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Denne, of Wittersham.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On April 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss S. Bird 1, Miss H. Copperthwaite 2, V. J. C. Dale (cond.) 3, R. J. Brown 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. For Parish Communion.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Cooper 1, R. F. Baker (cond.) 2, M. J. Dyer 3, E. A. Bailey 4, E. J. Whiting 5, J. W. Allen 6. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of John Polwarth and Ann Norley.

BRISTOL.—At St. Stephen's Church, on March 13th, 1,421 Grandsire Caters: R. Dale 1, R. Hazell 2, A. Tyler (comp. and cond.) 3, P. Clarkson 4, T. Goulter 5, L. Barry 6, P. Gould 7, L. Edwards 8, P. Allen 9, D. Pobjoy 10.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's Church, on April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Williams 1, F. J. Sampson 2, Miss G. M. Hussey (cond.) 3, F. R. Hussey 4, D. J. Hunt 5, T. Newlands (first quarter) 6. On St. Ambrose's Day.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Higdon 1, T. Higdon (cond.) 2, L. Sherrell 3, W. H. Roberts (first quarter) 4, J. Nicholls 5, W. Sherrell 6.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On March 28th, 1,259 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: M. D. Fuller 1, J. F. Payne 2, J. H. Payton (cond.) 3, T. J. Wellen 4, M. J. Bura 5, L. G. Connor 6. Rung half-muffled for the death of Mr. H. Bowman, churchwarden for 25 years.

CHUBHAM, SURREY.—On April 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. V. Johnson 1, Miss P. Taylor 2, Miss R. Stevens 3, D. G. Blows 4, S. D. Upton (first of Stedman) 5, J. W. Priest 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, C. J. Hudson 8.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on April 6th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods/variations): B. Smith 1, Pamela Osborne 2, D. Bailey (cond.) 3, B. Osborne 4, W. Alexander 5, P. Barrett 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. B. Smith.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Fox 1, Rosemary Earl 2, J. Hill 3, I. White 4, H. Reynolds 5, A. Baldock (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 3 and 4.

EAST WOODHAY, HANTS.—On March 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: James Furness (first quarter) 1, Peter Furness (first quarter) 2, D. P. Murduck 3, B. Murduck 4, G. K. Dodd 5, P. Murduck (cond.) 6.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On March 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss R. Mortimer 1, Miss M. Pollard (first quarter) 2, Miss J. Pollard (first quarter) 3, V. Nutton 4, P. Birkett 5, A. Rogers (first as cond.) 6. By the local band for Evensong. Also on April 4th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss R. Mortimer 1, Miss M. Pollard 2, Miss J. Pollard 3, Miss F. Fairbank 4, V. Nutton (cond.) 5, P. Birkett 6, A. Rogers 7, J. H. Fielden 8. To welcome Mr. R. G. Garnett as Rector's warden.

ERITH, KENT.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Earl 1, E. C. Patten 2, C. Brett-Smith 3, A. G. Hill (cond.) 4, A. J. Hill 5, S. Zobel 6, B. Mason 7, A. C. Patten 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Sir Winston Churchill. Also on Feb. 28th, 1,312 Plain Bob Major: Miss E. Smith 1, E. C. Patten 2, D. Earl 3, A. G. Hill 4, C. Brett-Smith 5, S. Zobel 6, A. J. Hill 7, A. C. Patten (first as cond.) 8. Also on April 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss G. Mason 1, E. C. Patten 2, C. Brett-Smith 3, A. G. Hill 4, A. C. Patten 5, G. Huckstepp 6, B. Mason (first as cond.) 7, D. Earl 8. A wedding compliment to Michael Crosby and Pat Dalt, married the previous day.

FAWNGHOPE, HEREFORDS.—On March 25th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): K. S. Morton 1, R. Godsall 2, D. M. Morton 3, P. D. Sell 4, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 5, T. Grant 6.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On April 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Worley 1, E. Buckley 2, N. Pearson 3, K. Chapman 4, E. Chapman 5, C. Richardson 6, R. Cowley 7, D. Pearson (cond.) 8. By the Sunday service band.

GUDSHILL, I.O.W.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): S. Moody 1, Mrs. E. Wyatt 2, C. Callaway 3, A. Harman 4, L. Bailey (cond.) 5. Also on Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda Gray 1, A. Harman 2, Jill Williams (first quarter) 3, L. Bailey (cond.) 4, T. East 5, S. Moody 6. Also on April 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): S. Moody 1, Mrs. E. Wyatt 2, L. Bailey 3, A. Harman 4, C. Denness 5, R. Lale 6. A welcome to the new incumbent, Rev. T. J. P. Hewitt, M.A.

GOTHAM, NOTTS.—On March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Plant 1, W. Dakin 2, D. Dring 3, D. Osborne 4, A. Newell (cond.) 5. First quarter by regular Sunday team. Rung after the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Ian Martin.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On April 7th, 1,152 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Purkiss 1, V. P. Evans 2, G. J. N. Colborne 3, J. R. Holmes 4, A. J. Colborne 5, D. R. Baxter (cond.) 6. By the King's School Society for the end of term.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—On April 10th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob): Daisy M. Andrews 1, Jennifer M. Andrews 2, Evelyn R. M. Cansdale 3, Winifred M. Ivings 4, Janet I. Rogers (cond.) 5, D. L. Mills 6. A 78th birthday compliment to Arthur W. Rolfe.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob: T. Darley 1, Joan Hingley 2, Margaret Whitehead 3, W. T. Stoker 4, R. R. Warford 5, G. F. Terry (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.R.H. Princess Royal.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On March 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Gwen Chinnery 1, J. Bailey 2, H. Colcombe 3, Genebeth Mooring 4, Pam Bird 5, C. Webb 6, C. Chinnery 7, J. King (cond.) 8. A welcome to an adopted baby boy to the Vicar and Mrs. Hargroves.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On April 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. R. Walters (first of Minor) 1, M. H. Whittell 2, M. J. Howes 3, A. J. Munnings 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

HUNTINGDON.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Nissly 1, A. J. Davey 2, F. Nicholls 3, J. K. A. Cook 4, H. S. Peacock 5, J. R. Hough 6, P. E. Wells 7, P. Woolven (cond.) 8. For morning service.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At the Church of St. Clement, on March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Howes 1, M. H. Whittell (first of Minor) 2, A. J. Munnings 3, R. C. Kersey 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On April 4th, 1,272 Kent and Oxford Minor: Miss L. Dalton 1, Miss V. M. Kirk (first of Oxford) 2, G. K. Smith 3, K. Kirk 4, I. G. Campbell 5, F. C. Hobson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LONG WITTENHAM, BERKS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Andrew Howes 1, Helen Howes 2, Jane Carruthers 3, M. Hodge 4, A. Jobson 5, C. Rowson (cond.) 6.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On April 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Neilson 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, Rachel Sinden 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. P. Brotherton 6. For Matins. Also 1,240 Plain Bob Doubles: Elizabeth S. Sargeant (first quarter) 1, A. Neilson 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, R. P. Brotherton 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, T. C. Uden 6. For Evensong.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At All Saints' Church, on April 4th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. Cullingworth 1, L. Mannerling 2, W. T. Grice 3, F. Macey 4, T. E. Sone 5, B. F. Groves 6, T. Cullingworth 7, B. Baker 8, A. Macfadyen (cond.) 9, H. Smith 10. For Evensong.

MAITLAND, NEW SOUTH WALES.—On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hedges 1, W. G. Knight (first of Grandsire) 2, Miss E. L. Roberts (cond.) 3, W. D. Watson 4, G. Heyes (first of Grandsire Doubles) 5, J. C. Sheehy 6. Also 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. C. Sheehy 1, Miss E. L. Roberts 2, W. G. Knight (first of Surprise) 3, G. Heyes 4, J. J. Cummins 5, W. D. Watson (cond.) 6.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. M. Barraclough 1, Mary A. Tonge 2, F. Barraclough 3, M. D. Radcliffe 4, I. N. Goldthorpe 5, G. Pye 6, A. Ward (cond.) 7, D. W. Frost 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Sir Winston S. Churchill, Hon. Freeman of the City of Manchester.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.—On April 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Gifford 1, W. H. Mills 2, P. Bray 3, A. Bratten 4, R. E. J. Baker (cond.) 5, D. Barry 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Wareham, mother of the tower captain. Also on April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Gifford 1, W. H. Mills 2, A. Payne 3, A. Bratten 4, R. E. J. Baker (cond.) 5, F. Elliot 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Mills, wife of the ringier of the 2nd, who is 85. Also to Mr. W. H. Mills, who is 83. By Sunday service band.

MITCHELDEAN, GLOS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. B. M. Paton 1, L. Smith 2, D. Wilson 3, A. Paton 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, D. Webb 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Evensong and the visit of Rev. F. F. Rigby.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Croall 1, Mrs. F. J. Cheal 2, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 3, S. V. Rayfield 4, N. A. Crane 5, G. M. Wood 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. J. Milner and Miss P. Crane, of Rainham; also for the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. F. Fagg, formerly of Milton Regis.

MOORLYNCH, SOMERSET.—On April 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. A. Vere Hodge 1, D. Dean (first of Minor) 2, Mrs. Crocker 3, C. D. Vere Hodge 4, K. Prime 5, F. White (cond.) 6. Rung after the christening of Stuart Douglas Norton. Also a welcome to Rev. and Mrs. Vere Hodge and family.

NEWTON ST. LOE, SOMERSET.—On April 4th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): W. H. Tovey 1, L. R. G. Taylor 2, S. Woodcock 3, C. J. Brown 4, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 5, L. Jewel 6.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual general meeting April 28th at 9.10 p.m. in Prof. C. D. Moule's room, Clare. Business includes election of C.C. representatives for 1966-68. 6671

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Worplesdon on April 29th, 7.30-9 p.m. 6669

ST. STEPHEN'S, ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—Practice night will now be on Friday (temporarily until August Monday, 1965), beginning April 23rd, 1965. We regret any inconvenience caused.—P. J. Fells. 6619

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Henstridge (6), April 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreddie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 6627

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Audlem, April 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 6684

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wanstraw, Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. Colwell, The Kennels, Wanstraw.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 6649

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, April 24th, at St. Mary's, Warwick. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Numbers for tea important to Mr. J. L. Garner Hayward, Lowfold, Ashorne, Warwick. Diary holders note change of date. 6609

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Buckden, Saturday, April 24th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6667

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Tilney All Saints', Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6674

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Egham, Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Parsons, Boswinger, Mount Lee, Egham.—R. Collins, Dis. Sec. 6638

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Farnborough (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and bells up to 9 p.m. on April 24th. Notifications for tea to Mrs. J. M. Kippin, 75, Southwood Road, Cove, Farnborough, Hants. 6668

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Hatfield on Saturday, April 24th. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting at Countess Ann School, School Lane, 4.50. Silletto type heels must not be worn in the School Hall. Resolutions will be presented to increase subscriptions and peal fees, to re-centralise the bell fund and to alter the format of the annual report. Ringing arrangements: Kimpton (6) 9.30-10.30, South Myms (6) 10-11, Wheathampstead (6) 10.30-11.30, Radlett (6) 11-12, Harpenden (8) 11-12, Sandridge (6) 11.30-12.30, Welwyn (8) 12-1, St. Albans Cathedral (12) 12-1, St. Michael's (8) 1-2, St. Stephen's (6) 1.30-2.30, St. Peter's (10) 2.45-3.45, Tewin (6) 2-3, Essendon (6) 3-4, Hatfield (10) 3-4.15 and after meeting until 8.30. North Myms (8) 7.30-8.30. Names for tea essential to Miss A. Chapman, 18, Endymion Road, Hatfield (Tel.: 2191).—A. R. Agg, Gen. Sec. 6597

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Ashby-Wrotham on April 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. J. V. Muller, School House, Ash, Sevenoaks.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6641

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Chilham, Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea Village Hall. Names for tea together with cash, please (cost 2s.), to Mr. J. E. Harding, Thorpe Farm, Old Wives Lees, Chilham, Canterbury. 6651

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, April 24th, at Slough. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Please send names for tea.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 6647

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Spring meeting at King's Cliffe on April 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. H. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough. 6656

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Meeting at Geddington on April 24th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Weekly in evening. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Knight, Carlton House, Geddington. Special methods: St. Simon's, Double Court, Beverley. All welcome. 6659

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Burton Bradstock, Saturday, April 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 6650

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, April 24th, Fittleton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton. 6626

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, April 24th. Babworth, West Retford, East Retford, open from 3 p.m. Service at East Retford 4.30. Names for tea (2s. 6d.) to Mrs. M. C. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford. Evening ringing at East, West and Ordsall. Alterations to rules are to be discussed. 6643

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting on April 24th, Earl Stonham (5) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. in Parish Room adjoining churchyard for those who apply to L. E. Last, Low Street, Hoxne, Diss, Norfolk. Ringing to follow at Stonham Aspal (10) from 6 p.m. 6642

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, April 24th, Good Shepherd, Brighton. Bells (8) 3.30-4.30 p.m. Tea 5, Shoreham. Service 6. Shoreham bells (8) 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss S. G. Rice, 40, Fairfield Gardens, Portslade. 6693

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, April 24th, St. Mary's, Alverstoke. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Brodrick Hall 5. Names for tea, please, to Mr. H. Nobes, 6, Molesworth Road, Gosport. 6637

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Tuesday, April 27th. All Saints'. Leicester. 4.30 p.m. Striking Competition, May 1st. South Wigston. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names, by April 28th. to undersigned. Entries for competition by April 24th.—A. James Pownor, 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leicester, Dis. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Mid-week evening practice meeting at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn. on Wednesday, April 28th. Bells (10) available 7 p.m. Please make every effort to attend.—C. T. 6683

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, May 1st. Haselbury Plucknett (6). Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by April 27th.—R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 6699

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, May 1st. Towers open: Keston. 10.15-11.15; Flitow. 11.15-12.15; Milton Ernest. 1.30-2.30; Bletsoe. Sharnbrook. Odell. 2-3.15; Pavenham. Oakley. Stevenston. 3.45-4; Biddenham. 3-4; Bromham. 3.45-4.15. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 4.45. Bromham. 8.45; Biddenham. 8.30. Tickets for tea, price 3s. each, must be obtained before Thursday, April 29th from Association Secretaries or Mr. R. Fowler, 24, Oakley Road, Bromham, enclosing s.a.e. 6702

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Roker, Saturday, May 1st. 3 n.m. Names for tea not later than April 28th to Mr. R. I. Wilson, 122, Fulwell Road, Sunderland.—W. F. Sheraton. 6703

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 1st, at Burnham—not Tollesbury as previously announced. Bells and striking competition 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Thursday, April 29th to J. P. Brandon, 424, Baddow Road, Chelmsford (72100). Visitors welcome. Special method: Killamarch. 6676

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Blackawton, Saturday, May 1st. Bells 2.30 n.m. Service 4.15 n.m. Ringing at Dittisham after meeting. Names for tea to B. Shipler, 8, Ness View Road, Teignmouth. 6677

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Walkern, Saturday, May 1st, at 5.30 p.m.—F. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6691

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Aldenham, May 1st. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Mission Room, Letchmore Heath. Names, please, to C. Evans, 20, Watline Street, Radlett, Herts. Tel. Radlett 5879.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 6698

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3 to 5 and 6 p.m. onwards. Nearby cafes for
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Horn, Dis. Sec. 6690

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan
Branch.—Monthly meeting at St. Cuthbert's,
Halsall (6), on Saturday, May 1st, at 2.30 p.m.
Names for tea to Mrs. E. Parker, 51, Carr
Moss Lane, Halsall, Ormskirk.—D. R. Jones,
Hon. Sec. 6695

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe
Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Gos-
berton, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available
2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for
tea to Mr. A. G. Payne, Seadyke Lane, Gos-
berton, Spalding, Lincs, by April 28th.—K. R.
Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6653

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual
meeting at Christ Church, Southgate, on
Saturday, May 1st. Service 4 p.m. Tea and
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Middlesex. Ringing: Southgate 2.30 p.m. and
evening; Enfield (St. Andrew's) 2.30 to 3.40
p.m.; Wood Green 2.15 to 3.30 p.m.—T. J.
Lock, Hon. Sec. 6640

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wim-
borne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wareham,
Saturday, May 1st. Bells 3. Service 4.30.
Lytchett Minster 7-8. Names for tea, by
Wednesday, April 28th, to Mr. C. Heawood,
4, Walls View Road, Wareham. 6616

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Not-
tingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 1st,
Sutton Bonington (5), 3 to 5 p.m. Kingston-
on-Soar (6) 6 to 8 p.m. Names for tea to
Miss E. Smith, 18, Greendale Gardens, Aspley,
Nottingham.—S. Adams. 6700

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general
meeting, Ipswich, Saturday, May 1st. St.
Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6), St. Nicholas'
(5), all 2.30-4.15 p.m.; St. Mary-le-Tower (12),
2.30-3.30; St. Lawrence's (5), 4.40-5.30. Service
in St. Lawrence's Church at 4.30. Tea 5.15,
followed by business meeting. St. Mary-le-
Tower, 6.30-7.30; St. Mary-at-Quay (6) and St.
Margaret's (8), 7-9 p.m. Names for tea to
Andrew T. Beckwith, 8, Lansdowne Road,
Ipswich (Tel. 75647). (Please note change in
ringing arrangements.) 6662

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Penzance
Branch.—Meeting at Madron (8) on Saturday,
May 1st, at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m.,
followed by tea.—Miss M. Christopher, Hon.
Sec., Boskinning, Heamoor, Penzance. 6689

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION & SHEF-
FIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Annual
general meeting at Rotherham on Saturday,
May 1st. Bells available: Wentworth (6),
11-12; Sprotborough (8), 11-12; Conisbrough
(8), 12-1; Rawmarsh (8), 12-1; Wath (8), 1-2;
Thrybergh (6), 2-3; St. Stephen's, Eastwood
(8), 2.30-3.30 and 7-8; Rotherham Parish
Church (10), 11.30-12, 12.30-1, 2.30-4 and 7-9;
Treeton (6), 7-8.30; Whiston (8), 7-8.30. Ser-
vice in the Parish Church at 4. Tea in the

Parish Hall 4.45, followed by the general meet-
ing. Subscriptions are now due and reports
will be available. Names for tea are essential
and should be sent to Mr. N. Chaddock, 17,
Herrington Grove, Rotherham, by April
29th.—W. F. Moreton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6591

**BREDONS NORTON, TEWKESBURY,
GLOS.**—The six bells have now been rehung
by Mears and Stainbank. Thanksgiving for
Restoration on Sunday, May 2nd, at Evensong,
6.30 p.m. Preacher Archdeacon Eliot. Ring-
ing 3.30 p.m. onwards. Tea. All welcome.
6628

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL
FESTIVAL.**—The annual festival will be held
on Saturday, May 8th, at St. Thomas', Nor-
bury, Hazel Grove. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5,
followed by annual general meeting. Tickets
for tea 5s. each. Applications before May 3rd
to Mr. C. K. Lewis, 52, Wellington Road,
Altrincham, Cheshire. Towers available: Nor-
bury (8), 2-4 and after the meeting; St.
George's, Stockport (10), 2-3.30; Pointon (6),
2-3.30; Marple (8) after meeting; Bowdon
(8) by application.—Henry O. Baker, Gen.
Sec. 6544

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting
at Rothbury, Saturday, May 8th. Private bus
leaving Bewick Street (opp. Central Station) at
1.30, returning 9 p.m. Seats available. Names,
please, to Miss I. Thomson, 173, Hampstead
Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 4. Tea provided.
6694

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIA-
TION.**—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meet-
ing, Aston-under-Hill (6), Saturday, May 8th,
3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names
for tea before May 5th to Mr. David Cotton,
Honeysuckle Cottage, Beckford Road, Aston-
under-Hill, near Evesham. 6633

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—
East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will
be held at Honiton on May 8th. Bells (St.
Michael's (6)) from 2.30, (St. Paul's (8)) 4.15
for 4.30 service, and later. Numbers for tea
to W. Webb, Millhead Road, Honiton (phone
521), by May 5th. 6701

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—
South-West Branch.—Spring meeting, Walk-
hampton, May 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Ser-
vice 4.30. Ringing Meavy (6) after meeting.
Names for tea by Wednesday, May 5th, please,
to me at Crelake Mews, Tavistock.—Mrs. M.
A. Bould, Dis. Sec. 6704

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The
Guild Festival, Sherborne, Dorset, Saturday,
May 8th. The annual general meeting in St.
Aldhelm's C. of E. School at 2.15 p.m., when
a welcome will be given by the Chairman of
the Sherborne U.D.C. The festival service will
be held at the Abbey Church of St. Mary,
4 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon
S. B. Wingfield-Digby. Address by the Ven.
David Rokeby Maddock, M.A., Archdeacon
of Sherborne. All clergy attending the service
are invited to be robed. High tea in the
school at 5.30. Tickets 7s. 6d. Members
under the age of 17-6s. Tickets obtained
from the Assistant Hon. Sec., Mr. F. Slatford,
35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, near Trow-
bridge, before May 4th. Bells available: Sher-
borne Abbey (8), between 1 and 2 p.m. and
during evening; all below available between
10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and 630 to 9 p.m.:
Gillingham (8), Mere (8), Bourton (6), Childe
Okeford (6), Iwerne Minster (6), Maiden
Bradley (6), Okeford Fitzpaine (6), Lillington
(6), Shroton (6), Thornford (6), Yetminster (6),
Shaftesbury St. James (6), Shaftesbury Holy
Trinity (6), Hazlebury Bryan (6), Horningsham
(6), Buckhorn Weston (6), Shillingstone (6),
Bradford Abbas (6), Silton (5), Compton Abbas
(5), Kingston Magna (5). Not available be-
tween 12 and 2: Sturminster Newton (6) and
Marnhull (6).—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melks-
ham, Wilts. 6697

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joyful occasion to
which all are invited. Dedication of a new
treble at Mendlesham, May 8th. Service 3
p.m., followed by tea in the Village Hall for
all who apply by May 5th to Mrs. A. Godfrey,
2, Fleece Cottages, Mendlesham, Suffolk. 6696

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—
Annual general meeting and ringing festival,
Chichester on Saturday, May 8th. Ringing
arrangements: Route 1: Slinfold (6) 10-11,
Itchingfield (5) 10.30-11.30, Wisborough Green
(6) 11.30-12.30, Kirdford (6) 12-1, Petworth
(8) 1.30-2.30; Route 2: Thakeham (6) 10-11,
Washington (6) 10.30-11.30, Storrington (6)
11-12, Pulborough (8) 11.30-12.30, Fittleworth
(6) 12-1; Route 3: Findon (6) 10-11, Heene
(8) 10.30-11.30, West Tarring (6) 11-12, Goring
(6) 11.30-12.30, Angmering (6) 12-1, Lyminster
(6) 1.30-2.30, Felpham (6) 2-3, Chichester (8)
2-3.30; Route 4: Amberley (5) 11.30-12.30,
Arundel (8) 12-1, Bosham (6) 2-3. After meet-
ing, Chichester, Arundel and Walberton will be
available. Service in Chichester Cathedral at
3.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in Council Chamber,
followed by business meeting. Seating accom-
modation limited to 120, essential to send
names for tea in good time. Any queries re
ringing to Mr. B. E. Mathews, 4, Romilly
Street, London, W.1. Names for tea to R.
Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester,
Sussex. 6673

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—
A.G.M. on Saturday, May 8th. Afternoon
ringing. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. Olave's, fol-
lowed by tea and meeting in St. Olave's
Vestry. Names for tea to Hon. Sec., Miss Y.
Edwards, 11, Wedderburn Road, Hampstead,
N.W.3. 6634

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—
Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at
Alphington, Saturday, May 15th. Service 4
p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Meeting following. Bells
before and after. Cathedral Practice 6 p.m.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Due to unavoidable circumstances, it
will not now be possible to arrange a
suitable ringing programme for the
proposed meeting at Exeter on May
29th, 1965.

Will all members please note that this
meeting has therefore been cancelled.

JOHN CHILCOTT.

6613

LATE NOTICES

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.
—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting,
Brighthelm, April 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Ser-
vice 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—A. M. Guy, Dis. Sec.
6711

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leices-
ter District.—Ringing, All Saints', April 27th
at 7.30 p.m., and not 4.30 p.m. 6705

**CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMOR-
LAND ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—
Practice meeting at Aspatria, Saturday, May
1st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30.
Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. T. Hodgson,
10, North View, Aspatria, by April 29th. 6714

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridg-
north Branch.—Spring meeting, Madeley, May
1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5
p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Jones, 31,
Station Road, Madeley, Salop, by April 29th.
6706

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—
Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Flore, Saturday,
May 1st. Names for tea to Mr. J. Care, 16,
The Crescent, Flore, Northampton, by Tues-
day previous.—F. W. Hancock. 6706

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.—
Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 1st,
Hampton Park Hotel, Southampton, 6 p.m.
Ringing, North Stoneham, 4 p.m. Service 5
p.m.—R. J. Kemp, Hon. Sec. 6710

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.
—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting,
Sherfield-on-Loddon, May 1st. Bells from
2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names,
please, to John Chesterman, Leacroft, Sher-
borne St. John, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, April
27th. 6709

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WARSUP, NOTTS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Spencer 1, J. F. Smallwood 2, D. Whetton 3, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 4, D. H. Rooke 5, F. Cooke 6. For Evensong. Also on Mar. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Oakley (first quarter) 1, B. Moran (first "inside") 2, P. Mellor 3, R. Lucas 4, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 5, F. Cooke 6. For Confirmation service.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 25th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: M. J. Horseman 1, Diana Chapman 2, E. T. Lee 3, J. Brain 4, A. E. Cox 5, G. H. Pullin 6, P. Bridle 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8. First of Bristol 2 and 6.

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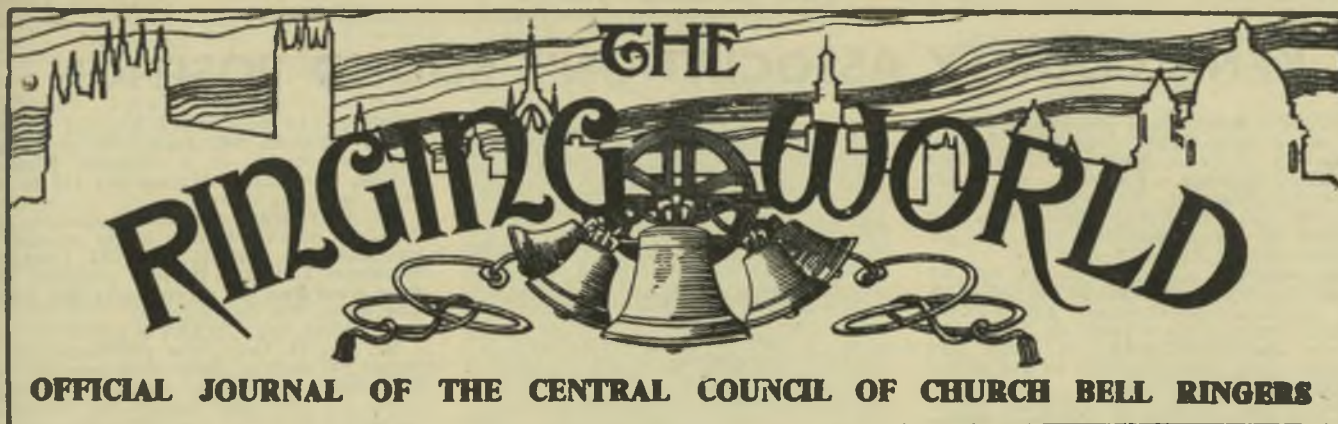
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CHANGE RINGING ON TELEVISION FROM NEWCASTLE

By DENIS A. BAYLES

(Hon. General Secretary, Durham)

IN November last year in an interview on B.B.C. television's "Look North" programme, Miss Jennie Armstrong complained about the interference with the curfew by peal ringers at Morpeth's Watch Tower and she said that the public did not understand or appreciate change ringing. I immediately wrote to the B.B.C. and suggested that this statement should be seen as a challenge to them to do something to enlighten the public about change ringing. A discussion followed in which the idea was favourably received but action was deferred until filming conditions were more favourable.

Discussions were resumed in March and filming was arranged for Saturday, March 27th, at Newcastle Cathedral. This tower was chosen because it has a spacious ringing chamber, a compact arrangement of the ropes in its "middle eight," audible and good quality bells and, last but not least, people in charge who are good friends. The B.B.C. team was most co-operative and took great pains to ensure a successful outcome. The final result was seen on Thursday, April 8th, in the North East and Cumberland version of "Look North," with an item on change ringing lasting about seven and a half minutes.

Mike Neville gave a topical lead into the item by referring to the reports in the local Press of the divergent views about the bells of Houghton-le-Spring, where the patrons of the Golden Lion could not abide the sound, but those of the Red Lion liked the sound so much that they had sent £5 to help to keep the bells ringing! George House reported for the B.B.C. and gave an introduction outside Newcastle Cathedral with Stedman Triples in the background. As he concluded, the camera moved up the tower to the ringing chamber window to bear out his remark on the need for good lungs and good legs in any prospective ringer at this cathedral. He entered the ringing chamber somewhat breathless as the bells ran round and came over to introduce me as secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, using a peal board as his teleprompter for our full title. We talked about the two ways of making a bell sound and I demonstrated chiming and ringing, in each case shots being given of what was happening in the bell chamber.

To demonstrate change ringing, the plain hunt on four bells was rung twice and I gave a commentary on this. I remained out of view at this stage and the camera retained a steady view of only the first four bells. The treble was made conspicuous by having a lady ringer, Miss Iris Thomson, while Messrs. K. Arthur, J. Crowther and W. Davidson manned the other three. Before ringing commenced I emphasised the two important points—(i) the two distinct strokes, handstroke and backstroke, and these were demonstrated by the treble, and (ii) that all bells complete one stroke before any proceed to the next stroke. I pointed out that although eight bells were in use, only the four in view would be changing their order and the unseen 5, 6, 7 and 8 would retain their order throughout. (The four covering bells helped the striking and slowed the action slightly for the commentator.)

I returned to the fifth for a final chat with George House, the main topic being the names of methods. Then George thanked us all and left us to resume ringing. For a short item the plain hunt on seven was selected and some of this ringing was heard while shots of ringers, moving ropes and swinging bells were seen in turn on the screen.

The item ended with the emergence of George House in the street below, where he pointed out that twelve ringers starting at that time could ring continuously on the twelve bells until about 2003 A.D. before all the possibilities would be exhausted. He reassured those who do not like bells by passing on the ringers' admission that they themselves would be exhausted much sooner.

Many people who saw the programme have commented very favourably on it. The majority of the comments that I have heard were from people who are not ringers and from these comments it would seem that the objective of trying to give the general public some insight into the mysteries of change ringing had been achieved.

I am very grateful to all those who co-operated in this venture—the B.B.C., the Newcastle Cathedral authorities and my fellow ringers, including those who were only heard and not seen. In the early discussions Mr. Alder, of the B.B.C., emphasised the desirability of physical demonstrations rather than too much talk or diagrams if interest were to be maintained. While we tried to adopt this idea we did not appreciate quite how far this thirst for demonstration could go and I hear that we sadly disappointed one young viewer in Chester-le-Street. It was not enough for him to hear about the disastrous consequences of keeping hold of the sally, he wanted to SEE THEM!

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S SOUND POSITION

GUESTS of honour at the annual meeting of the Kent County Association, held at Canterbury on Easter Monday, was Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, K.C.M.G. and Lady Knatchbull-Hugessen. Sir Hugh's father was the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, the founder of the Association, who was the general secretary from 1880-1889.

The meeting was largely attended and the service was held in the choir of the Cathedral. The Archdeacon of Canterbury (the Ven. A. Sargent) prefaced his sermon by a welcome to the Association from the Dean and Chapter. The lesson was read by the general secretary (Mr. P. A. Corby).

During the service the following deaths which had occurred since the last meeting were remembered:

Practising members.—L. Cook (Harrietsham), A. Dunk (Stockbury), W. Everett (Ashford), H. R. French (Canterbury), E. Harrington (Hever), W. F. Jenkins (Canterbury), J. W. Unwin (Canterbury), F. Watts (Burmarsh), J. Wallis (Maidstone), A. F. Wellington (Tunbridge Wells), F. C. W. Knight (Ramsgate). Non-resident.—E. M. Atkins (Teignmouth), L. Fidler (Hitchin), W. Hodgetts (Bushey), A. A. Hughes (Whitechapel), A. R. Macdonald (Poole), F. W. Rogers (Portsmouth), H. T. Wilson (Brentwood).

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The luncheon was served in the Drill Hall, and there were many distinguished guests for the chairman (Mr. John Willis) to welcome. These included the Dean (the Very Rev. I. H. White-Thomson), whom he recalled was for some years Vicar of Folkestone and while there was a very good friend of the ringers. Although the Mayor was unable to attend, he had sent a very good substitute in the Sheriff of the City (Cclr. Wilson) and Mrs. Wilson. Others welcomed were the Archdeacon of Canterbury and his sister Mrs. Moule, the Precentor (the Rev. Guy L'Estrange), Canon and Mrs. A. H. Waddams, Mr. Stephen Crisp (deputy organist), Rev. F. Mason (principal of Christ Church College) and Mrs. Mason, the Archdeacon of Maidstone and Mrs. Strutt, Dr. G. Templeman (vice-chancellor of Canterbury University), whose daughter is a ringer, and Mrs. Templeman.

The Dean, who replied to the welcome, said he knew a little about ringing and used to see a good deal of the ringers at Folkestone. It was a great work bellringers did and he was glad to see that so many ringers reached old age. Despite the years, they were still able to get into the belfries and ring for hours. He was talking to a ringer in the belfry who said he was ringing in 1904. It was wonderful to think that some young people sitting in front of him had 65 years of steady ringing ahead of them.

Replies were also made by the Sheriff and Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen.

BUSINESS MEETING

The business meeting followed, and apologies were received from Messrs. B. F. L. Groves, T. E. Sone (in bed with bronchitis), G. H. Spice, A. Fry and the Rev. S. M. Evans (recovering from influenza).

In the secretary's annual report the membership of the Association was given as 1,193 resident, 72 associate; towers in union 164, not in union 51. Districts membership was: Ashford 225, associates 32; Canterbury 286, 28; Lewisham 176, 3; Maidstone 157, nil; Rochester 187, 9; Tonbridge 162, 3.

RESTORATION WORK

"A most heartening increase in this most important sphere," commented the report. Cuxton Church had a very satisfactory six, the old five having been rehung and a treble added. Excellent reports had been received of Pluckley, where the six had been recast, rehanging in a new frame, and a new ringing room provided. Both jobs were completed during the year by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who now had in hand the rehanging in a new frame of the six and the addition of two trebles at East Malling, and a similar job at Brabourne. In addition work was in hand



Mr. John Willis, the popular chairman, who told the meeting: "Easter Monday is a great day for me and many of you."

on a new frame at Ashford, although it was not proposed to add new trebles at the moment.

At Mersham, where the founder, the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, was Rector, the bells had been sent to Whitechapel pending the restoration of the tower, after which a new bell frame will be installed and the eight bells retuned and rehung. At Sevenoaks an order had been placed for a new iron frame, the sixth to be recast and the remainder tuned. This work could commence in July.

The F. M. Mitchell memorial, which will take the form of a bronze tablet to be placed at the base of the tower at Milton-next-Gravesend and the investment of a sum of money to provide interest for the purchase of bell ropes for this church, was still open for further donations. A generous contribution had been received from the Ancient Society of College Youths, of which Mr. Mitchell was Master in 1932.

PLEA FOR LESS EXPERIENCED

Mr. P. A. Corby concluded his report with the following general comment. Membership had remained steady after the serious decline reported last year. The Association still had a great purpose to fulfil and must have the support of every ringer in Kent. In these days of easy transport and greater affluence, a great deal of ringing activity was organised independent of the Association. This in many ways was a good thing, but the temptation must be avoided for more experienced ringers to concentrate exclusively on their own pleasure ringing to the complete neglect of the needs of the less experienced. "Our aim and purpose must be to ring the bells of all our churches regularly, Sunday by Sunday. We can achieve this best by strengthening our fellowship through the Association."

Mr. Corby moved and Miss M. Andrews seconded the adoption of the report. A protest was entered by Mrs. Robbins: "We cannot adopt a report we have not read." Nevertheless, the majority present voted for adoption.

Presenting the accounts Mr. B. M. May said the income and expenditure account showed a balance carried forward of £201 11s. 8d., against £177 8s. 5d. From the Benevolent Fund four grants aggregating £40 and Christmas gifts of £14 had been made and the balance reduced from £253 14s. 1d. to £217 5s. 1d. Belfry Repair Fund at £238 2s. 3d. had made grants of £20 to Cheriton, Cuxton and Pluckley. The assets of the Association at market value on

December 31st were £1,209, with £31 15s. 9d. in the Tenterden Bell Fund. He moved the adoption and Mr. A. S. Richards, honorary auditor, seconding said there was £14 to £15 to be added as interest.

Mr. C. T. Hillis questioned collections and donations of £47 standing in the account of the Maidstone District and £32 from the Rochester District. It was explained that these arose from the summer rally and dinner. The report was then adopted.

PEAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Ian H. Oram, the peal secretary, reported 143 peals in 1964, which were four less than last year. There were no twelve-bell peals, and two rung outside the county, of which one was the only handbell peal. St. John's, Erith, and Frindsbury headed the list of towers with nine peals each. Three royal births were honoured by two peals each, and one peal was especially named and rung for the 90th birthday of Sir Winston S. Churchill. There were 37 conductors headed by Bernard F. L. Groves, with 28, followed by Stanley Jenner and the peal secretary both with 19.

The adoption was moved by the peal secretary and seconded by Mr. Stanley Jenner.

Mr. C. T. Hillis said he noticed that first pealers were down by two. Of the 26 first pealers, 15 were from the Ashford District, where there was an increase. He suggested that there was something seriously wrong in other Districts. He thought they should "buck their ideas up" with regard to first pealers. It was all right concentrating on new methods, but they must bring their first pealers along. The report was adopted.

Over the elections Mr. Hillis had a comment. He took exception to Canon N. M. G. Sharp, Vicar of Ashford, being elected a vice-president personally. The vice-presidency was conferred on the Vicar and not the individual in the same way as the other dignitaries. Other non-clerical vice-presidents elected were Messrs. E. A. Barnett, A. G. Hill, B. J. Luck, E. S. Ruck, G. H. Spice and J. Willis.

The retiring officers were re-elected with thanks for their services: Mr. P. A. Corby, honorary secretary; I. H. Oram, peal secretary; B. W. May, honorary treasurer; and A. S. Richards, honorary auditor.

ONE DAY RINGING SCHOOL

The general secretary reported that the arrangements were in an advanced state except that they were still looking for one more lecturer. The response was stupendous and they had to restrict the entry to 85. There were to be three lectures on elementary subjects—learning change ringing, learning a method and practical demonstrations. Also a lecture by Mr. Waddington on building up and maintaining a Sunday service band. In the evening there would be general ringing at Leeds, but in view of the large numbers they would get another tower. It was also suggested that a panel of people should be formed who would go about the Districts talking about change ringing.

A ringers' rally was being organised by Mr. L. Mitchell at Rainham on July 10th, and the numbers would be limited to 150. A dinner was being organised in the Rochester District at Sittingbourne by Mr. Mitchell and helpers. Tickets 13s. 6d.

Under other business, the Rev. Peter Robbins suggested that consideration should be given to new arrangements for the annual meeting. A meeting in the afternoon would be followed by service and tea. He thought it would be better than the present arrangement for Easter Monday. The chairman promised consideration by the committee, and the secretary said he would send notice of the proposal to District secretaries so that it could be discussed at District level.

In the votes of thanks the chairman especially mentioned the services of Mr. T. Phillimore, honorary secretary of the Canterbury District, who was responsible for the arrangements and a presentation was made to Mrs. Phillimore. The concluding vote of thanks was to the chairman proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett.

Analysis of Peals rung during 1964

Handbell peals are in brackets.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—
Maximus 2, Cinques 6, Royal 2, Caters 2,
Major 4, Triples 5, Minor 1 (1). Total:
22 tower (1). 23.

Anzab.—Caters 1, Major 2. Total: 3.

Bath and Wells.—Royal 4, Caters 3, Major
35 (1), Triples 10, Minor 21, Doubles 20.
Total: 93 (1). 94.

Bedfordshire.—Royal 2, Caters 1, Major 35
(1), Triples 3, Minor 15. Total: 56 (1). 57.

Cambridge University.—Maximus 2, Cinques
2 (1), Royal 1, Caters 2 (1), Major 5 (1),
Triples 1, Minor 1. Total: 14 (3). 17.

Chester Guild.—Maximus 3, Royal 7 (1),
Caters 1, Major 51 (8), Triples 6, Minor 24 (3),
Doubles 7. Total: 99 (12). 111.

Cleveland and North Yorkshire.—Nil.

Cumberland and North Westmorland.—Major
3, Triples 1. Total: 4.

Coventry Guild.—Maximus 1, Royal 3,
Caters 2, Major 18, Minor 26 (1), Doubles 4 (1).
Total: 54 (2). 56.

Derby Diocesan.—Royal 3, Caters 5, Major
30 (3), Triples 2, Minor 9 (3), Doubles 5.
Total: 49 (11). 60.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—Maximus 1,
Cinques 2, Royal 1, Major 22, Triples 6, Minor
10, Doubles 8. Total: 50.

Dudley and District.—Minor 1. Total: 1.
Durham and Newcastle.—Royal 2, Major 25,
Triples 1, Minor 4 (3). Total 32 (3). 35.

East Grinstead.—Major 1, Doubles 1. Total:
2.

East Derbyshire & South Leicestershire.—Nil.
Ely Diocesan.—Cinques 1, Royal 1, Major
21, Triples 1, Minor 22, Doubles 4. Total: 50.
Essex.—Maximus 2, Royal 3, Caters 3, Major
35, Triples 5, Minor 38 (1), Doubles 2. Total:
88 (1). 89.

Gloucester and Bristol.—Maximus 2, Cinques
4, Royal 7, Caters 3, Major 42 (1), Triples 2,
Minor 16 (10). Total 76 (11). 87.

Guildford.—Major 17, Triples 1, Minor 6,
Doubles 2. Total 26.

Hereford.—Royal 1, Major 2, Triples 1,
Minor 10, Doubles 13. Total: 27.

Hertford.—Maximus (2), Cinques 1, Royal
2 (2), Caters 2, Major 41 (28), Triples 4, Minor
34 (16), Doubles 1. Total: 85 (48). 133.

Irish.—Maximus 1, Royal 2, Major 7, Minor
5, Doubles 1. Total: 16.

Kent County.—Royal 9, Caters 1 (1), Major
82, Triples 3, Minor 39, Doubles 8. Total:
142 (1). 143.

Lancashire.—Maximus 8, Cinques 2, Royal
13, Caters 2, Major 75 (1), Triples 12, Minor
35 (3), Doubles 9. Total: 156 (4). 160.

Leicester.—Maximus 4, Cinques 4, Royal
11 (2), Major 69 (15), Triples 6, Minor 44 (2),
Doubles 28. Total: 166 (19). 185.

Lincoln.—Maximus 2, Cinques 10, Royal 8,
Caters 3 (1), Major 54 (1), Triples 2, Minor
63, Doubles 3. Total: 145 (2). 147.

Llandaff and Monmouth.—Cinques 3, Royal
2, Caters 7, Major 12, Triples 7, Minor 6 (2),
Doubles 11. Total: 48 (2). 50.

London County.—Royal 7, Caters 4, Major
1, Triples 3. Total 15.

Middlesex County.—Royal 2 (1), Caters 4,
Major 41 (18), Triples 5 (1), Minor 6 (3).
Total: 58 (23). 81.

Midland Counties.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major
17, Triples 2, Minor 7, Doubles 4. Total: 32.

National Police.—Triples 1. Total: 1.

North Staffordshire.—Royal 1, Caters 2,
Major 8, Triples 4, Minor 5, Doubles 3.
Total: 23.

North Wales.—Major 1. Total: 1.

Norwich.—Cinques 1, Royal 2, Caters 2,
Major 33, Triples 3, Minor 26, Doubles 7 (2).
Total: 74 (2). 76.

Oxford Diocesan.—Maximus 2, Cinques 2,
Royal 4, Caters 7, Major 78, Triples 29, Minor
42 (3), Doubles 13, Minimus 1. Total: 178 (3).
181.

Oxford Society.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Doubles
1. Total: 3.

Oxford University.—Maximus 1, Major 5,
Minor 3 (1). Total: 9 (1). 10.

Peterborough.—Cinques 1, Royal 2, Major
42, Triples 3, Minor 32, Doubles 14, Minimus
1. Total: 95.

St. David's Diocesan.—Major 2, Minor 2,
Doubles 1. Total: 5.

St. Martin's Guild.—Maximus 24, Cinques 1,
Royal 21, Major 32, Triples 2, Minor 1.
Total: 81.

Salisbury.—Maximus 1, Major 14, Triples 3,
Minor 8, Doubles 10. Total: 36.

Scottish Association.—Major 1. Total: 1.

Sheffield and District.—Major 1. Total: 1.

Shropshire.—Royal 1, Major 6, Triples 2,
Minor 8. Total: 17.

Society of Royal College Youths.—Cinques
1, Royal 3, Major 12, Triples 1. Total: 17.

Sherwood Youths.—Major 11. Total: 11.

South Derbyshire & North Leicestershire.—
Nil.

Southwell.—Cinques 1, Royal 2, Caters 2,
Major 20 (1), Triples 6, Minor 41, Doubles
46, Minimus 1. Total: 119 (1). 120.

Stafford Archdeaconry.—Maximus 1, Cinques
2, Royal 5, Caters 3, Major 12, Triples 7,
Minor 15, Doubles 9 (1). Total: 54 (1). 55.

Suffolk.—Royal 3, Caters 1, Major 31,
Triples 3, Minor 27, Doubles 4 (1). Total:
69 (1). 70.

Surrey.—Cinques 1, Royal 4, Caters 6, Major
15, Triples 5, Minor 15, Doubles 2. Total: 48.

Sussex.—Royal 6, Caters 1, Major 52, Triples
8, Minor 17, Doubles 9. Total: 93.

Swansea and Brecon.—Royal (2), Major
9 (22), Minor 12 (73), Doubles (1). Total
22 (100). 122.

Truro.—Cinques 1, Royal 2, Caters 2, Major
10, Triples 7, Minor 5, Doubles 3. Total: 30.

Universities.—Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 7 (1),
Minor 1 (1), Doubles (1). Total: 10 (3). 13.

University of Bristol.—Cinques 1, Caters 1,
Major 3, Minor 4. Total: 9.

University of London.—Major 10, Minor
4 (1). Total: 14 (1). 15.

Winchester and Portsmouth.—Maximus 1,
Cinques 1, Royal 11, Caters 4, Major 34 (3),
Triples 11, Minor 11, Doubles 23. Total:
96 (3). 99.

Worcestershire and Districts.—Maximus 3,
Cinques 1, Royal 3, Caters 2, Major 50, Triples
4, Minor 19, Doubles 8. Total: 90.

Yorkshire.—Maximus 3, Cinques 2, Royal
22 (2), Caters 6, Major 91 (5), Triples 7, Minor
69 (1), Doubles 6, Minimus 1. Total: 207 (8).
215.

Other Societies and Universities.—Cinques 2,
Royal 1, Caters 1, Major 15 (2), Triples 1,
Minor 15 (1), Doubles 4. Total: 39 (3). 42.

Grand Totals: Tower- 3,064, Handbell 272.
3,336.

W. AYRE,
for Peals Analysis Committee.

Methods in which 10 or more peals were
rung in 1964 are as follows:

Maximus.—Cambridge 34, Yorkshire 14.

Cinques.—Stedman 49.

Royal.—Cambridge 47, Yorkshire 36, Lon-
don 28, Plain Bob 37.

Caters.—Grandsire 50, Stedman 37.

Major.—Spliced Surprise: 12 methods 11,
8 methods 19, 7 methods 11, 6 methods 12,
4 methods 22; Bristol 78, Cambridge 139,

Lincolnshire 55, London 98, Pudsey 25,
Rutland 52, Superlative 32, Yorkshire 172,

Kent and Oxford T.B. 12, Kent T.B. 43,
Oxford T.B. 14, Double Norwich 73, Plain
Bob 266.

Triples.—Grandsire 114, Stedman 63, Plain
Bob 12.

Minor.—Over 20 methods 26, 14-20 methods
27, 10 methods 14, 8 methods 15, 7 methods
186, 6 methods 15, 5 methods 40, 4 methods
78, 3 methods 49, 2 methods 47, 1 method 417.

Doubles.—42 methods and more 11, 21-30
methods 19, 14-20 methods 18, 7 methods 26,
5 methods 17, 4 methods 16, 3 methods 14,
2 methods 32, 1 method 131.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET. — On April 3rd,
1,440 London Surprise Minor: R. G. Beck 1, E. J.
Targett 2, D. Targett 3, E. J. Chivers 4, A. P. Beck
(cond.) 5, R. E. Beck 6.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Higher Subscriptions and Peal Fees

THE Ely Diocesan Association held its annual general meeting in the Cambridge District on Easter Monday. From 12 o'clock onwards members and friends toured the villages and rang at Sawston, Meldreth, West Wrating, Great Wilbraham, Orwell, Horningsea, Ickleton, Bottisham, Duxford (where more than 60 rang), Bourn, Whittlesfield, Cherry Hinton, Foxton, Haslingfield, Stapleford, Melbourn Little Shelford, Harston and Trumpington. The weather was varied, brilliant sun, snow, sleet and hail, and a violent wind with occasional lightning and thunder. The Rev. D. Maddox conducted the service at Trumpington, and over 100 sat down to an ample tea in the Village Hall.

The Rev. D. Maddox took the chair for the business meeting. Canon A. L. Woodard and the Bishop of Ely had sent their apologies. Elections: General secretary and treasurer, H. S. Peacock; peal secretary, G. Pearson; auditor, A. J. Davey. Mr. T. R. Dennis wished to resign after an outstanding record of service. He has been general secretary, 1912-13; Central Council representative, 1914-29 (broken only by war service); auditor from 1921 to the present meeting; and treasurer, 1927-29. The Central Council representatives are J. G. Gipson, E. H. Mastin, D. F. Murfet and H. S. Peacock. Rule 9 was altered to read that these representatives should, as far as possible, be one from each District. The vice-presidents are W. W. Cousins, W. J. Ridgman and T. R. Dennis. The Diocesan Committee consists of these officers together with R. F. Baker, E. W. Bullman, M. W. Carter, C. Cousins, H. Foster, B. Horrell and M. R. Reed.

The "Boundaries Commission" recommended the rearrangement of two towers in different Districts, March to the Wisbech District, and Swaffham Prior to the Ely District, and this was approved. As expected, the next item was the most controversial—the committee recommended an increase in subscriptions.

THE LAST INCREASE WAS IN 1946

After considerable discussion, under topics ranging from improvements in the annual report District secretaries' expenses and Central Council representatives' expenses to birth certificates, it was decided that the resident members' subscription should be 3s. instead of 2s. 6d., non-resident life members' subscription to be 10s. instead of 5s., and the peal booking fee increased to 1s. per rope. These alterations would come into effect in 1966, but peal fees are to be paid direct to the peal secretary, not to the District secretaries and this comes into effect immediately.

The next A.G.M. will be in the Wisbech District on Easter Monday. Local elections and votes of thanks completed the meeting, and members adjourned to ringing at Trumpington, St. Andrew's and St. Benet's, Cambridge, and Chesterton.

J. S.

Gratefully Acknowledged

The Editorial Committee acknowledges with gratitude the following donations towards the cost of producing "The Ringing World":

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Letters to the Editor

ST. SIDWELL'S, EXETER

Dear Sir,—The news that the tower is not to be rebuilt and the bells sold comes as a great shock to the writer, who was born in the parish, baptised and confirmed in the church, was a chorister, bellringer, chimier and church worker in the 19th and present centuries.

The Shepherd family were builders (opposite the church) and from our front windows the church tower could be plainly seen, where for 118 years a Pack and Chapman octave called faithful people to service. In 1891 Mears and Stainbank added two trebles, making a fine ring of ten, the tenor scaling 23 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. The 1942 blitz cut the tower in half, and my uncle, Edwin Shepherd, who was "churchwarden emeritus," was in favour of restoration, but not by using explosives. However, the remaining half was demolished by explosives and soon the cry was: "Exeter will rise again." During many visits to my native city, "Ever Faithful," one willingly subscribed to the restoration fund, but now I read that "the church considers that there are better uses for £60,000 than building a new bell tower to the restored church." The tower was dedicated and formed part of the church, and those who decided on the better uses for restoration money would do well to have second thoughts before being retrograde. St. Sidwell's with one ting tang! Oh no!

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES BACKWARDS

Dear Sir,—Could you please give me your advice on a peal we are going to attempt shortly?

We are going for a peal of backward Grand-sire Triples, which has only been rung once, years ago, at Midhurst, Sussex. We are starting with the last change of a peal and working back. The bell in the hunt will make 3rds to come out (bob) and the bell that is 4-5 up will double dodge 4-5 up and go in the hunt, etc. (Bell in hunt courses in front of treble.)

Our problem is whether a peal starting at backstroke is valid. Starting this way all leading will be right.

If we start at hand, all leading will be back and hand, which will be rather difficult for a whole peal.

Perhaps you could let me know which way the Midhurst ringers started and which way would be correct for reversing the method.—Yours sincerely,

IAN W. HALL.

Kettering, Northants.

APPEAL NOT IN VAIN

Dear Sir,—The smiles are back on the faces of the boys of St. Wulfram's Secondary Modern School, Grantham, for they now have a set of 15 handbells (G—C plus two F sharps and one B flat).

A Nottingham paper's editor saw our appeal in the Diocesan Leaflet, sent along a reporter and photographer, published our tale of woe and as a result we now have an almost new set of bells on long-term loan from a Mrs. Proctor, of Nottingham.

Once more the school corridors resound with the sound of "Evans bells" and with new hearts, new bells (three more than the returned set) and new tunes, the boys look forward to many happy hours of ringing. —Yours sincerely,

V. P. EVANS.

Grantham.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Rodney Yeates on his interesting account of the early history of bells at St. Nicholas', Newcastle upon Tyne.

I regret he made no mention of the vital role which the Newcastle Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers has played during the 53 years since its foundation, and is still playing, in being the Guild to whose practices aspiring ringers over a wide area come to learn good ringing and striking. In my experience of the past 16 years I know that if the ringing has not been good at the Cathedral those in charge have fully realised the fact.

Rodney also criticises the Cathedral Guild for the small number of people who have been taught the elementary stages of ringing. This is a matter open to discussion and I would welcome comments concerning whether it should be incumbent upon a Cathedral Guild to train its own band or whether it should rely on experienced ringers who move into the area and by honouring ringers from other churches in the diocese by inviting them to join the Cathedral company.—Yours sincerely,

J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

Halesowen, Birmingham.

SPlicing WITH FIRING!

Dear Sir,—Judging by his letter to "The Ringing World" (page 260), Mr. H. Michael Williamson is obviously not aware that this method called "Firing" is being spliced with everything these days! Most peals include a few leads of it while some others consist entirely of the method with the exception of a few things called "rounds" at the start and finish of the "peal."

This peculiar method is much in evidence at meetings up and down the country—in fact it is rung nearly all of the time at these gatherings, also on outings and/or tours; people actually look it up I believe.

I hope Mr. Williamson will not feel offended if I point out to him that it is not considered to be quite "nice" to question this method called "Firing"; neither is it considered decent to raise the question of the standards of striking. You simply must not do it, old man!!

You see, Mr. Williamson, the whole idea is to start off with rounds (as many as you like) then you crash and bang around for about three hours, get the bells back into rounds and say "Stand"! And there you are—one true and complete peal; nothing could be easier really.—Yours, etc.,

Bethersden, Kent.

WILFRED W. RING.

P.S.—By 1965 standards it is considered to be the correct thing to make a mistake as soon as possible after the conductor has said "Go"—in some areas a prize is presented to the lucky first offender!—W. W. R.

OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I have been racking my brains finding Q sets and am blur-eyed with P blocks vainly trying to discover a peal—or even a quarter peal—of Oxford Bob Triples. I would be grateful if readers would oblige me with a true full extent. An original one would gain from me similar admiration to that which the Exercise had for John Holt.—Yours hopefully, almost frustratedly,

EDWARD MARTIN.

Market Harborough.

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT AT BIRMINGHAM

Dear Sir,—At the request of the Provost of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, the Rt. Rev. George Sinker, the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham will attempt to ring a long peal at St. Philip's Cathedral as part of the celebrations to mark the 250th anniversary of St. Philip's being made the Cathedral of the Diocese.

The attempt will take place on Saturday, May 15th, 1965, starting as soon as possible after 8.30 a.m., and will be for 33 courses of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in an endeavour to pass the record of 29 courses set up by the Lancashire Association at Ashton-under-Lyne on August 5th, 1929.

The band will consist of ten members of the regular St. Philip's peal band, Messrs. Shallcross, Purnell, Goodman, Fellows, Fellows, Fearn, Eisel, Border, Barron and Ainsworth, and Messrs. Jones and Smith from Cheshire.

Mr. Roderick W. Pipe has produced the following composition, and has kindly agreed to act as umpire; Mr. Peter Border has checked the composition.—Yours sincerely,

J. ALAN AINSWORTH,

Ringing Master.

17,424 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

By Roderick W. Pipe.
23456 9ths M W H

46532	—	—	2
43265	2	—	—
24365	3	—	—
32465	3	—	—
56423	—	—	—
423756	2	—	3
524736	—	2	—
64523	—	—	2
25346	—	—	—
43652	—	—	—
34256	—	2	2
45236	—	—	—
432765	2	2	3
234567	—	—	—

INSTRUCTIONAL ARTICLES

Dear Sir,—The three articles by Edgar C. Shepherd published on September 18th and 25th and October 2nd, 1964, were fascinating and most instructive. They have taught me a tremendous amount about Grandsire and inspired me to "have a go" at conducting. No doubt this applies also to very many other ringers.

Could you please discover two other authors to produce similar articles on Plain Bob and Stedman? At suitable intervals, of course, to allow the information to be absorbed.—Yours faithfully,

G. J. L. READ.

Knightsbridge.

Note.—Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd has promised us a series on Stedman.—Ed.

MR. WOOLLEY'S QUESTION

Dear Sir,—Everyone has a right to his own opinions; but I should now like Mr. A. W. Jeffs to explain why he considers it better to donate 10s. (as he has done), rather than to include this amount in his annual subscription? He will now have paid £2 12s (the equivalent of 1s. per copy), which, if done by all, would, I believe, make the paper solvent. I trust Mr. Jeffs is a postal subscriber.—Yours sincerely,

C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath.

Note.—And instead of 5,600 readers there would be less than 5,000 if another 10s. was put on the subscription forthwith.—Ed.

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Cowbridge Grammar School on Tour

OUR two cars bore modest placards, back and front: "This car carries the Cowbridge Grammar School Bellringers..." the temptation to turn the establishment into a "Grabber School" for the week having been resisted. There were eight of us all told: Old Boy Paul Evans, now of Birmingham University; Ellis Thomas, David Barrington, Chris Ricketts, Paul Morgan, John Alexander, Robert MacPherson and myself. It was the morning of Wednesday, April 7th, and we were off on our band's first ringing tour.

The destination was Birmingham, but we had two towers to visit on the way—the six (10 cwt.) of Redmarley D'Abitot and the six (10½ cwt.) at Wychbold. After a raise here we rang an extent of Wychbold Doubles, a plain course of Kent, 120 Stedman and some call changes. This was a fairly representative cross-section of our ringing during the tour when not reinforced by local ringers.

Our host and benefactor for the tour was the Rev. David Sansum, Vicar of Stechford, who is, of course, a ringer himself. The way he coped with the invasion (four boys, for example, camping in his drawing room!) was a marvel, a proof of his kindness and of the camaraderie of the Exercise; the same, incidentally, may be said of the friendly welcome we received everywhere.

Thursday, April 8th, was a full day. We began with the six (10½ cwt.) at Castle Bromwich, the last bells to be recast by Gillett and Johnston. At Kingsbury the 16 cwt. six have a long draught, and a microphone system operates to make the bells audible below. In case of bad striking one is advised to switch off! Luckily this was not necessary. We were joined here by David Ingram, of Aston, son of the Master of the St. Martin's Guild, and he, like David Sansum, was a most welcome addition to the band during the tour.

The 12 cwt. six at Shustroke are tuned as the inside bells, 2 to 7, of an eight. After lunch came the first eight of the tour, at Coleshill (13 cwt.). Unfortunately our ringing on this anti-clockwise octave with the blue sallies reached only a poorish standard. At Bicken Hill (six, 9½ cwt.) the tenor could not be freed from its chimer, so we rang Doubles on the front five.

The light eight (6½ cwt.) at Packwood were a most pleasant surprise. For the first time ever, all eight of our School band stood in for a raise together. Something clicked; the raise was wellnigh perfect. Then, with David Sansum in, we rattled through some touches of Grandsire Triples and courses of Bob Major. After some good call changes we ended with a creditable lower and a "catch in Queen's" which was Queens. Then came the fine 16½ cwt. six at Berkswell, where the ropes come down behind the organ: what a pity these bells at present lack a full local band. The light six (5½ cwt.) at Barston ended the afternoon.

The evening brought us a wonderful and unexpected climax to the day. David Ingram asked us to the practice on the glorious 25 cwt. 12 at Aston, and in that great swaying tower with its historic peal boards going back to

the 18th century we all had a pull; and our three boffins, Paul, El and Chris, actually had a bit of Plain Bob Royal.

Friday, April 9th, began with the (in our opinion) best, and best-going, bells we have ever struck—the 12 cwt. eight of Tanworth-in-Arden. Here again our raise was good, and we particularly like the memory of Tittums struck fast and true in call changes afterwards. Two 10 cwt. sixes, at Lapworth and Wootton Wawen, followed, then the heavier (14 cwt.) six of Aston Cantlow. The fifth at the last-named tower, dated 1410, was an old bell even when William Shakespeare's parents-to-be were married in this church. The afternoon's two towers, Snitterfield (six, 16 cwt.) and Honiley (five, 6½ cwt.), were separated by a visit to Stratford-on-Avon for tea. We also rowed up and down the river in a large boat, with El, Chris and David ringing touches of Bob Minor on our handbells.

That evening, while waiting for our order in a Chinese restaurant in Birmingham, we formally instituted the Cowbridge Grammar School Society of Change Ringers, open to past and present members of the School, with Ellis Thomas as its first Ringing Master.

We had done well for ringing already, but on our way home on the Saturday we were invited to join a day's outing to the Cotswolds, organised by David Sansum, and we enjoyed ringing with his party at Winchcombe (six, 12 cwt.), Toddington (six, 6½ cwt.), Stanton (a hard-working 11 cwt. six), Broadway (six, 18 cwt.), Dumbieton (six, 11 cwt.), Childswickham (six, 12 cwt.) and lastly Hinton-on-the-Green (a very pleasant 10 cwt. eight). The last course of the day was Cambridge Major, in which El and Chris took part.

Our gratitude and thanks go to incumbents and ringers who met us and to Paul Evans for his organising and David Sansum for his hospitality.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Dedication of Memorial Tablet

On April 11th a short service was conducted by the Dean of Llandaff in the ringing chamber of the Cathedral to dedicate the memorial tablet to those members who lost their lives in the two world wars.

The original tablet was installed in the Cathedral in 1920 but had to be removed during the recent rebuilding as the Cathedral was badly damaged by a land mine in World War II. The Association decided to add to the memorial the name of John Bloxham, of Cadoxton, who lost his life while serving with the R.A.F. during World War II.

Both the design of the additional stone-work and the execution of the work was carried out by a ringing member of the Association, Mr. Trevor M. Roderick, of Porthcally, mainly at his own expense.

In addition to members of the Association, the service was attended by the mother, sister and other relatives of John Bloxham.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual General Meeting

TRURO Diocesan Guild held its annual general meeting on March 27th in Truro. Welcoming the company, the chairman, Mr. Alan Carveth (Guild president), reminded them of the objects of the Guild as laid down in the rules, namely:

(a) The promotion of a spirit of loyalty to the Church by the ringers and a reverent feeling for their sacred office;

(b) A spirit of brotherhood amongst the ringers of all churches in the diocese;

(c) A recognition of the belfry as being an integral part of the Church;

(d) Advancement in the art of ringing;

(e) Recognition by the Church authorities of the ringers as a band of church workers.

The secretary, the Rev. A. J. Vincent, conducted prayers, and silent tribute was paid to the memory of Messrs. W. G. Hiscott (a vice-president), A. Hitchens, A. Couch and J. Green, who had died since the last meeting.

After apologies had been received and the minutes signed, the secretary read a letter of thanks from the secretary of the Central Council for the hospitality of the Guild when the Council met in Truro at Whitsun. The design of a long-service certificate and the nature of proficiency awards were approved. The treasurer, Mr. S. Robinson, reported a favourable balance in the general fund despite the expenses incurred in entertaining the Central Council, and the accounts were formally adopted.

The Ringing Master, Mr. D. Burnett, and the Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. W. C. Boucher, reported on the Guild's activities in 1964, drawing attention to the success of the various festivals, the Council meeting and the unity of the Guild. An important event had been the ringing of the Guild's first 12-bell peal, Grandsire Cinques, at Buckfast Abbey. Mr. D. Docking, the peal secretary, reported a total of 30 peals including a first on eight bells as conductor and several first peals.

All the Guild officers were re-elected except the Rev. A. J. Vincent, who did not seek re-election due to pressure of work. He was thanked for his services by the president and was appointed a vice-president. Mr. A. J. Davidson (Tyneholme, Barrack Lane, Truro) was elected to succeed him as general secretary. It was agreed to accept the invitations to hold the Summer Festival at Manaccan on July 7th and the 1966 annual general meeting at Callington.

Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, a vice-president, moved that Branch secretaries be urged to place notices of festivals in "The Ringing World" and to notify vice-presidents of such festivals. This was agreed to. The Guild accepted with gratitude Col. Jerram's offer to present the Guild with a copy of "The Sound of Bells."

An excellent tea was provided by the lady ringers of Truro, after which the ringers kept their hands in at Kenwyn and on the rehung Cathedral bells.

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ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF MINOR METHODS

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"F"

FARLEIGH ALLIANCE

34.16 x 36.14 x 14.3. 6ths 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

FARNLEY DELIGHT

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 3. 6ths 65243.

FELKIRK DELIGHT

See Felkirk Treble Bob.

FELKIRK SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.5. 2nds 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

FELKIRK TREBLE BOB

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.5. 2nds 65324.
Often rung in the past as *Felkirk Delight*.

FENCHAMPSTEAD DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 12.3 x 14 x 5. 2nds 54632.
Single change method.

FINCHLEY ALLIANCE

x 16 x 36.12 x 12.3. 6ths 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

FLAMSTEAD SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 12.3 x 12 x 1. 6ths 42635.
Single change method.

FLOUCH DELIGHT

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.1. 6ths 65243.

FORGET-ME-NOT

See *Symphony Hunt*.

FOTHERINGAY (CASTLE) DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 5. 6ths 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

FOUNTAINS (ABBEY) DELIGHT (I)

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 3. 2nds 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1931. Also called *Langland*.

FOUNTAINS (ABBEY) DELIGHT (H)

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 12.5. 4ths 64235.

FOXGLOVE TREBLE BOB

See *Cotswold Treble Bob*.

FRAMPTON SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 5. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

FRANCIS GENIUS DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 1. 2nds 56342.
Tulip in C.C. Collection, 1907. Sometimes called *Tulip* (Modernised).

FRANCIS GOODWILL

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 1. 6ths 46532.
A note in C. D. Potter's notebook: "First rung February 2nd, 1749, at Brambleton Church, Suffolk." See also *Wellington*.

FREISTON SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.5. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

FRIEZLAND PLEASURE

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 56 x. 6ths 62345.
Asymmetrical in A. Nash's notebook.

FRIEZLAND SURPRISE

See *Mirfield Delight*.

FRODSHAM BOB

36.14 x 36 x 5. 2nds 35264.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.

FRYERNING SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 12.3 x 12 x 3. 2nds 35264.
Single change method.

FUCHSIA TREBLE BOB

See *Chiltern Treble Bob*.

FULBECK BOB

x 16 x 16.34.5. 2nds 56342.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

FORWARD

34 x 34.16. 241635.
A Principle condensed from Major.

FULMER ALLIANCE

x 16 x 16.34 x 12.5. 2nds 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

FULMER DELIGHT

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 12.3 x 14 x 1. 2nds 42635.
Single change method.

FULSTOW DELIGHT

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.1. 2nds 36245.

FYFIELD SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 12.3 x 34 x 5. 2nds 36245.
Single change method.

SUFFOLK GUILD

The spate of weddings requiring ringers on April 10th resulted in the attendance being smaller than usual at the quarterly meeting of the N.W. District at Newmarket. The presence of Messrs. G. W. Pipe, A. Beckworth and R. Whittle was a great help to ringing, both in the afternoon and evening. An interesting service was conducted by the Rev. K. Child and the organist was thanked for his stirring tunes.

At the meeting, five new ringing members were accepted. Mrs. Janet Rogers, a recent bride from Yorkshire, was warmly welcomed and three young Rougham ringers were elected (Mervin Rose, Derek Rose and Johnny Bull). Young Derek (aged 11) rang his first 720 last week. Mr. A. Deering, of Freckenham, was also elected a member.

There was some discussion about publicity in the hope of fostering more interest in ringing and obtaining recruits.

No meeting was fixed for May as it was hoped that Mendlesham's new treble bell would be dedicated that day and the Rougham ringers' outing was in June, but evening practices would be arranged for other evenings than the second Saturdays.

More ringers joined in the evening ringing and methods included London and Cambridge Surprise, Stedman, Grandis, St. Clement's, Kent, Double Court and Plain Bob.

Mr. G. Pipe proposed the vote of thanks to the Rector, the organist, Mr. A. Balham (District secretary) and the Newmarket ringers.

G. R.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION Chesterfield District

Some 25 members and friends from ten towers were present when the monthly ringing meeting of the Chesterfield District was held at Scarcliffe on a rather showery April 10th. Under the supervision of the District Ringing Master, Mr. C. J. Hughes, a wide variety of Doubles methods was rung before tea on the pleasant 10 cwt. five, which were augmented from an old three in 1962.

Following an excellent tea, the Vicar (the Rev. D. Prewer) gave the company a special welcome on the occasion of their first meeting there. A brief discussion took place at the meeting about the Association annual general meeting in Derby on April 24th. Messrs. F. Riley and B. Field (Scarcliffe), K. Saxton (Bolsover) and C. Longden (unattached) were elected members.

The final of the Association's striking contests will be held at Horsley on May 22nd. The District chairman, Mr. D. Cooper, closed the meeting with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, local company and ladies for providing the tea. Further ringing was then enjoyed at Scarcliffe and later at Bolsover.

Next meeting: Clowne, May 8th—Ringing Contest. M. P. P.

ESHER RINGERS IN EAST ANGLIA

APRIL 10th, the first Saturday in the financial year, was selected by Esher bell-ringers for their fifth annual outing. A prompt start was made at 8 a.m. in miserable weather. The coach having already picked up friends from Horton and Hersham on its way from Staines, the organiser found that he had forgotten to allow for his own three children, so with raincoats, handbells and spare ropes (to guarantee that no ropes would break at the towers to be visited during the day) the coach was filled to capacity.

Good time was made through London to the first tower, Barkingside, a pleasant light eight in a fairly new church (1933). While the non-ringers in the main walked to Gants Hill roundabout for coffee, the remainder soon had the bells going to Stedman. Several other methods were rung and we finished with half a course of Yorkshire with one of the local ringers, which unfortunately went wrong in the fourth lead and "Stand" had to be called. We said goodbye to the Vicar, due to whose labours the bells had been installed over the years since the church was built, and had another long run to the small village of Felsted. Here we did not do justice to the bells.

At Braintree, en route for Great Tay, we were held up in heavy traffic, consequently we were a little late and could not spend as much time as we would have liked with this easy-going medium-weight octave.

An excellent lunch was served at the White Horse, East Bergholt, by Mrs. Rose, and as we left the inn we could already hear the famous bells of St. Mary's, East Bergholt. Local ringers met us. These bells are rung without ropes and wheels in a bell-cage in the churchyard. We went inside and looked at the five bells (tenor 25 cwt.) and then, when we had all stationed ourselves outside again, watched them ring call changes for some ten minutes in amazement. The changes were called by hand signals and the striking was well nigh perfect; we wished we could always ring on five bells of that weight as perfectly with ropes and wheels. We inquired how long it took to learn, and were told as ringers we should be capable of learning in three months, practising a couple of hours a week.

Reluctantly we moved on to Higham, where Walter Bailey met us, and Cambridge Minor, amongst other methods, went with a swing. The rain had stopped and the sun came out when we went on to Stoke-by-Nayland. The Rector (the Rev. Mark Wells), a theological college colleague of our Rector, is having the church completely renovated, and a very fine job it will be when it is finished. The bells, a heavy eight (tenor 22 cwt.), certainly compare very favourably with Lavenham, but what has happened to the seventh? It is so slow at hand as to be unbelievable; as a result, although a capable striker always rang the seventh, the other ringers found it difficult to estimate the gap and the striking was not as good as we would have liked.

Approaching Assington, we watched the sky darkening as a storm approached. St. Edmund's Church, Assington, is on the top of a small exposed hill in the middle of a field, the nearest road being a good 400 yards away. As we arrived so did the storm and though everyone tried to be Robbie Brightwell we were all very wet by the time we reached the church. By the time we left the rain had stopped and we could pick our way slowly and carefully over the muddy puddles.

We had tea at Bures before ringing on the fine anti-clockwise eight of St. Mary's Church. Double Norwich was among methods rung and we finished with Yorkshire, which we did manage this time with the help of Mr. Mills. Then a long run to Fryerning, where after ringing for half an hour on the delightful six we adjourned to the Woolpack to fortify ourselves for the journey home. Esher was reached at 10.30 p.m. Our best thanks to incumbents and the ringers who met us, especially those at East Bergholt. J. F. M. M.

OBITUARY

MRS. A. C. HAZELDEN

Mrs. Lucy Hazelden, widow of Mr. A. C. Hazelden, of Guildford, died very peacefully in a sleep on April 22nd. After suffering much pain for some months, she entered hospital at the beginning of April. An internal operation was found necessary, but she died nine days later.

A native of Kent, Mrs. Hazelden came to Guildford in the 1890's. There she met Charles Hazelden, who also came from Kent, attracted by the good ringing to be found at St. Nicolas' in this days.

Before the first war, Mrs. Hazelden took up handbell ringing, and rang four peals before she turned to tower bells to help when more men left for active service. At this time she and her husband belonged to Holy Trinity, Guildford. After the war they transferred to St. Nicolas', where they were active members for some 40 years, till age made it impossible to climb the belfry stairs.

When women came forward to take the place of men ringers during the 1914-18 war, Mrs. Hazelden did all she could to encourage them, often cycling 10 or 20 miles to ring with one of the pioneers in her own tower. In 1919 she formed the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, and was its first secretary, and later she was vice-president for several years. Mrs. Hazelden was also a founder-member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild in 1927.

She had a record of 60 peals rung. The first was Holt's Original on handbells on November 14th, 1914, conducted by A. H. Pulling, and the last the same in January, 1944, in answer to a challenge from A. H. P. to see if she could still do it! There were 23 handbell peals, and on tower bells two of Royal, eight Caters, 16 Major and 11 Triples.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden were the first married couple to ring both handbell and tower bell peals together. They rang in the first peal by four married couples, with Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, at Epsom Common in 1920. In November, 1829, they rang in the first peal in which every member of the band was celebrating his silver wedding that year (Mrs. Hazelden was the only lady and it was her and her husband's 50th peal together). The same band rang for their 30th wedding anniversaries in 1933; and would have repeated the performance five years later but Mr. J. S. Goldsmith had to break the circle as his wife died before the date fixed.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden celebrated their diamond wedding in 1963, and he died 50 days later. She lived to keep her 90th birthday at home, and among the many greetings a beautiful spray of flowers from the Guildford Diocesan Guild gave her special pleasure, as did the peal attempt. She was greatly interested in all the ringing news to the last.

Y. L. E.

MR. STANLEY W. COPLING

With deep regret we report the passing of Mr. Stanley W. Copling, of Loddon, Norfolk, on March 30th, at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, after a very short illness. He was 64 years of age.

Stanley became a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association on June 1st, 1925, on which day he rang in his first peal, one of Minor in seven methods at Hapshipburgh. He had an unbroken membership of the Association from then until his death, and in all took part in 239 peals, many of which were rung on the well known Redenhall bells, and it was at this tower that he first met the lady, Miss Alice Chaney, who was to become his wife.

He was a quiet, unassuming personality, dedicated to the art which was his only hobby. He seldom refused a request to help neighbours in ringing for services or to teach beginners, and cycled many miles in all kinds of weather for this purpose.

Many ringers attended the funeral service held at Loddon Church on April 3rd, conducted by the Vicar, Canon C. R. Ninham.

MR. HERBERT LANGDON APPRECIATION

On Monday, April 12th, with sadness but with pride, I mustered with many well-known ringers at Westminster Abbey to pay my last respects to Herbert Langdon. There were, to my knowledge, at least two others at the service who knew and had rung with him for over 50 years, and although superlatives are often misused, I feel that if I used a sporting term it would be correct to say Langdon was one of the "all greats." For years he was the centre of London ringers, especially with the College Youths, and he was undoubtedly a law unto himself, and although having perhaps extremist ideas over some things, he was nevertheless a lovable and kind man.

All the years that I knew him I never knew Bert tell a deliberate lie, although we often used to laugh at his long explanations so as to avoid a direct answer. He would never say "This is all" unless perfectly satisfied a peal was legitimate. He was one of the last of the College Youths who were ringing before the First World War; the only one I can think of now in London is Ernie Fenn. It is remarkable to think that the conductor of Mr. Langdon's first peal, George Symonds, is still with us, and he must share my feelings over the passing of so great a ringer.

His name will live in the Exercise. R.I.P.
W. H.

MR. J. NEWICK

With the death of Mr. Jack Newick the ringers of Wadhurst, Sussex, have lost a good friend. Jack learned to ring in 1947, when he became verger, and although over 50 years old he progressed enough to ring an inside bell and stood in a couple of quarters.

Indifferent health and church duties soon caused a semi-retirement from the belfry, but he remained a faithful and efficient steeple-keeper, and will be best remembered in Wadhurst for the impeccable way in which he kept the church and churchyard.

On April 7th Jack's bicycle was in its usual place when the ringers arrived for practice, but as he had not appeared when the bells were lowered, I went to lock up the church and found him lying dead in the south aisle.

On Tuesday, April 13th, he was buried with full parochial honours and in the evening the local band rang the bells half-muffled to his memory.

C. A. B.

MRS. ADA WALL

The death occurred on April 14th at the home of her sister, of Mrs. Ada Wall (formerly Wolstencroft), youngest sister of the late Walter W. Wolstencroft.

She joined the band of lady ringers at St. Peter's, Auston-under-Lyne, formed by her brother in 1915. She was a regular ringer at St. Peter's for many years and rang several peals.

At the Armistice in November, 1918, she rang the fourth bell at St. Peter's as a member of the only complete band of lady ringers in the country to ring on that occasion.

As the cortege entered the precincts of the church a touch of Grand sire Triples and the "whole pull and stand" were rung by former colleagues of his early ringing days.

Following the interment a course of Grand sire Triples "in hand" was rung at the graveside by Messrs. Walpole, Barrett, Goate and Goodman.

An in memoriam quarter peal of Plain Bob Major was rung by: G. Howlett 1, I. Margetts 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, G. Walpole 4, H. Fuller 5, E. R. Goate (cond.) 6, R. Bickers 7, H. Barrett 8.

Stanley was a good friend and a dedicated member of the art. We shall miss him and we offer our sincere sympathy to his widow, daughter Janet and her husband, Tony Roberts.

H. W. B.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Ely Diocesan Guild has decided to increase the peal booking fee to 1s. per rope. There was only one in opposition—a leading peal ringer.

We have received news from Australia that Mr. Jack Cummins, of St. Mary's Basilica, Sydney, rang his 200th quarter peal at Burwood on April 11th.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe is attending the St. David's Guild annual competition at St. Florence on May 8th and is bringing his handbell ringers to give a recital that afternoon.

Comments a reader sending a quarter peal with a 6s. postal order: "This is not a 'charitable contribution' but a donation towards expenses. Increased price is not the solution as the time comes when this curtails sales."

A tip to road users, especially Central Council members. Avoid coming through Baldock on the A.1 and A.505. Mr. J. S. Dear, of 47, Park Drive, Baldock, is pleased to send alternative route details in a s.a.e. Despite this, visitors are welcome at Baldock Church.

The peal on the excellent eight at Ely on Easter Monday was specially arranged as a compliment to Mr. J. W. Pickett, the tower captain, and his wife on their golden wedding anniversary. The band would like to thank Mr. Pickett for his most generous hospitality. The band also greatly appreciated the excellent meal that he had laid on for them after the peal.

LATE NEWS

ANOTHER 1,000 PEALER

Mr. Peter Border, of Coventry, rang his 1,000th peal on April 22nd at Birmingham Cathedral by calling 10 courses of Cambridge Maximus with 10 singles. He is the 28th ringer to gain this distinction.

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ST ALKMUND'S, DERBY, TWO-DAY INQUIRY

There have been frequent references in our columns to the demolition of St. Alkmund's Church, Derby, to make way for a ring road and its erection on a new site acquired by the Corporation, nearer the centre of the parish in Kedleston Road. The Parochial Church Council have lodged an appeal against compulsory orders and demolition and the hearing of their case was recently the subject of a two day inquiry by the Ministries of Housing and Local Government and Transport. It was then stated that the Bishop, the Archdeacon of Derby, the Vicar of the parish and the diocesan officials were in favour of demolition.

An independent objector, Mr. W. T. West, said that he thought it was shocking and horrible that the guardians of the oldest established church in the town should not only fail to oppose its demolition but advocate it.

A petition, bearing about 750 names, deploring the decision to pull down the church with its fine ring of bells and organ, was presented by Mr. Neville Grimshaw, a sidesman and P.C.C. member, who said that Mr. John Betjeman, in a letter to him, had described St. Alkmund's as "a handsome church." Mr. Grimshaw regarded the demolition as "vandalism and sacrilege," and would mean the desecration of the graves of many once prominent citizens of Derby.

The Vicar (the Rev. Hector Bywater) said the church had a capacity of 450, yet only about 15 communicants and congregations of upwards of 50. It was far too large nowadays, and an estimate of the amount required on repairs for the church had been £50,000. The decisions of the Ministries will be announced at a later date.

BEDESMEN AT CANTERBURY

The ancient office of bedesmen, instituted in 1540 by King Henry VIII, has been revived in Canterbury Cathedral and four have been admitted. The statutes prescribe that there should be 12 bedesmen, "poor men, depressed by poverty and afflicted by penury, or crippled and maimed by war, or worn down with age." As far as their infirmities allowed, they were to be at divine service every day, to attend prayers and wait upon priests when about to celebrate. They were to help light and put out lights in winter, and if strong enough ring the bells. The bedesmen wear black gowns, and also carry white staves of office.

EXCAVATIONS AT WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Morgan's Magazine, the journal of the Morgan Crucible group, has an interesting article on the excavations last year, in the precincts of Winchester Cathedral, of a 10th century bell foundry. The article originally appeared in the Foundry Trade Journal. The team of experts who made the investigation was led by Mr. Martin Biddle, and among them were Messrs. D. W. Brown (Morgan Crucible Company), Douglas Hughes (Mears and Stainbank) and Frederick Sharpe.

The site has been dated 970 A.D. The presence of "burnt" clay and fragments of bell metal encouraged further investigation which was most fruitful. The clay formed part of the cope of a bell mould. Winchester had bells in the 10th century, and these were associated with St. Ethelwold. Probably this spot was where the bells were cast.

CREATING A SENSE OF OCCASION

Concerned at the poor attendance at Derby District meetings, a new policy has been worked out, explains Mr. G. A. Halls, the District chairman, in "Belfry News." He is hoping to introduce a sense of "occasion" at District activities based on the following five points:

(i) Saturday meetings to be held less frequently, in fact every other month is the aim.

(ii) Evening meetings will take the place of the cancelled Saturday meetings. But attention will be paid to the attractiveness of the tower and its accessibility.

(iii) Quarter peals for those who warrant it are to be arranged.

(iv) To continue with specially organised outings such as those to quarterly meetings in the Peak District.

(v) Inexperienced ringers to be given more encouragement to participate in activities. Here we depend on the more experienced ringers to engender enthusiasm and to use persuasion to bring them into the scope of the Association activity.

RINGERS RECEIVE MAUNDY MONEY

Maundy money was distributed this year by H.M. the Queen at Canterbury Cathedral. The recipients included four veteran Kent ringers, viz.: Messrs. J. Stockbridge (St. Dunstan's, Canterbury), H. S. Humphrey (New Romney), E. Woolley (Hothfield) and F. Boorman (Stockbury).

Another recipient was Mrs. Mary Ann Dobbie, of Milton Regis, Sittingbourne, who is 100 years. She is grandmother of Mr. Walter Dobbie, the secretary of the Tonbridge District of the K.C.A. Her doctor thought it was inadvisable to make the journey to Canterbury Cathedral. The bounty, we understand, has been sent to her.

LIFE RINGING MEMBERSHIP

Leicester Diocesan Guild is anxious to encourage life ringing membership for a single sum of five guineas. So far the total amount in the fund is £54 13s. 6d., which includes Defence Bonds and cash at bank.

With the subscription remaining at the present rate, a member aged 20 would save £5 15s., aged 30 £3 5s. and aged 40 15s. If the subscription increased the saving would be automatically larger.

The advantages to the Guild are that the money invested provides interest equal to a member's subscription and also provides the Guild with some financial stability.

WORK NEEDED AT DENBY

An inspection of the fourth and fifth bells at Denby, Derbyshire, has revealed that the plain bearings are very badly worn and the bells are in need of rehousing on ball bearings. Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, have confirmed this and have made proposals for carrying the work out. The iron frame has space for two more trebles and it is hoped that advantage will be taken of the overhaul to augment to a ring of eight by the addition of two trebles. According to "Belfry News" a P.C.C. meeting is to be held to decide on whether to go ahead with the proposals and means of raising the money.

FINDING RINGERS FOR GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

Guildford Guild are making progress with their arrangements for ringing the ten bells at the Cathedral, which will be dedicated on Monday, May 17th, at 8.15 p.m. Until a resident band is formed and trained, all members of the Guild capable of ringing 10 bells reasonably well are invited to apply for membership of a Cathedral Society, and volunteer for Sunday service ringing. Times for ringing will be at 9 a.m. for the Sung Eucharist at 9.45, and following that for Matins at 11.15. There will also be ringing for Evensong from 5.45 to 6.30.

Applications for membership should be made to Mr. C. W. Munday, general secretary of the Guild, of 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, as soon as possible. Applicants should state how often they are prepared to attend, e.g., weekly, fortnightly, monthly, and if they are prepared to ring for all three services or mornings or evening. They are particularly anxious to get bands fixed for the first three Sundays (May 23rd and 30th and June 6th). If more members volunteer a selection will be made so volunteers should not attend on those days unless specifically asked to do so.

SERVICE AND OPEN DAY

Eighty seats have been allocated to the Guild for the dedication service. These are in the gallery in the south transept. Members who cannot obtain tickets for the service from their parish master builder or incumbent are asked to apply to the general secretary with a stamped, addressed envelope not later than May 7th. In the event of applications exceeding the allocation tickets will be distributed as widely and fairly as possible.

The following Saturday (May 22nd) is to be an open day with the bells available from 11 a.m. until 5.45 p.m., when Evensong will be held in the Cathedral at 5.45. A meeting to form the Cathedral Society will be held that day in the belfry at 2.30 p.m., and those who have made applications for membership are invited to attend. A secretary to the Cathedral Society will be elected at that meeting. Practices will be held every Friday from 7.30 to 9 p.m. and a Surprise Royal practice will be held on the second Friday of each month. There will be a practice at St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on May 1st from 6.30 to 9 p.m.

CLERICAL GUILD AT NOTTINGHAM

This week the Clerical Guild are in the midst of their annual ringing week which is centred on the Fourways Private Hotel, West Bridgford, Nottingham. The peal attempt was fixed for Thursday, April 29th, at Greasley.

Acceptances for the week have been received by the honorary secretary, Preb. J. H. B. Andrews, from the following: The Revs. N. F. D. Coleridge (Tatworth), K. C. Davis (Tadley), Canon K. W. H. Felstead (Southampton), D. E. Ford (Porthcawl), J. B. T. Homfray (Staverton), R. N. Longridge (Okeford Fitzpaine), C. J. B. Marshall (Long Sutton), I. J. Richards (Llanarth), P. T. Robbins (Charing), Canon F. A. Sanders (Overton), J. Shephard-Walwyn (Westleigh), R. D. St. J. Smith (Darley), H. F. Warren (Exford), E. B. Wood (Mapledurham), and for part of the time D. G. Goodman (Chilwell), M. C. C. Melville (King's Lynn), Canon A. G. G. Thurlow (Norwich).

Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Wood and Miss Homfray will accompany the party.

TOWER BELL PEALS**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**

CLIVE, Shropshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

*On Easter Mon., April 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Consisting of seven different extents.

Tenor 25 cwt. 9 lb. in D.

Edward V. Rodenhurst .. Treble	Harold Worrall 4
Adrian Hough 2	Christopher Jones 5
Richard E. Morris 3	Harry W. Howard Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

Rung with best wishes of the band to celebrate the engagement of Christopher Jones and Diana Bentley, both of Knutsford.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ELY, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

*On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Donald F. Murfet Treble	Geoffrey Pearson 5
Jane K. A. Cook 2	C. Martin Press 6
Alan M. Barber 3	Philip J. Rothera 7
Susan Funnell 4	Kenneth J. Hesketh Tenor

Composed by Edwin Timbrell.

Conducted by Alan M. Barber.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pickett, of Ely, on their golden wedding anniversary.

Tenor 17 cwt. 25 lb. in E.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

*On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES**

Tenor 15 cwt.

*Leslie Ward Treble	*Brian J. Vaughan 5
*Peter G. Pitt 2	†Walter Arnold 6
*Neil V. Avis 3	Frank B. Lufkin 7
*Stephen D. Humphrey .. 4	‡Geoffrey H. Isgar Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard.

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal of Triples. † First of Bob Triples. ‡ First peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CIRENCESTER, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. John.

*On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Walter F. Judge Treble	†W. Bertram Kynaston .. 7
Rev. Roger Keeley 2	Edward R. Venn 8
*††Victor Griffin 3	R. Kingsley Mason 9
†§Gordon W. Land 4	D. John Hunt 10
Brian Bladon 5	Robert C. Kippin 11
*Cyril A. Wratten 6	†Peter Wakefield Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

* 50th peal together. † First peal on twelve. ‡ 25th peal together.

§ First peal in the method. Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob.

*On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

Maurice A. New Treble	John C. Slater 5
Elizabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	Edward R. Venn 6
Peter Bridle 3	Victor Griffin 7
James R. Taylor 4	Stephen Ivins Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

OLVESTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

*On Good Fri., April 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

Gillian M. Hussey Treble	†Cliff Richards 5
*Diana M. Chapman 2	Giles B. Thompson 6
Alan Tubb 3	Peter Bridle 7
John H. Taylor 4	†D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First of Surprise. † 50th peal together. Rung half-muffled.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.

*On Sun., April 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt.

John H. Taylor Treble	Peter Bridle 5
Giles B. Thompson 2	D. John Hunt 6
Alan Tubb 3	Roland H. Cook 7
Malcolm E. Wade 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

First of Yorkshire on the bells.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Kingsdown.

*On Tues., April 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 22 cwt.

Gillian M. Hussey Treble	D. John Hunt 5
Cliff Richards 2	Malcolm E. Wade 6
Alan Tubb 3	Roland H. Cook 7
Giles B. Thompson 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

First of Surprise on the bells.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose.

*On Tues., April 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5056 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

John C. Slater Treble	Peter Bridle 5
Diana M. Chapman 2	Giles B. Thompson 6
Malcolm E. Wade 3	Roland H. Cook 7
*Gillian M. Hussey 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

* Has now completed the Surprise Major alphabet. First peal in the method for the Association, on the bells and by all the band.

BUTCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.

*On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

Andrew Howard Treble	John H. Taylor 4
Geoffrey H. Pullin 2	Hugh N. Evans 5
Alan Tubb 3	Francis C. Mogford Tenor

Conducted by Hugh N. Evans.

Rung as a welcome to Richard J. Cox, son of Ronald and Joan Cox, of Dursley, Glos.

UPPER CAM, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. George.

*On Sat., April 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Ronald Cox Treble	John H. Taylor 4
*E. Norman Martin 2	Hugh N. Evans 5
Alan Tubb 3	Giles B. Thompson Tenor

Conducted by Hugh N. Evans.

* First peal.

LECHLADE, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

*On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 15 cwt.

H. Raymond Hayden .. Treble	William E. Gearing 4
Gillian S. M. Walsh 2	Hugh N. Evans 5
Alan Tubb 3	Giles B. Thompson Tenor

Conducted by Hugh N. Evans.

WARMLEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.

*On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents (four callings).

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*Christopher Gibbs Treble	Anthony W. Gibbs 4
*Edric Ovens 2	*William Lampard 5
*Kenneth G. Weeks 3	*Derek M. Smith Tenor

Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.

* First peal. Rung by a local band.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CLIFFORD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

*On Sun., April 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES**

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*W. John Clayton Treble	Robert A. Hatcher 5
*Julie A. V. Caligari 2	Austin T. Wingate 6
George T. Cousins 3	Colin A. Lewis 7
W. John Hope 4	Danzy Watkins Tenor

Composed by Benjamin Annable.

Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.

* First peal of Triples.

Rung for the Festival of Easter.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

NORTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

*On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt.

Christopher F. Mew Treble	*Martyn J. Marriott 5
Alison M. Mann 2	*Michael J. Uphill 6
Kathleen A. Rivett 3	Thomas J. Lock 7
Anthony H. Smith 4	Alan R. Patterson Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivins.

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of

St. Peter.

*On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

C. Valerie Mills Treble	H. George Hart 5
Elsie K. Hart 2	Kenneth R. Dunstan 6
Brian M. Barker 3	W. Kay Adkins 7
Eric Edmondson 4	Christopher W. Woolley .. Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox.

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sun., April 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1 Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 21 cwt.	
John P. Partington Treble	Richard Parker 5
Jeffrey Kershaw 2	John B. Pickup 6
Margaret E. Fort 3	Derek Butterworth 7
Tudor P. Edwards 4	Richard Starkie Tenor

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

BOLTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Middleton's 12-Part. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.	
Thomas Hobson Treble	Fred Brownlow 5
Christopher Lomax 2	John Ashcroft 6
James Cunliffe 3	Albert Greenhalgh 7
Joseph Thornley 4	William Tyson Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

Rung to celebrate Holy Easter and as a farewell to the Vicar of Bolton, Canon R. G. Norburn, who becomes Rector of Edgbaston. Also to Canon Roger Davison, Vicar of St. Augustine, Tonge Moor, Bolton, who becomes Vicar of Higham Ferrers, Diocese of Peterborough. Both priests are Canons of Manchester.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

OADBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.	
*James Palmer Treble	†Arnold S. Goad 4
*Michael Tunneycliff 2	†Raymond H. Martin 5
†Ivor Bentley 3	Edward W. Martin Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

WASHINGBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Tues., April 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in G.	
Jack L. Millhouse Treble	Harold F. Gibson 5
Joyce M. Gurnhill 2	Peter A. Sharp 6
A. Robin Heppenstall 3	Geoffrey Paul 7
Edward W. Colley 4	Geoffrey R. Parker Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.	
Jennifer Seeny Treble	Giles R. Shedden 6
Peter D. Chapman 2	William Birmingham 7
Michael J. Uphill 3	Norman V. Harding 8
William Birmingham, jun. 4	Wilfrid G. Wilson 9
Edward S. T. Farr 5	John W. Euston Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Wilfrid G. Wilson.
A birthday compliment to Mr. Edwin Barnett ("Young Teddy"), 80 on April 14th.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

WALSALL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.	
*D. Kay Moore Treble	Kenneth J. Darvill 7
*Marilyn C. Smith 2	Edward W. Colley 8
J. M. Hadley Hunter 3	R. Mark Damerell 9
Claire Dillamore 4	*Michael W. Fairry 10
Vivian Nutton 5	Christopher H. Rogers 11
Andrew S. Hudson 6	S. Clarke Walters Tenor

Composed by Hadley Hunter. Conducted by Vivian Nutton.
* First peal on 12 bells. First on 12 bells as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to S. Clarke Walters.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the R.C. Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in D.	
S. Clarke Walters Treble	Stewart F. Kimber 5
Jean L. Lavender 2	Philip Mehew 6
Christopher H. Rogers 3	Ralph G. Edwards 7
Alan E. Bagworth 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16 cwt.	
Howard Howell Treble	Barnabas G. Key 6
G. Arnold Moore 2	*David J. Midgley 7
*T. Leslie Walley 3	Dennis J. Pitstow 8
*Anthony Howell 4	Andrew Thompson 9
Ian Friend 5	Raymond J. Ballard Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Howard Howell.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Michael Brown and Miss Janet Heath, on the occasion of their wedding.

KINGSLEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Werburgh.

On Sat., April 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: Ipswich, Bourne, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.	
Christine Birks Treble	Harold Dowler 4
Norman Sherratt 2	*Dennis Latham 5
Paul J. Atkins 3	Charles A. S. Webb Tenor

Conducted by Dennis Latham.

* 50th peal.

Rung with best wishes to Walter Sherratt and Dorothy Dowler, on their engagement.

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Mar. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of Stedman, 18 of Plain Bob, 14 of Grandsire and two 240's. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.	
G. Arnold Moore Treble	*Caroline Stuart 4
Leslie Walley 2	David Midgley 5
*Lesley Kinson 3	William Watkin Tenor

Conducted by G. Arnold Moore.

* First peal in the method.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Pye.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EAST DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Mar. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.	
*Sidney Marshall Treble	Roger D. Bailey 5
*George P. Adams 2	*Kevin S. Hohl 6
*Shelagh R. Collins 3	*Timothy G. Pett 7
Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville 4	Brian J. Woodruffe Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal in the method. First of Rutland Surprise Major on the bells.

FORNCETT ST. PETER, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Mon., Feb. 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being one extent each of Winchendon Place and St. Nicholas, and eight each of Plain, St. Simon, St. Martin, Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 13 cwt.	
Charles H. Blake Treble	Robin R. Churchill 3
C. Frank W. Phillipps 2	Frank C. J. Arnold 4

H. William Barrett Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

A wedding compliment to Alice, eldest daughter of treble ringer, and Maurice Land, who were married on February 6th.

INTWOOD, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being 14 extents each of St. Simon's Bob (six callings), St. Martin's Bob (eight callings) and Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 6½ cwt. in B flat.	
Richard A. J. Bower .. Treble	Roger B. Lubbock 3
Leslie F. Bailey 2	Thomas E. Spight 4

Peter M. Adcock Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

LONG STRATTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford and St. Clement's, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.	
Charles H. Blake Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold 4
Wilfred G. Saunders 2	Roger B. Lubbock 5
Charles R. Catchpole 3	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

The conductor's 50th peal for the Association.

Rung for the Festival of Easter.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Tues., April 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

John R. Insley Treble	David R. Ingram 7
Jennifer M. B. Cook .. 2	*M Roger Ashmore 8
Michael J. Fellows .. . 3	Norman J. Goodman .. . 9
George E. Fearn .. . 4	Martin D. Fellows .. . 10
John C. Eisel .. . 5	David Beacham .. . 11
*James Insley .. . 6	J. Alan Ainsworth .. . Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border.

* First peal of Maximus.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., April 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Martin D. Fellows .. . Treble	Christopher H. Rogers .. . 7
Norman J. Goodman .. . 2	John C. Eisel .. . 8
Hadley Hunter .. . 3	George E. Fearn .. . 9
Kenneth J. Darvill .. . 4	Michael J. Fellows .. . 10
Roderick W. Pipe .. . 5	J. Alan Ainsworth .. . 11
Edward W. Colley .. . 6	Peter Border .. . Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 extents each of All Saints', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and Morris 240. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*Percy Whale Treble	K. Barry Osborne .. . 4
†Richard S. Fisher (aged 15) 2	Derrick P. Bailey .. . 5
Pamela A. Osborne .. . 3	Paul A. Barrett .. . Tenor

Conducted by Derrick P. Bailey.

* First peal first attempt. † First peal in four methods.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWARK-UPON-TRENT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

Anne E. Bateson .. . Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker .. . 6
*Joyce M. Gurnhill .. . 2	Harold Stevenson .. . 7
Jack L. Millhouse .. . 3	†John R. Pratchett .. . 8
Harold F. Gibson .. . 4	Peter A. Sharp .. . 9
Frederick G. Hooper .. . 5	Geoffrey Paul .. . Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby.

* 100th peal. † 25th peal.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. George.

On Tues., April 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 13 methods: (1) London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Kingston, Capel and Kingston T.B., (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) Killamarsh T.B., (5) Norwich Surprise, (6) College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury and Ockley T.B., (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

Elizabeth J. Foster .. . Treble	Peter R. Humphrey .. . 4
Christine L. J. Mills .. . 2	R. Brian Mills .. . 5
Michael Poppleston .. . 3	Simon Humphrey .. . Tenor

Conducted by Peter R. Humphrey.

First as conductor.

BLACKWELL, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Werburgh.

On Tues., April 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents: (1-8) Castle Hill; (9-16) Cliff Hill; (17-24) Nest Hill; (25-32) Boar Hill; (33-42) Kirkby. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

George Allcock Treble	Martin J. Kirk .. . 3
Elizabeth J. Foster .. . 2	John A. Harrison .. . 4

E. Andrew Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by E. Andrew Harrison.

First peal in the methods.

GOTHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Tues., April 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5400 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Forty-five extents, being five each of nine bob and single variations, viz.: Allestree, Gotham, Copeland, Daffodil, Bluebell, St. Gregory, Newborough, St. Helen and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 5 lb. in G.

Ruth M. Blackshaw .. Treble	George A. Dawson .. . 3
Margaret E. Chilton .. . 2	Maurice W. Harrison .. . 4

John R. Pratchett .. . Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

A farewell to James Heaps, of Holme Pierrepont, who has left for Great Carlton, Louth.

Gotham is Grandsire with Antelope bob and All Saints' P.L. as single. Copeland is Grandsire with Antelope bob and Grandsire single.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sun., April 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 DEBENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

Sandra E. Goodship .. . Treble	George W. Pipe .. . 5
Roger L. K. Whittell .. . 2	Lawrence R. Pizzey .. . 6
Alice E. J. Lester .. . 3	Roderick W. Pipe .. . 7
B. Gillian Schofield .. . 4	Frank C. Price .. . Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves.

First peal in the method.

Rung for the Easter Festival.

HENLEY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., April 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

Margaret Egglestone .. Treble	Andrew T. Beckwith .. 5
*Stephen J. Hammond .. . 2	*Roy C. Groom .. . 6
Alice E. J. Lester .. . 3	Colin F. Loke .. . 7
Lawrence Pizzey .. . 4	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross.

* First peal.

WICKHAM SKEITH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

John R. Prentice .. . Treble	K. W. Whittell .. . 4
Harry B. Fuller .. . 2	Thomas W. Lockwood .. 5
Harry D. Lister .. . 3	Raymond F. Taylor .. . Tenor

Conducted by Harry D. Lister.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

HORSHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Mar. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

Diane M. Mullins .. . Treble	David D. Smith .. . 5
Leonard Stilwell .. . 2	George Francis .. . 6
Thomas G. Fox .. . 3	Ronald F. Diserens .. . 7
Edgar R. Rapley .. . 4	W. Leslie Weller .. . Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett.

Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

Rung in honour of the visit by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, to Horsham, to lay the foundation stone of the new church school.

EASTBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Wed., April 21, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Betty Percy .. . Treble	Simon Humphrey .. . 5
Rosemary Earl .. . 2	Thos. M. Barlow .. . 6
Janet M. Percy .. . 3	Ian V. J. Smith .. . 7
*Harold G. F. Reynolds .. 4	Alan R. Baldock .. . Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* First peal of Surprise. First in the method by all the band and on the bells. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

Rung for the 39th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
SHELLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of Emmanuel.
On Sat., Jan. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Violet, Duke of York, Woodbine, London Scholars', Kingstone, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.
Hedley Burton Treble Peter Carbutt 4
Elizabeth Peace 2 J. Walter Buxton 5
Susan Peace 3 Trevor Tarbutt Tenor
Conducted by Trevor Tarbutt.

FINDON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Tues., April 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of York, Durham, London, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge and Norwich. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.
Michael Wake Treble Leonard Stilwell 4
Patricia Diserens 2 Robert Wake 5
Ronald F. Diserens 3 W. Leslie Weller Tenor
Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

Rung to mark the birth of a son, Andrew David, to Jane and Dereck Sibson.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., April 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5472 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, being 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 512 Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative and 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.
John N. Lindon Treble Roderick W. Pipe 5
James Insley 2 Michael J. Fellows 6
John R. Insley 3 Martin D. Fellows 7
Clifford A. Barron 4 J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor
Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Tues., April 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

Arlene Smith Treble Alan Sheppard 5
Iris M. E. Lemare 2 A. Barry Sullivan 6
Frances Fairbank 3 David Smith 7
John F. Bryant 4 J. Henry Fielden Tenor
Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

HEMINGBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Good Fri., April 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent T.B. and five extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

J. Barbara Hingley .. Treble Alan Sheppard 4
*William T. Stoker 2 John Potts 5
Melvyn A. Rose 3 G. Frederick Terry Tenor
Conducted by G. Frederick Terry.

* First peal "inside."

Rung at the Vicar's request.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(The St. George's Guild, Jesmond.)

JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 22, Castleton Grove.

On Tues., April 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
*Roger H. E. Askew .. 1—2 | Rodney A. Yeates .. 3—4
Andrew G. Craddock (cond.) 5—6

* First peal.

JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 22, Castleton Grove.

On Wed., April 14, 1965, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
*B. Peter Richardson .. 1—2 | Rodney A. Yeates .. 3—4
Andrew G. Craddock (cond.) 5—6

* First peal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.

On Fri., April 2, 1965, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Wells, Durham, Norwich, Cambridge, London, York and Cambridge. Tenor size 15 in C.
Thomas J. Lock 1—2 | Christopher W. Woolley .. 3—4
John R. Mayne (cond.) 5—6

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.

On Mon., April 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 16 methods, comprising 320 each of Aldenham, Bristol, Cambridge, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Leatherhead, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Painswick, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford and Wembley, with 139 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 1—2 | Roger Baldwin 5—6
John R. Mayne 3—4 | *Gerald Penney 7—8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal of 16 spliced.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.

On Wed., April 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 18 methods, comprising 320 each of Aldenham, Bristol, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Hitchin, Langley, Leatherhead, Lindum, London, Rutland, Uxbridge, Watford and Wembley, and 160 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Painswick and Superlative, with 139 changes of method. Tenor size 13 in E.
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 1—2 | Roger Baldwin 5—6
John R. Mayne 3—4 | *Gerald Penney 7—8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal of 18 spliced. First of 18 spliced on handbells for the Association.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

All at SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycloch.

On Thurs., Mar. 25, 1965, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CONISTON COURT BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
Hazel Way 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6

First peal in the method.

On Mon., April 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LOCH LOMOND BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 18 in G.
Hazel Way 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6

First peal in the method.

A wedding compliment to Alan McFall and Pamela C. Baker, married at Marple, Cheshire, on April 3rd.

On Fri., April 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

Penelope J. Welch .. 1—2 | Hazel Way 5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe .. 3—4 | J. Arthur Hoare 7—8

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

A compliment to Kathleen M. Watkins and Roger Carter on their engagement.

On Sun., April 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 27 in E.

Edmund J. Morris .. 1—2 | J. Arthur Hoare 5—6
Hazel Way 3—4 | Brian J. Woodruffe 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal on the bells, the largest set of handbells rung to a peal.

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3 — 2 314256
3 — 2 412356

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— 2 312456
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= 5S,7,8,9S,10,11,13S,15S,19

214563
A 214365
4125638709E = 2,6,13S,15S,19
— 2 413265
— 2 312465
— 2 214365

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On April 18th, 1,440 York Surprise Minor: Carol Cousins 1, Katharine M. Macve 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Margaret C. Godfrey 4, A. M. Macve 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. Also 1,440 Annable's London Surprise Minor: Katharine Macve 1, Carol Cousins (first in method "inside") 2, Margaret Godfrey 3, A. Macve 4, C. H. Macve 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6.

BALDUCK, HERTS.—On April 18th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Buck 1, C. Harwood (cond.) 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, L. Hughes 4, R. Castledine 5, P. Flack 6, E. Buck 7, J. Dear 8. Also 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: A. Buck 1, D. Sutcliffe 2, L. Hughes (first of Yorkshire) 3, L. Scoot 4, R. Trebilcock 5, J. Dear 6, E. Buck 7, R. Castledine (cond.) 8. Both rung for the Easter Festival.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary, on April 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Pratt (first on eight) 1, A. R. Millidge 2, R. J. Cooles 3, W. Shanks (first on eight) 4, A. R. Patterson 5, D. P. Smith 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, F. A. Benn 8. To the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Dr. W. L. Presswood, B.A., Ph.D., headmaster of Sir Walter St. John's School, Battersea, who entered into rest on April 11th, aged 54. Rung half-muffled.

BINSTED, HANTS.—On Easter Monday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Read 1, K. Sansom 2, Valerie Rushforth 3, Lesley Read 4, D. Hughes 5, B. Walton 6. First non-conducted for all the band and believed first for the Alton and Petersfield District.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sangwin (cond.) 1, R. Hill 2, W. Cholwill 3, R. Pearce 4, C. Shepherd 5, F. Bowden 6, H. Stacey 7, C. Cholwill 8. For Palm Sunday.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On April 8th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): T. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Miss A. Rayner 3, Miss E. Todd (first of Kent "inside") 4, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 5, R. P. Brotherson 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Julian Brian) to Yvonne and Brian Watts, both ringers at this church.

BURWOOD, N.S.W.—On April 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: F. Batushill 1, Lyn Love 2, W. Watson 3, L. Bruce 4, P. Davis 5, J. Cummins (200th quarter peal) 6, Enid Roberts (cond.) 7, R. Bampton 8. Rung half-muffled for the Burwood Anzac commemoration service.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—At the Cathedral on Feb. 6th, 1,276 Grandsire Cinques: Jane Everitt 1, Rosemary Frith 2, Edna Frith 3, L. J. Clark (cond.) 4, P. Rothera 5, A. Everitt 6, J. Crawley 7, M. Cowling 8, P. Brown 9, P. Eves 10, I. Panton 11, C. Jaggard 12. Rung for the annual service of the Friends of the Cathedral.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. Parker 1, Ann Galloway 2, Jennifer Payne 3, P. Lane 4, D. C. Manger (cond.) 5, C. Rowe 6. For Evensong.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On April 4th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Davies 1, F. E. Mitchell 2, K. Taber 3, A. Brown (first of Stedman) 4, N. D. Brown 5, R. G. Abbott 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, M. Parry 8.

DANBURY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Kent and Plain Bob: Carol Kemp 1, Yvonne Murray 2, E. W. Roast 3, J. West 4, I. J. M. Saunders 5, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 6. Also on March 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Murray 1, Yvonne Murray 2, A. Spurgeon 3, E. W. Roast 4, J. West 5, I. J. M. Saunders (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Christine Murray.

DENHAM, BUCKS.—On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): G. Barratt (first quarter) 1, M. Damerell 2, S. Udell 3, A. Fortin 4, R. Snack (cond.) 5, G. Harris 6, H. Baldwin 7, B. C. Collins 8. For Mothering Sunday, and to celebrate the birth of a daughter to B. C. and A. E. Collins.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. White 1, G. W. Bishop 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. For Easter Eucharist.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, on the back seven: Linda Wilkinson 1, Anne Parry (first quarter "inside") 2, Mary C. Poyner 3, J. M. Gow 4, D. A. Whetton 5, H. C. Poyner (cond.) 6, J. A. Coates 7.

EXHALL, WARWICKS.—On March 21st, 1,260 Minor (in five methods): H. D. Harrison 1, K. F. Gardner 2, J. Webb 3, R. D. Hart 4, I. P. Unsworth 5, D. J. Allen (cond.) 6. Also on April 4th, 1,260 Single Oxford: H. D. Harrison 1, I. P. Unsworth 2, J. Webb 3, R. D. Hart 4, K. F. Gardner 5, D. J. Allen (cond.) 6.

FISHTOFT, Lincs.—On April 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob: P. J. Kilner 1, Miss J. Gilbert 2, A. Pearson 3, H. Harper 4, A. Goldsmith (cond.) 5, A. E. Flatters 6. For family service.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.—On April 18th, 720 Cambridge and 540 Plain Bob: P. J. Kilner 1, J. Green 2, B. Hunt 3, R. Brown 4, G. Burrell (cond.) 5, A. E. Flatters 6. For Evensong.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Titherly 1, Wendy Locker (first quarter) 2, Ammette Bradbury 3, Laura M. Beeny 4, E. E. Breed (cond.) 5, H. Goldsmith 6.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—On April 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. W. Garwood 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, P. J. Payne 3, R. S. Seabrook 4, H. Clarke 5, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 6. For Evensong on Palm Sunday.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss V. I. E. Relf 1, M. French (first "inside") 2, Mrs. E. Stewart 3, L. Sweatman 4, G. Stewart (cond.) 5, J. Burden 6.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On April 14th, 1,320 A. Saints' Doubles: A. N. Pearce (first attempt) 1, Jennifer Pearce (first in method "inside") 2, Susan E. Thompson 3, C. J. Groome 4, A. C. Banton (cond.) 5. Rung immediately after the dedication of a peal board. Believed to be the quickest quarter on the bells.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): A. W. Childs 1, R. Spicer 2, B. J. Harris (cond.) 3, P. J. Crane 4, A. A. F. Peters 5, F. J. Robinson 6. For Evensong.

LANGAR, NOTTS.—On March 6th, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: J. Dawson 1, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 2, D. Surman 3, M. W. Harrison 4, R. C. L. Brown (first in method) 5. 25th quarter together 2 and 4.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On April 10th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. Miles 1, Vicky Presswood 2, Marion L. Lidgley 3, A. P. Smith 4, F. M. Bowers 5, Ruth Aston 6. Ringers of 1 to 5 conducted an extent in turn and then repeated the performance, each with a different calling. H. Miles called "That's all" after the plain course. Rung to mark the birthday of H. Miles, the tower captain.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On April 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: S. C. Walters 1, Marlene E. Townsend 2, Marilyn C. Smith 3, D. Kay Moore 4, C. T. Collins 5, C. W. Bowen 6, F. Hale 7, L. E. Monk 8, J. B. Webb 9, M. W. Fahey (cond.) 10. First in the method for 3, 4, 7 and 8.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's Church, on March 14th, 1,248 Carlisle S. Minor: Yvonne Edwards 1, R. D. Bailey 2, A. H. Smith (cond.) 3, R. E. J. Dennis 4, T. G. Pett 5, R. O. Humphries 6. For morning service by U.L.S.C.R.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Mothering Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, D. J. Reeve 2, T. Chinery 3, V. Ambrose 4, G. W. Bloomfield 5, D. W. Reeve 6, W. Goodship 7, O. G. Ballard 8. A compliment to Mr. T. Chinery, 77 years and still ringing.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile, on March 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, A. J. Davey 2, R. F. Baker 3, H. S. Peacock 4, L. B. Jefferies 5, P. E. Wells (cond.) 6.

LYE, STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On March 14th, 1,292 Cambridge Surprise Minor (tenor covering): P. J. Brown 1, M. D. Fellows 3, M. Irene Ellsmore 4, J. C. Eisel 5, M. J. Fellows 6, G. Westwood 7, J. Warr 8.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob): W. Moore 1, A. Palmer 2, D. Peck 3, P. H. Langton 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, M. Hart 6. Rung prior to Morning Prayer on the occasion of the Easter Festival. First of four Doubles methods by a March Sunday service team.

MILLAND, SUSSEX.—On Easter Monday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Rushforth 1, Rosemary Walton (first "inside" non-observation) 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, D. Hughes 4, Lesley Read 5, K. Tipper 6.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On April 11th, at St. Nicholas' Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. W. Leighton 1, Miss I. Thomson 2, E. N. Harrison 3, M. Maughan 4, F. Lee 5, J. Hedley 6, W. Davidson 7, J. Crowther 8, J. A. Ainsworth (cond.) 9, G. S. Deas 10. For Evensong.

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BIRTH

HOLLAND.—To Ian and Marion, of Dronfield, on April 6th, 1965, a daughter, Alison. 6750

ENGAGEMENTS

FOSTER-SNELLING.—The engagement is announced between Martin, second son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Foster, of 52, Woodstock Road North, St. Albans, Herts, and Christine, elder daughter of Cdr. and Mrs. D. J. R. Snelling, of 126, Mount Park Avenue, Purley, Surrey. 6720

JONES-BENTLEY.—The engagement is announced between Diana, elder daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. G. Bentley, of 8, Egerton Square, Knutsford, and Christopher John, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jones, of 8, Northwich Road, Knutsford. Congratulations from both families. 6708

PERSONAL

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—St. Mary's, Southampton Ringers.—Service on Sunday, May 2nd to mark the end of the golden jubilee year of the bells of St. Mary's. Services: Matins 11 a.m., Evensong 6.30 p.m. Ringing one hour before and after each service. All visitors most welcome. 6732

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joyful occasion to which all are invited. Dedication of a new treble at Mendlesham, May 8th. Service 3 p.m., followed by tea in the Village Hall for all who apply by May 5th to Mrs. A. Godfrey, 2, Fleecy Cottages, Mendlesham, Suffolk. 6696

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, May 3rd at 7 p.m. 6724

STOURPAINE, DORSET.—Rededication of rehung and augmented ring (6) on Friday, May 7th at 7 p.m., by the Bishop of Salisbury. All ringers welcome. 6756

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The new ring (10) at Guildford Cathedral will be dedicated at 8.15 p.m. on May 17th. Admission to the service will be by ticket only; arrangements are being made to distribute a limited number of tickets to members of the Guild. There will be an "open day" on Saturday, May 22nd, from 11 a.m. until 5.45

p.m. Refreshments can be obtained at the Cathedral Rectory. Evensong will be at 5.45 p.m. Bands wishing to ring at the Cathedral on their outings and those wishing to attempt peals should apply to Mr. D. A. R. May, 15, Rydes Close, Old Woking, Surrey.

SPALDING, Lincs.—Visitors to tulip fields and parade on May 8th/9th are invited to ring at Parish Church on Saturday (10.30 onwards) and Sunday (9.30 a.m., 2.30 p.m.) and view district from top of tower.—Mrs. J. Noon, Tower Sec, 13, Pennygate. 6713

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MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Saturday, May 1st. Towers open: Kempston, 10.15-11.15; Elstow, 11.15-12.15; Milton Ernest, 1.30-2.30; Bletsoe, Sharnbrook, Odell, 2.3-15; Pavenham, Oakley, Stevington, 2.45-4; Biddenham, 3-4; Bromham, 3.45-4.15. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 4.45. Bromham, 8.45; Biddenham, 8.30. Tickets for tea, price 3s. each, must be obtained from Association Secretaries or Mr. R. Fowler, taries or Mr. R. Fowler, 24, Oakley Road, Bromham, enclosing s.a.e. 6702

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Chippenham, Saturday, May 1st. Evening only. Bells (6) 6 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. 6771

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 1st, at Burnham—not Tollesbury as previously announced. Bells and striking competition 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. P. Brandon, 424, Baddow Road, Chelmsford (72100). Visitors welcome. Special method: Killamarsh. 6676

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—Quarterly meeting at Aston Ingham, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. J. Webb. 6740

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Walkern, Saturday, May 1st, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6691

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Aldenham, May 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Mission Room, Letchmore Heath. Names, please, to C. Evans, 20, Watling Street, Radlett, Herts. Tel. Radlett 5879.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 6698

To reduce Parish Church beetle debt.

MAY DAY FESTIVAL,

KIMPTON, HERTFORDSHIRE,

Saturday, May 1st.

Bells (6) 3-8 p.m. Decorated Church.

Teas. Service 6 p.m.

May Queen Procession 2 p.m. Maypole

and Morris Dancing. Archery, Soap

Box Derby, etc. 6682

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Western District.—A meeting is to be held at Christ Church, Crewe (10), on Saturday, May 1st. Ringing 3 to 5 and 6 p.m. onwards. Nearby cafes for tea. Gentlemen friends very welcome.—H. L. Horn, Dis. Sec. 6690

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting at Sharnford, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Striking competition after business meeting.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 6759

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, May 1st. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business in Walker Hall to follow. To ensure tea, give notice to Mr. S. G. Peck, 20, Merryhills Drive, Enfield, Middlesex. Ringing: Southgate 2.30 p.m. and evening; Enfield (St. Andrew's) 2.30 to 3.40 p.m.; Wood Green 2.15 to 3.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Sec. 6640

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice at Twyford, Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) from 6 p.m.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guldborough Branch.—Meeting at Oxendon on Saturday, May 1st. Tea arranged.—J. E. Goddard. 6719

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 1st, Sutton Bonnington (5), 3 to 5 p.m. Kingston-on-Soar (6) 6 to 8 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Smith, 18, Greendale Gardens, Aspley, Nottingham.—S. Adams. 6700

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Ipswich, Saturday, May 1st. St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6), St. Nicholas' (5), all 2.30-4.15 p.m.; St. Mary-le-Tower (12), 2.30-3.30; St. Lawrence's (5), 4-4.30. Service in St. Lawrence's Church at 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting. St. Mary-le-Tower, 6.30-7.30; St. Mary-at-Quay (6) and St. Margaret's (8), 7-9 p.m. Names for tea to Andrew T. Beckwith, 8, Lansdowne Road, Ipswich (Tel. 75647). (Please note change in ringing arrangements.) 6662

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Reigate, Saturday, May 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Also Kingswood and Redhill towers open 2.30-4 p.m. 6726

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Sherfield-on-Loddon, May 1st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to John Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 6709

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Kirkheaton, nr. Huddersfield on Saturday, May 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring food.—J. M. Buxton. 6739

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Monthly practice at Ilton (6) on Saturday, May 8th at 6.30 p.m.—J. T. Locke, Local Hon. Sec. 6768

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting at North Wootton on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (3) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting, Pilton. Bells (6) after meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, 4th, please.—P. Hull, Hon. Sec., Dinder, Wells. 6760

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Evening meeting at Henlow on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) available 5.30 p.m. onwards. Everyone made welcome. Final outing details.—K. Fleming. 6733

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting at Rise (5), Saturday, May 8th from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Gray-Nicholson, Hind's House, Park Farm, Rise, Skirlaugh, by previous Thursday. 6744

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Harbury on Saturday, May 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: St. Clement's Bob Minor and Norwich Surprise Minor. Names for tea to P. F. Bennett, College Farm, Bearley, Stratford-on-Avon. 6775

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Striking contest at Clowne (6) on Saturday, May 8th. Draw at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, *without fail please*, to Mr. G. Hunt, 9, East Street, Clowne, nr. Chesterfield, by May 6th. All ringers welcome.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 6734

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 8th at Ickleton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage 5 p.m.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 6742

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting on May 8th at Brinkworth (6). Names for tea to Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon. 6764

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Honiton on May 8th. Bells (St. Michael's (6)) from 2.30, (St. Paul's (8)) 4.15 for 4.30 service, and later. Numbers for tea to W. Webb, Millhead Road, Honiton (phone 521), by May 5th. 6701

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—Spring meeting, Walkhampton, May 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing Meavy (6) after meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 5th, please, to me at Crelake Mews, Tavistock.—Mrs. M. A. Bould, Dis. Sec. 6704

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Quarterly District meeting and Striking Competition, May 8th, at Leatherhead. Service 2.30 p.m. Competition 3 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting at approx. 4.45 p.m. and normal ringing afterwards. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 5th, to A. J. Smith, 25, Hilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead.—Adrienne Gibson, Hon. Sec. 6723

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Sarratt (5) on Saturday, May 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Petts, "Pinnaroo," Dimmocks Lane, Sarratt, nr. Rickmansworth. 6753

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 8th at Benington. Ringing from 3 p.m., service, tea, etc., 4.30 p.m. More ringing in the evening. 6688

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Ulcombe on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. N. R. Archibald, "Wheelspin," The Street, Ulcombe. Please note change of tower.—M. L. Howe, Dis. Sec. 6727

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Joint meeting and ringing competition with the Rossendale Branch at Helmshore, on Saturday, May 8th. Competition 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by results and judges' comments. Business meeting and general ringing afterwards.—Brian A. Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 6773

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, May 8th at Crosthwaite. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. *Please note no tea arrangements made.* Please bring own teas.—T. F. Metcalfe. 6772

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. John's, Tuebrook on Saturday, May 8th. Ringing 3-5 p.m. and 6.30-7.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—G. Howlett, Branch Sec. 6747

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston and Lancaster Branches.—Joint meeting at Scorton on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. A6 road, buses 130, 150, alight at Hamilton Arms. Names for tea to Mr. S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton, Preston, Lancs.—L. Walmsley and P. Handley. 6725

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at St. Thomas', Helmshore (8) on Saturday, May 8th. Joint meeting and striking competition with Blackburn Branch. Bells available from 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—Philip A. Mason, Branch Sec. 6748

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 8th. Ringing at Ratcliffe and Cossington 2.30-3.45 p.m., Sibley 3.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, May 5th, to Mr. M. White, 97, Swan Street, Sibley, Leics.—M. D. Barsby, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6754

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Nash on May 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Refreshment at hotel. Names, as soon as possible, please.—J. S. King, Cedar Tiles, High Beech, Chepstow.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on Saturday, May 8th at Christ Church, Southgate, N.14, at 3.15-4.30. Meeting at St. Andrew's, Enfield, at 6. Ringing 6.30-8. Own tea arrangements.—V. E. Dupre, Hon. Sec. 6680

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual general meeting at St. Paul's, Burton on Sat., May 8th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 6731

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Brown Edge on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. R. M. Bourne, Willfield Farm, Willfield Lane, Brown Edge, Stoke-on-Trent.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 6741

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Norwich on Sat., May 8th. Service at St. Peter Mancroft 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Chantry Hall. Meeting to follow. Bells available: St. Peter Mancroft 3-4.10 p.m. and after the meeting; St. Giles' (8) 2-3.45 p.m.; St. Miles' (8) 2-3.45 p.m.; evenings on both these if necessary; St. George's, Colegate (6) 2-3.45 and 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich (Nor 57N), by Wednesday, May 5th.—H. Wm. Barrett, Gen. Sec. 6745

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting at King's Sutton on Saturday, May 8th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Mr. J. Barker, Astrop Road, King's Sutton, Banbury. —A. E. R. Walker, Sec. 6767

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual competition at St. Florence, Pembs, on Saturday, May 8th at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to the Rector, St. Florence, nr. Tenby, Pembs. —R. Warburton, Hon. Sec. 6737

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guild Festival, Sherborne, Dorset, Saturday, May 8th. The annual general meeting in St. Aldhelm's C. of E. School at 2.15 p.m., when a welcome will be given by the Chairman of the Sherborne U.D.C. The festival service will be held at the Abbey Church of St. Mary, 4 p.m., conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon S. B. Wingfield-Digby. Address by the Ven. David Rokeby Maddock, M.A., Archdeacon of Sherborne. All clergy attending the service are invited to be robed. High tea in the school at 5.30. Tickets 7s. 6d. Members under the age of 17—6s. Tickets obtained from the Assistant Hon. Sec., Mr. F. Slatford, 35, Westbury Road, Yarnbrook, near Trowbridge, before May 4th. Bells available: Sherborne Abbey (8), between 1 and 2 p.m. and during evening; all below available between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and 630 to 9 p.m.: Gillingham (8), Mere (8), Bourton (6), Childe Okeford (6), Iwerne Minster (6), Maiden Bradley (6), Okeford Fitzpaine (6), Lillington (6), Shroton (6), Thornford (6), Yetminster (6), Shaftesbury St. James (6), Shaftesbury Holy Trinity (6), Hazelbury Bryan (6), Horningsham (6), Buckhorn Weston (6), Shillingstone (6), Bradford Abbas (6), Silton (5), Compton Abbas (5), Kingston Magna (5). Not available between 12 and 2: Sturminster Newton (6) and Marnhull (6).—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham, Wilts. 6697

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Saturday, May 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (moderate charge) 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. J. Potts, North Sweetmings Farm, Lennerton, South Milford, before May 6th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6751

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Newport on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Talbot, Meadow Estate Stores, School Ground Lane, Newport, Salop, by Wednesday, May 5th. Ringing after tea until 8 p.m.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6728

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at East Bridgford on Saturday, May 8th. District round Crawford Contest. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday previous, to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whatton. 6746

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Odsall on Saturday, May 8th. Tower open 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. M. C. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, by Thursday, May 6th. 6752

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Great Barr on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) available 3-4.25 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 5th latest, please, to Miss J. White, 5, Grove Hill, Orchard Hills, Walsall, Staffs (Walsall 28875).—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 6729

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting and ringing festival. Chichester on Saturday, May 8th. Ringing arrangements: Route 1: Slinfold (6) 10-11. Itchingfield (5) 10.30-11.30, Wisborough Green

(6) 11.30-12.30, Kirdford (6) 12-1, Petworth (8) 1.30-2.30; Route 2: Thakeham (6) 10-11, Washington (6) 10.30-11.30, Storrington (6) 11-12, Pulborough (8) 11.30-12.30, Fittleworth (6) 12-1; Route 3: Findon (6) 10-11, Heene (8) 10.30-11.30, West Tarring (6) 11-12, Goring (6) 11.30-12.30, Angmering (6) 12-1, Lymminster (6) 1.30-2.30, Felpham (6) 2-3, Chichester (8) 2-3.30; Route 4: Amberley (5) 11.30-12.30, Arundel (8) 12-1, Bosham (6) 2-3. After meeting, Chichester, Arundel and Walberton will be available. Service in Chichester Cathedral at 3.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in Council Chamber, followed by business meeting. Seating accommodation limited to 120, essential to send names for tea in good time. Any queries re ringing to Mr. B. E. Mathews, 4, Romilly Street, London, W.1. Names for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 6673

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—A.G.M. on Saturday, May 8th. Afternoon ringing. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. Olave's, followed by tea and meeting in St. Olave's Vestry. Names for tea to Hon. Sec., Miss Y. Edwards, 11, Wedderburn Road, Hampstead, N.W.3. 6634

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting on May 8th at Buriton (6), 6.30-8.30 p.m. 6762

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Alphington, Saturday, May 15th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Meeting following. Bells before and after. Cathedral Practice 6 p.m.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Thorpe-le-Soken on Saturday, May 15th. Striking competition before tea. Service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea. General ringing afterwards. Names, please, to Mr. W. Downs, Church Cottage, Thorpe-le-Soken, Clacton-on-Sea. 6743

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Fyfield on Saturday, May 15th. The meeting will start with the District heat of the ringing competition at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and further ringing. Names for tea to J. S. Godfrey, 1, Hall Cottages, Cannons Lane, Fyfield, Ongar. 6757

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Lympne on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (6, 12 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Good attendance specially requested. Names for tea to Mr. H. P. Yates, "Long View," Berwick Lane, Lympne, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 6770

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (North Lindsey Branch) and **LADIES' GUILD.**—Joint meeting at Bigby on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—C. A. H. 6760

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Algarkirk on Saturday, May 15th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify H. Barsley, Woad Lane, Algarkirk, Boston, by Monday, May 10th. 6718

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Haxey on Saturday, May 15th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Old Oxford and Bob Minor.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel.: 2623. 6717

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Bunwell on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 12th to Mr. C. F. W. Philippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich. NOR O1X. 6735

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Quarterly meeting at Framlingham (8) on Saturday, May 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 12th, to Mr. W. E. Maulden, 14, Market Hill, Framlingham, Woodbridge, Suffolk.—T. N. J. B. 6716

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Tea at St. Botolph's Hall (Fan-makers Hall) at 3.30 p.m.
Followed by a Business Meeting.
St. Olave's, Hart Street (8) 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
St. Andrew's, Holborn (8) 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
For those arriving on Friday evening, Ringing at St. Luke's, Chelsea.
Names for tea to:
Mrs. Davies, 3, The Old College, Dulwich, London, S.E.21. 6722

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Kingswood (6) on Saturday, May 15th. Bells 2.30-3.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss G. Gartell, "Ochiltree," Copley Way, Tadworth, by Wednesday previous. —K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 6761

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WARWICK.—At St. Nicholas' Church on Good Friday, 1,260 Grandisle Triples: Christine Smith 1, Clare Dolphin 2, P. C. Randall 3, Gillian Browne 4, E. J. Gower (cond.) 5, Susan Smith 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, G. W. Randall 8. First in the method 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. Rung half-muffled. The band wish to express their thanks to Mrs. D. Randall and Joan Smith for standing down.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lesley Eames 1, W. Cooper-Bailey (first "inside") 2, Vanessa Rodrigues 3, Elizabeth Zass 4, Hilary Johnson 5, A. Bagworth (cond.) 6. Also on April 11th, 1,263 Stedman Triples: Deborah Hopkins 1, A. Bishop 2, Hilary Johnson 3, Vanessa Rodrigues 4, G. Reynolds 5, M. Bangham 6, A. Bagworth (cond.) 7, W. Cooper-Bailey 8. Also on April 18th, 1,260 Grandisle Triples: Marion Baulkwell 1, A. Bishop 2, Deborah Hopkins 3, M. Bangham (cond.) 4, Vanessa Rodrigues 5, Rosamund Rawlings 6, A. Bagworth 7, R. Goodman 8.

LATE NOTICE

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Practice meeting at Coalpit Heath, Monday, May 3rd. Bells 7.30. —A. W. Gibbs, Sec. 6778

QUARTER PEALS

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At the Cathedral, on April 11th, 1,282 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Gillian M. Webb (first on 10) 1, J. M. H. Hunter 2, Claire Dillamore 3, K. J. Darvill 4, A. S. Hudson 5, R. W. Powell 6, V. Nutton 7, C. H. Rogers 8, J. B. Webb 9, S. C. Walters (cond.) 10.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Miss E. D. Mason 1, Mrs. D. G. Mayell 2, Miss J. E. M. Hills 3, S. D. Holdaway (first in five "inside") 4, D. G. Mayell (cond.) 5, F. W. Blatch 6. Rung for Easter Sunday.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Easter Day, 1,299 Stedman Caters: A. Holroyd 1, Miss T. Hollis 2, Mrs. E. Chaddock 3, Miss S. Chaddock 4, N. Donovan 5, D. Nichols 6, N. Chaddock (cond.) 7, S. Armeson 8, J. N. D. Chaddock 9, P. Walker 10. Rung for Evensong.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Sear 1, Christine Smith 2, R. Stripp 3, R. J. Scott 4, A. G. Stripp 5, J. W. V. Sinfield 6, J. L. Cloughton (cond.) 7, W. F. Gladman 8. For Easter Day morning service.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On Easter Day, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. D. Duguid 1, Mrs. K. Baldwin 2, A. Page 3, A. Cope 4, A. Burbridge 5, W. Cope 6, T. R. Taylor (cond.) 7, R. Baldwin 8. Rung for Evensong.

WELLAND, WORCS.—On April 10th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Haylings 1, Anna Sadowska 2, D. Price (50th quarter) 3, L. Dovey (first of Surprise) 4, M. Hawkes 5, J. Clements (cond.) 6.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, on April 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Collins 1, P. G. Davies 2, E. E. Speake 3, Miss E. Timmins 4, M. Griffiths 5, R. J. Lees 6, G. Hughes (cond.) 7, J. D. Holden 8. Rung in honour of the institution and induction of the Rev. Francis William Cocks, C.B., M.A., as Rector of Wolverhampton the previous evening.

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"MORE THAN HAVING A BASH"

By THE REV. F. F. RIGBY

In his message as Master to the Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association

I OFTEN wonder what are the basic requirements of Christianity. Obviously the first requirement is that Christians should seek God.

The next requirement was given by a friend of mine who, when lying in hospital, said to me: "I've come to the conclusion that only people matter." Having time to think, he stumbled on a great truth. The most important part of God's creation are human beings.

But we can't stop there. Human beings begin to make and use things. In the simple worship of the Upper Room, Jesus used a cup of wine. There is no evidence that I know of that he used a plate for the bread. Yet we now use cup and plate or chalice and paten, for the service of Holy Communion. So the things that we use in worship tend to increase in number. We now use churches for our worship. I suppose we could hold services outside, but this would not be very practicable in our climate. We could manage without music, but I for one wouldn't like this. We could manage without bells, as in fact people in other countries do.

We could manage without all sorts of things, but life would be duller without them. Architecture, art, music, literature are all used in Christian worship and the more human beings love God the better these become.

So, too, with our bells and change ringing. Christianity would still go on without them, but the sound of bells when rung in a rhythmic and ordered manner has inspired both poet and musician. None of your clanging and jangling for English people, but the orderliness of changering which in some small way reflects the orderliness of God's creation.

Such orderliness in ringing is not created without much thought and the practice of the necessary skills. Many in our Association know how true this is. I believe, with them, that for the proper development of change ringing, more time should be spent outside the tower thinking about it than is given to actual ringing in the tower.

It will not do, as I once heard a ringer say, "to have a bash." The beauty of any creative art, including ringing, does not come in this way. The development of skill in ringing comes only with living with it and dreaming about it. The good ringer knows that without

me telling him. It is my hope that more will learn the truth of this.

So my message to you is simple, but I say it with all seriousness. Let there be more thinking and there will be better ringing.

RINGING CREDITS IN HERTS

MR. G. W. CRITCHLEY in his presidential address to the Herts County Association concluded that on balance during the year the Association had realised a "credit" as regards ringing, if not financially. The peal secretary's report elaborates these credits. Peals totalled 133—an increase of 30 over 1963 and more than double the 1962 total. Out of 526 resident ringing members and 27 probationary members, 14 "first peelers" is not a high proportion. Four members, however, conducted their first peal and there were 31 conductors.

This is an Association that does not allow handbell ringing to lapse. There were 48 peals "in hand" and these included "even bell" methods up to Plain Bob Maximus. The latter peal was the first rung "in hand" for the Association and was Mr. Walter Ayre's 450th peal as conductor. Mr. Gerald Penny was the leading peal ringer for the Association with 53 and also the leading conductor (31).

Financially, the year was not so good with an excess of expenditure over income of £35. The Association, however, is not in a pauper condition as investments total £265 and cash in hand or at the bank £75 8s. 8d. To run the Association cost £200 last year. So, apart from income, reserves give more than a two-year cover. From the next financial year, annual subscriptions are to be 5s. with 2s. 6d. for those under 16 years of age. At the present time a peal booking fee of 6d. a ringer taking part is imposed, and this produced £19 19s. Mr. Woolley wanted this abolished and the subscription raised to 7s. 6d. This would add probably £100 to the income, while peal ringers who rang more than eight peals would be "sitting pretty." The Association would not wear this one, and we are not surprised.

One item from the committee's report had escaped the vigilant eyes of "The Ringing World" representatives—and Herts have a very good bunch!!! It is the theft of the bells from the tower at Layston ("Dove" gives five with a tenor of 10 cwt.). The report emphasises that vigilance is necessary where there are bells which are neither rung regularly nor adequately protected.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

The third session of the 25th Council (68th annual meeting) will be held in the Town Hall, Northampton, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 8th, 1965, at 10 o'clock.

Will members please sign the Roll and be in their seats by 9.45 a.m.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 and the afternoon session will commence at 2 p.m. or as may be decided.

AGENDA

- Report of the Honorary Secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.
Apologies for absence.
Presentation of new members to the President.
1. Election of Life Member (Rule 7 (i) (b)). Mr. J. F. Smallwood, proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee by Mr. F. W. Perrens, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett.
 2. Election of Honorary Members.
The following retire and are eligible for re-election: Mrs. O. D. Barnett, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn, A. J. Pitman and H. L. Roper.
Mr. John Betjeman, proposed on behalf of the Standing Committee by Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. T. J. Lock. There are five vacancies.
 3. Loss of members through death.
 4. Minutes of the last meeting.
 5. Report of the Honorary Secretary.
 6. Report of the Honorary Librarian.
 7. Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1964.
 8. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
 9. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees:
To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.
(a) Standing Committee.
(b) "The Ringing World" Committee.
(c) Literature and Press Committee.
(d) Records Committee.
(e) Biographies Committee.
(f) Broadcasting and Television Committee.
(g) Overseas Ringing Committee.
(h) Peals Analysis Committee.
(i) Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee.
(j) Methods Committee.
(k) Towers and Belfries Committee.
(l) Peals Collection Committee.

AMENDMENT OF DECISIONS

10. To amend item (iii) in Section D (2) of the Council's Decisions (page 20) by substituting the following for the existing wording:

"Twelve-scores known as Morris's, Pitman's and Price's."

Proposed by Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett.

MOTIONS

11. (a) "That no report of any peal be published in the peal reports columns of 'The Ringing World' unless such report be accompanied by a contribution to 'The Ringing World' funds of not less than one shilling for each person taking part in the peal."
Proposed on behalf of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers by the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, seconded by Mr. N. Mallett.
- (b) "That this Council recommends its affiliated territorial Associations to discontinue the election of non-resident life members or their equivalent."
Proposed by Mr. R. B. Morris, seconded by Mr. B. D. Threlfall.
12. To fix the place of the next meeting.
13. Any other business.

E. A. BARNETT,

26. Iron Mill Lane, Hon. Secretary.
Crayford, Kent.

SEVEN PEALS IN ONE DAY

SEVEN peals were rung at the Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile on Easter Monday. This was the first occasion that seven peals have been rung in one day by the same band, the previous record standing at five. The original plan for these attempts was to ring eight peals, but the number was reduced to seven in order to avoid complaints from people living close to the foundry. This meant that a 5.30 a.m. start would be sufficiently early, instead of 3 a.m.

The band met at the Kings Head Hotel between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Easter Sunday and everybody managed to get to bed before 11 p.m. We were awakened at 4.45 a.m. and had tea in bed before riding down the road for a quick peal of Bristol before breakfast! Actually at 2 hours 18 minutes this was the slowest peal of the day. We returned to the Kings Head for breakfast and found that the hour allowed was not a minute too long; we all had good appetites!

At 9 a.m. we were back at the foundry for a peal of London, which set the pace for the day. With all the band being used to the bells, we found that fast ringing kept everybody on their toes, both with respect to method ringing and striking. The band changed round immediately after completing the peal of London, and we started for Superlative, which gave no trouble. On completing this peal we had a walk into Loughborough for a "pie and a pint," as all the cafes were closed.

The first 5,088 of the day came in the form of George Baker's peal of Rutland. We were now only one peal short of the existing record of five peals, which has been rung twice before, incidentally. The "equalising" peal came in the form of Lincolnshire, before we retired for some food.

The local fish and chip shop had now opened, and this was the obvious source for our meal, and also the opportunity for a sit down. Yorkshire provided the music for the sixth peal and proved to be the quickest peal of the day. We had now established a new record and nobody really felt like ringing the final peal, which was Cambridge. However, the peal was duly rung in 2 hours and 18 minutes, the same time as the peal of Bristol, which started the day.

R. B. S.

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION

OVER 40 ringers were present at the annual meeting of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association at Penrith on Easter Monday, when membership was reported to be at the highest level for some time. The service was conducted by Canon R. B. Bradford, and the lesson read by Mr. R. W. B. Wetenhall (Cockermouth).

The president, Canon W. R. M. Chaplin, presided and a membership of 115 (89 adults and 26 juniors) was reported. There were 23 new members, and Irton and Penrith were added to the tower list.

It was decided to increase the annual subscription from 2s. 6d. to 5s. to create a larger balance and enable the Association to give more financial support to any tower needing help with repairs.

Elections: President, Canon W. R. M. Chaplin; secretary, Mr. J. W. Brownrigg (Keswick); treasurer, Mr. G. Tembey (Egremont); auditor, Mr. C. Heelis (Appleby); ringing secretary, Mr. S. Richardson (Whitehaven); Central Council representative, Mr. G. McKay (St. Bees); Branch secretaries, Mr. C. Forsyth (Carlisle) Eastern, and Miss D. Gibson (Arlecdon) Western; Branch Masters, Mr. J. W. Brownrigg (Eastern) and Mr. L. Boumphey (Workington) (Western). Miss J. Gowing (Keswick) and Mr. G. Nelson (Penrith) were appointed to fill vacancies on the committee.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

THE 72nd annual general meeting was held in Cardiff on Easter Monday, attended by about 90 members and visitors. The bells of Rumney, Whitchurch, Llandaff Cathedral and St. John's, Cardiff, were available before the service in St. John's Church, conducted by Canon Thomas, assisted by the Rev. R. C. Lucas, a ringing member who was ordained during the war. Tea had been arranged in the rather cramped space of St. James' Guildhall by Mrs. Pryor and her band of helpers.

At the meeting members stood in silence to the memory of John Davies (Cardiff), Percy Stafford (Caerleon) and George Monk (St. Mellons), who had passed on.

The reports of the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer had already been circulated to each member and adopted. Due to the unavoidable absence of the treasurer, the Rev. I. J. Richards, his report was submitted by the secretary.

Mr. David J. Llewellyn, of Porthkerry, was elected Master and installed in his office by the retiring Master, Mr. J. James. The secretary, treasurer and auditors were re-elected. It was decided to use a shortened Form of Evensong at future Association meetings instead of the Association's Form of Service.

A motion from the Association's Management Committee that Messrs. F. Hannington and A. J. Pitman be made vice-presidents of the Association in recognition of their work and the credit they have brought on the Association, and that all members who have been in continuous membership for 50 years should be appointed honorary life members of the Association without payment of further subscriptions was carried unanimously.

A CENTENARY

Mr. L. Bainham, of Newport, drew attention to the fact that December 5th, 1965, was the centenary of the birth of J. W. Jones, secretary of the Association for 46 years, and a very generous offer was made by Mr. Don Clarke to make a bookcase to house J. W. Jones' collection of books and "Ringing Worlds." The meeting accepted this offer and decided to have "The Ringing Worlds" bound as a memorial to this stalwart of the Association. It was decided to hold the next meeting on Easter Monday, 1966, at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport.

The secretary invited the members to submit ideas for the design of a new badge.

The meeting accorded a very sincere vote of thanks to Mr. Trevor M. Roderick for his work in connection with the restoration of the memorial tablet in Llandaff Cathedral.

Dr. T. P. Edwards mentioned that Mr. J. Lovett, of Pentre, was celebrating his 43rd wedding anniversary on that day and the secretary was instructed to convey the good wishes of the meeting to Mr. and Mrs. Lovett. Joe Lovett was a member of the old band at Pentre who taught themselves to ring and became the first tower in Wales to ring Surprise methods.

Despite the amount of business carried out the meeting was completed in some 37 minutes under the very able chairmanship of Canon Thomas. At the conclusion of the meeting votes of thanks were accorded to Canon Thomas and all who had assisted in ensuring the success of the meeting.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Two new members — Miss S. Russell and Mr. N. George (both of Titchfield) — were elected at the quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District held at Alverstoke on April 24th. The Rev. C. Target conducted the service, Mr. W. Cope directed the ringing, and a fine tea was provided.

Next quarterly meeting, Shedfield, July 17th, a week earlier. Next practice meeting, Havant, May 29th.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S LIVELY A.G.M.

Debates Over Finance Motions

THE choice of Hatfield as the venue for the annual general meeting of the Hertford County Association on April 24th proved very satisfactory, it being the first time in the history of the Association that an annual meeting had been held there. A number of towers were open for ringing during the day to cater for the large number of members and visitors attending. During the service in Hatfield Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. J. A. Preston, three leads of Kent Treble Bob Royal were rung on handbells by Kathleen Baldwin 1-2, Julia Fellows 3-4, Christopher Woolley 5-6, Walter Ayre 7-8 and Roger Baldwin 9-10. The lesson was read by the senior Past President, Mr. Walter Ayre, and a collection for the St. Albans District Bell Fund realised £8.

After an excellent tea, provided by the local ringers in the Countess Ann Primary School, the President, Mr. G. William Critchley, opened the meeting by welcoming the large company of over 160; particularly the visitors, many of whom were regular attenders at the Association's annual meeting. Mr. Critchley briefly reviewed the activities of the six Districts and concluded that on balance during the year the Association had realised a "credit" as regards ringing, if not financially. The long list of nine resolutions were all connected with the financial aspects of the Association and promised a long and lively discussion. Mr. Critchley praised the St. Albans District, who were hosts at this meeting, for leading the way in the Association's activities, particularly with the innovation of social functions which helped to foster a closer fellowship amongst ringers both within and between the respective Districts. Much of the credit for their success was due to the efforts of Mrs. Coburn who had recently had to relinquish her post as District secretary. The president concluded by urging all members to support their District Officers who worked harder than most members realised to further the interests of ringing in their respective areas.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. C. A. Agg, Messrs. G. W. Debenham, H. S. Bonnett, C. E. Evans and C. A. S. Harwood. The President also announced that a greetings telegram had been sent to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Southam, who were married that morning in Hastings. The meeting stood in silence to the memory of the following members who had passed away during the year: Rev. J. E. Preece (Associate), Dr. F. S. Poole (Abbots Langley) and Messrs. L. Fidler (Hitchin), J. E. Rootes (Bushey), J. Banfield (Apsley), J. Cole (Northchurch) and C. F. Sayer (St. Peter's, St. Albans). Mr. C. W. Woolley paid a short tribute to the late Mr. Rootes.

DEFICIT OF £35

The meeting quickly disposed of the formal business of accepting the minutes and reports of the various officers. Only the Treasurer was called to account for the relatively large deficit of £35 in the year's balance sheet. The following new members were elected: Ringing members—Marjorie Carpenter and Mary Taylor (Bushey), D. C. Green and Miss S. P. Tibbetts (North Mymms); Non-Resident Life Members—A. M. Mann, M. J. Uphill, A. R. Patterson, R. A. Ward, D. Bennett, R. Piron and Mrs. C. Harris.

Mr. Critchley then invested his successor, Mr. Brian M. Barker (Kings Langley) with the presidential badge of office, and the meet-

ing heartily applauded a vote of thanks to Mr. Critchley for his efforts during his year of office. All the officers, with the exception of the Treasurer, were re-elected. Mr. Slade, who did not seek re-election, was thanked for his work as Treasurer and Mr. H. Collings was elected to take over his duties.

Members then turned with eager anticipation to the various resolutions, the first of which sought to limit the cost of the annual report by restricting peal reports to single line entries. This was justified on the basis of publication in "The Ringing World" and a complete record in the Association's peal book. Speakers against the resolution felt that it would lower the standard of the report for the sake of a lower subscription. The motion was lost.

Mr. Woolley, in proposing the second resolution, advocated a fully economic subscription of the order of 7s. 6d. and the abolition of the peal booking fee. The latter he regarded as a tax on peal ringers, citing the increase in non-association peals as an indication of the reaction against such levies. After considerable discussion the motion was lost.

The next resolution, again proposed by Mr. Woolley, sought to establish a new central bell fund from which really substantial grants for bell restoration could be made. Mr. Woolley pointed out that the average donation of £10 to a restoration fund represented 5d. per head of membership. He thought that an income of 10s. 0d. per member would enable grants of £200 to be made which would provide a significant incentive for restoration work

to be initiated. The President pointed out that this was a departure in principle from the conception of a voluntary bell fund. The motion was lost.

THE SUBSCRIPTION

For the third time in recent years the meeting was asked to raise the annual subscription to 5s. 0d. and, since the proposal had been discussed in detail at district meetings, it was quickly put to the vote and carried.

Considerable discussion on the subject of the financial resources of younger members and old-age pensioners led to the acceptance of a subscription of 2s. 6d. per annum for members under 16 years of age. The non-resident life membership subscription was raised to 7s. 6d., an increase in proportion with the ringing member's subscription. Finally two attempts to increase the peal booking fee were resisted so that Mr. Woolley's "tax" on peal ringers remains at 6d. per member taking part in peals. All the increases will take effect in the next financial year.

The customary votes of thanks to all who had co-operated in the excellent arrangements concluded an exciting and controversial meeting. As it was too late for further ringing, members dispersed to continue the debates in other surroundings. On reflection the standard of debate, the number of young members taking an active part in the proceedings and the sense of determination and purpose promise well for the future of this Association.

A. R. A.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION

IN spite of the cold and windy weather, with showers of snow, the annual meeting was held on Easter Monday at Ashover, Derbyshire. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30 p.m. when a service, including several ringers' hymns, was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. P. G. Norman, who in his address welcomed the ringers and spoke of their service to the Church.

Cups of tea were provided in the Church Hall followed by the business meeting with the President (Mr. Bryn Richards) in the chair. As a token of respect a silent tribute was observed for an old member, Mr. Percy Weston, of Denby, who died last August, aged 77.

The balance sheet was formally approved and the following officers elected: President, Mr. Bryn Richards; Secretary, Mr. T. H. Radford; Treasurer, Mr. R. Mason; Joint Ringing Masters, Messrs. C. Bleby and A. Harrison; Auditors, Miss T. Staples and Mr. S. E. Denby; Executive Committee, Messrs. F. Adcock, W. Riley and W. Swain. An old stalwart of the Association, Mr. J. W. Price, was elected a life member. Seven new members were elected.

The jubilee shield, which is awarded annually for progress in change ringing and attendance for Sunday service ringing, was presented by the President to Mr. A. Harrison, captain of the winning tower, Kirkby-in-Ashfield.

Mr. F. Adcock in thanking the Rector mentioned the really enjoyable way in which the service was conducted.

Afterwards ringing continued until 8.30 p.m. Methods rung included Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent and Double Norwich, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

Next meeting, Blackwell, May 15th.

T. H. R.

FORMER TOWER CAPTAIN MARRIED

On Easter Tuesday Mr. David Pearson, the former tower captain of Huntington, was married to Miss Ann Macphail in his home church. David has been a ringer and chorister at the church for some 13 years and latterly he has been crucifer.

The last three years have seen a dramatic revival in the fortunes of ringing at Huntington. Ringing was intermittent for many years up to 1962, when the bells were declared unsafe. It was a year before they were restored and during this time David played a major part in training a young Huntington band at Stockton-on-the-Forest and Esrick to ring on the restored bells.

The hallowing of the bells on October 5th, 1963, was an important occasion for the Huntington ringers and under David's captaincy there has been a steady improvement in the standard of ringing, culminating in the first peal by the local band for the Patronal Festival on November 1st, 1964.

Huntington has provided several new members to strengthen the York Minster Society, and David was a member of the band which rang the first peal on the present York Minster bells last year.

The local band rang a quarter peal of 1,320 All Saints' Doubles before the service, the ringers being: Andrew N. Pearce 1, Jennifer Pearce 2, Susan E. Thompson 3, Christopher J. Groome 4, A. Colin Banton (conductor) 5. A number of friends from the Minster rang the bells after the service.

David and Ann are going to live at Haxby—about three miles from Huntington. We wish them much happiness in the future and we hope that they will maintain their long association with Huntington Church.

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Letters to the Editor

ALL LADIES' FIRST PEAL OF MAJOR

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Denis Carlisle's inquiry about ladies who took part in the first peal of Major ever to be rung by an all-ladies' band (Handsworth, Sheffield, January 7th, 1928), I believe all those who took part, except Mrs. Foulk, are still alive. The conductor of the peal, Miss Mollie Davenport, who was married to the late Rev. E. S. Powell, still renders valuable service to the Exercise in the distribution of that excellent publication "The Ringer's Handbook."

On February 11th, 1950, I had the pleasure of ringing in a "Married Couples" peal (Kent Treble Bob Major) at Handsworth with Mrs. Ryder and Mrs. L. Hayward (née Noel Cawthorne), both of whom rang in the first ladies' peal of Major.

Another "All Ladies' Peal" of Bob Major was rung at Handsworth on May 4th, 1957, by an entirely different band. This peal was conducted by Miss Elizabeth Bate (Handsworth) and Miss Elizabeth Wardill (Rotherham) rang the tenor.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

WANTS CHURCHILL SPECIAL EDITION

Dear Sir,—May I make a suggestion that, in view of the amazing response by the bell-ringers of this country to Sir Winston's death, a special copy of "The Ringing World" be issued for a suitable price containing a list of peals and quarter peals that were rung in memoriam.

In addition to a picture on the front page, relevant articles published at the time of his death, such details of the honouring of his 90th birthday, and earlier articles referring to him might be included.

Lady Churchill could be presented with a specially bound copy of this publication by a member of the Central Council. In this way we could show her and remind ourselves how much we, as ringers, and members of the Free World owe to the "Grand Old Man."—Yours faithfully,

COLIN H. COOK.

Merstham.

Note.—The Editorial Committee would want a philanthropist to finance it.—Ed.

DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—On referring recently to the mine of information published in "The Ringing World" during the summer of 1964, under the title of "A collection of Doubles Methods," by Messrs. G. K. Dodd and R. H. Jones, I wonder if this is available as yet as a separate publication, even if only in duplicated form?

There is a point which somewhat mystifies me however: on p. 514 of the July 31, 1964 issue, special attention is drawn to the effect that Kennington (Plain Bob using Reverse Canterbury bobs) and Southrepps (Reverse Canterbury using Plain Bob bobs) cannot be rung with the tenor as observation bell, but we are then asked to note well that Folke and Cadbury respectively are the result of doing just that.

If the tenor is used as observation, say in Kennington, obviously you have to start in the middle of the bob (i.e., a Reverse Canterbury start) before proceeding to ring Plain Bob again at the first plain lead, but this amounts to nothing more or less than ringing "Kennington" under the same conditions as with 2nd, 3rd or 4th observation.

Why should another name be necessary? Is it a question of traditional usage going back into Doubles history, or is it someone's device for augmenting the number of different things alleged to have been rung in a peal? I have been in several peals where Kennington and Southrepps were rung with tenor observation as above but we have never claimed to have rung Folke or Cadbury, and I think it would have been rather pretentious to have made such a claim. Can anyone offer any elucidation upon this point?—Yours faithfully,

DEREK P. JONES.

Burton-on-Trent.

LEADING PEAL ASSOCIATIONS FOR 1964

Subject to any amendments at the meeting of the Central Council at Northampton, the leading Guilds and Associations in the Peals Analysis are:

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AN APPROPRIATE OCCASION

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Robin H. Rogers' letter on page 276 as to a peal being rung in honour of Wales winning the triple crown in Rugby football.

Does Mr. Rogers realise that Wales winning the triple crown was a national honour to every Welshman, and that over 55,000 people were at the game, which was afterwards televised all over the country to over ten million people. It was the first time Wales had won the triple crown since 1953, and all Cardiff and Wales went gay that night, and I therefore think it is quite in order to ring a peal for the occasion.

As to Mr. Rogers' remarks that we are supposed to have believed that the peal was arranged for the occasion, I can assure him, even though I wasn't a member of the band, that the peal was arranged after Wales had won their first two matches.—Yours sincerely,

RAYMOND J. HOSKING.

Neath, Glam.

RINGING ON HOLY SATURDAY

Dear Sir,—The Rev. A. S. Roberts is, of course, correct when he says that liturgically, Holy Saturday services are of a mixed character, but I would suggest that when his Kalender sanctions the use of bells on that day, the reference is to the canonical ringing of a bell or bells to call the faithful to worship, an entirely different matter to the ringing of peals or the holding of meetings; I would also deprecate his corollary that the amount of work in which incumbents and parishioners are engaged at this time is sufficient reason to discourage such activities, rather is it a matter of principle on the proper observance of Holy Week.

It will I think be found that throughout Western Christendom church bells are silent from Palm Sunday to Easter Day (apart possibly from a service bell) and certainly they are not rung, either in the continental manner or as we do in this country, on Good Friday and Easter Even.

The majority of affiliated Associations accept this but each year there are exceptions. I have discussed the question with scores of incumbents and I have yet to find one who was not appalled at the idea of entering into the convivialities of a monthly or quarterly ringing practice on the day following Good Friday.

Perhaps it is a matter upon which the Central Council might give a recommendation, or even a directive.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD G. CAPLE.

Clevedon, Som.

OXFORD T.B. MINOR

Dear Sir,—In reply to one or two of the points raised by A. J. Salisbury in his letter in the issue of August 23rd:

(i) Touches may be "spliced" together by putting one in the middle of another—this has to be done with care, so a 1,260 could be made up from 720 plus 540.

(ii) Other examples of the type of thing mentioned have appeared to Kent and Cambridge Minor: See "Ringing World," 1932, page 759 (Kent T.B.—E. C. S. Turner); "Ringing World," 1932, page 563 (Oxford Treble Bob—E. C. S. Turner); "Ringing World," 1933, pages 294, 310 (240's, 360's, etc., of Grandsire Doubles—G. Lindoff); "Ringing World," 1933, page 326 (480's Grandsire—Lindoff). There are other examples of this type of thing abounding in "Ringing Worlds" of past dates—including A. Relfe's 1,440's of Spliced Surprise Minor and a 240 of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles by Ted Bryant. The Central Council rulings on such things seem vague at the best.

(iii) In reply to (a) and (c) I think the best thing is for Mr. Salisbury to get busy with pencil and paper and find out for himself—by which means he will learn far more than by just being told.

(iv) While on the subject of Minor, I should like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Chant for his excellent index of Minor methods, much of which is published for the first time.

Manchester.

GILES B. THOMPSON.

"BREATHES THERE A MAN WITH SOUL SO DEAD...?"

Dear Sir,—Only a dead-souled Englishman could doubt the sincerity of the Bridgend band who celebrated the Welsh XV victory at Cardiff with a peal.

To a Welshman, his religion, his sport and his art are inseparable and the boundaries between them as indefinable as fresh air. He will sing hymns at a match and use parables from the game to preach a sermon in chapel next day. In scoring a try he uses God's gifts, and in ringing his bells he praises God for those gifts.

The game is over and we've won, boys. Thank God we didn't lose at home; a whole nation would be mourning. We've won, and I'm crying for joy, so let's celebrate, boys—let's ring a peal.

EXILE—TOMBSTONE HUGHES.

Chesterfield.

ERNEST MORRIS MEMORIAL WINDOW

Dear Sir,—The dedication of the "Ernest Morris Memorial Window" has been fixed for Saturday, May 22nd, at 3 o'clock.

The service will be conducted by the Vicar, Canon E. N. Ducker, and the dedication by Canon F. Pratt, a former curate of St. Margaret's and an old friend of Ernest's.

We hope that there will be a good gathering of ringers, who will be welcome to join in the open ringing after the service.

Whilst writing, may I acknowledge with grateful thanks the following contributions received since my last letter: G. S. Morris £2 2s., J. Fenton £5, Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock £1 1s., T. R. Flint 7s.—Yours sincerely,

GORDON A. OLLIFFE.

43, Fernhurst Road,
Braunstone, Leics.

MURSTON BELLS HUNG DEAD

Dear Sir,—With reference to the note in "Belfry Gossip" concerning the new "ring" of five bells at Murston, near Sittingbourne, Kent, I regret to say that the bells are hung dead for electric chiming only. The bell chamber of the low tower of the church still contains the original single bell, the five being hung above the roof of the tower, presumably in the open, although I have not been able to inspect them. I understand that attempts were made locally to persuade the authorities to have the bells hung for ringing, but obviously without success.—Yours sincerely,

Gillingham, Kent. PETER N. BOND.

OBITUARY

MR. E. C. THRALE

Mr. Edward Charles Thrale, of Newark, died on April 9th, aged 83. A good all-round sportsman, Ted, as he was affectionately known, will nevertheless be remembered chiefly for his long service at Newark Church.

Ted was a man of great personal charm with an unrivalled knowledge of Newark. By trade a stonemason, he left behind him as evidence of his skill substantial restoration work in the Parish Church and a wealth of exquisite lettering. He had a creative talent and could carve a figurehead or gargoyle as occasion arose. In the Great War he served in the infantry.

He learned to ring at Newark in 1896 and was Master of the band at the Parish Church from 1909 to 1949. From then, until increasing infirmity prevented him climbing the formidable staircase, he was a frequent attendant.

He did all things well and insisted upon good striking and regular attendance. The ringer who neglected his primary duty as a service ringer had short shrift from him. He gave of his best and expected others to do the same. Although an expert conductor of Stedman and Grandsire and a fluent ringer of all the usual standard methods, he rang only one peal, his chief interest being in maintaining a good and regular standard of ringing at the Parish Church. He was a member of the Cumberlands.

On the evening of his funeral a well-struck quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled at the Parish Church in tribute.

HERBERT LANGDON

A Memory

Dear Sir,—Your moving tribute to the late Herbert Langdon, in particular the imposing list of past leaders of his day, which included Harry Barton, brings back to mind the time when Herbert visited this island with Alexander Young, Challis Winney and George Fardon, which led to the restoration of William Rayner's tomb in Arretton churchyard.

In speaking of Harry Barton, Herbert said to me: "Harry Barton made me call my first bob at St. John's, Waterloo Road," which bears out the great liking each had for the other.—Yours, etc., W. UPTON.

The passing of my old friend, Bert, at the age of 84, is a true and personal regret to me, for I first met him in Waterloo Road in December, 1900. During the next three years it was a pleasure to meet him for peals, quarter peals, service ringing and even call changes at various London towers. He lived at Camberwell with his mother and he was a safe ringer and conductor with good striking the highest aim. My last peal with Bert was 48 years ago at Mr. Cockerill's residence and the band was: C. F. Winney 1-2, W. T. Cockerill 3-4, W. Shepherd 5-6, Bert Langdon 7-8, J. N. Oxborrow 9-10; umpire Edwin Horrex. Bert would not conduct and Mr. Winney declined, so I was voted the guest conductor. Truly Bert was an outstanding personality and a true gentleman.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

TWO MARPLE RINGERS
MARRIED

In bright sunshine, the doors of All Saints', Marple, being open during the service giving a glorious view of the Cheshire Plain, Miss Pamela C. Baker, of Failsforth, and Mr. Alan McFall, of Marple, were married on Saturday, April 3rd. A peal attempt earlier in the day came to an abrupt end after 1½ hours. In the ringing for the service the bridegroom and his best man, Mr. Derek Yates, joined for a short time before taking their places in church.

The bride wore a full-length gown of white satin trimmed with pearls, with a pill box headdress also similarly trimmed. She was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. J. Jordan. The bridesmaids, the Misses Ann and Gail McFall (nieces of the bridegroom), wore full-length turquoise-blue dresses of fine wool, with lace collars matching their lace bonnets.

The reception was held at the Glendale Restaurant, Marple. The happy couple were given a rousing send-off and were accompanied for a time on the first half of their journey to Stratton, near Bude, where they spent their honeymoon.

Until their house in Marple is completed they will be residing in Failsforth. The rearranged peal (Superlative) was successfully rung on the following Wednesday at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne. R. B. S.

DEDICATION

SCOLE, NORFOLK

In January, 1963, Schole Church, Norfolk, was destroyed by fire. The remaining bell was sent to a foundry to be tuned as part of a new ring. The five new bells and the original one were dedicated by the Bishop of Thetford, the Rt. Rev. Eric Cordingley, on April 6th, which was seven months after he had re-consecrated the church.

Several members of the Norwich Diocesan Association were present including Mr. F. N. Golden, president, Mr. H. W. Barrett, general secretary, and Mr. Charles Goodman, the ringing master. Members of the Suffolk Association also attended.

Six members of the South Norfolk District, led by Mr. Harry Fuller, of Thetford (the ringing master) who rang the treble, rang in the opening touch. The others were: R. Churchill 2, A. C. Harrison 3, C. Catchpole 4, W. Barrett 5 and F. C. Phillippo (district secretary) 6.

The Bishop told the large congregation that he was there to complete the job he started in September last year. He also spoke of the skill required in bell ringing and hoped that many young people would come forward to learn the art.

Scole needs ringers. Mr. H. A. J. Mowle has been elected ringing master and practices are held on Wednesday evenings.

DEREHAM DISTRICT IN
BEDFORDSHIRE

A party of 40 people participated in the Dereham and District outing into Bedfordshire on Easter Monday and, despite the blizzard en route, enjoyed themselves.

Burwell (a light eight) was the first stop and the pattern adopted by Mr. George Adams, the Ringing Master, throughout the day was introduced. This consisted of rounds at each tower for beginners to start with and a course of Surprise to finish, whilst methods in between included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Plain and Little Spliced and Kent Treble Bob. Before luncheon at Bedford there was ringing at Biggleswade and in the afternoon at Bromham and Turvey.

We returned to Bedford for tea and then visited St. Peter-de-Merton, where the light trebles caused some difficulty. We were all a little dubious about our capabilities on the ten bells at Mildenhall, Suffolk, but these easy-going bells produced some of the best ringing of the day. A touch of Stedman Caters, three leads of Kent and a touch of Plain and Little Bob Spliced were struck very well and we finished with a half-course of Yorkshire on the back eight. As a consolation to the Doubles ringers we called at the Five Bells at Brandon to quench our thirst before finally setting off for home. Our congratulations to Mr. Kevin Hohl on his efficient organisation.

T. G. P.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 28th, 1,296 Duffield Major: M. Carter 1, P. Bedford 2, Miss S. Hayward 3, F. May 4, P. Sadler 5, T. Jones 6, D. Belcham 7, A. House (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

5,056 KINGSLERE SURPRISE
MAJOR

By E. W. TIPLER
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42635	—	—	—	3
23645	—	X	—	—
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36245	—	—	—	—
26543	—	—	—	—
45362	—	—	—	—
64352	—	—	—	—
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Rung for the first time at Kingsclere on April 10th, 1965.

MR. ALBERT PLOWMAN

The Peterborough Diocesan Guild has lost an old member by the death on April 22nd of Mr. Albert Plowman, of Wellingborough. Aged 78, he had been in poor health for 12 months.

A regular churchgoer, his last service ringing was on February 28th. He attended most of the Wellingborough Branch meetings, being on the Guild Central Committee from 1934 to 1950, and the Guild annual general meetings until prevented by illness. He was most happy when calling a touch of Stedman Triples, his favourite method. The funeral service was on April 26th. A. B.

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QUARTER PEALS

ASTLEY, WORCS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grand-
sire Doubles: F. C. Pugh 1, F. Davis 2, J. Ran-
ford 3, J. Cale 4, J. Gwilliam (cond.) 5, Les Smith
6. For evening service.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On April 25th, 1,280
Plain Bob Major: A. Burbidge 1, W. J. Pettigrew 2,
Miss C. Jennings 3, A. Short 4, R. Ingram 5, J. W.
Pettigrew 6, D. Finnemore 7, E. Franklin (cond.) 8.
A compliment to Canon F. F. G. Warman on his
installation as Archdeacon of Aston and Canon Resi-
dentiary of Birmingham Cathedral.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On April 19th, 1,260
Plain Bob Minor: Susan Dunn (first of Minor) 1,
G. F. Nix 2, P. A. Lock 3, G. J. Roberts 4, D. J.
Roberts (cond.) 5, W. Simmonds 6. Believed to be
first quarter of Minor on the bells.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Easter Sunday,
1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss S. Bird 1, W. R.
Chandler (50th quarter) 2, Miss H. Copperthwaite 3,
Miss B. Fisher 4, R. J. Brown (cond.) 5. For Matins.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On April 18th, 1,320 Plain
Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 cover): H. G. Payne 1, Miss L.
Payne 2, F. Goodearle 3, Miss C. Wood 4, H.
Deacon (cond.) 5, D. Drury 6, P. Dence 7, L.
Lency 8.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,260
Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara Orlapp 1, Mrs. B.
Stocker 2, Penny Kift 3, R. C. Kift 4, H. M.
Williamson (cond.) 5, K. Rundle 6. For Matins. Also
1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Lesley Rundle 1, Penny Kift
2, Mrs. D. Williamson 3, Mrs. B. van Asselt 4,
Mrs. B. Stocker 5, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 6. For
Evensong.

BISHOPSTHORPE, YORKS.—On April 21st, 1,320
Minimus (11 methods): J. A. Jameson 1, J. A.
Sturrock 2, S. J. Pardoe 3, A. G. Craddock (cond.)
4. Rung by a band attending the Archbishop of
York's sixth formers' conference.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,320
Plain Bob Doubles: S. Christian (first quarter) 1, Mrs.
E. Jackson 2, M. H. Whittell 3, N. F. Whittell
(cond.) 4, M. J. Howes 5. For Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At St. Werburgh's Church on April
25th, 1,260 Grand-ire Doubles: Linda J. Slade 1,
S. G. Riches (cond.) 2, R. W. Sweet 3, I. J. Free-
stone 4, A. J. True 5, D. M. Smith 6. For Evensong.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On April 18th, 1,260
Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Padbury 1,
L. W. Penfold (cond.) 2, P. M. R. Booser 3, D.
Harding 4, G. Sweet 5, H. Padbury 6. For Matins.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Easter Day,
1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet A. Fawcett (first of
Minor) 1, Sandra M. Pitman (aged 12, first of Minor)
2, A. W. D. Robinson 3, W. James Foot 4, H. I.
Pitman (cond.) 5, W. C. Shute 6. For Evensong.

CASSINGTON, OXON.—On April 3rd, 1,440 Plain
Bob Minor: H. Floyd 1, J. Betts 2, J. Browning 3,
D. Floyd 4, A. Hicks 5, W. Jones (cond.) 6. Rung
after the double wedding at Eynsham of Maurice
Haines and Pamela Bennett and Frank James and
Jasmine Harris, daughters of two Eynsham ringers.

CHARING, KENT.—On April 25th, 1,260 Doubles
(Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. J. Robbins (first quarter,
aged 12) 1, Mrs. P. T. Robbins 2, Rev. P. T. Rob-
bins (cond.) 3, R. N. Bagshaw 4, P. M. Bradford 5,
J. L. Anderson 6. For Evensong.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Easter Day,
1,260 Grand-ire Triples: R. Stevens 1, A. Clayton 2,
S. Parrott 3, A. Brown 4, W. Parrott 5, D. Herschell
6, K. Taber (first as cond.) 7, R. Cooles 8. A.M.D.G.

CLITHEROE, LANCS.—On Easter Monday, 1,260
Plain Bob Doubles: C. Balshaw (first on treble) 1, E.
Crabtree (first "inside") 2, W. Wilkinson 3, S. Wash-
brook 4, F. Price 5. Rung to celebrate Miss S.
Washbrook's 21st birthday.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Easter Day, 1,260
Grand-ire Doubles (6, 7 covering): A. W. Thomas 1,
W. G. Morgan 2, Miss E. B. Thomas 3, Miss A. J.
Thomas 4, H. G. Blick (cond.) 5, D. R. Powell 6,
W. J. L. Groom 7, A. J. Charles 8. For morning
service.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On April 20th,
1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. Forshaw 1, J. Bagnall 2,
G. Turner 3, A. Metters 4, R. Munroe 5, J. E.
Burles 6.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, 1,260
Doubles (six methods): Lynn Taylor 1, Peggy Butler
(cond.) 2, Betty Butler 3, D. Slater 4, A. Butcher 5,
W. Sale (25th quarter) 6. First in six methods 1, 2,
3, 5 and 6. Twenty-fifth quarter together 5 and 6.
For Evensong.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,260
Grand-ire Triples: J. H. French 1, Elizabeth A.
Tester 2, E. C. Leigh 3, G. S. E. Winter 4, E. J.
Jenner 5, D. J. M. Cox 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7,
C. H. Cook 8.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On March 28th,
1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Anne Warren 1, G. A.
Cockman 2, Sally Parrott 3, D. J. K. Paul 4, J. E.
Chapman 5, Adrienne Gibson 6, D. J. Herschell
(cond.) 7, S. Warren 8. For Evensong. In memoriam
Frank Oakshott (1895-1963).

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Barnabas'
Church on April 24th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R.
Ingram 1, W. J. Pettigrew 2, Miss C. Jennings 3,
J. W. Pettigrew 4, A. Burbidge (cond.) 5, W. J. V.
Conduct 6, D. Finnemore 7, P. McEvilly 8. A com-
pliment to Canon F. F. G. Warman on his installa-
tion as Archdeacon of Aston and Canon Residentiary
of Birmingham Cathedral.

FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On April 19th, 1,272
Kent T.B. Minor: P. L. Wood 1, P. Mills 2, E. J.
Roper 3, C. Hardy 4, E. Webb 5, F. W. J. Roper
(cond.) 6. First in method 3, 4 and 5.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints on April 4th,
1,253 Stedman Caters: Miss D. A. Deverell 1, Miss
M. E. Powell 2, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 3, Miss P.
Rogers 4, C. W. Outley 5, A. J. Hampton 6, L. C.
Way 7, M. J. Uphill 8, C. M. Meyer (comp. and
cond.) 9, J. A. G. Harvey 10. For Evensong.

GADDESBY, LEICS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Doubles
(Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss B. Smith 1, J. H.
Cook 2, M. T. Stimson 3, Mrs. D. Day 4, R. H.
Cook (cond.) 5, T. Briggs 6. First quarter peal on
the bells, recently augmented from three to six. Rung
for the marriage of Mr. William Moffat Ross-Wilson
and Mrs. Jacqueline Susette Sheldon.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Easter Day,
1,260 Grand-ire Triples: D. Birt 1, M. Napper 2,
S. J. Franklin 3, L. G. Haines 4, D. G. Haines 5,
J. A. Beaumont 6, W. J. Irving (cond.) 7, F. J.
Hiscock 8. For Evensong.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—On April 19th,
1,320 Doubles (11 methods): R. Foster 1, Miss J. D.
Woolgar (first in 11 methods) 2, Miss J. M. Yardley
3, B. D. Sims (cond.) 4, B. C. Wallis 5. A birthday
compliment to Mrs. S. D. Sims, wife of the con-
ductor.

HARLINGTON, MIDD.—On March 24th, 1,260
Stedman Triples: Heather Walters (first of Stedman
Triples) 1, A. E. Butcher 2, G. M. Brithford (first
of Stedman Triples) 3, D. Fowles 4, J. Hill (cond.) 5,
F. C. Price 6, W. H. Coles 7, L. Grice 8. In honour
of Easter and the Resurrection.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On March 28th, 1,320 St.
Simon's Doubles: C. F. Loke 1, H. W. Egglestone
(cond.) 2, L. J. Parry 3, C. S. Bloomfield 4, R. C.
Groom 5. For morning service. Also on Easter Day,
1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. Gooderham (first quarter
of Major) 1, S. J. Hammond 2, L. J. Parry 3,
Margaret Egglestone 4, C. F. Loke 5, R. C. Groom
6, C. S. Bloomfield 7, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 8.
For early morning Communion. Also, 1,260 Minor
(720 St. Clement's and 540 Plain Bob): L. P. Brain
1, S. J. Hammond 2, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 3,
L. J. Parry 4, Margaret Egglestone 5, R. C. Groom
6. For Evensong.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At the Church of St.
Margaret on April 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major:
Sue Webber 1, M. H. Whittell 2, Mrs. E. Lockwood
3, Sandra Goodship 4, M. J. Howes 5, A. J. Mun-
nings 6, R. L. K. Whittell 7, N. F. Whittell (cond.)
8. First on eight 1, 2 and 5. A golden wedding com-
pliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—On April 22nd, 1,260
Plain Bob Doubles: A. Hinman 1, R. Manton (cond.)
2, W. Clapp (first "inside") 3, H. Clayton 4, O.
Homewood (first quarter) 5.

LLANDAFF, GLAM.—At the Cathedral on Easter
Day, 1,554 Major (C.C.C. 259): Susan Harber 1,
Susan Jones 2, Mary Pryor 3, Penelope J. Welch 4,
N. Evans 5, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 6, G. J. B.
Stickland 7, S. Fenwick 8. First in the method for all.
For Evensong.

LLANDUDNO, CAERNS.—On Easter Day, 1,260
Grand-ire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss P. Daniels
(first on a working bell) 1, Mrs. C. Evans 2, Rev. T.
Evans 3, A. Burton 4, J. F. Astbury (cond.) 5, K.
Richards 6, A. Ainge 7, Rev. G. Heyward 8.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.—At the Cathedral
Church of St. Paul on Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grand-ire
Triples: Mary A. Cowling 1, W. F. Wilson 2, W. D.
Watson 3, C. H. Bagot 4, J. J. F. Roper 5, G. W.
Heyes 6, P. M. J. Gray (cond.) 7, A. C. Bolton 8.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDD.—On Easter Day,
1,260 Grand-ire Triples: A. Price 1, C. King 2, M.
Soper 3, R. Fraser 4, C. Ward (cond.) 5, W. Brad-
brook 6, T. Pink 7, W. Langley 8.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.—On April 21st, 1,260
Grand-ire Triples: H. S. Humphrey 1, Maisie Vantom
2, Elizabeth Stewart 3, C. T. Hillis 4, G. Stewart
5, S. J. Boulden 6, R. Swift (cond.) 7, A. S. Phillips
8. A compliment to the treble ringer, who celebrated
his 84th birthday on April 19th.

NUNBURNHOLME, EAST YORKS.—On April
24th, 1,400 Minor (Plain, Little, St. Clement's, Cam-
bridge): Miss E. Rimer 1, Miss B. Cammack 2, R.
Ducker 3, K. Goldthorpe 4, R. Gibson 5, J. Rank
(cond.) 6.

OXFORD.—On Feb. 21st, at the Church of St.
Thomas-the-Martyr, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E.
Barber (first quarter) 1, Miss H. F. Pardoe 2, Miss
A. Baldwin 3, Miss M. Muir 4, R. Wharton 5, B.
Wakefield (cond.) 6.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On April 25th, 1,260
Doubles (three methods): Jane Walker 1, K. Sansom
2, B. Walton (cond.) 3, D. White 4, K. Tipper 5,
Comm. Jackson 6. For Evensong.

PLUCKLEY, KENT.—On April 24th, 1,320 Plain
Bob Doubles: A. Bourher 1, Lynne Payne 2, B.
Johnson 3, F. Goodearle 4, H. Deacon (cond.) 5,
E. J. Clifton 6. A wedding compliment to Veronica
Homewood (a local ringer) and Alan Johnson, married
here on Easter Monday.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Easter Day, at St.
Andrew's Church, for 9.45 Celebration, 1,264 Plain
Bob Major: Miss R. J. Marks (first of Major) 1,
R. D. Bell 2, T. G. Myers (cond.) 3, H. W. Milford
4, F. E. Day 5, R. G. Bell 6, H. F. Myers 7, A. W.
Myers 8. Also on Easter Day, 1,295 Grand-ire
Caters: Miss R. J. Marks 1, T. G. Myers 2, A. J.
Collings 3, Mrs. M. A. Bould 4, S. F. O'Shaughnessy
5, A. W. Myers 6, F. E. Day (cond.) 7, H. F.
Myers 8, D. R. Bould 9, R. G. Bell 10. For
Evensong.

PORTHKERRY, GLAM.—On April 20th, 1,260
Doubles (three methods): B. A. Williams 1, L. J.
Malings 2, R. S. Price 3, W. E. Pearce 4, M. H.
Williams (cond.) 5, R. C. Smart 6. First quarter
1, 3, 4 and 6.

PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.—On March 14th, 1,260
Plain Bob Royal: Miss C. Lewis (first quarter) 1,
A. Cansdale 2, M. Hallett 3, B. Sadler 4, S. Halliwell
(first quarter) 5, D. Sloman (first of Royal) 6, J.
Belcham 7, L. Beal 8, P. Sadler 9, P. Sloman (cond.,
first of Royal) 10. Also on April 4th, 1,260 Plain
Bob Royal: Miss J. Emms (first quarter) 1, P.
Sadler 2, Miss P. Halliwell (first of Royal) 3, B.
Sadler 4, Miss R. Carr 5, D. Sloman 6, J. Belcham
7, G. Bacon 8, M. Hallett 9, P. Sloman (cond.) 10.
For Confirmation service.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On April 19th, 1,260 Plain
Bob Doubles: L. Ann Gasson (first quarter, first
attempt) 1, G. W. Shanks 2, M. J. Uphill 3, A. R.
Patterson 4, C. F. Mew (cond.) 5.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grand-
sire Triples: G. Knipe 1, A. J. Bull 2, Freda Streeter
3, G. Charlton 4, A. T. Shelton 5, W. H. Inwood
6, A. Streeter 7, Joan Hanning 8. For Easter Festival.

RIPLEY, DERBS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Plain
Bob Doubles: Dorothy Blant 1, V. Cheetham 2,
Doreen Land 3, Jean Hunt 4, T. Taylor (cond.) 5.
For Matins. Also on April 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob
Minor: Doreen Land 1, V. Cheetham 2, Barbara
Peat 3, Jean Hunt 4, D. W. Bailey 5, T. Taylor
(cond.) 6. D. Ashley 7. For Confirmation.

RIPPLE, WORCS.—On April 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob
Minor: J. Lawrence 1, C. Haylings 2, B. Spiers 3,
J. Bennett (first of Minor) 4, D. Price 5, J.
Clements (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mr.
C. Haylings.

RIPON, YORKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob
Minor (6 and 8 covering): J. A. Brown 1, A. Willis
2, A. G. Dalton 3, A. Bashforth 4, E. Metcalfe 5,
J. Reed 6, E. Hudson (cond.) 7, E. G. Payne 8.
Followed by whole pull and stand.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.—On April 25th, 1,260 Plain
Bob Minor: Miss P. White 1, P. Leggett 2, W. Bavin
3, J. Causar 4, H. Peacock 5, A. Payne (cond.) 6.
For morning service, and as a 21st birthday com-
pliment to Miss P. White.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On Easter Day, 1,260
Grand-ire Triples: Barbara Duck 1, C. W. Jose 2,
R. Haines 3, Helen A. Hobbins 4, A. Locke 5, G. F.
Dunstan 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, D. R. Dunstan
8. First on eight 1, 4 and 6. Rung after Evensong.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On April 6th, 1,260 Plain
Bob Minor: C. W. Barlow 1, R. Bath 2, D. Hawkins
3, C. J. Final 4, W. J. H. Parker (cond.) 5, H.
Goody 6.

SAXILBY, Lincs.—On Easter Day, 1,440 Minor
(Killmarsh and Kent): Mrs. S. Blair 1, Mrs. P.
Crosby 2, M. L. Mann 3, J. M. Blaikie 4, H. W.
Cox 5, J. B. Nicholson (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

SHEDFIELD, HANTS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods, with 4, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. E. Randall 1, P. Page 2, Cmdr. M. Laborda (first quarter) 3, Miss B. Daysh 4, R. H. Green 5, B. E. Pink 6, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 7, F. Abram (first quarter) 8. For the wedding of Susan Lacey and Michael Rogers.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): H. Cornelius 1, H. E. Turner 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, S. A. Turner 4, R. Welch 5, F. Welch 6. For Evensong.

SHUTE, DEVON.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Gardner 1, B. Gardner 2, F. Gardner 3, A. Pring 4, R. Loud (cond.) 5, H. Sprague 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Brian Gardner.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hare (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth T. Birmingham 2, J. K. Ward 3, E. E. Gosling 4, W. Birmingham 5, F. R. Scott 6, D. P. Hilling (cond.) 7, R. J. Foster 8.

SOHAM, CAMBS.—On March 2nd, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: D. F. Muflet 1, Mrs. R. J. Palmer 2, K. J. Triplopp 3, R. J. Palmer 4, A. M. Barber (cond.) 5, R. M. Damerall 6, G. Pearson 7, J. G. Gipson 8, H. F. Brown 9, K. J. Heskest 10.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON, N.—At Christ Church, on April 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Helen Davey (first of Minor) 1, Margaret Moore 2, S. G. Peck 3, W. Wainwright 4, E. Beauchamp (cond.) 5, L. G. Gates 6. For Evensong, and to welcome Mark John, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Bloomfield, of Branksome, Dorset, a grandson for ringer of third.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On April 4th, 1,260 Cambridge and Plain Bob Minor: Carol Norman 1, D. W. Stenson 2, Carol Corton 3, A. R. Mildred 4, M. G. Wood 5, K. H. Mildred (cond.) 6. Also on April 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Brown 1, Carol Corton 2, M. Wood 3, A. Mildred 4, D. Stenson 5, K. Mildred (cond.) 6.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.—On March 16th, 1,440 Oxford and Kent T.B. Minor: R. Kersey 1, M. J. Howes 2, Miss M. Newby 3, E. J. Lockwood 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

STOGURSEY, SOMERSET.—On April 20th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): B. Williams 1, S. Lewis 2, J. Walton 3, G. Davis 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, G. Duckham 6.

STRENSHAM, WORCS.—On April 15th, 1,260 All Saints' Bob Doubles: Joan Gainey 1, B. Splers 2, M. Hawkes 3, M. Boskett (cond.) 4, P. Robertson 5, C. Haylings 6. Rung half-muffled on Maundy Thursday.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, MIDD.—On April 25th, 1,272 Spliced Major (Little Bob and Plain Bob): D. Brock 1, Miss P. Rogers 2, J. F. Maybrey 3, P. N. Felton 4, M. B. Tyers 5, M. P. Thomas 6, A. Johnson 7, A. G. Tyers (cond.) 8. For Evensong, and 21st birthday compliment to D. Struckett.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church on Mar. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Mrs. E. Jaques 1, Miss J. Davidge 2, M. Scowen (first of Plain Bob) 3, P. Minchin 4, Miss S. Little 5, M. D. Penney 6, M. New 7, D. Carr 8, M. Stanley 9, E. Sutton (cond.) 10. First of Royal 1, 2, 3 and 7. Rung prior to Confirmation service.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On March 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. J. Garrad 1, H. Shire 2, R. J. Wilsher (first quarter) 3, D. Digby 4, P. Owen (first in method as cond.) 5, J. Weaving 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H.R.H. the Princess Royal.

Also on April 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): F. J. Garrad 1, R. J. Wilsher 2, D. Digby 3, H. Shire 4, P. Owen (first as cond. in two methods) 5, J. Weaving 6. Rung to celebrate the recent 81st birthday of the ringer of 4. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): D. Wallbution (first quarter) 1, R. J. Wilsher 2, Mrs. B. Banks 3, P. Owen (cond. of Plain Bob) 4, D. Digby (cond. of Grandsire, first as cond.) 5, A. Wallbution (first quarter) 6. For Matins.

TITCHFIELD, HANTS.—On April 11th, 1,440 Beverley Surprise Minor: P. Page 1, Mary White 2, R. A. Stone 3, A. R. Cope 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, W. F. J. Cope 6. For Evensong.

TUNBRIDGE, KENT.—On April 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Sandra Greenhalgh 1, Sheila M. Dobbie 2, V. J. Benning 3, C. W. Hancock 4, P. J. Dye 5, L. T. Pope 6, W. H. Dobbie 7, W. Rogers (cond.) 8. For evening service.

TUTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On April 10th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (London and Cambridge): June Sinfield 1, Christine Smith 2, R. J. Scott 3, J. L. Cloughton 4, A. G. Stripp 5, J. W. V. Sinfield (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On April 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss Willers 1, Lucy Stubbings (first quarter) 2, F. E. Haynes (cond.) 3, Ursula Stubbings 4, Frances Threlfall 5, Gay Williams 6, H. Bishop 7, H. F. Brown 8. For Confirmation service.

TYTHERINGTON, GLOS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Cook 1, Miss J. King 2, R. W. Sweet 3, H. J. Ferris 4, A. Howard (cond.) 5, P. Travell 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 2nd.

UPTON-UPON-SEVERN, WORCS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Lawrence 1, D. Price 2, Anna Sadowska 3, M. Hawkes (cond.) 4, P. Robertson 5, J. Clements 6, J. Smith 7, M. Boskett 8.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On April 9th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. E. Drew 1, Miss P. Samuel 2, Miss J. Gray (first of Cambridge) 3, G. K. Smith 4, F. C. Hobson 5, I. G. Campbell (cond.) 6. A farewell to I. G. Campbell, who is going to sea.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Caroline Cole (15, first quarter) 1, A. Slade (16, first "inside") 2, D. Wright (16) 3, I. Deer (17) 4, K. Warner (17) 5, C. Wright (15, first as cond.) 6. Also on April 11th, 1,392 Plain Bob Major: M. B. Jefferyes (first on eight) 1, M. C. Austin 2, D. Hawkins 3, June Whitcher 4, I. L. Dear 5, R. Durrant 6, D. E. Cobb 7, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 8. For Matins.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On April 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. T. Brown (first of Stedman as cond.) 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, M. J. Young 4, G. W. Elmes 5, J. W. Blackwood 6, R. A. W. Robertson 7, R. W. Young 8. Rung as a compliment on the recent birth of daughters to Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Baker and Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Cherrett.

WASHINGTON, U.S.A.—At the Cathedral, on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): Frank L. Barkley 1, Robert E. McQuiston 2, Thomas M. Brushart 3, Arthur C. Purvis 4, Jennifer A. Murphy 5, John W. McClenahan 6, Richard S. Dirksen (first as cond.) 7, J. Owen 8. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7. First in the method for all.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Good Friday, 1,320 Doubles (11 methods): Miss E. H. Cherry 1, M. R. Meadows 2, A. King 3, M. A. Beaumont 4, M. King (cond.) 5, R. Aldington 6. Rung half-muffled prior to the united service. Also Easter Day, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (all "singles"): D. Hunton 1, Miss E. H. Cherry 2, M. King 3, M. A. Beaumont 4, A. King 5, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 6.

WEST BRIDGEFORD, NOTTS.—On March 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Crossland 1, Penny Miller 2, Juliet Stamper 3, B. E. Mozley 4, P. K. Else (cond.) 5, M. Brummell (first quarter) 6. For Mothering Sunday Evensong.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYS.—On April 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Burton 1, Sheila Mellor 2, J. Smith 3, B. Greasley (first quarter) 4, G. Futers (cond.) 5, R. J. Tanner 6. For Litany. Also on April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): Sheila Mellor 1, J. Smith 2, J. Greasley (first quarter) 3, R. J. Tanner 4, D. R. Carlisle 5, G. Futers (cond.) 6, B. Greasley 7, Mrs. D. Carlisle 8. For Litany.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect for Arthur Cholerton, who died suddenly this day.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On April 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Comber 1, S. Comber 2, D. Roberts 3, M. P. Howard 4, D. Slater (cond.) 5, B. Parke 6. For the consecration of the altar step and furnishings by the Bishop of Lewes. Also on Good Friday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Comber 1, D. Comber 2, D. Roberts 3, J. Leppard 4, B. Parke 5, D. Slater (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled.

WEST MEON, HANTS.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Maureen White 1, R. A. Stone (first quarter Triples "inside") 2, Betty Daysh 3, T. W. Hargreaves 4, D. J. White 5, K. G. Waller 6, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 7, P. Godman 8.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. F. Ballam (cond.) 1, A. G. Ballam 2, C. Stannard 3, W. Goodship 4, A. E. Murrell 5, R. J. Stannard 6.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On April 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Darke 1, Miss D. E. Austin 2, C. C. Dilnot 3, Miss G. James 4, M. Ostler 5, D. L. Cawley (first as cond.) 6. In memoriam Frank C. W. Knight.

WYHAM, NORTHUMB.—On Feb. 11th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: N. H. Hewett 1, G. S. Deas 2, K. Arthur (cond.) 3, W. Tyson 4, M. Maughan 5, E. N. Harrison 6. For the institution of the new Vicar, the Rev. W. K. Boddy, B.A.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Kent County Association's annual report contains 43 compositions rung during 1964.

The composition on page 263 has an incorrect title. It should read 5,088 Sedgley Surprise Major. Our regrets.

We learn that Mr. Derek Astridge is leaving Derby shortly to undergo a course at Leeds University. He will be away about a year.

Needing new muffles, two Burbage, Derbyshire, ringers organised at their respective homes a coffee evening and whist/beetle drive.

Mr. W. Clamp has been appointed captain at St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray. For his and Mr. O. Homewood's benefit a quarter was arranged at Kirby Bellars on April 22nd.

There was a good introduction to Grandsire Caters at Leighton Buzzard on April 21st. Mr. Alfred E. Rushton, who conducted, had five "firsts" of Grandsire Caters in the band.

The memorial peal to Frank C. W. Knight at Petham, Kent, was rung open at his request and had a first pealer in the band, which it what he would have appreciated.

The band who rang the peal at Chepstow would like to record the peal as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Lovett, of Pentre Rhondda. Mr. Lovett is a former Master of the Association, and the peal was rung on the occasion of their 43rd wedding anniversary.

The band who rang a handbell peal on Mr. Edwin Barnett's 80th birthday, which occurred on the Wednesday in Holy Week, are grateful to Peter Beresford for coming at a moment's notice because of Mrs. Olive Barnett's temporary indisposition. He said afterwards that it was 16 years since he had taken part in a handbell peal of Plain Bob on the trebles.

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TOWER SPLIT BY LIGHTNING

St. Paul's Church, Irton, South Cumberland, was struck by lightning on Easter Sunday afternoon and the tower was split in two. Mr. John Walker, of Kirkland, and his two sons, who had sheltered in the church porch, had a miraculous escape from being hit by large pieces of falling masonry. Sizable pieces of stonework were found as far away as 50 yards from the church.

Irton has eight bells with a tenor of 16 cwt., and has one of the strongest ringing bands in the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association, having 12 members. While the tower is insured, repairs will be very costly and it is possible that the bells will be out of order for 18 months.

A TEST for A "TESTER"

During the peal of Lincolnshire at Erith on April 23rd, a mouse came down the rope of the third, hit the ringer, Olive Tester, on the forearm, scuttled across the floor and up another rope to disappear again. The band felt that Olive was to be congratulated on avoiding giving rise to one of newspapers' favourite clichés, "women screamed."

RINGING COURSES

We learn of two successful Easter holiday ringing courses at Buxton Manor, Cheshire, attended by Mr. Norman Chaddock, and at Hereford Training College, with Messrs. Wilfrid Moreton, Wilfrid Wilson and Michael Hatchett.

The Grantley Hall course has been fixed for July 23rd-25th. Mr. Chaddock informs us that he will "tailor" the course to suit the needs of students with choice of elementary or more advanced lectures or individual or small group tuition.

CUMBERLAND SECRETARY'S HEIR

Members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths have been congratulating their secretary and Mrs. Sibson on the birth of an heir. Andrew was born on the birthday of the late Henry Johnson (March 26th), and to have the same natal day as one who was honoured by the ringers not only of Birmingham but the whole country is indeed a distinction to the youngest of the Cumberlands. The complimentary peal was rung by the Society at St. Anne's, Highgate, on April 10th and was Bristol Surprise Major.

LINCOLNSHIRE BELL IN WEST INDIES

A bell, formerly belonging to St. Andrew's Church, Woodhall Spa, Lincs, has been given to the new Church of Christ the King in the Bahamas, West Indies. The suggestion for the gift was made by the Rev. William Bishop, headmaster of St. John's Church College, Nassau, when he was staying in Woodhall Spa in the summer of 1963.

A SILENT EASTER

There were no Easter bells at Great Hallingbury, Essex, reports "The East Anglian Daily Times." Although £700 has been spent on maintenance of the bells in the last two years, the Rector is without a band of ringers.

HAD AN AFRICAN TOUR

Just over two years ago Mr. J. Couzens, of Saffron Walden, was fortunate enough to be sent to South Africa on business. During the few months he was there he rang several times at St. Mary's, Woodstock, where he was most cordially received. The bells, which "go" reasonably well, are kept ringing by a faithful few, while some boys are (or were at the time) also being taught. It was planned to teach a band here for the new ring to be installed at Cape Town Cathedral.

On his way home he called at Salisbury Cathedral where he was again warmly welcomed by an enthusiastic company. "Ringers in this country," Mr. Couzens adds, "can scarcely appreciate how hard it must be to keep a band going where rings of bells are hundreds of miles apart and visits to other towers almost impossible. Ringing visitors are few and far between. I strongly recommend anyone who has the chance to call upon fellow ringers abroad whenever the opportunity offers."

ASTON'S VICAR AN ARCHDEACON

Many friends will join us in sending congratulations to Canon F. F. G. Warman on his installation as Archdeacon of Aston and Canon Residentiary of Birmingham Cathedral. A warm friend of ringers, the Archdeacon has presided at the Henry Johnson commemorative dinner. His vicarage, when Vicar of Aston, adjoins the Villa football ground. The controversy over the peal to commemorate the success of Wales in Rugby football reminds us that Canon Warman sanctioned a quarter on Aston bells in honour of Aston Villa's Cup victory a few years back.

TELEVISED

Ringers of the quarter peal at New Romney on April 21st appeared on Southern Television the following day. Some excellent shots were shown of the tower, the bells and the ringers, who included 84-year-old Mr. H. S. Humphery, captain of New Romney, and recipient of the Queen's Maundy Money the previous Thursday. The quarter was for his 84th birthday, and to celebrate 70 years of ringing.

CORRECTIONS

Peal Stedman Cinques, Kingston-upon-Hull (page 266) was Geoffrey Paul's first of Stedman Cinques as conductor; John Hobson's first of Stedman Cinques; John R. Pratchett's first of Stedman Cinques "inside"; Peter A. Sharp's 200th peal and not as published.

Peal Kirkby Lonsdale (page 266). Kent Treble Bob Minor should read First of Minor in the method by all the band and on the bells. The date should be March 27th and not the 13th.

Peal Melling (page 218), First on the bells for 33 years.

A FIRST FOR ALL THE BAND

A creditable performance took place at St. Nicholas' Church, Sturry, Kent, where the Easter ringing was the first peal (Plain Bob Minor) by all the band. Conducting was shared by Martin E. Harrison and Roger Bulton.

A WASHINGTON QUARTER

The visitors to Washington last June will note with pleasure the quarter peal of Grand-sire Doubles which was rung on the back eight. There were three visitors participating—Miss Jennifer Murphy, an Australian girl from St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, who is working in Washington; Mr. R. McClenahan, who was associated with Mr. Andrew Hudson in the publication of "Right Place Surprise Methods"; and Mr. John Owen from South Wales. Messrs. McClenahan and Owen were in Washington for the day and they rang covering bells. Despite the fact that it was Easter Day, 15 telephone complaints were received! The striking was fairly good.

Mr. Rick Dirksen, whose son Richard S. conducted, has been teaching the girls of the Whitechapel Guild since Mr. Fred Price left in February, and he reports that five of them have been working closely with himself for a quarter peal of Doubles (Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob) to be rung on the school's commencement day in June.

CAPTAIN FOR 34 YEARS

A very familiar figure, burly and jovial, is missed at St. Peter's. George John Appleton, the village blacksmith who had been captain of the tower at the Church of St. Peter-in-Thanel for 34 years, has retired. He was a loyal churchman and a keen ringer. Although he was one of those who felt he could never master change-ringing, the bells and the belfry were part of his life.

BRAILLE WATCH TO RETIRING CAPTAIN

Appreciation of more than 50 years as a bellringer was marked at Spalding Parish Church on Easter Sunday, by a presentation to Mr. Jack Ames, who recently resigned his position as captain of the tower because of failing eyesight.

Before Evensong, the Vicar, the Rev. D. G. Jakeman, on behalf of the ringers, presented him with a Braille pocket watch.

FAMILY RING AT FUNERAL

At the funeral service at Chediston, Suffolk, for Mr. Benjamin Walter Rogers, a well-known breeder of Suffolk punches, relatives rang the six bells of the parish church half-muffled. They were his sons Harold, Frank and Allan, Mrs. Harold Rogers and Christopher and Patricia Rogers.

Afterwards an in memoriam quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung by John Carter 1, Mrs. Harold Rogers 2, Patricia Rogers 3, Terence Page 4, Christopher Rogers 5, Harold Rogers (cond.) 6.

"Belfry News" recently heard of an engaged couple who asked the Vicar of North Wingfield if they could have only four bells rung at their wedding instead of all the eight as that was all they could afford.

The Non-Association peal rung at King's Lynn (page 266) had an incorrect dedication given to the church. This should read "the Church of St. Margaret."

TYNESIDE AND BIRMINGHAM RINGERS' PEAL WEEK

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Sat., April 17, 1965, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John E. Anderson 2	John C. Eisel 6
*Iris Thomson 2	Michael Maughan 7
M. Elaine Murcott 3	Michael J. Fellows 8
George E. Fearn 4	Eric N. Harrison 9
Martin D. Fellows 5	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

SOLIHULL, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great, Shirley.

On Tues., April 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.

Iris Thomson Treble	David J. Marshall 5
John E. Anderson 2	*George E. Fearn 6
J. Alan Ainsworth 3	Michael Maughan 7
M. Elaine Murcott 4	Eric N. Harrison Tenor

Composed by William Barton.

* 100th peal on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Tues., April 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

Jennifer M. B. Cook Treble	Norman J. Goodman 7
*John E. Anderson 2	John C. Eisel 8
Rev. Frederick Ross 3	Eric N. Harrison 9
George E. Fearn 4	Leslie Boumphrey 10
Michael J. Fellows 5	Martin D. Fellows 11
Michael Maughan 6	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border.

* First peal of Maximus.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., April 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Martin D. Fellows Treble	David J. Purnell 7
Michael J. Fellows 2	Rev. Frederick Ross 8
Norman J. Goodman 3	George E. Fearn 9
Eric N. Harrison 4	Frederick Shallcross 10
Roderick W. Pipe 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
Michael Maughan 6	*Peter Border Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

* 1,000th peal.

WOLVERHAMPTON, Staffordshire.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

Muriel Reay Treble	Martin D. Fellows 7
John E. Anderson 2	Norman J. Goodman 8
Michael J. Fellows 3	Barrie Hendry 9
Susan Funnell 4	David J. Purnell 10
John C. Eisel 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
Eric N. Harrison 6	George E. Fearn Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

ROCK, Worcestershire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Easter Sun., April 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 12 cwt. 110 lb. in F.
*Frank J. Lee Treble	Eric N. Harrison 5
Iris Thomson 2	Michael Maughan 6
M. Elaine Murcott 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
John E. Anderson 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* First peal.

Rung immediately prior to Evensong.

HALESOWEN, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 74 lb. in E flat.

Eric N. Harrison Treble	Michael Maughan 5
*Iris Thomson 2	David J. Marshall 6
M. Elaine Murcott 3	George E. Fearn 7
John E. Anderson 4	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

* First peal in the method.

KINGSWINFORD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 45 lb. in F sharp.

Iris Thomson Treble	Eric N. Harrison 5
John E. Anderson 2	David J. Marshall 6
M. Elaine Murcott 3	Michael Maughan 7
J. Alan Ainsworth 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

BROMSGROVE, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Wed., April 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Martin D. Fellows Treble	Eric N. Harrison 6
David J. Marshall 2	Rev. Frederick Ross 7
John C. Eisel 3	Leslie Boumphrey 8
Michael Maughan 4	J. Alan Ainsworth 9
Michael J. Fellows 5	George E. Fearn Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

CLAINES, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Wed., April 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 13 cwt. 82 lb. in F sharp.

M. Elaine Murcott Treble	Eric N. Harrison 6
Iris Thomson 2	Michael J. Fellows 7
George E. Fearn 3	Rev. Frederick Ross 8
Michael Maughan 4	Martin D. Fellows 9
John E. Anderson 5	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

LEDBURY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Fri., April 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

Rev. Frederick Ross Treble	John C. Eisel 5
Martin D. Fellows 2	George E. Fearn 6
Michael J. Fellows 3	Eric N. Harrison 7
David J. Marshall 4	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

COLWALL, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Fri., April 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

Iris Thomson Treble	Michael Maughan 5
John E. Anderson 2	Martin D. Fellows 6
Rev. Frederick Ross 3	John C. Eisel 7
M. Elaine Murcott 4	Michael J. Fellows Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.

SEVEN PEALS OF SURPRISE IN ONE DAY (APRIL 19, 1965)

ALL RUNG FOR THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough.

No. 1.—In 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Brian J. Woodruffe Treble	A. Peter Whitehead 5
Bernard F. L. Groves 2	Basil Jones 6
John Robinson 3	Brian Harris 7
John H. Fielden 4	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by A. Peter Whitehead.

No. 2.—In 2 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Robert B. Smith Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves 5
John H. Fielden 2	Basil Jones 6
Brian J. Woodruffe 3	A. Peter Whitehead 7
John Robinson 4	Brian Harris Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

No. 3.—In 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

A. Peter Whitehead Treble	John Robinson 5
Brian J. Woodruffe 2	Basil Jones 6
John H. Fielden 3	Robert B. Smith 7
Brian Harris 4	Bernard F. L. Groves Tenor

Composed by Thos. B. Worsley.

Conducted by John H. Fielden.

No. 4.—In 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Brian Harris Treble	Brian J. Woodruffe 5
A. Peter Whitehead 2	Basil Jones 6
Robert B. Smith 3	John Robinson 7
Bernard F. L. Groves 4	John H. Fielden Tenor

Composed by George Baker.

Conducted by Basil Jones.

No. 5.—In 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

John H. Fielden Treble	Brian Harris 5
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 2	Basil Jones 6
A. Peter Whitehead 3	Brian J. Woodruffe .. 7
John Robinson 4	Robert B. Smith Tenor
Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.	

No. 6.—In 2 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Bernard F. L. Groves .. Treble	Brian J. Woodruffe .. 5
John Robinson 2	Basil Jones 6
Brian Harris 3	John H. Fielden 7
Robert B. Smith 4	A. Peter Whitehead .. Tenor
Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Brian Harris.	

No. 7.—In 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Robert B. Smith Treble	John H. Fielden 5
Brian Harris 2	Basil Jones 6
John Robinson 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
A. Peter Whitehead 4	Brian J. Woodruffe .. Tenor
Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.	

This is the greatest number of peals ever to be rung in one day by one band.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Great St. Mary.

On Easter Mon., April 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 27½ cwt.

Edward P. Duffield Treble	John Armstrong 7
Frederick R. Scott 2	Antony R. Kench 8
Rev. Giles C. Galley 3	John S. Mason 9
Alan F. Thirst 4	Noel J. Diserens 10
David P. Hilling 5	Frank E. Darby 11
William T. Cook 6	Wilfred Williams Tenor

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

First peal of Maximus in the method in the county.

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 42 cwt. in B.

James Phillips Treble	James G. A. Prior 7
Raymond G. Cousins 2	John S. Mason 8
Harold N. Pitstow 3	Philip A. F. Chalk 9
John Phillips 4	Dennis Randall 10
William T. Cook 5	John H. Crampson 11
Michael V. Chilcott 6	Michael P. Moreton Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott. Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

Rung in memoriam Herbert Langdon.

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE, Victoria.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Paul.

On Sun., April 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 31½ cwt.

Kenneth J. Minchinton .. Treble	*C. Hervey Bagot 6
*Shirley Bolton 2	*Harold E. McDonald .. 7
*Mary A. Cowling 3	Graeme W. Heyes 8
*Anne E. Cowling 4	*Andrew C. Bolton 9
*Helen J. Henderson 5	Philip M. J. Gray Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.

* First peal of Royal.

MELBOURNE, Victoria.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., March 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*Suzette M. Wright .. Treble	Anne E. Cowling 5
Graeme W. Heyes 2	Philip M. J. Gray 6
*Mary A. Cowling 3	Harold E. McDonald .. 7
Helen J. Henderson 4	John J. F. Roper Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.

* First peal.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTON ST. PHILIP, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Philip and James.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

Julian E. Newman Treble	S. Arthur Read 4
Leslie R. G. Taylor 2	George J. Hawkins 5
*David C. Hawkins 3	Harold L. Parfrey Tenor

Conducted by George J. Hawkins.

* First peal.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., April 21, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 24½ cwt.

Valerie Willard Treble	*Roger Cadamy 6
*Christine Smith 2	*David R. Sanderson .. 7
Henry B. Whitney 3	John W. V. Sinfield .. 8
George Hawkins 4	Alfred E. Rushton 9
*Keith Fleming 5	*Roy Woodruff Tenor

Composed by Edgar Guise. Conducted by Alfred E. Rushton.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.
 Rung in honour of the 39th birthday of H.M. the Queen, and as an anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Whitney.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew-the-Great.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.

F. C. Hobson (St. John's) Treble	*R. Shipp (Peterhouse) .. 5
*J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) 2	*R. W. H. Hayes (Caius) 6
P. M. Wilkinson (Selwyn) 3	J. A. Harrison (Sidney) 7
V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 4	K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. M. Hadley Hunter.

* First peal of Yorkshire Major.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version. Tenor 23½ cwt.

John Booth Treble	Charles Webb 6
Neil Lomas 2	*Alan Sharples 7
Philip Davies 3	John Robinson 8
*Brian Tomlinson 4	Neil Bennett 9
*Denis Latham 5	Denis Mottershead Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

* First peal of London Royal.
 In memoriam the Ven. Tom Clarke, Archdeacon of Macclesfield, who died on April 4th.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAWLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

J. Ashmore Dodd Treble	Wm. Arnold Morley .. 5
Nora Carlisle 2	Burley P. Morris 6
Denis R. Carlisle 3	*Gordon A. Halls 7
Fred E. Gobey 4	*Michael R. Blore Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

* 50th peal together.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MORPETH, Northumberland.—At Watch Tower.

On Wed., March 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

M. Elaine Murcott Treble	*James Crowther 5
Jennifer Sceeny 2	George S. Deas 6
*William Davidson 3	David J. Marshall 7
Michael Maughan 4	Eric N. Harrison Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Eric N. Harrison.

* First peal in method.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

John West Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 5
John Warner 2	Peter J. Eves 6
*Jennifer M. Syder 3	Joe E. G. Roast 7
Alan R. Syder 4	Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* First peal of London.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

Rachel J. R. Orman .. Treble	Urban W. Wildney 5
*Jennifer M. Andrews .. 2	Maurice E. Downs 6
Felix H. Erith 3	Alan R. Andrews 7
Edward B. Smith 4	Edward E. Davey Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knight. Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
TEWKESBURY, Gloucestershire.—At the Abbey Church of St.
Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 27 cwt. 5 lb. in D.

Donald G. Clift Treble	*Ian Lloyd 7
Jacqueline S. King 2	Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 8
Shirley Drew 3	*Thomas T. Yeomans .. 9
R. George Morris 4	David J. King 10
Roger G. Havard 5	Gerald C. Hemming .. 11
*Arthur C. Berry 6	David J. Llewellyn Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

THORNBURY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt.

Alan Tubbs Treble	Michael J. Hobbs 5
*Diana M. Chapman .. 2	John C. Slater 6
Gillian M. Hussey 3	Peter Bridle 7
John H. Taylor 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by N. Smith.

* First of Rutland.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

BELFAST, Co. Down.—At the Church of St. Mark, Dundela.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5400 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*John T. Dunwoody .. Treble	William A. Patterson .. 6
†Sandra M. Dukes .. 2	Fred E. Dukes 7
*Harry Brown 3	†Gerald D. Brown 8
Jean Jeffery 4	‡Anthony Vere Hodge .. 9
†Rosemary Thompson .. 5	Colin A. Lewis Tenor

Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.

* 50th peal together. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First of Plain Bob Royal. § First peal. First of Royal as conductor.

Rung for the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, and also for the birth of a daughter to Brenda and Frank Fagg, former ringers at the church.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

TENTERDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mildred.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

W. Arthur Riddington .. Treble	Russell S. Morris 5
David Staples 2	A. James Poynor 6
Bernard G. North 3	Alan E. Hartley 7
Nicholas J. Davies 4	John M. Jelley Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow.

Conducted by A. James Poynor.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Fri., April 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

Edwin A. Barnett .. Treble	Colin A. Tester 5
*Jean F. Woolford .. 2	Herbert E. Audsley .. 6
Olive D. Tester 3	James A. D. Woolford .. 7
Frederick J. Cullum .. 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

MILTON REGIS, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

George Kenward .. Treble	Stanley V. Rayfield .. 4
*Joan Hayward 2	Peter M. Wilkinson .. 5
Jane Foster 3	Brian E. Jemmett Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.

* First peal "inside."

STURRY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Easter Sunday, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.
Roderick H. Glover .. Treble	Keith I. Davis 4
Patrick A. Harrison .. 2	Martin E. Harrison .. 5
Christina M. Bouldin .. 3	Roger C. Button Tenor

Conducted by Martin E. Harrison (three extents) and

Roger C. Button (four extents).

First peal for all the band and at the first attempt.

For Easter.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., April 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.
*Janet Luckhurst .. Treble	Edward J. Jenner 4
Ann Jenner 2	Walter H. Dobbie 5
George Fry 3	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal at first attempt.

PETHAM, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.
*Judith M. Squirrell .. Treble	Martin Ostler 4
Rev. Peter N. Bond .. 2	Dennis A. Chapman .. 5
Cyril W. J. Beeching .. 3	David L. Cawley Tenor

Conducted by Dennis A. Chapman.

* First peal. Rung in memoriam Frank C. W. Knight.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER.—At the Town Hall.

On Sat., April 17, 1965, in 3 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Basil Jones Treble	Peter Whitehead 7
Harold Lyonon 2	John Fielden 8
Maryl Crosshwaite .. 3	Neil Lomas 9
*John Booth 4	Frederick Shallcross .. 10
Kenneth Lewis 5	Denis Mottershead .. 11
Robert Smith 6	John Mayne Tenor

Composed by F. Dench.

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

* First peal on twelve.

Tenor 42½ cwt.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Easter Mon., April 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Donald G. Clift .. Treble	Donald G. Clarke 6
Jacqueline S. King .. 2	David J. Llewellyn .. 7
*Ruth E. Havard .. 3	Tudor P. Edwards 8
Thomas T. Yeomans .. 4	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 9
David J. King 5	William T. Petty Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby.

Conducted by Donald G. Clift.

* First peal on ten bells.

CAERPHILLY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

Thomas Yeomans .. Treble	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 5
Elizabeth Brown .. 2	*Stephen Fenwick (15) .. 6
Ruth E. Havard .. 3	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland 7
Michael Pilgrim .. 4	David J. Llewellyn Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.

* First peal of Surprise Major "inside." First peal in the method for all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

Rung for the wedding this day of Shan Williams, a Llandaff Cathedral ringer, and Robert Wickett.

COWBRIDGE, Glamorgan.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Wed., April 21, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-Part.	Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.
Nicholas W. H. Simon .. Treble	Thomas Yeomans 5
*Elizabeth Thomas .. 2	Nicholas D. Evans (15) .. 6
Alana Thomas 3	Ellis N. Thomas 7
†Christopher Ricketts (13) 4	†David K. Barrington .. Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire and Triples. ‡ First on eight bells.

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BLAENAVON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

*On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. in A flat.

*Susan Jones Treble	†Stephen Fenwick 5
Ruth E. Havard 2	†Ellis N. Thomas 6
Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 3	James L. Fitzgerald .. 7
Michael Pilgrim 4	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First of Major.

Rung as a farewell to Messrs. Nicholas Simon and Geoffrey Stickland, who are returning to college.

SULLY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

*On Mon., April 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods: (1) Single Oxford, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Grandsire, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise.

Ruth E. Havard Treble	Paul M. Evans 4
Ellis N. Thomas 2	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland .. 5
Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 3	Roger G. Havard Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

First peal as conductor in seven Minor methods.

Rung for the wedding this day of Trevor T. Lewis, a Radyr ringer, and Wendy Cowie.

PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Peter.

*On Fri., April 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb. in A flat.

*Geoffrey J. B. Stickland .. Treble	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 4
Ruth E. Havard 2	Stephen Fenwick 5
†Nicholas D. Evans 3	Roger G. Havard Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

* First peal on a treble. † First of Surprise "inside." First peal of Surprise on the bells.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

*On Wed., April 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Richard J. Clifton Treble	John K. Smith 5
R. Kingsley Mason 2	Arthur E. Rowley 6
Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville 3	Dan S. Pont 7
Joseph Wm. Cotton 4	G. Ronald Edwards Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

COLE-ORTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

*On Thurs., April 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5056 MAURETANIA SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Arthur E. Rowley Treble	Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	Gordon H. Lane 6
Dan S. Pont 3	Joseph W. Cotton 7
John A. Underwood 4	Derek P. Jones Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

First peal in the method by all and for the Guild.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

*On Wed., April 15, 1965, in 2 Hours,***A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Cambridge, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Dan S. Pont Treble	Arthur E. Rowley 4
Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville 2	Joseph W. Cotton 5
Richard J. Clifton 3	Roland H. Cook Tenor

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

The ringer of the treble has now "completed the circle."

CHURCH GRESLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of SS. George and Mary.

*On Sun., April 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In ten methods, being 42 six-scores, five each Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and four each All Saints, Grandsire, Kennington, Old, April Day, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure and St. Columb.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

David Perry Treble	*David Eames 3
Derek P. Jones 2	Joseph W. Cotton 4
*John K. Smith Tenor	

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal in ten methods. First in two methods on the bells. Ringers of 2nd and 3rd have now "circled the tower" to peals, and are the first to do so.

Rung for the Patronal Festival, and as a farewell to Rev. K. Roy Upton (Vicar), who has accepted the incumbency of St. Chad's, Derby.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

GREAT YARMOUTH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

*On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES**

Tenor 30 cwt.

*Peter G. W. Newstead .. Treble	Frank B. Lufkin 7
William H. Barrett 2	Edwin R. Goate 8
*Peter D. Chapman 3	Alfred J. House 9
*Terence G. Page 4	Michael J. Hallett 10
C. Martin Press 5	†Philip J. Rothera 11
†Aidan St. J. Boyack 6	James L. Towler Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal of Cinques. † First of Grandsire Cinques.

HETHERSETT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Remigius.

*On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

Raymond G. Lofty Treble	Henry Tooke 5
Nolan Golden 2	Thomas E. Spight 6
William Clover 3	George Sayer 7
Charles H. Moore 4	John Moore Tenor

Composed by Christopher W. Woolley. Conducted by Nolan Golden.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Charles H. Moore, on completing 30 years as Master of the local company.

GRESSENHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

*On Wed., April 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Kevin S. Hohl Treble	*Timothy G. Pett 5
S. John Haines 2	*Sidney Marshall 6
*Peter Adcock 3	*George P. Adams 7
Nolan Golden 4	H. William Barrett Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Nolan Golden.

* First touch in the method.

Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

*On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

John R. Smith Treble	Timothy G. Pett 5
Sidney Marshall 2	Kevin S. Hohl 6
George P. Adams 3	Ernest J. Ladd 7
Bert Gogle 4	Norman V. Harding Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.

Rung for St. George's Day.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURNHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

*On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

E. Russell Gotham Treble	Richard E. Dean 5
Gordon W. Limmer 2	John Young 6
Joyce I. Barton 3	L. Joseph Young 7
Geoffrey Riglar 4	David A. Cornwall Tenor

Composed by G. Williams. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

*On Sun., April 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

Stanley G. Ponting Treble	Anthony R. Peake 5
C. Martin Press 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
*Christopher H. Rogers .. 3	Brian Bladon 7
Tom Page 4	John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal of London Major.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

ERDINGTON, Birmingham.—At the Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund of Canterbury.

*On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

*Francis Cole Treble	Paul McEvilly 5
John R. Insley 2	Maurice G. Ingram 6
†Alan Burbridge 3	James Insley 7
†Philip Walters 4	David R. Ingram Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by John R. Insley.

* First peal. † First of Cambridge Surprise Major. First peal as conductor.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOLT, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Katharine.

*On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb. in G.	
Richard Lovelock Treble	Richard Humphries 4
David Nibbs 2	Robert J. Purnell 5
Dennis Powney 3	Phillip Gaisford Tenor

Conducted by Robert J. Purnell.

In memory of Canon C. C. Cox.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire and Morris' 240. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*Percy Whale Treble	K. Barry Osborne 4
†Richard S. Fisher (15) .. 2	Derrick P. Bailey 5
Pamela A. Osborne 3	Paul A. Barrett Tenor

Conducted by Derrick P. Bailey.

* First peal, first attempt. † First in four methods.

All Sunday service ringers at this church.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

TOTTENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Ann, Stamford Hill.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

Joan Beresford Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
*Rosamund Rawlings 2	*†Andrew J. Strathdee 6
Ann E. Fellows 3	Nicholas J. Davies 7
*Peter M. Fleckney 4	Derek E. Sibson Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal in the method. † 25th peal.

Rung to mark the birth of a son, Andrew David, on March 28th, to Jane and Derek Sibson.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

DAYBROOK, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*Stuart Harker Treble	*Raymond Hemingray 5
*Pamela White 2	Robin Stalvies 6
Michael Poppleston 3	F. David Wilson 7
Mrs. M. I. Foskett 4	F. Neville Pailing Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by F. Neville Pailing.

* First peal.

With congratulations of the band to Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Turner, who were married at this church on Easter Monday (April 19th).

SOUTH WILFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Fri., April 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 ANTELOPE DOUBLES

In 42 extents, being nine bob and single variations, five extents each of Antelope, Wilford, Shelford, Holme Pierrepont, Sutton Bonington, Lowdham, Freeland and Shipstone and two of Worthington.

Tenor 7 cwt. 18 lb. in A.

Ruth M. Blackshaw .. Treble	George A. Dawson 3
*Simon Humphrey 2	Maurice W. Harrison 4

Richard A. G. Inglis Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

* 25th peal. First peal in the method by all and for the Guild.

Congratulations of the band to Margaret Gardam and F. Neville Pailing, on their engagement.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

WOODBIDGE, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 26 lb. in D.

Gilbert R. Goodship .. Treble	B. Gillian Schofield 5
Dudley H. P. Buxton 2	Ernest G. Pearce 6
Roderick W. Pipe 3	Leslie N. Melton 7
Sandra E. Goodship 4	Frank C. Price Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Frank C. Price.

PEASENHALL, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Fri., April 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 Plain Bob and two 720's each of Oxford, Kent and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

*Leslie G. Brett Treble	William J. Button 4
Jack Pilgrim 2	Walter Ruffles 5
Harold Leather 3	Walter W. Miller Tenor

Conducted by Leslie G. Brett.

* 500th peal for the Guild.

Rung half-muffled for Robert John (Jack) Thrower, for some years a ringer at Peasehall.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

HORSHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Leonard Stilwell Treble	Stanley G. Ponting 5
Joan Beresford 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	W. Leslie Weller 7
Peter M. Fleckney 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

STITHIANS, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Stythian.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

Frances M. Rickard .. Treble	G. William Critchley 4
Valerie J. Perkin 2	Anthony Locke 5
Claudia A. Critchley 3	*Anthony J. Davidson .. Tenor

Conducted by Claudia A. Critchley.

* 50th peal.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sun., April 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

David J. Forder Treble	Robert C. Kippin 6
Michael J. Thomas 2	†Peter J. Joyce 7
Carolyn Vibert 3	Brian J. Luff 8
*Colin Butler 4	Maurice J. Butler 9
†Jennifer M. Cook 5	John R. Faithfull Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Grandsire Caters. First of Caters as conductor. Tenor 10 cwt. 44 lb. in G.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., April 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

*Margaret A. Thomas .. Treble	Michael J. Thomas 5
Carolyn Vibert 2	David J. Forder 6
†Stephen J. Kirby 3	John R. Faithfull 7
Tom Chapman 4	David E. House Tenor

Composed by Tom Chapman.

Conducted by David J. Forder.

* First peal of Treble Bob † First of Surprise.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OSSETT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version. Tenor 27½ cwt.

James Thorley Treble	Stuart Armeson 6
Jeanne E. Bottomley 2	*Neil Donovan 7
Gordon Benfield 3	Vernon Bottomley 8
W. Eric Critchley 4	John N. D. Chaddock 9
*Donald H. Niblett 5	Richard E. Price Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

* First peal of London Surprise Royal.

(St. John's College Society.)

WENTWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's and Oxford T.B., two extents of Kent T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

*Ray Aldington Treble	Michael King 4
*R. Joy Watkin 2	†M. Alec Beaumont 5
George Pluckrose 3	Michael R. Meadows .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael R. Meadows.

* First peal of Minor. † First in four Minor methods.

Rung to mark the end of the St. John's College, York, Bellingers' Society Tour of North-West Derbyshire and South Yorkshire.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At "Bombay," 24, Ridge Crescent.

On Wed., April 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Robert B. Smith 1—2	†Alan McFall 5—6
*Derek Butterworth 3—4	Neil Bennett 7—8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal on an "inside pair." † First peal of Major on an "inside pair."

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

LINCOLN.—At 3, Honington Crescent.

On Wed., April 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

A. Robin Heppenstall .. 1—2	John Freeman 5—6
George E. Feirn 3—4	Jack L. Millhouse 7—8

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LLANDAFF, Glam.—At Llys Esgob.

On Sun., April 18, 1965, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

Penelope J. Welch 1—2	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 3—4
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*Geoffrey J. B. Stickland 5—6

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

* First peal "in hand."

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BIRTH

BIRD.—To Mary and Patrick at Counterpool Road, Kingswood, Bristol, on April 28th, 1965, a daughter, Louisa Jane. 6795

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

FLETCHER.—The new address of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher is 24, Belstead Avenue, Caister-on-Sea, near Great Yarmouth. 6807

PERSONAL

N.A.C.—Missed you in Bath Easter Tuesday; can you only ring the treble in a peal? Don't forget: Bath Sunday!—N. 6787

"For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently; this is acceptable with God." (I Peter ii, 20.)

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MISCELLANEOUS

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY—will hold their annual outing this year on June 26th. Six towers will be visited in Rutland and North Northamptonshire. For full details please contact Mr. C. Moxon, Tivy Dale, Cawthorne, Barnsley. 6776

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Final of Horsley Cup at Horsley, May 22nd at 2.30 p.m. Non-competitors requiring tea send names to D. J. Marshall, 52, Wyvern Avenue, Long Eaton, Nottingham. 6782

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise Royal. Next practice at St. Nicolas', Guildford, May 11th at 7.30 p.m. Future practices at Cathedral on second Friday of month, starting June 11th.—D. A. R. May. 6791

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—There will be no District meeting in May. The practice at Brent Pelham on May 8th has been cancelled. Saturday evening practices are normally: 1st Saturday in month—Bishop's Stortford (7.30 p.m.), 2nd—Brent Pelham (7.30), 3rd—Barkway (7 p.m.), 4th—Braughing (7.30), 5th—Sawbridgeworth (7.30).—D. Kingston. 5798

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

There will not be a practice on Wednesday, May 19th.

Also that all communications and inquiries for ringing or other matters relating to the Cathedral band should be sent to H. Stocks, Hon. Sec., Winchester Cathedral band, 5, Nelson Road, Winchester, Hants. 6783

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Harbury on Saturday, May 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: St. Clement's Bob Minor and Norwich Surprise Minor. Names for tea to P. F. Bennett, College Farm, Bearley, Stratford-on-Avon. 6775

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Striking contest at Clowne (6) on Saturday, May 8th. Draw at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, *without fall please*, to Mr. G. Hunt, 9, East Street, Clowne, nr. Chesterfield. All ringers welcome.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 6734

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 8th at Ickleton. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage 5 p.m.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 6742

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest of Dean Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, May 8th, at Clearwell. Bells (4) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. Jeffries, Clearwell Vicarage. 6.30-9 p.m. at Staunton. 6804

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—Spring meeting, Walkhampton, May 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing Meavy (6) after meeting. Names for tea, please, to me at Crelake Mews, Tavistock.—Mrs. M. A. Bould, Dis. Sec. 6704

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Quarterly District meeting and Striking Competition, May 8th, at Leatherhead. Service 2.30 p.m. Competition 3 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting at approx. 4.45 p.m. and normal ringing afterwards. Names for tea to A. J. Smith, 25, Hilley Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead.—Adrienne Gibson, Hon. Sec. 6723

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Sarratt (5) on Saturday, May 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Petts, "Pinnaroo," Dimmocks Lane, Sarratt, nr. Rickmansworth. 6753

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Meeting on Saturday, May 8th at Benington. Ringing from 3 p.m., service, tea, etc., 4.30 p.m. More ringing in the evening. 6688

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Ulcombe on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. N. R. Archibald, "Wheelspin," The Street, Ulcombe. Please note change of tower.—M. L. Howe, Dis. Sec. 6727

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Nash on May 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Refreshment at hotel. Names, as soon as possible, please.—J. S. King, Cedar Tiles, High Beech, Chepstow.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting on Saturday, May 8th at Christ Church, Southgate, N.14, at 3.15-4.30. Meeting at St. Andrew's, Enfield, at 6. Ringing 6.30-8. Own tea arrangements.—V. E. Dupre, Hon. Sec. 6680

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Annual general meeting at St. Paul's, Burton on Sat., May 8th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 6731

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Norwich on Sat., May 8th. Service at St. Peter Mancroft 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Chantry Hall. Meeting to follow. Bells available: St. Peter Mancroft 3-4.10 p.m. and after the meeting; St. Giles' (8) 2-3.45 p.m.; St. Miles' (8) 2-3.45 p.m.; evenings on both these if necessary; St. George's, Colegate (6) 2-3.45 and 7-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. F. N. Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich (Nor 57N).—H. Wm. Barrett, Gen. Sec. 6745

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual competition at St. Florence, Pembro, on Saturday, May 8th at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to the Rector, St. Florence, nr. Tenby, Pembro. —R. Warburton, Hon. Sec. 6737

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting at East Bridgford on Saturday, May 8th. District round Crawford Contest. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Owen's, Whatton. 6746

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting at Great Barr on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) available 3-4.25 p.m. and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 6730

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, May 8th. First tower, All Saints', Poplar, 2-3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, not St. Olave's. 6803

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Practice meeting at Marshfield, Wednesday, May 12th. Bells 7 p.m.—H. Heath. 6802

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION and SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ilchester and North Dorset Branches respectively.—Joint meeting at Thornford (6), Saturday, May 15th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. N. Longridge, Okeford Fitzpaine Rectory, Blandford, by Tuesday, May 11th. 6755

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 15th, Eversholt, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Toddington after 5 p.m. Bring own tea. Note change of date and towers. 6812

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Gosforth on May 15th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Committee 4. Tea 5. Service 7.30 p.m. Please send names for tea to Miss G. Douglas, 5, Ross Way, Gosforth, Newcastle, 3. 6788

EAST DERBYS & WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Blackwell, May 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Smithson, 29, Littlemoor Lane, Newton, Derbys.—T. H. Radford. 6800

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Hemingford Grey, Saturday, May 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Hemingford Abbots also available after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6809

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Fyfield on Saturday, May 15th. The meeting will start with the District heat of the ringing competition at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and further ringing. Names for tea to J. S. Godfrey, 1, Hall Cottages, Cannons Lane, Fyfield, Ongar. 6757

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Practice meeting, May 15th at Cirencester Parish Church, 5.30 p.m.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 6792

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Monthly practice, Bisley (8)—trebles now audible—May 15th. Usual arrangements. Send names for tea.—E. Cribbley, France Lynch, Stroud. 6721

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—Saturday, May 15th. Ringing: All Hallows', Twickenham, 3.30-4.30, and Richmond, 5.30 p.m. Names for dinner (7 p.m.) to D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage, Herts. 6789

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. A.G.M. at Hawkhurst, Saturday, May 15th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. West, "The Cedars," Copt Hall Avenue, Hawkhurst, Kent, by May 11th. 6785

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—St. Paul's, Walden, May 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 4.50 p.m. Evening, King's Walden. Names for tea essential, please, to Mrs. L. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 6780

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Lympne on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (6, 12 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Good attendance specially requested. Names for tea to Mr. H. P. Yates, "Long View," Berwick Lane, Lympne, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 6770

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Striking competition on Saturday, May 15th, at Hyde, Cheshire. Ringing arrangements: St. Anne's, Denton, 2 until 5 p.m. Competition at St. George's, Hyde, 3 until approx. 5 p.m., followed by tea. Hyde bells from tea onwards. Denton available in evening by application at Hyde (15 minutes' walk). For tea please notify Mr. John Booth, 27, Woodend Lane, Hyde, before Wednesday, May 12th (cost of tea approx. 3s.).—J. Brannan, Hon. Sec. 6808

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting at North Kilworth on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. South Kilworth bells open after tea.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 6810

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Croxton Kerrial on May 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Vicarage 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. L. Ward, Chapel Lane, Croxton Kerrial, Grantham, by Wednesday previous.—M. Stimson, Dis. Sec. 6796

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (North Lindsey Branch) and **LADIES' GUILD.**—Joint meeting at Bigby on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—C. A. H. 6760

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Algarkirk on Saturday, May 15th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify H. Barsley, Woad Lane, Algarkirk, Boston, by Monday, May 10th. 6718

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Haxey on Saturday, May 15th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Old Oxford and Bob Minor.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel.: 2623. 6717

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. & E. District.—Meeting, Edmonton, May 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 6797

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Bunwell on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 12th to Mr. C. F. W. Philippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich. NOR OIX. 6735

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Arborfield on May 15th at 6 p.m. Special method: Plain Bob and St. Clement's Minor. 6790

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Watlington, Saturday, May 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea, by Wednesday, May 12th, to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson. 6813

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD OF BELL RINGERS

ANNUAL MEETING at LONDON

on
SATURDAY, MAY 15th, 1965

Programme:

St. Giles', Cripplegate (12)

11 a.m. to 12 noon

St. Vedast's, Foster Lane (6)

12.15 to 1.15 p.m.

Lunch. Make own arrangements.

St. Leonard's, Shoreditch (12)

2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Tea at St. Botolph's Hall (Fan-

makers Hall) at 3.30 p.m.

Followed by a Business Meeting.

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5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

St. Andrew's, Holborn (8)

6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

For those arriving on Friday evening,

Ringing at St. Luke's, Chelsea.

Names for tea to:

Mrs. Davies, 3, The Old College,

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, May 15th, at Elston. Cup contest 2.30 p.m. Open ringing in evening. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. Peatfield, Appleacre, Elston, Newark, by Monday previous. Numbers limited.—B. N. Reed. 6811

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Quarterly meeting at Framlingham (8) on Saturday, May 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 12th, to Mr. W. E. Maulden, 14, Market Hill, Framlingham, Woodbridge, Suffolk.—T. N. J. B. 6716

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting at Kingswood (6) on Saturday, May 15th. Bells 2.30-3.30 p.m. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss G. Gartell, "Ochiltree," Copley Way, Tadworth, by Wednesday previous.—K. G. Gage, Dis. Sec. 6761

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Truro Branch.—Spring festival at Gwennap (6) on Saturday, May 15th. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Good attendance requested for business meeting to elect new Branch Secretary. Towers open from 2.30-4.15: Kea (8), Perranarworthal (6), Stithians (6). Names for tea by May 12th, please.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec. 6799

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting, Bolsterstone, May 15th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Very important that names be submitted to Mr. J. A. Brearley, The Paddock, Spink Hall, Stocksbridge, Sheffield, by 13th. Wortley (8) also available 2-3.30 p.m. Important business—election of District Secretary.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 6793

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at South Church, Bishop Auckland, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells 3-9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea essential by May 17th, to Mr. K. Mitchinson, 15, Escomb Road, Bishop Auckland. 6806

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Earls Colne on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wood, 10, The Causeway, Finchingfield, Braintree. 6805

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting on May 22nd at Llandaff Cathedral. Bells (10) available 3.15 p.m. Refreshment 5. Business followed by service 6. Bells 6.45. Gentlemen welcome. Names, please, to Miss P. Welch, 1, Vaughan Avenue, Llandaff, Glam. 6794

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Norton Subcourse on May 22nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 19th, certain, to Mr. N. P. J. Cossey, Hon. Sec., Low Road, Norton Subcourse, Norwich, Nor. 26W. 6526

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Battle on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells available 3-4.30 p.m. and 6.15-8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea, essential, to I. V. Smith, 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle, Sussex.—G. FitzHugh, Hon. Div. Sec. 6765

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.— Clun District.—An evening practice to be held at Knighton (8) on Saturday, May 15th, from 6 p.m. until 8.15 p.m. All welcome.—J. Crox-ton, Dis. Sec. 6815

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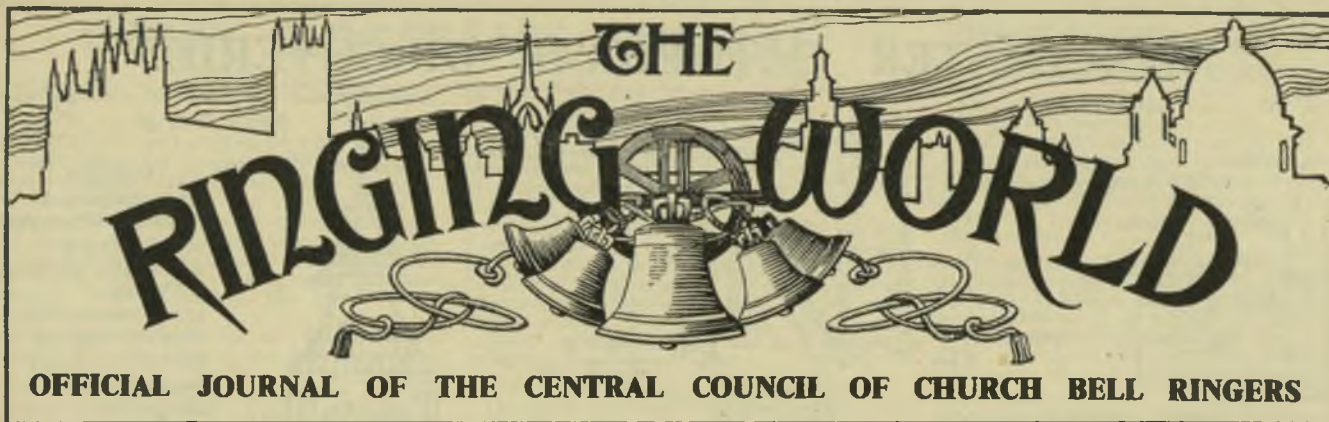
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ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH, APPEAL

WITH some temerity I approach the front page of "The Ringing World" with such a mundane topic as an appeal, especially when we are usually regaled with leaders from such distinguished pens as those of E.C.S., R.B.M., W.S., The Professor and others. Added to that, asking for money in any form is not the most pleasant aspect of one's ringing activities. However, the Editor has kindly allowed me to do this, and I trust that readers will not only hear me out but in actual fact not dash to the peal columns quite so quickly! I write of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, the civic church of the County of Suffolk.

I am a Suffolk man and proud of it, but I have to admit in the face of the Exercise that, delightful though our county is, and thriving its county town, we tend in many respects to be backward and perhaps a little narrow in outlook. This unfortunately is particularly so in the case of Ipswich, its churches and its bells. Let me cite an example. In 1957 a restoration appeal was launched for £25,000 for St. Mary-le-Tower—its fabric, organ, interior decorating, heating and lastly, bells. Ipswich is a wealthy industrial town, and yet, despite efforts by committees and individuals alike, even after seven years the target half-way mark has only just been passed. It is estimated and virtually confirmed that a maximum of £500 per annum (equivalent to 1d. per head per annum) is all that may be expected to be added to the fund. A quick calculation soon shows that at this rate it could be another 20, yes 20, years before the goal is reached.

To those of us interested in the welfare of this particular church this news is nauseating enough, but when one realises that of the projects mentioned the restoration of the bells comes last on the list, then the picture looks very black indeed.

St. Mary-le-Tower as a 12-bell ringing centre needs no introduction. It would be fair to say that up to 1939, outside Birmingham and London which have for 200 years been bastions of 12-bell ringing, especially Cinques, Ipswich was second to none in its penetration and success in the Maximus field. From the earlier peals of Treble Bob and "Norwich Twelve" to the first peal ever of Cambridge S. Maximus in 1908 (in which Bill Pye journeyed down from London to take part), through a whole galaxy of methods, this tower has been a byword in achievement and standard. Hundreds of famous ringers visited us for a peal, often their first, of Stedman Cinques or Cambridge Maximus, and from its band sprang composers and conductors of the highest order.

However, in those days of limited travel and rings of 12, Ipswich bells were considered no doubt quite a good ring. And tragic too, though certainly not uncommon, was the unhappy fact that few beginners were taught there, and if one wasn't able to ring Cinques or Maximus then one wasn't apparently made very welcome. Added to this, despite prolific peal ringing no provision was made to keep the bells up to scratch.

So today, and let us be quite open about the fact, St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich figures amongst the three worst twelves in the country. At least seven of the ring need recasting, the whole ring retuning and rehanging in a new frame. This work *must* be done, and for Ipswich and Suffolk ringers generally and for the ringing Exercise at large I feel it must be done in the very near future.

Readers will quite justifiably feel that if this is the case then the matter rests squarely at the door of Ipswich people themselves. Unfortunately they are right, but try as they may the Restoration Committee seem unable to step up the annual revenue, and try as I may my efforts to point out the necessity and value of a good ring of bells and the urgent need for their repair have been in vain. Quite recently as a final thrust, but in no way committing the ringing community, I intimated that the Suffolk Guild would endeavour to raise £1,000 as an approximate one-fifth part of the cost of renovating the bells.

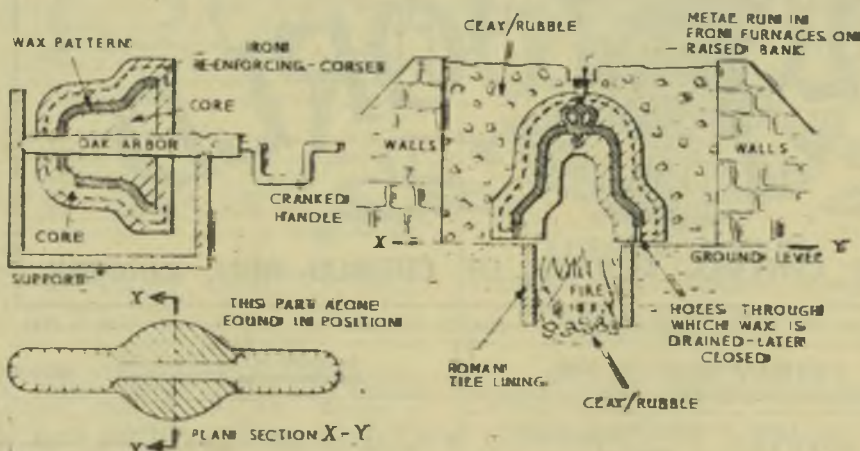
My first thought in an endeavour to reach this figure was to circularise all Suffolk Guild members. This has just been done. Next to approach all Associations through the medium of this article. Many of these supported me most generously when I appeared from Melbourne (now the proud possessors of a first-rate 12), but one is rather reluctant to encroach upon Guild funds when so many local rings need attention.

A third thought is this: Many ringers all over England have rung a peal at St. Mary-le-Tower and many would like to ring one when the bells are restored. May I ask these people to subscribe £1 (one pound) or whatever they feel they can best afford? To those individual members of Associations outside Suffolk who would also like to contribute, I can assure them that their donation will be gratefully received and acknowledged personally. May I also give the assurance that any moneys sent will *definitely* be appropriated to the Bell Fund and that a first-class job will be undertaken.

A small committee within the Suffolk Guild is being formed to organise various fund-raising functions, but at the same time we want to show the church that we are backing their cause as Christians and active church workers.

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WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL DISCOVERIES



Possible reconstruction of method of 10th century bellfounding at Winchester, the trench at XY was approximately 17-ft long. The drawing on the right is a copy of the turret in the Chatsworth Benedictional of St Ethelwold which may show these very bells

REFERENCE was made in a recent issue to the interesting discoveries at Winchester Cathedral of a bell foundry site beneath the Cathedral floor. Through the kindness of "The Foundry Trade Journal" we are privileged to publish the above illustration giving a possible reconstruction of the foundry. The burnt debris discovered probably represented a trench-furnace underneath the original bell-mould. This had served to melt out the wax pattern and bake the mould.

The probable method by which this mould was made and cast was recorded in the first half of the 12th century in "De Diversis Artibus" by Theophilus. His description is roughly as follows: First, the founder took a length of squared dry-oak about eight inches longer at each end than the height of the bell, pointed at one end, tapered along its length and circumferentially grooved at the opposite end. The oak shaft was held horizontally by its pointed end being inserted in a hole in a supporting structure, the grooved end resting in a V of an upright which enabled the whole shaft to be rotated by means of a cranked handle attached to the grooved end.

The founder then took wet clay and built up a thin layer around this crude "arbor" and allowed it to dry. He then built up successive layers of clay allowing each layer to dry in turn before applying the next, until he had the shape of the inside of the bell he intended to cast. This clay core was then smoothed to exact shape by rough stone, as it was rotated.

LOST WAX PROCESS

Meanwhile, sheets of wax, the desired thickness of the bell, had been prepared by means of placing wax between two pieces of squared wood lying on a smooth wet surface. The wax was then rolled out by a roller running along the top of the two pieces of wood. The wax sheets were slightly warmed and applied to the outside of the core, building up the pattern of the bell. When the wax pattern was of the correct shape, any inscription necessary was applied to, or incised in the surface of the wax.

Then a layer of levigated clay was applied to the outside of the wax pattern and allowed to dry. Successive layers of clay as before were next applied to the outside of the pattern to form the bell cope. When a predetermined thickness had been achieved, a corset of steel bands was wrapped around the cope to reinforce the assembly, followed by several more layers of clay. The tapered shaft was then withdrawn and part of the clay core scooped out as "lightening" to permit easier contraction of the bell after casting. The hole through the pattern was filled in with wax, in which was embedded the anchoring end of the iron hook on which the bell clapper was later to be suspended. At

the same time, wax patterns for the "cannons" (ears on which a bell is hung) were fitted to the top side of the bell, together with patterns in the same material to serve as running systems, etc.

The bell mould at the Winchester site was probably erected mouth downwards over the trench (lined with reused Roman tiles) which has been discovered. A retaining wall was then built around the mould and filled in with rubble and clay. The fire was lighted to melt out the wax and bake the mould and core. It is thought that perhaps the metal-melting furnaces, of which no trace remains, were then erected on banks of earth at a higher level and the molten metal allowed to run down troughs into the bell mould. The resultant casting would then be probably de-cored at the earliest opportunity, because of the rigid construction and consequent danger of cracking. The debris excavated at the site probably chiefly came from the ancient cope and core.

It is known that there were bells at Winchester in the 10th century and an interesting drawing of them is in existence in part of an ancient illuminated manuscript associated with St. Ethelwold of Winchester, who was said to be a bellfounder. This manuscript shows an open campanile in which are suspended four bells, and it would not be too far-fetched to imagine that this site represents the spot where St. Ethelwold cast these very bells.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

The annual general meeting of the Cambridge University Guild was held on April 28th in Professor Moule's room, Clare College.

The following were elected officers for the year 1965-66: President, William Ridgman (Queens'); treasurer, Brian Threlfall (Trinity); Master, Ken Darvill (St. Cath's); secretary, Charles Hobson (St. John's); librarian, Robin Shipp (Peterhouse); steeplekeeper, Stephen Darvill (Downing); auditor, Dr. C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn); Central Council representatives, Brian Threlfall and Dr. C. M. P. Johnson.

The president thanked the retiring officers for all they had done during the past year. F. C. H.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER APPEAL—contd.

Please give me whatever support you can donations payable to St. Mary-le-Tower Bells Fund will be placed in a separate bank account and after consultation perhaps invested in a Unit Trust. A bound book, "The Friends of St. Mary-le-Tower Belfry" is being donated and all donors will have their names recorded in it. Thank you all in anticipation. My address is 8, Lansdowne Road, Ipswich, Suffolk. GEORGE W. PIPE.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

Pleasant incidents during the meeting of the Marlborough Branch at Mildenhall on April 24th were the unanimous election of Mr. A. North as a life member of the Guild in recognition of his long and faithful service and the presentation of a certificate of proficiency to Miss Fuller by the chairman (Mr. G. Newman).

The past year was reviewed by the hon. secretary (Mr. T. A. Palmer), who reported a membership of 78 and the accounts slightly more favourable than a year ago. The running of a small bus to Sherborne for the Guild annual meeting was discussed and the next two meetings suggested were Collingbourne Kingston (May) and Aldbourne (June).

The Rector (the Rev. E. G. Courtman) conducted the service and was host to the company for tea. The Rev. Roger Keeley was Ringing Master.

Dorchester Branch

The spring quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch took place at Cattistock on April 24th, the eight bells being available during the afternoon and evening.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth), who is also the Branch chairman. Tea was served in the Savill Hall by lady helpers to ringers and friends.

Subject to consent, fortnightly practices will be held at Bere Regis (May 22nd), Charminster (June 5th), Abbotsbury (June 19th) and St. Peter's, Dorchester (July 17th).

Next quarterly meeting at Piddlehinton on July 3rd.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY

A belated report of the University of Wales Society's rag week tour from February 12th to 14th in the Vale of Glamorgan has now reached us. Some 23 members and friends participated, the first tower being Llanfeigan. During the following day ringing took place in eight towers and included Yorkshire Surprise Major.

A very enjoyable dinner in a Cardiff restaurant preceded the annual general meeting at which the proposed Welsh Colleges Society was discussed, but as the Training Colleges were not represented the matter was postponed. Miss Diane Bird was elected secretary and a special meeting is to be held at Bulth Wells and Bronllys for the election of Ringing Master. Through the kindness of local bands, Sunday service ringing was at St. John's, Cardiff, and Llandaff Cathedral.

DERBY DIOCESAN'S ANNUAL

Subscription to Include Contribution to Bell Fund

A RECORD number of nearly 100 was present when the Association's 19th annual general meeting was held in Derby on April 24th. Ringing during the afternoon took place on the pleasant octave at St. Alkmund's and the ten at the Cathedral before the annual service in the Cathedral, conducted by Canon W. James, the lesson being read by the Diocesan Youth Chaplain, the Rev. T. H. Canfield.

After an excellent tea in St. Michael's Church Hall, the business meeting began with the president, the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes (Provost of Derby), in the chair. In his opening remarks he paid tribute to the memory of Miss Elizabeth Foulk, of Duffield, who, in addition to being a founder member of the Association, was also a long-serving member of the Midland Counties Association and the Ladies' Guild. The Provost was particularly pleased to welcome Mr. J. Frank Smallwood and on behalf of the company extended to him sincere condolences on the sudden loss of his wife.

Congratulating the Association on another year of progress, the chairman warned members against slackening off now that the Association was running so successfully. This, he said, they must not do at any price or else they would soon find themselves back in the doldrums, which would be a great tragedy.

A record number of 406 (390 ringing, 16 honorary) was reported by the general secretary (Mr. B. P. Morris), who gave a special welcome to the new band at Baslow. With regret he recorded the deaths of Messrs. B. Greator (Wirksworth) and P. Weston (Denby), together with Provost Ham of Derby, a former Association president.

OUTSTANDING PEALS

The report of the peal secretary, Mr. D. R. Carlisle, showed that of the 59 peals rung last year, Major ringing was still the most popular (30 peals), with 20 of these being Surprise. The most outstanding peals were 4-Spliced Surprise Major and "silent" Yorkshire Major. Both Dronfield and Derby Cathedral were to be congratulated on ringing peals of Bob Major and Grandsire Caters with their Sunday service bands. Messrs. G. Halls and L. Goodall were the leading peal ringers with 22 peals each.

With regret, the general treasurer (Mr. J. C. Woolley) reported a loss of £4 over the year. Although it seemed commendable that £10 or 12½ per cent. of the total receipts from ringing subscriptions (£80) was received in voluntary donations, he regretfully added that the larger percentage of members only paid the minimum subscription. He was very pleased, however, to report that out of a total membership of almost 400 only eight subscriptions (i.e., two per cent.) were unpaid.

In contrast, the Bell Repair Fund, to which 73 Parochial Church Councils had subscribed, was in a healthy financial position with a balance of almost £270. During the year technical help and advice had been given to Charlesworth, Sandiacre, Risley, St. Alkmund's, Derby, Trusley and Baslow, with grants having been made towards the new ringing room at Bolsover (£20), improved lighting at Derby Cathedral (£2) and the new floor at Clowne (£4).

Moving their formal adoption, Mr. D. R. Carlisle said they were immensely grateful for the large amount of work and the great deal

of care that had obviously gone into the various reports and balance sheet. Several alterations to rules were then considered, the first being that bell consultants should be appointed by the General Committee and not as at present by the Districts. After a short discussion this was carried.

As the next two motions, to allow the Bell Repair Fund secretary to also act as special consultant on bells to the Diocesan Advisory Committee and to create an official post of Association Education Officer to organise ringing courses, only served to regularise the position at present, they met no opposition and were also carried.

BELL FUND AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

The next alteration to rule was more controversial, namely, to raise the subscription of adult members to 6s. 6d. and junior to 4s., and that from the income from this source 15 per cent. would be paid into the Bell Repair Fund. Explaining the reasons behind the increase, the treasurer said that in his opinion the increase from subscriptions should cover all expenses, but this did not happen as the average expenditure per ringer (4s. 10d.) was much higher than the average income per ringer (4s.). This meant that the reserves were continually dwindling and had dropped by £20 over the last three years.

With regard to the Bell Repair Fund percentage, Mr. Woolley said that apart from the Parochial Church Council subscriptions, the only other income was from collections at quarterly meetings. As a result the active members who attended all meetings contributed four times whilst non-active members got away scot-free. Although most of the company were in favour of Mr. Woolley's sentiments and appreciated the basic need for an increase, the 15 per cent. levy proved to be a bone of contention. After a lively discussion it was decided to accept the increase with the proviso that the General Committee should decide what percentage of the income should be transferred to the Bell Repair Fund.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, viz: President, the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes (Provost of Derby); general secretary, Mr. B. P. Morris; general treasurer, Mr. J. C. Woolley; peal secretary, Mr. D. R. Carlisle; trustees, Messrs. F. R. Lowe and H. Taylor; Bell Repair Fund secretary, Mr. G. A. Halls; and treasurer, Mr. J. B. Stennitt.

Several new members were elected and a collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised almost £5, and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Provost, the Cathedral authorities and local company, together with the ladies for catering so well. Further ringing then took place at the Cathedral and also on the light eight at St. Peter's. M. P. P.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Farnham District did well to organise two meetings in one week. On Easter Monday about 30 ringers tried the long draught eight at Yorktown, where some good ringing was accomplished in spite of a broken stay.

The recently-dedicated eight at Farnborough were available on the following Saturday and some of the younger ringers from heavier rings soon found the light bells difficult to handle. The Rector (Canon H. B. Hutchinson) conducted the service, and tea, provided by local lady members, was free for those who had notified. The excellent meal was much appreciated. Ringing up to Spliced Surprise continued until 9 p.m.

WIVELISCOMBE HAS NOW BELLS TO BE PROUD OF

On Palm Sunday the bells of 'St. Andrew's Church, Wiveliscombe, Somerset, were hallowed and rededicated by the Rt. Rev. D. J. Wilson, Assistant Bishop of Bath and Wells. He was attended by the Master of the Guild, the Rev. H. F. Warren, and the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. S. Chamberlain.

Two of the bells had been recast and the remainder retuned and provided with new clappers by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank. The enthusiastic band of ringers at Wiveliscombe provided £25, which the Guild augmented by £35. But the largest contribution came from Mr. H. V. Young, who a few years back left Leatherhead to retire to Watterrow, the village of his boyhood. He generously gave £400 and the month of the dedication of the bells coincided with the 50th anniversary of his election as a member of the Bath and Wells Association. The other £200 was the gift of the Vicar.

An open day was held at Wiveliscombe on April 24th and was well attended although the weather was very unkind. During tea, provided free by the wives of local ringers, a recording of the bells was played. Firstly, the bells were heard in rounds and changes before and after receiving attention at the foundry. Then each bell was heard singly six times before and after so that an exact comparison could be made. All agreed that they had not realised how poor the bells were and how great an improvement had been accomplished, with many thanks to the founders. These bells, with a tenor of 16 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb., now have a very good tone. Six of the bells were cast by Bailly and Street of Bridgwater in 1751, and the treble and tenor by Pannell Bros. of Cullompton in 1829, when the present church was completed—the old one having been pulled down. The seventh was recast by Warner of London in 1882.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Attending the annual general meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch at Yarn-ton on April 24th was Mr. George Clarke, of Clanfield, whose 80th birthday fell on the following day. Appreciation of his 60 years as a ringer was expressed; he rang his first peal in 1907!

A membership of 132 was added to by the election of eight new members. Seventeen peals (including four for Sir Winston Churchill) and 26 quarters were rung during the year. Certificates were presented by Miss Marie Cross. Officers elected were: Chairman, Rev. P. Wilkins; vice-chairman, Mr. D. Smith; secretary, Mr. E. D. Patching; Ringing Master, Mr. D. Floyd; treasurers, Mr. A. Cantwell and Miss S. Cantwell; Guild Committee, Messrs. A. Cantwell and D. Floyd.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Adcock) conducted the service, during which the choir sang an anthem and Nicholas Hare was organist. Ringers' wives and friends provided an ample tea in the Legion Hut.

Looking ahead: Ringing Competition, Standlake, September 25th; autumn meeting, Langford, October 23rd.

Ringing was later enjoyed at Kidlington, Woodstock and Cassington.

Correction.—The peal at Jarrow (page 281) was not Stephen J. Pardoe's first peal, but first peal on tower bells.

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Letters to the Editor

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES BACKWARDS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Hall's letter in your issue of April 30th draws attention again to an interesting possibility. There can, of course, be no objection to the bells going into changes at backstroke so long as no violation is done to the method. The recognised start would appear to be:

1234567 at handstroke
1325476 at backstroke

1325476 is then treated as the lead end, and at the end of the peal or touch the last row before rounds will be 2143657 (if the bells come round at a plain lead) or 2135476 (if the bells are to come round at a bob).

Mr. Hall may note, too, that it is possible to start as follows:

1234567 at handstroke
1235476 at backstroke

in which case the bells must come round with a single.

Some years ago Mr. Frank Lufkin called a peal of Grandsire Caters going off into changes at backstroke, thereby securing a 5,040 at hand; and in April, 1946, Mr. Daniel Matkin conducted at Walsall a 5,000 of Lindoff's that started off at backstroke. To add to the fun, in this case, the bells went into changes in the interior of a six, and Mr. Matkin may remember the difficulty he had in explaining to us all how we set off, and also may recall how that very competent Stedman Cinques band had to have four starts!—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Warminster.

SECOND PLAIN BOB PEAL IN AFRICA

Dear Sir,—The peal of Major at Salisbury, Rhodesia ("Ringing World," p. 281) is claimed as the first of Plain Bob in Africa. I think that Canon Ridout's efforts over the years ought not to be forgotten; as early as 1909 in Johannesburg, 720's of Bob Minor were being rung "in hand." At St. Margaret's Mission, on March 6th, 1930, Canon Ridout conducted a peal of Bob Minor "in hand," and repeated the performance on May 7th, vide "The Ringing World," April 11th, 1930.—Yours sincerely,

V. SHEPPARD.

Brighton.

NO TRIPLES COLLECTION

Dear Sir,—The reason for Mr. Martin's difficulty about Oxford Bob Triples is that the 1935 Triples Collection was sold out in 1948.

In 1954 I attended the Central Council meeting and asked for news of a new Collection. The president called for a show of hands. From memory, I think the voting was—for a Collection, 11; against, 0. A year later the report of the Methods Committee was very brief but included thanks to me for the work I had done on Spliced Triples, some of which can be found in the leaflets I gave to the librarian and are still in stock. It is evident the Methods Committee has no intention of publishing a new Collection. It would be interesting to know who decides these matters, the Council or the members of a small committee. A vote by the Council of this year's meeting may not be the same as in 1954. But this is beside the point. Printing was cheaper 11 years ago.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN SEGAR.

Skegness.

A QUESTION FOR COMPOSERS

Dear Sir,—For some time I have been interested in "other" Triples methods such as Oxford Bob, Double Oxford and Court, etc. I have wondered many times why it is that extents cannot be obtained by use of the standard Grandsire bobs and singles and, instead, the Holt's bob single must be used. Surely in methods with a Grandsire start such as Oxford Bob, Double Oxford and St. Clement's it would work out. Perhaps some of the experts would be happy to enlighten me.—Yours fraternally,

ROLAND BENISTON.

Coalville, Leics.

"THE RINGING WORLD"

Dear Sir,—My sympathies have been very much with Mr. Woolley in his criticisms of "The Ringing World's" dependence on charity. I wonder if the assumption that postal subscribers would drop from 5,600 to 5,000 if the postal rate was raised to 1s. per copy is correct. Perhaps a sample survey would show if this is so.

Personally I would rather pay an increased subscription than give donations for quarter peals. I regarded the threat of ditching quarters not accompanied by a donation as a form of blackmail, because there is no formal understanding that any payment is required. It might be better if there was such an understanding.

Long may "The Ringing World" flourish but not by underhand means.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL C. E. HODGE.

Fitzwilliam House,
Cambridge.

Note.—The understanding is generally recognised by quarter peal ringers. Judging from a "stop list" of over 100 subscribers who did not renew at the beginning of April, the Editor does not share the optimism of reader Hodge.

MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the section on page 294 of "The Ringing World" of the Index of Minor Methods compiled by Mr. Chant, the peal in 1749 in which Francis Goodwill was first rung took place at Brandeston Church, Suffolk, and in the same peal the method mentioned immediately above it (Francis Genius) was also rung (presumably for the first time), the other methods being London, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Court Bob and Grandsire Bob.

Both methods were no doubt named after the ringer of the third (Sam Francis) and there is a note on the peal board which states that they were both "composed by this Society."

My younger daughter and I have a personal interest in the above peal as we are almost certainly distantly related to and probably direct descendants of the ringers of the second and fourth (Thomas Bradlaugh senior and junior), and not long ago we had the privilege and pleasure of taking part in ringing for Sunday service when on a visit to Brandeston, where members of the Bradlaugh family still live.—Yours faithfully,

A. C. B. (BRADLAUGH) PEARCE.

Sevenoaks.

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CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Duck 1, E. H. Langley 2, D. Stephens 3, A. Locke 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, C. W. Linnington 6, For May Day.

OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Edward Martin ("Ringing World," page 292), I enclose compositions for a full peal and a quarter peal of Oxford Bob Triples.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID C. BROOKES.

Putney, S.W.

1,260 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

234567

672534—1
726345—2
457326—1
574263—2
635274—1
236574—5
672453—4
346725—3
743625—5
257643—1
652743—5

Twice repeated.

5,040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Ten-Part.

234567

235476

672534—1	762435—1
456723—3	467235—5
234756—1	354267—1
562734—1	253467—5
345762—1	362745—4
743562—5	763245—5
347526—4	347526—4
263754—5	543726—5
352746—1	265743—1
453276—5	432765—1
764253—1	654732—1
267453—5	276543—3

The first five parts called as this with "Holt's Bob Single" at end to bring up 235476.

The last five parts called as this, with "Holt's Bob Single" at the end to bring round.

Note.—Mr. J. Booker, of 378, Easebourne Lane Midhurst, offers Mr. Martin a composition. He points out that Backward Grandsire Triples could not have been rung at Midhurst as there are only six bells. Other readers are thanked for their letters on this subject.—Ed.

THE RINGERS' HANDBOOK

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to say that I shall have to put up the price of "The Ringers' Handbook." It is, unfortunately, a familiar tale. For some years I have managed to absorb the rising costs of paper, printing, packing and postage, but now the increased postal rates which come in on May 17th make this no longer possible. From that date the prices will be as follows:

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Yours faithfully,

MARY POWELL.

Poleshill Cottage, Langford Rudville,
Wellington, Som.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—If Mr. Ivan Merry followed the series of articles on "Grandsire Triples" in last year's "R.W." he will find on page 666 a touch of 111 changes, with "Queens" at the second call, i.e.:

2 3 4 5 6 7

2 5 3 7 4 6

S 7 6 2 4 5 3

7 4 6 3 2 5

S 3 5 7 2 4 6

3 2 5 6 7 4

S 6 4 3 7 2 5

— 5 7 6 2 4 3

— (3 2 5 4 7 6)

FALSE.

—Yours sincerely,

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

Cosham, Hants.

MIDDLESEX ANNUAL AT SOUTHGATE

A VARIETY of topics was discussed at the 63th annual general meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild held at Southgate on May 1st. These included the preservation of old Guild reports, the insurance of the library, ringing broadcasts and the increase of subscriptions.

The president, the Rev. G. C. Taylor, who gave the address at the Guild service, presided. He was supported by Mr. T. J. Lock, hon. secretary; Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, hon. treasurer; Mr. J. R. Mayne, Ringing Master; and Miss R. M. Foreman, hon. assistant secretary.

The meeting opened with an act of remembrance of those members who had died since the last meeting. These were the Bishop of Willesden (the Right Rev. G. E. Ingle), Canon C. C. Cox, Messrs. E. M. Atkins, H. Broughton, A. A. Hughes, F. C. W. Knight, W. Linter, A. McDonald, J. E. Rootes, F. W. Rogers, S. T. A. Russell, W. Sparrow, J. W. Unwin, L. J. Williams and H. T. Wilson.

The Master (Mr. J. R. Mayne), in his report, said the same problems faced them year by year: the constant task of rebuilding bands by teaching and the preservation of high standards among the more experienced ringers. Although some aspirations were decaying in many fields of activity, they should strive not to lose them in their own art.

GIFT TO LIBRARY

Emphasising the importance of the preservation of early reports, the Master said only three complete sets of reports existed in the library at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, with the general secretary and at St. John's, Hillingdon. The first of these had been bound in six volumes and was the gift of Mr. Frank T. Blagrove. He appealed to members for copies of early reports.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Blagrove for his generous gift, and after discussion the General Committee was instructed to see to the insurance of the library.

The accounts presented by the hon. treasurer (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) showed an excess of receipts over payments during the year of £10 5s. and assets of the Association amounting to £282. The accounts were adopted.

The hon. treasurer, on behalf of the General Committee, submitted amendments to rules increasing members' subscriptions to 5s. per annum, except members at school, whose subscriptions would be 2s. 6d. Non-resident members' subscriptions would be 7s. 6d.

Attention to the inadequacy of the present subscription was called by the hon. auditor, Mr. Maurice Hodgson, in a letter which stated that 20s. in 1947 was now worth only 12s. The amendments were approved and will operate from January 1st, 1966.

62 NEW MEMBERS

The hon. secretary (Mr. T. J. Lock) read his report, which stated that a pleasing feature of the activities of the two District secretaries was to welcome 62 new ringing members, particularly P. D. Dawson-Taylor, a New Zealander now resident in Edgware; 35 non-resident life members, and Frederick Smith.

of Hillingdon, as an honorary life member. Virtually new bands had been formed at Barnet and Bedford.

Personal congratulations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow on reaching an aggregate total of 80 years' service as ringers at St. John's, Hillingdon; to Reuben Sanders for ringing in a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on the eve of his 90th birthday, on the same bell as he rang his first peal of Stedman Caters 56 years previously; to W. Langley, who had rung at Monken Hadley and for 40 years rang the tenor, in celebration of his 84th birthday. T. Collins, a ringer at Ruislip for 60 years, had retired from the tower. W. H. Coles gave a broadcast on the B.B.C. Home Service and had been approached to make a second broadcast.

TWO FINE RECORDS

A total of 81 peals was rung, being nine more than last year; 58 were on tower bells and 23 on handbells. A record was twice established for Spliced Surprise Major on handbells of 18 and 20 methods. John R. Mayne was the composer and conductor of these two very fine records. The peal of Chartwell Surprise Major at Harrow Weald was specially named and rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Sir Winston Churchill.

The president asked if the B.B.C. could be persuaded to give a lecture demonstration on ringing.

Mr. A. W. Coles supported such demonstrations. From the Central Councils reports they knew that ringing had been treated by the B.B.C. as an "effect" rather than a craft. Their records were in the effects library. He hoped to do his little bit towards altering this by being concerned in another broadcast on Tuesday, May 18th, at 4.45 in "Home This Afternoon."

Officers elected were: President, the Rev. G. C. Taylor; Ringing Master, Mr. J. R. Mayne; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow; hon. secretary, Mr. T. J. Lock; assistant hon. secretary, Miss R. M. Foreman; hon. librarian, Mr. G. A. Parsons; hon. auditor, Mr. M. Hodgson. Elected to the Dinner Committee were Messrs. W. H. Coles, C. H. Neal, F. W. Goodfellow and Miss R. M. Foreman.

Two other amendments to rules were agreed, viz., resident ringing members for three consecutive years removing from the area of the Association may qualify forthwith as life members without further subscription, and ringing members on completing 50 years' membership shall become honorary members.

Mrs. Lock raised the question of the Association making a contribution towards the gifts Great Adventure II to Australia was making to towers visited. Upon Mr. W. H. Coles' suggestion the sum of £5 was agreed to.

The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. M. H. MacLeod, Vicar of Southgate, for conducting the service and the use of the bells, to the incumbents of Enfield and Wood Green for their bells, to Mr. S. G. Peck for making local arrangements, and Mrs. Richardson and helpers for the excellent tea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION ELECT A NEW PRESIDENT

HOSTS this year at the A.G.M. were the Wigan Branch, and they organised a first-class afternoon. Ringers moved in during the early afternoon and the spacious tower at Ormskirk was soon filled.

A large congregation heard Canon A. Hodgson, the incoming president, read the lesson, and the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith gave his farewell sermon.

The annual meeting followed tea, and in his opening remarks the president said what a great deal of pleasure he had had during his 14 years of office.

On the item of election of officers, the president declared Mr. J. P. Partington re-elected as ringing secretary and Mr. J. F. Wood re-elected as treasurer. He then declared Canon A. Hodgson elected as president and vacated the chair in his favour.

Canon Hodgson thanked the Preston and Furness Branches for their nomination and said how much he appreciated the honour conferred on him. His first duty was to make a presentation of an umbrella and a dozen cut-glass liqueur glasses to the retiring president, who thanked the meeting for a well-kept secret.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The general secretary (Mr. F. Reynolds), in his report, stated that the following members had died: Life ringing members, W. W. Larkey, Everston; Ernest Porter, Great Crosby; Joseph Hall, Miles Platting; Charles Mallinson, Colne; Ernest Taylor, Rawtenstall; Charles Sharples, Blackpool; Laurence J. Williams, Church. Ringing members, Charles Blackburn, St. Helens; Fred Blackledge, Brindle; Charles Howarth, Haslington; James Taylor, Haslington.

The ringing secretary reported 157 peals rung for the Association in 1964. This did not include four peals published in "The Ringing World" as rung for the Lancashire Association but for which peal fees had not been paid as yet (February 22nd, 1965). These were Bristol S.M., Hornby, September 12th; 1964; London S.R., Worsley, December 5th, 1964; Cambridge S. Max., Oldham, December 6th, 1964; and Stedman Caters, Manchester Cathedral, December 12th, 1964. The 157 peals consisted of Maximus 7, Cinques 2, Royal 12, Caters 1, Major 75, Triples 12, Minor 35, Doubles 9. Four of these—three Minor and one Major—were on handbells; nine of them were firsts for the Association.

One hundred and seventy-three resident members (18.6 per cent.) took part and 24 rang their first peal. Fifty members shared the conducting, four their first as conductor. Leading conductor was J. Ashcroft, 19. Leading peal ringers: R. J. Parker 43, P. J. Crossthwaite 35, Margaret E. Fort and R. S. Starkie 33, J. H. Fielden 31, C. Crossthwaite 29 and J. P. Partington 28.

On behalf of the meeting Mr. N. M. Newby proposed thanks to all concerned with the success of the afternoon, particularly Mr. D. Jones and Mr. R. Kenrick, of the Wigan Branch.

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD Record Peal Total

MORE than 90 members and friends attended the 19th annual general meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild held at Retford on April 24th. A most enjoyable tea was served by North Notts District in the Ebsworth Hall. The bells of Ordsall, Babworth, East and West Retford were put to good use and Sung Evensong was held in the Church of St. Swithun, East Retford, conducted by the Bingham District Chaplain, the Rev. F. Stepheni.

The business meeting was presided over by the Guild chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, who extended a warm welcome to all members and visitors.

A minute's silence was observed for seven members who had passed away since the last annual meeting, namely, Mr. H. Smith (Gamston), Canon R. Leeper (Southwell), the Rev. S. M. I. Salt (Gamston), Mr. J. W. Wilson (Sutton-on-Trent), Miss G. Pritchett (Balderton), the Rev. F. W. H. Jessup (Ramp-ton) and Mr. M. S. Ward (Nottingham St. Peter).

HIGH PEAL TOTAL

The Peal Committee reported that 120 peals had been rung during the year, the highest number of peals rung by the Guild in any year, far surpassing the 74 rung in 1958. Altogether 110 resident members contributed to the 120 peals, 23 of these ringing their first peal. Conductors numbered 35 (again a record), W. L. Exton leading with 16 from J. R. Pratchett (12), M. W. Harrison (9) and H. Poyner (9). There were nine first peals as conductor, namely, Ruth Blackshaw, W. N. Browne, Margaret E. Chilton, G. A. Dawson, Jane Dowse, M. W. Harrison, C. R. Larkin, R. D. Marsh and F. W. Midwinter.

First peals on the bells have been scored at Wilford and Woodborough, and first performances for the Guild include the first of Minimus, Basford Delight and Gainsborough Little Bob Major. The number of Doubles methods rung in a peal has risen from 19 to 45, Minor from 23 to 27 and Spliced Surprise Major from three to ten. Quarter peals rung during the year, mainly for Sunday service, number 155, with Holme Pierrepont leading with 51 from Warsop (19), Gedling (13) and Sutton-on Trent (9).

The hon. general secretary (Mr. W. L. Exton) reported a membership of 469, an increase of nine. He stated that the standard of ringing had improved but that 12-bell ringing would need a lot more attention before the Guild could claim that it possessed a good resident 12-bell band.

AUGMENTATIONS

Coddington bells (five) are now in the bell foundry and are to be rehung in a new frame for six with the possible addition of a treble bell. Nottingham St. Peter's bells are also to be rehung in a new frame for 12 (now to be augmented to 12). Shelford hope shortly to place an order for a new treble to complete the ring of six, and Upper Broughton hope to add a treble to the existing four.

The hon. treasurer's report and accounts revealed a small loss on the year's working. The Bell Repair Fund stands at £130 17s. 5d., an increase of £24 4s. 1d., a donation of £10 having been made towards the cost of repairing a broken wheel at East Markham. The collection for the Bell Repair Fund taken at the meeting realised £5 3s. 6d. The chairman reported that the committee had approved a donation of £25 each towards the restoration at Coddington, Sturton-le-Steeple (rehanging and augmentation to six) and Sutton-cum-Lound (rehanging of three bells in a new frame for six).

The chairman outlined a new scheme to augment the Bell Repair Fund by writing to all the Parochial Church Councils in the Diocese suggesting an annual donation, in order that the present donation of £25 might be substantially increased. He appealed to ringers to play their part by increasing their own donations, and so ensure the success of the scheme.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 22



DAN S. PONT
The Leicester Guild

AMONG the up-and-coming youngsters in the Leicester Guild is a brilliant young ringer whose name has frequently appeared in the peal columns of "The Ringing World" during the past two years.

Dan S. Pont, son of a Finnish mother and an English father, was born in Helsinki, Finland, on May 4th, 1949. He started his schooling at Woodhouse Eaves Junior School. Last year, at Barrow-on-Soar Grammar School.

One new vice-president, the Rev. F. Pearce (West Retford), five new ringing members, Miss M. Pearce, Miss S. Holland, Miss I. M. Mayfield, Miss P. Mellor and Mr. A. Simpson (all Ruddington), and one new non-resident life member, Mr. J. Smalley (Rawmarsh), were unanimously elected.

All the retiring officers were thanked for their services, and with the exception of the vice-chairman, the Rev. M. C. C. Melville, who is now residing in Norfolk, were re-elected for another year. The Rev. F. Stepheni (Cotgrave) was elected vice-chairman. Five nominations for the four Central Council delegates were received, and on being put to the vote the following were elected to serve for the period 1966-68: Messrs. J. D. Clarke, W. L. Exton, H. Poyner and H. T. Rooke. The chairman expressed the thanks of the Guild to the two retiring members, Messrs. B. M. Buswell and D. H. Rooke.

HIGHER SUBSCRIPTIONS APPROVED

The second amendment, moved by Mr. H. T. Rooke, on behalf of the General Committee, concerned finance and read as follows: "To amend such rules as necessary to increase ringing members' over 16 annual subscription from 3s. to 5s. with effect from January 1st, 1966, and to increase the non-resident life members' from 5s. to 10s., and the peal fee from 6d. to 1s. with effect from April 24th, 1965." A lively discussion followed. Mr. F. Salter inquiring whether the committee had considered the possible reduction in income due to the loss of membership caused by the increase. Mr. D. A. Whetton and Miss S. Poppleston supported the motion, while Mr. A. Jewitt, although in agreement, thought the increase in subscriptions ought to be 1s., not 2s. Mr. H. T. Rooke explained that whilst an increase in peal fees might carry the Guild for a year or possibly two the committee were looking forward to increases in both printing costs and increases in postal charges and did not want to have

he was successful in gaining no fewer than eleven G.C.E. "O" levels, and is now studying chemistry, physics and maths for "A" level with a view to going on to University in due course.

Dan started ringing lessons at the early age of 11 at the Church of St. Paul, Woodhouse Eaves, under the watchful eye of Mr. Roland Stockwell and Mr. Frank Chambers. At about the same time he was being given handbell lessons at school by his Scripture master, Mr. B. Stedman Payne. In a very short time he was taking part in regular service ringing an alternate Sundays at St. Paul's, Woodhouse Eaves and at St. Mary-in-the-Elms, Old Woodhouse.

Dan made very rapid progress and just before his 13th birthday scored his first peal. This was when he rang 5-6 in a handbell peal in four Doubles methods at Barrow-on-Soar on April 12th, 1962, conducted by B. Stedman Payne. Already he was studying conducting and just over a year later he scored his first peal as conductor — Plain Bob Minor on handbells again at Barrow-on-Soar on October 11th, 1963. This remarkable youngster has already taken part in some 60-odd peals ranging from Doubles to Royal, both on tower- and handbells.

Last year Dan was honoured by being elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and it is not surprising to learn that his chief ringing ambition now is to become a proficient 12-bell ringer and to have the privilege one day of taking part in a peal at St. Paul's, London. The progress of this brilliant youngster and others like him will be watched with keen interest by the whole Exercise.

In conclusion, Dan expresses his deep gratitude for all the help and guidance he has received from the Rev. Malcolm Melville, enabling him to make such rapid progress in the fields of campanology. **NORVING.**

to return to the meeting next year and again ask for more. Various suggestions regarding the possible omission of peals from the annual report, etc., were put forward and opposed, the motion finally being carried by 62 votes to nine.

Two additional proposals were next considered: the first that the Guild should hold a ringing festival and dinner, to mark the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Guild, during the summer of 1966, and the second, that the Guild should invite the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to hold its annual meeting of 1967 in the Diocese of Southwell, probably in Nottingham, to mark the 21st anniversary, were carried unanimously.

The comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. S. W. Fossey. **W. L. E**

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

For the first time in the tower's history an all-ladies' touch was rung at Holy Trinity Church, Queensbury, on May Day during the meeting of the Guild. Susan Greenwood, aged nine, rang the treble, and Anne Raynor, a little older, was on the second. The Vicar (the Rev. D. M. Buikie) conducted Evensong, and the tea was well in keeping with the high standard set up by the local band and their ladies. They were thanked by Mr. A. Senior.

During the business meeting, presided over by the Rev. G. Gunthorpe, it was decided to meet at Emmanuel Church, Shelley, to start the Guild's activities during the joint council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies' Festival at Wakefield on June 12th.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Edmonds 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, D. Eames 3, J. A. Ball 4, D. Perry 5. Rung fully muffled, for Good Friday family service.

SELBY ABBEY FIRST OUTING

At last, Easter Tuesday morning arrived and the Selby Abbey ringers congregated in the Market Place at 8 a.m., together with essential handbells, "Standard diagrams" and food. Everyone was a little apprehensive as to the standard we would attain on our first outing, especially considering the average age, apart from one member, was only 18.

Familiarity with our own heavy bells made it difficult for the younger members to handle Collingham bells competently. We certainly did not do justice to the octave at Wetherby, and by now our Ringing Master was becoming quite frantic. However, six-bell towers seemed to be more to our taste and a touch of Kent was brought round, but some well-struck Cambridge was lost at Kirk Deighton.

After a packed lunch, ringing vastly improved at West Tanfield and Wath, with enjoyable touches of Kent and Oxford Spliced, Wath Delight and Plain Bob being brought round. The strain of a long day's ringing began to tell at Sharow and only Little Bob Major was struck well.

We were greatly refreshed by an excellent tea at Ripon, and this certainly showed itself in the standard attained at Kirby Hill. Thanks are due to all who combined in making a most memorable day. A. G.

BROMHAM, BEDS

For their annual tour this year, on April 24th, the Bromham ringers chose East Anglia.

Ringing started at Earls Colne, where, despite the springy ropes, a fair standard was achieved. Ardeleigh was our next stop and here a good course of Yorkshire was rung. After lunch at Ipswich the tuncful ten at Stonham Aspal was tapping along to a well-struck touch of Kent.

At Eye, the remains of a castle stand opposite the lofty flint tower of the Parish Church, the bells of which pealed majestically over the picturesque town. Tea at Diss was followed by ringing at St. Mary's Church. Ringing concluded at Thetford, after which there was a refreshment halt at Cambridge, bringing a very enjoyable day to a fitting end.

In addition to thanking incumbents and ringers who met us, special thanks are due to Dereck Hammond for arranging such a splendid outing. C. S.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chew Deanery Branch

A "five-star" tea was provided at the local Women's Institute Hall, Backwell, on April 25th, when the Chew Deanery Branch held a quarterly meeting. The Rector (the Rev. J. T. George) conducted the service and presided at the business meeting. The secretary asked for entries without delay for the striking competition at Dundry in May. Twenty-two members promised support for a dinner to mark the 75th anniversary of the Association and warm approval was given to a joint meeting with the Frome Branch if arranged.

July quarterly meeting, Ubley; June practice, Wraxall; and annual Corporate Communion, Backwell (if arrangements for breakfast can be made).

Cary Branch

When the Cary Branch met at Henstridge on April 24th, congratulations were extended to Castle Cary ringers on their peal to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Association. A report on the Association's annual meeting was presented by Mr. D. M. C. Hill (Ringing Master), who also outlined the plans for the Branch's autumn outing in the Dunster area.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Swingle), who was assisted by the Branch chairman (the Rev. G. S. Robinson). They and the ladies who prepared tea were thanked.

MR. TOM SOUTHAM AND MISS AYRES MARRIED



The wedding took place on April 24th at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, between Miss Margaret Ayres and Mr. Thomas Southam. This was a real ringers' occasion, as Margaret rings at Blacklands and Tom at St. Peter's, St. Albans, and Hertingfordbury and is also former president of the Hertford County Association and secretary of the St. Albans and Eastern Districts.

Margaret's bridesmaids were Christine Ayres (her sister), Marion Bean, who rings at Haslingfield, and Sally Robinson, who rings at Cirencester. Edward Bright, former Master of the Manchester University Guild, played the organ, and the best man was Eric Edmondson, of Hatfield. The bells were rung after the ceremony by the local band. Ringers were also present from St. Albans, North Mymms and Hatfield.

It was regretted that Margaret's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Beamish, of Chilvers Coton, were not able to be present as they were away on a tour of the Holy Land.

The happy couple left after the reception for a honeymoon in Ireland, and they are going to make their home in Harpenden.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

Six enthusiastic members of the Guild, accompanied by a friend and a past member, had a day's ringing in Surrey on April 10th. Ringing took place at Ottershaw, Chertsey, Weybridge, Otlands Park and Hersham before a somewhat tired company arrived at Walton. Here the new springy ropes left us completely exhausted. Sufficient energy was found later to ring on the light five at Shepperton. After all this we were only too pleased to relax and enjoy the splendid tea provided by the mother of the organiser—Alan Luxford. R. V. K.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, YORK, BELLRINGERS' SOCIETY TOUR

EDENSOR, DERBYS.—On April 20th, 1,320 Doubles (four methods): I. Johnson 1, R. Aldington 2, R. Smith (first "inside") 3, G. Pluckrose 4, M. King (cond.) 5, A. F. Miles 6.

BRADBOURNE, DERBYS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: R. Smith 1, G. Pluckrose 2, A. F. Miles (first "inside") 3, M. King 4, R. Aldington (first as cond.) 5, I. Johnson 6.

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYS.—On April 22nd, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): A. F. Miles 1, I. Johnson (first "inside") 2, R. Aldington 3, M. King 4, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 5, R. Smith 6.

BRADFELD, YORKS.—On April 24th, 1,320 Doubles (10 methods): R. Smith 1, Miss R. J. Watkin 2, R. Aldington 3, G. Pluckrose 4, M. King (cond.) 5, P. Dill's (first quarter) 6.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

ARRANGEMENTS FOR WHITSUN

Headquarters will be at the Grand Hotel, Gold Street, Northampton.

There will be an informal social evening on Monday, June 7th, in the Peacock Room. All members and friends are invited. At other times it is suggested the County Room be used.

In view of the forthcoming "Great Adventure Two," Mr. Philip Gray has kindly offered to show slides of churches and ringers, taken on his recent tour of Australia and New Zealand, at the beginning of the evening.

Holy Communion on Tuesday, June 8th, at 7.15 a.m. at All Saints' Church. The Celebrant will be the Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

Civic Reception after the meeting at approximately 4.30 p.m. (Tickets—two per member—from Mr. E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. Applications by May 28th, please).

RINGING

The following towers in the Northampton District will be available for ringing at the times shown. Where no one is able to meet members, particular attention should be given to clock hammers and leaving the bells in the position they were found.

Saturday, June 5th.

Daventry (10)	Dedication Service. 12 noon.
	Buffet Lunch. (Details later.)
	Bells available after lunch till 8 p.m.
Staverton (6)	5 p.m.—6 p.m.
Flore (6)	5.30 p.m.—6.30 p.m.
Northampton	
St. Peter's (8)	6.30 p.m.—8 p.m.
All Saints' (8)	7.30 p.m.—9 p.m.

Sunday, June 6th.

Northampton	a.m.	p.m.
All Saints' (8)	9.00-10.00	5.30-6.30
St. Edmund's (8)	10.15-11.00	—
St. Giles' (10)	10.15-11.00	5.45-6.30
St. Peter's (8)	10.15-11.00	5.30-6.20
Holy Sepulchre (8)	10.15-11.00	5.45-6.30
Kingsthorpe (6)	10.15-11.00	5.45-6.30
Dallington (6)	10.15-10.55	5.45-6.25
Duston (6)	9.00-9.30	—
Harlestone (6)	—	6.00-6.30
Moulton (8)	10.30-11.00	5.15-6.00
Wicken (8)	—	5.00-6.00

Monday, June 7th.

Whole day "own transport tour."
Lunch — make own arrangements.
a.m.

Bradfield (6)	9.30-10.15
Cogenhoe (6)	10.00-10.45
Bozeat (5)	10.30-11.15
Wollaston (6)	11.00-11.45
Irchester (8)	11.30-12.15
Rushden (8)	12.00-12.45

	p.m.
Higham Ferrers (8)	2.00-2.45
Irthlingborough (8)	2.30-3.15
Burton Latimer (8)	3.00-3.45
Isham (6)	3.30-4.15
Wilby (6)	4.00-4.45
Mears Ashby (6)	4.30-5.15
Earls Barton (8)	5.00-5.45

Northampton	
St. Edmund's	6.45-8.15 p.m.
St. Giles'	
Holy Sepulchre	

Tuesday, June 8th.

Northampton
All Saints', following Civic Reception approximately 6-7 p.m.

If numbers are sufficient, further ringing can be arranged for the remainder of the week.

E. A. BARNETT.
Hon. Secretary.

HALF PEAL

FLITTON, BEDS.—On April 8th, 2,520 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Oxford T.B., 720 Oxford Bob, 360 Plain Bob): R. J. Sharp 1, Miss K. Rivett 2, K. Fleming 3, M. J. Marriott 4, A. S. Smith 5, R. K. French (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Kingham, church workers, on their retirement.

BALDUCK, HERTS.—On May 2nd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Orme 1, R. Castledine 2, D. Salisbury 3, S. Hutton 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, C. Harwood 6, E. Buck 7, J. Dear (cond.) 8.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: R. E. Lester (cond.) 1, M. J. Howes 2, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 3, E. J. Lockwood 4, J. J. Prentice 5, N. F. Whitell 6.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Crampion 1, D. Ellidson 2, C. Wright 3, A. Faulkner 4, J. Crampion 5, M. Powell 6, W. Theobald (cond.) 7, G. Lonsdale 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael-with-St. Paul's on May 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Miss S. Clifford (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Mitchell 2, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 3, D. C. Hawkins 4, J. G. Hobbs 5, B. Saril 6. First in five methods 2, 4 and 6.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Sunday, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Gillian Waller (first on ten bells) 1, E. R. Goate 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Patricia Rogers 4, T. G. Page 5, C. H. Rogers 6, R. C. L. Brown 7, H. W. Barrett 8, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 9, R. W. Bickers 10. For Evensong.

BLITHFIELD, STAFFS.—On April 25th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob): L. E. Monk 1, C. M. Smith (cond.) 2, Dilys J. Twigg (first "inside") 3, C. T. Collins 4, B. J. Townsend 5, Marlene E. Townsend 6. For Evensong.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—On April 26th at the Cathedral, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. J. Whitehead 1, Susan M. Rhodes (first of Surprise) 2, A. C. Boorman 3, P. A. Kirkby 4, H. B. Schofield 5, B. Gillian Schofield 6, S. B. Schofield 7, L. Goodall (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower on April 24th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. Rolfe 2, Mrs. H. Ivening (first quarter) 3, A. Ballam 4, J. Stannard 5, H. Clarke 6, P. Everett 7, W. Goodship 8, R. Stannard 9, J. Banks 10.

CHERITON, KENT.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth O'Grady 1, Dilys Eastmead 2, Mary Munt 3, W. C. Chandler 4, A. Eastmead (cond.) 5, D. Corner 6. Rung to greet the birth on April 23rd of a second daughter, Margaret Ruth, to the Rector and Mrs. Munt.

CRANFIELD, BEDS.—On April 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Weller 1, Miss P. Wilson 2, D. Manton 3, D. W. Manton 4, R. H. French (cond.) 5.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist on May 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. J. Razzell 1, R. Davies 2, N. G. Steere 3, K. Taber (first Treble Bob) 4, G. H. Humphries 5, R. G. Abbott 6, R. C. Stevens 7, F. E. Collins (cond.) 8.

EDMONTON, MIDD.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Trudy Newcombe 1, Beryl Platt (first of Stedman) 2, Teresa Langdon 3, Denis Langdon 4, Harold Howson 5, T. G. Hawkins 6, J. Towers (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, Gloria Simpson 8.

GNOSALL, STAFFS.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Keay (first quarter) 1, Mrs. E. M. Key 2, B. G. Key (cond.) 3, G. Hall 4, I. Friend 5, J. W. Dyke 6. A wedding compliment to James McNaughton and June Key.

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, NORTHANTS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): D. Lawrence 1, Miss C. H. Sharman 2, J. Mills 3, D. Mills 4, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

GT. ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 3rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mary Bloxam 1, Susan Ferguson (first in method) 2, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 3, Sheila Staley 4, I. W. Hall 5, D. G. Pearson 6.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—On March 30th, 1,280 Bristol Major: A. C. Boorman 1, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 2, Iris M. E. Lemare 3, H. B. Schofield 4, B. Gillian Schofield 5, B. Sullivan 6, R. J. Lumley 7, L. Goodall (cond.) 8.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDD.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Elliot (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. G. Gage 2, A. C. Martin 3, J. Elliot 4, R. A. Gage (cond.) 5, Miss L. E. Simpson 6, Miss P. Ollen 7.

QUARTER PEALS

HASCOMBE, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): A. Hoar (first quarter) 1, N. Stroud 2, J. W. Hagley 3, Diane Street (cond.) 4, Elizabeth Stevinson 5. For Matins.

HEDON, E. YORKS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Erin Triples: K. Goldthorpe 1, H. C. Palmer 2, E. Rimer 3, J. I. Booth 4, C. L. D. Munday 5, C. C. Brown 6, R. D. Gibson (cond.) 7, G. K. Smith 8. The first in the method for all the band.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Easter Day, 1,272 Bob Minimus: M. W. Harrison 1, R. Blackshaw 2, S. J. Dowse 3, C. R. Larkin 4. Also on April 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. G. Marsh and D. Barker 1, R. D. Marsh 2, S. J. Dowse 3, R. Blackshaw 4, C. R. Larkin 5, M. W. Harrison (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On April 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss Y. Murray 1, Miss A. Edwards 2, S. Penfold 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, C. E. Wright 5, J. Stephenson 6, J. McDonald 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On April 20th, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: A. N. Pearce 1, Jennifer Pearce 2, Susan E. Thompson 3, C. J. Grooms 4, A. C. Banton (cond.) 5.

LEIGH, STAFFS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. R. Fairbrother 1, Mrs. J. Beech 2, E. R. Fairbrother 3, I. Friend (cond.) 4, F. Beech 5, K. Waring (first quarter) 6. For Evensong. Believed to be the first quarter by a Leigh ringers.

LODERS, DORSET.—On April 30th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: J. Krsmanovic (longest length) 1, I. L. Andrews 2, D. B. Ellery 3, Rev. O. L. Willmott 4, M. J. Hiller (first as cond.) 5, H. G. Crabb 6. Rung for SS, Philip and James Day.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes' on April 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: T. V. Gant (cond.) 1, C. E. Willmington 2, Miss A. Edwards 3, W. H. Alely 4, C. Wright 5, S. Clark 6, R. D. Tomlin 7, K. Warner 8, D. Ellidson 9, E. Rochester 10.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On April 25th, 1,260 Doubles: B. Butcher 1, A. Neilson 2, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherston 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Matins.

MARCHINGTON, STAFFS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Margaret Ellwood (first quarter) 1, Marlene E. Townsend 2, C. M. Smith (cond.) 3, C. T. Collins 4, L. E. Monk 5, C. W. Bowen 6.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On April 18th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: B. Madely 1, H. White 2, E. Roberts (first in method) 3, R. Hazeldine 4, T. Price 5, A. M. Hickman 6, F. Price 7, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lycett.

MARSTON, OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Nicholas on March 28th, 1,260 Doubles (180 Plain Bob, 1,080 Grandsire): Avril Walton (first attempt) 1, R. H. Jones 2, L. R. Porter 3, N. D. Deam (cond.) 4, A. Gammon 5.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: Julie Hopkins (first quarter) 1, W. C. Budd 2, J. Underwood 3, J. G. Edgson 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, Lynda Hopkins 6. For family service.

NEWTON ST. LOE, SOMERSET.—On April 20th, 1,260 Spliced Plain Minor (St. Clement's, Childwall, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Plain Bob): Rose Smith 1, A. Perry 2, M. Horseman 3, R. Smith 4, G. Hawkins 5, P. Gay (cond.) 6.

NORTHILL, BEDS.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Wagstaff 1, A. Smith 2, D. Carr 3, R. Houghton 4, Alan Smith (cond.) 5, L. Norman 6. In honour of the retirement of the Rector (Rev. T. A. Frost) and the election as honorary wardens of Mr. W. Wagstaff and Mr. Bowler.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On April 28th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Rosemary Kemp 1, Heather Walters 2, A. J. Luxford 3, M. D. Trigg (cond.) 4, P. J. Joyce 5. By Southampton University Guild.

OWSLEBURY, HANTS.—On April 25th, 1,296 Beverley and Cambridge Surprise Minor: Maureen White 1, Mary White 2, R. A. Stone (50th quarter) 3, A. R. Cope 4, K. G. Waller 5, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 6. Rung before Evensong as a farewell to the Rev. H. Palmer.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr, on Feb. 21st, 1,260 Mixed Doubles: June Todd 1, L. R. Porter 2, Janet Farrow 3, G. Porter 4, N. D. Deam (cond.) 5, I. Ross 6.

PERTH, W. AUSTRALIA.—On April 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Hos 1, M. Page 2, Miss J. Lees 3, B. Lawes 4, B. Potts (cond.) 5, L. Reynolds 6. A farewell to Jenny and Margaret Lees on their departure for Melanesia. Also on April 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Carter (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Hos (first "inside") 2, Miss J. Lees 3, B. Potts (cond.) 4, L. Reynolds 5, E. Warren 6. A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

PEWSEY, WILTS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Spackman 1, C. Chandler 2, Mrs. C. Mould 3, L. Rutt 4, E. Mould (cond.) 5, J. Amor 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of A. E. Mould, aringer, father of the conductor.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On May 2nd, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Minor: M. Carter 1, T. Jones 2, R. Tomlin 3, F. May 4, P. Sadler 5, D. Belcham 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House (cond.) 8. First in method 3, 4 and 5. Rung for Evensong.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 2nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. H. Cracknell 1, Janet I. Rogers (cond.) 2, R. Rose 3, L. Wright 4, M. J. Rose 5, R. H. Rogers 6. For Evensong. To mark the 250th anniversary of the first peal ever rung (Plain Bob Triples on May 2nd, 1715, at Norwich).

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Muncey (first quarter) 1, A. Gibbs 2, Ann Chettle 3, R. Coley (cond.) 4, S. Hodgkins 5, L. Priestley 6, B. Whitworth 7, C. Whitworth 8. For Evensong.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At 23, Blenheim Road on April 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Bew (first quarter in hand) 1-2, B. B. Hullah 3-4, A. T. Hawkins (cond.) 5-6.

SELSTON, NOTTS.—On Easter day, 1,300 Kirkny Doubles: Maureen Green 1, Thelma Staples 2, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison 5. For afternoon service.

SONNING, BERKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Willis (first on eight) 1, Mrs. Jean Busby 2, J. Norcutt 3, A. Burton 4, H. Smith 5, N. Willis 6, G. Harvey (cond.) 7, S. Atkins (first on eight) 8. For Matins.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral on April 11th, 1,259 Erin Cinqs: Miss P. Rogers 1, M. T. Sprackling 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, P. A. Brand 4, L. C. Way 5, D. P. Smith 6, C. M. Press 7, W. G. Wilson 8, C. M. Meyer 9, J. W. Smith 10, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 11, C. T. Richards 12. For Nave Evensong.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Romley (first quarter) 1, W. Brown 2, H. Wittering 3, S. Gullick (first of Triples) 4, D. Taplin 5, W. Lawrence 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, W. Taplin 8.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On May 2nd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. H. Watson 1, F. J. Vallender 2, R. Smith 3, J. Warr 4, J. C. Eisel 5, G. Westwood 6, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7, M. J. Fellows 8. By the local band for Evensong.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On May 2nd, 1,349 Grandsire Caters: Laura Grindrod 1, Janet Evenden 2, June Whitcher 3, D. J. Hawkins 4, I. L. Dear 5, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 6, M. C. Austin 7, J. C. Slater 8, G. E. Evenden 9, R. Durrant 10. For Festival Evensong.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On May 2nd, 1,296 Beverley Surprise Minor: P. R. Keough 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, M. J. Young 3, G. W. Elmes 4, J. W. Blackwood 5, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 6. First in the method by all. For Evensong.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Booth 1, Miss I. Cooke 2, B. Moran 3, P. Mellor 4, F. Cooke (cond.) 5, M. Foster 6. For Sung Eucharist. Also 1,320 Treble Bob Minor (Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure): R. Spencer 1, J. T. Rooke 2, F. Cooke 3, R. Lucas 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WATERFORD, IRELAND.—On May 1st, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): F. E. Dukes 1, Miss H. Hubert (first quarter) 2, C. J. Reede 3, R. A. Vere Hodge 4, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 5, A. S. Doak 6. Believed to be the greatest number of methods rung to a quarter peal in Ireland.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: G. Arent 1, K. R. Dunstan 2, J. Faircloth 3, R. G. Smith 4, R. D. Bell 5, W. G. Paul 6, V. Green 7, D. A. Carpenter 8, R. G. Bell 9, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 10. To celebrate the birth of a son to Lucy and Ray Smith, both members of the Watford tower.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Carole Becraft 1, Carol Cousins 2, Margaret Godfrey 3, C. H. Macve 4, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 5. 100th quarter peal on the bells.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLUS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): Christine Stower (first quarter) 1, Marilyn Jackson 2, Anna K. Sadowska (cond.) 3, M. Boskett 4, P. Robertson 5, J. Brown (first quarter) 6.

COUNTSTHORPE, LEICS.—On April 16th, 1,800 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): P. Immins 1, R. K. Mason 2, G. T. Dudley 3, J. J. Morris 4, R. H. Cook 5, B. S. Chapman (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Good Friday Evensong. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. T. Dudley 1, H. Kilby 2, J. J. Morris 3, L. A. Chapman 4, P. Immins 5, B. S. Chapman (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On April 24th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Fry 1, Jennifer Payne (first on eight) 2, Olive D. Tester 3, Jean L. Lavender 4, Doris E. Colegate 5, R. J. Cook 6, C. A. Tester 7, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On April 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Reeve 1, J. Yorke Parker 2, D. Reeve 3, W. Ivings 4, H. Ivings 5, J. Paul (cond.) 6.

EWELL, SURREY.—On May 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Morris 1, F. Willes (first "inside") 2, Mrs. C. W. Munday 3, P. J. Munday 4, A. S. Besant 5, S. J. Philbrick 6, C. W. Munday (cond.) 7, R. C. Spittle 8.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, on May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Imber 1, Dorothea M. Robotham 2, Doreen A. Deverell 3, J. R. Pratt 4, R. Newman 5, G. W. Shanks 6, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 7, F. A. Benn 8. For Evensong.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Heather J. Freeman 1, H. Walker 2, B. Sutton 3, A. W. A. Leggett 4, S. H. Steel 5, M. D. Staniforth (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. David Pearson.

MARKFIELD, LEICS.—On April 4th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. M. Pickwell 1, K. Burdett 2, R. D. Hughes 3, D. W. Manton (first in method) 4, D. R. Manton (first in method) 5, A. E. Rowley (cond.) 6. Also on Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: D. Wardle 1, J. Wardle 2, H. Billson 3, R. D. Hughes 4, G. M. Pickwell (cond.) 5, T. Layton 6. For Evensong.

POTTERSPURY, NORTHANTS.—On April 2nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. W. Smith 1, Daphne Webb (first of Minor) 2, P. I. Chapman 3, J. Linnell 4, A. A. Paul 5, C. E. Truman (cond.) 6.

MARSTON, OXON.—On April 11th, 1,260 Mixed Doubles (11 methods): G. Porter 1, R. H. Jones 2, L. K. Porter (cond.) 3, N. D. Deam 4, A. Gammon 5. First as conductor in 11 methods. For Palm Sunday. Also on April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Avril Walton 1, R. H. Jones (cond.) 2, D. Oliver 3, N. D. Deam 4, A. Gammon 5. For Easter Sunday. Also on April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: June Todd 1, Leonard Porter (cond.) 2, Janet Farrow 3, G. Porter 4, R. H. Jones 5. A wedding compliment to Miss Christine Hammond and Mr. Royston Martin.

CXBRIDGE, MIDDY.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): P. Penrose 1, Diana Penrose 2, B. W. Pocock 3, P. Phillips 4, H. W. Impey 5, F. Bedford 6, V. J. Mitchell 7, R. Sprules 8. Jointly conducted by H. W. Impey and V. J. Mitchell.

WEEDON BEC, NORTHANTS.—On April 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. R. Nightingale 1, J. J. Spraggett 2, R. J. Danby 3, J. F. Thorne 4, T. G. Hill 5, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 6, J. W. C. Hall 7, M. Hill 8. A farewell to the Vicar (Rev. I. V. Lewis), and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. J. Slack (née Porter), married two days previously.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Bigley 1, Ann Chettle 2, B. Vickers (first of Triples) 3, D. Pearson (cond.) 4, B. Whitnorth 5, A. Gibbs 6, J. Skerritt 7, A. Elliott 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Albert Plooman, a ringer at this church.

WHITTINGTON-IN-LONSDALE, LANCs.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. H. Garnett (first quarter) 1, S. Anderton 2, J. E. Dickinson 3, A. Capstick 4, N. M. Newby, jun., 5, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 6. For the Easter Festival. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

Held in Worcester on Easter Monday, the annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association attracted a fair crowd of members and visitors despite the cold winds and showers. The day began with a service at All Saints' conducted by the Association's chaplain, the Rev. H. L. Davies, Rector of Old Swinsford. Instead of an address the congregation heard a touch on handbells by Miss S. Jackson 1-2, J. C. Eisel 3-4, D. Beacham 5-6, and M. D. Fellows 7-8.

The business meeting in College Hall was presided over by the president, the Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev. R. L. P. Milburn, who, in spite of the cold temperature in the hall, expressed a warm welcome to all present. Before getting down to the main items on the agenda, the meeting stood in silence as they remembered colleagues who had departed during the last year, namely, James R. Newman, of Kempsey (general secretary from 1905 to 1935); J. J. Jeffries (Worcester Cathedral); W. Lewis (St. John's, Worcester); and Harry Wyre (Cradley).

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

After referring to the financial position, Mr. D. Beacham, in his report, stated that paid-up performing membership had fluctuated around the 500 mark for some years—though this year it was down to 459, and costs continued to rise. The annual report cost over 2s. and there was insufficient left from the 2s. 6d. annual subscription to cover the remaining costs.

For many years the Association had held very successful annual dinners but last year the attendance fell very considerably to 80—a large drop from the 130 of the previous two years. This was a most disappointing result for the committee responsible for organising the dinner. . . "Let us hope that this function will continue and regain some of the support which it has had in the past."

Peal ringing had increased considerably and the total of 84 peals was the highest number for some years. Congratulations were offered to 14 first-pealers and to John Whittall, who called his first peal as conductor. The first peals of Worcestershire Surprise Major and Sedgley Surprise Major were rung during the year.

An important item on the agenda was the recommendation of the Central Committee that the subscriptions be increased from 2s. 6d. to 5s. annually for senior members, and from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d. for junior members. The general secretary and treasurer explained that for some years the General Fund had been kept solvent only by being subsidised from Branch collections. The time had now come to put finances back on a proper business footing. The biggest drain on funds was the cost of printing the annual report, which would be nearly 3s. per copy this year. The meeting approved the increase in subscriptions, commencing January 1st, 1966, without dissent.

Under election of officers, all officers and committee were re-elected. The Dean pointed out that Bishop Stuart's impending resignation would leave a vacancy in the list of vice-presidents next year.

Any other business brought about discussion on the question of the Association's "Annual Peal" and peals at the Cathedral.

During the afternoon ringing took place on the bells at Powick, Malvern Link, Welland and Hanley Castle; also St. John's, Worcester, and Claines. Following tea at the Deansway Restaurant, a large crowd, which must have numbered nearly 100, packed the Cathedral ringing chamber for what seems to be the highlight of Worcester annual meetings. Further ringing at All Saints' concluded the day. D. B.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. V. Young 1, W. J. Knight 2, G. Sparks 3, G. Maidment 4, H. Purchase 5, W. Nurcombe 6, H. Casley (cond.) 7, H. Gale 8. First quarter peal on the rededicated bells.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at St. Paul's, Bedford, on April 19th was the 99th on the bells, and also Peter Border's 999th peal.

With the peal of Ditchat Surprise at Willesden, Mr. Dennis Knox has rung peals in 100 different Surprise Major methods.

We have received news from Australia that Mr. Jack Cummins, of St. Mary's Basilica, Sydney, rang his 200th quarter peal at Burwood on April 11th.

The Rev. A. D. St. J. Smith, of Darley Dale, is the new president of the Clerical Guild in succession to the late Canon C. C. Cox.

Mr. Bernard D. Sims, of Handsworth, inquires as to the composition of Farnfield Bob Doubles rung to a peal of Farnfield on April 3rd (page 267).

Wishes for a full and complete recovery to the well-known Oxfordshire ringer, Mr. Harry Floyd, and his wife, were expressed at the annual meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Yarnton on April 24th.

A peal tour was held in the Rutland area at Easter, during which eight peals were rung for three different Guilds. The highlight of the week was a peal of Minor in seven methods at Deeping St. Nicholas, rung silent and non-conducted.

The peal at Thurcaston, Leics, on April 20th, was the third attempt for a birthday peal for William Stedman, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Poyner, of Retford. Mr. B. Stedman Payne writes that this will mean a birthday peal next year for his other godson, John Stedman Brewin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Brewin, of Wellington, Salop, who rings at Wrockwardine.

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WHITCHURCH PEAL ATTEMPTS

Altogether there are eight places in England and Wales called Whitchurch with rings of bells, but to ring peals on all of them over one week was too big a task for the Hampshire band that pealed three of them over the five days around Easter. Originally five were the target but with the removal of the Devon bells to the foundry, and Whitchurch, Bucks, being unringable, only four were attempted and all nearly came off.

Whitchurch, Hampshire, proved straightforward, a good peal of Bob Major being scored despite a change of conductor at the last minute due to a heavy cold by the original.

The big job was Winterbourne Whitchurch, a heavy five near Dorchester, Dorset, with a tenor of at least 16 cwt. and the bells immediately overhead. Eight methods, six of them rung in 720's, seemed ambitious but we went ahead with our object. With 600 changes to ring and 2½ hours of good five-bell ringing behind us, a slipped wheel on the tenor with the rope disappearing through the hole brought the attempt to an end. It was hard luck for Phil Murduck, who had worked hard to strike the tenor, the only consolation being that the last attempt here lasted only a quarter of an hour before the band gave up.

Refreshments at the Rectory afterwards helped to drown our sorrows and with a short ring at St. George's, Dorchester, met by Canon Brooks, who made us most welcome, we met again at Whitchurch Canonicorum and made up for the morning disappointment by ringing a good peal of Grandsire Triples on the fine octave, this being the 25th peal on the bells.

The first attempt at Whitchurch, Oxon, on the following Wednesday evening, had to be finished by 9 p.m., so the Treble Bob we had planned to ring was altered to Plain Bob, and the fast time of 2 hours and 30 minutes was recorded to another good peal, completion being soon after 9 p.m.

Although not a 100 per cent. success, we were well satisfied with our efforts and have in mind the Twyford for the next attempt of its kind, but this will have to wait until the Hampshire Twyford become available for peals.

REEDS IN THE NEWS

We welcome back to the peal columns Mr. Colin W. Reed, who has recovered from his recent operation. The peal, at Balderton, on May 1st, was a comoliment to Miss Gillian Holmes, daughter of Mr. P. Holmes, a local ringer, on her marriage to Mr. John Thomas Sloan.

Ringing in the same peal was Mrs. Beryl Reed, and this made her the first person to complete the circle to peals of her home tower. Has any other lady had the privilege of being the first person to "circle a tower" to peals?

NOT RESPONSIBLE

Mr. Alan Ainsworth denies that he was responsible for writing that the long length attempt at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, is for the 250th anniversary of St. Philip's being made the Cathedral of the Diocese. He desires to make it clear that it was part of the celebration to mark the 250th anniversary of St. Philip's Church and the 60th anniversary of St. Philip's being made the Cathedral of the Diocese. The error of missing a line from the copy is regretted.

THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S (Oxford Style)

One, two, three, four, five, six—
The bells go pacing round;
It's rarely one may hear
A graver, sweeter sound;
And, changing, still unchanged
Their rhythm they maintain.

One, two, three, four, five, six,
Measured, and firm, and plain,
Now that it's eight o'clock
Peace reigns for evening prayer.

One, two, three, four, five, six
No longer fills the air;
And yet the inner ear,
Which loves to play such tricks,
Insists, I still can hear
One, two, three, four, five, six.

ELIZABETH M. BARBER.

Somerville College,
Oxford.

RINGING IN A HIGH KEY AT GNOSALL

In honour of the wedding of Miss June Mary Key, eldest daughter of two prominent Gnosall ringers, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key, the bells of St. Lawrence's Church, Gnosall, were rung to a quarter peal of Grandsire, which, according to the report in the local paper, consisted of 1,000,260 changes! The bride is a member of the teaching profession. She was trained at Hockerill College, Bishop's Stortford, where the bridegroom, Mr. James McNaughton, is a tutor. They are making their home at Fyfield, Essex.

ANDREW FROM HUNTINGTON

Congratulations to Andrew Pearce (13), of Huntington, who in the last fortnight has rung three very good quarter peals—including his first, at the first attempt. The youngest of three in his family who are ringers, he is away at school during term time and his only opportunity for ringing is at holidays. Unfortunately an attempt to ring a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Huntington with Andrew on the treble was unsuccessful. Nevertheless, well done, Andrew! We hope to hear more of your progress very soon.

A. C. B.

A SALOP GOLDEN WEDDING

The golden wedding anniversary this Easter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lycett, of I. Brookfields, Longford Turner, Market Drayton, Salop, was appropriately celebrated by a quarter peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major on the bells of the Parish Church. Now 76 years of age, Mr. Lycett had to give up ringing through ill-health some years back, but he completed his 50 years as a service ringer. He attended with his wife to hear the ringing for the anniversary.

Mr. Lycett was born at Shawbury. For 11 years he was captain of the ringing team at Stanton and then for 14 years he was captain at Hodnet. His association as a ringer with St. Mary's, Market Drayton, exceeds 25 years. Mr. and Mrs. Lycett have a family of two sons and three daughters, 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A daughter and her husband are visiting them later this month from Canada.

CLAPPER THUMPS DURING OUTING

Ringers of St. Mary's, Scarborough, and St. Lawrence's, Scalby, had an unusual experience on their first half-day outing held on May Day. At two of the churches visited the clappers parted company with the bells. The first tower was Kirby Moorside, where an inspection revealed that the threads on the bolt through the headstock had worn off and the split pin had either sheared or had been non-existent. The other tenor to give trouble was in the five at Wykeham, where in the middle of a 120 of Grandsire the loud thump was again heard and the cause of the trouble was identical as at Kirby Moorside.

Other towers visited were Middleton, where during ringing a steady flow of dust descended on all below, necessitating the production of headgear ranging from pixie hats to Cossacks, and Pickering, where a picnic tea took place in the Vicarage grounds. Some found the bells here difficult to ring well. It was an enjoyable and to some an exciting outing—a transistor set keeping the company in touch with the great event of the day, the Cup final at Wembley.

DURHAM VILLAGE WANTS SOME BELLS

Shincliffe Village, County Durham, has at long last received full permission to go ahead and raise the £1,800 required to repair and augment its bells. A committee has been formed to launch the appeal. Typical of local interest is the activity of one of the village pubs, where a pile of pennies has been started. The secretary, Mr. T. Jopling, of 8, Willow Tree Avenue, Shincliffe Village, informed us that despite local interest, outside help would be needed and he would be very grateful for any assistance.

RINGING IN PARIS

The members of the University of London Society certainly made a day of it "The Ringing World," April 9th) and the account makes interesting reading. They may wish to read of an earlier escapade by some of their earliest members. Search out "The Ringing World" for November 12th, 1948 (page 488), where they will find the Eiffel Tower has already been "snatched." The 3in. x 4in. "pealboard" recording the 120 Grandsire Doubles, on the wooden panelling, may by now be painted over, writes Geoffrey Dodds.

"WILD BELLS—MYTH"

In the spring issue of "C.W.M.," which is published by Rowntree and Co., Ltd., of York, C. J. Groome of the Marketing Department contributes an interesting article, "Ring Out Wild Bells," with special references to towers in the York area. Pictures are given of the awestruck author gazing at the massive Great Peter in the north-west tower of the Minster. This bell weighs nearly 11 tons. The bells at Huntington Church are shown in the "up and down" positions. Concludes the author: "In short, change ringing is a pursuit which offers an unusual combination of mental and physical exercise, and far from being "wild bells" they are the result of a most exacting discipline." Well spoken, Mr. Groome!

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

PAINSWICK, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 STEDMAN CINQUES

Albert M. Tyler Treble	Andrew N. Stubbs 7
Wilfred Williams 2	Antony R. Kench 8
Alan F. Thirst 3	*Leslie Barry 9
Arthur H. Reed 4	John S. Mason 10
Kenneth J. Hesketh 5	Ralph G. Edwards 11
David P. Hilling 6	Rev. Roger O. Fry Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott.

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

* First peal of Cinques in the method. Tenor 26½ cwt.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHEWTON MENDIP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

Alan Tubbs Treble	Michael J. Hobbs 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Richard J. Bowden 6
Giles B. Thompson 3	Trevor A. Cross 7
John H. Taylor 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

(Taunton Deanery)

TAUNTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael, Creech.

On Tues., April 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising three extents Stedman, three April Day, four Plain Bob and 32 Grandsire (20 different callings). Tenor 14 cwt.

*Keith E. Beale Treble	Frank Matravers 4
*Marian A. Beale 2	Ray F. Arscot 5
Arthur H. Reed 3	*Ray Cullen Tenor

Conducted by Ray F. Arscot.

* First peal and first attempt.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

IRCHESTER, Northants.—At the Church of St. Katharine.

On Sat., March 20, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

Arthur Gibbs Treble	Rodney H. French 5
Mary E. Edwards 2	George E. Thoday 6
Ronald J. Sharp 3	Alfred E. Rushton 7
Sheila I. Smith 4	Stephen Ivin Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sun., April 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

Stephen Ivin Treble	Keith R. Fleming 5
Rodney H. French 2	James R. Taylor 6
Robert R. Churchill 3	Alfred E. Rushton 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Michael Bruce.

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

This composition contains all the —56 and —65 courses in full.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Rodney H. French Treble	James R. Taylor 5
Kathleen A. Rivett 2	Stephen Ivin 6
Ronald J. Sharp 3	Alfred E. Rushton 7
Martyn J. Marriott 4	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

Rung for the 87th birthday of Donald Thompson.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

STRADBROKE, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5029 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

J. H. R. Freeborn (Clare) Treble	V. Nutton (Selwyn) 6
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's) 2	W. J. Ridgman (Queen's) 7
J. M. H. Hunter (Trin.) 3	C. H. Rogers (Emman.) .. 8
K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) 4	C. M. P. Johnson (Selwyn) 9
F. C. Hobson (St. John's) 5	B. D. Threlfall (Trin.) .. Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by F. E. Haynes.

The conductor's 100th peal for the Guild.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ECCLESTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Blessed Virgin.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

Judith M. Corby Treble	Robert W. Hinde 5
Lucile M. Corby 2	Andrew J. Corby 6
Hilary F. Martin 3	Stanley Jenner 7
Ann Jenner 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Robert B. Smith Treble	*Alan McFall 5
Robert J. Warrilow 2	Frank Osbaldiston 6
Harold C. Lonyon 3	Basil Jones 7
Derek F. Yates 4	William H. Dowse Tenor

Composed by P. I. Chapman.

Conducted by Basil Jones.

* 100th peal.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

CHELFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
*John F. Gibbons Treble	Ernest Pimlott 4
Brian Schofield 2	†William F. Gibbons 5
Ashley C. P. Pugh 3	Harry W. Howard Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

* First peal. † First since 1948.

A welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. J. B. Henry.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ORMESBY, North Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.

On Fri., April 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

Margaret Lawson Treble	Jack Roach 5
*Ann Lawson 2	Thomas Cooke 6
*Enid Lawson 3	Thomas M. Cox 7
Peter Wishart 4	Kenneth Lawson Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Kenneth Lawson.

* First peal.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BURBAGE, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At Christ Church.

On Tues., April 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) and (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) and (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) St. Clement's Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Gillian M. Fanshaw .. Treble	Andrew M. Macve 4
Katherine M. Macve .. 2	F. Martin Stanway 5
Henry Kirk 3	Alan G. Kirk Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Kirk.

Rung to mark the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Richardson, of St. Peter's Church, Fairfield, Buxton.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STRANTON, Co. Durham.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

George S. Deas Treble	Thomas M. Cox 5
Jennifer Sceeny 2	William G. Wilson 6
Jack Roach 3	David J. Marshall 7
Kenneth Lawson 4	Eric N. Harrison Tenor

Composed by H. Dains.

Conducted by Eric N. Harrison.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GREAT DUNMOW, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Brian Pratt Treble	Donald F. Murfet 5
Peter Woollven 2	John G. Gipson 6
*Dennis E. Pepper 3	Geoffrey A. Lucas 7
Geoffrey Pearson 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* First peal in the method.

BURWELL, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

George E. Thoday Treble	*Thomas E. Spight 5
Philip Mehew 2	George E. Bonham 6
F. Nolan Golden 3	Leslie F. Bailey 7
Peter Woollven 4	*Henry Tooke Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

Conducted by F. Nolan Golden.

* 125th peal together.

GODMANCHESTER, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

Peter J. Coles Treble	Vernon Green 5
G. William Critchley .. 2	Colin A. S. Harwood .. 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	J. Richard Castledine .. 7
Eric Edmondson 4	Jack S. Dear Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights (C.C.C. No. 11)

Conducted by G. William Critchley.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D. flat.

J. Richard Hough Treble	David R. Saunderson .. 5
George E. Bonham 2	C. Michael Orme 6
Mary E. Edwards 3	Philip Mehew 7
Donald F. Murfet 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
The conductor's 100th different tenor turned in.
Rung with best wishes from the band to the Vicar, the Rev. S. A. Griffiths, upon the occasion of his birthday.

WALSOKEN, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., April 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

A. Keith Phillips Treble	† M. Roland Reed 4
* Ernest H. Mastin 2	George E. Bonham 5
Robert D. Bellamy 3	† George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 150th peal for the Association. † 50th peal. ‡ 125th peal ringing the tenor turned in. Rung half-muffled.

SOUTHILL, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., April 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: London, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Terry R. Hatchett Treble	John Meredith 4
C. Michael Orme 2	George E. Bonham 5
Anthony H. Smith 3	George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

The conductor's 25th peal of seven Surprise Minor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. M. H. Tapp and Miss H. A. Prescott, married at Eynesbury on Easter Monday.

UPWELL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

A. Keith Phillips Treble	George E. Bonham 4
Ernest H. Mastin 2	Graham J. Mann 5
M. Roland Reed 3	George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

First peal on the bells since 1896.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints, Shrub End.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Beverley, Ipswich, Cambridge, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 4½ cwt.

* Yvonne A. Murray .. Treble	Peter G. Brown 4
Anne Edwards 2	† James L. Towler 5
Ian R. Pantan 3	George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* First of Minor. † 100th peal for the Association.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints, Shrub End.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

* Michael J. Warren .. Treble	Peter G. Pitt 4
David E. Culham 2	Neil V. Avis 5
Brian J. Vaughan 3	Lesley Ward Tenor

Conducted by Neil V. Avis.

* First peal. First as conductor.

GREAT TOTHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., April 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: 1 York Surprise, 2 Beverley Surprise, 3 Ipswich Surprise, 4 Cambridge Surprise, 5 Double Oxford, 6 St. Clement's, 7 Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

* Carol Kemp Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 4
James L. Towler 2	Joe E. G. Roast 5
Richard J. Harrison .. 3	Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* First peal.

A silver wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Roast.

LANGHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., April 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, being seven 720's as follows: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent T.B., (3) Double Court Bob, (4) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (5) Double and Oxford Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

John Avis Treble	* Stephan D. Humphrey .. 4
Neil V. Avis 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Brian V. Vaughan 3	Peter G. Pitt Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* Most methods "inside" to a peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

Richard J. Bowden Treble	Alan Tubb 5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	John H. Taylor 6
Gillian M. Hussey 3	Giles B. Thompson 7
D. John Hunt 4	Philip M. J. Gray Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
Rung as a compliment to Pat and Mary Bird on the birth of a daughter, Louisa Jane (on Wednesday, April 28th).

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.

On Wed., April 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

Jessie M. Kippin Treble	† Dudley P. Elsmore .. 6
Jill M. May 2	† Dennis G. Blows .. 7
* Beryl R. Simpson 3	Douglas A. R. May .. 8
† Christopher D. J. Webb .. 4	* Roy Collins 9
† Alan D. Elsmore 5	† John F. M. Maybrey .. Tenor

Composed by William Hudson. Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First of Caters. † First on ten bells. ‡ First on ten bells "inside." First of Caters as conductor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lucy Hazelden, for many years a ringier at this church.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BROMYARD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., April 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

* George Corbett Treble	Arthur F. Wall 4
William Hinksman 2	John Clements 5
John H. Thomas 3	* Thomas Cooper Tenor

Conducted by Thomas Cooper.

* 25th anniversary of first peal (1940). 50th anniversary of first peal on the bells (1915).

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

BALLYLESSON, Co. Down.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

Drumbo.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Seven different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

* Maud Austin Treble	John T. Dunwoody .. 4
† Rosemary Thompson .. 2	† John Lindsay 5
Jean Jeffery 3	† Gerald D. Brown Tenor

Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in the method.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HERNHILL, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 ORWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

* Peter S. Muchlinski .. Treble	Monty W. Gilbert 5
Cyril S. Jarrett 2	David S. Osenton 6
Alexander Waddington .. 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Christopher T. Osenton .. 4	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

BRENCHLEY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., April 26, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5024 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

Robert T. Lambert .. Treble	Ernest J. Ladd 5
Reginald E. Lambert .. 2	* Christopher T. Osenton .. 6
Alexander Waddington .. 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Norman R. Mattingley .. 4	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Composed by J. R. Mayne. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* 100th peal. First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Relfe, of Lamberhurst, Kent.

MARDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Fri., April 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

Martin L. Howe Treble	Cyril S. Jarrett 5
Reginald E. Lambert .. 2	Ernest J. Ladd 6
Robert T. Lambert 3	David S. Osenton 7
Thomas E. Sone 4	Bernard F. L. Groves .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. Hugh Bickersteth Biddell, M.A., whose induction took place the previous evening.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Tues., April 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. <i>Treble</i>	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 6
Cyril Crossthwaite .. 2	*Richard J. Parker .. 7
*Richard S. Starkie .. 3	*Jeffrey Kershaw .. 8
*Margaret E. Fort .. 4	John H. Fielden .. 9
*John P. Partington .. 5	J. Barry Pickup .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

A wedding compliment to the Vicar's son, Robert Nigel Billington, and Miss Jean Ailsa Kenyon, married here earlier in the day.

HELMESHORE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas, Musbury.

*On Thurs., April 22, 1965, in 3 Hours.***A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Michael Bell .. <i>Treble</i>	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 5
*Margaret Crossthwaite .. 2	Roger Leigh .. 6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 3	Richard S. Starkie .. 7
John P. Partington .. 4	Cyril Crossthwaite .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Maryl R. Crossthwaite.

* First peal of Surprise.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

CHILDWALL, Liverpool.—At the Church All Saints.

*On Fri., April 16, 1965, in 3 Hours.***A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES**

Being 42 six scores (15 callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

*Alan Denovan .. <i>Treble</i>	G Robert Mordaunt .. 4
*Harry S. Glover .. 2	†Terence M. Fitzgerald .. 5
Thomas W. Hesketh .. 3	*Geoffrey V. Morris .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by Thomas W. Hesketh.

* First peal. † First of Stedman Doubles.

Rung half-muffled for Good Friday.

FARNWORTH-with-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

*On Wed., April 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR**

Christopher A. Lomax .. <i>Treble</i>	John P. Partington .. 4
*David Hogg .. 2	Harold Worrall .. 5
David Vincent .. 3	John Ashcroft .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

* First peal of Surprise "inside."

In memoriam Mrs. Ruth Thornley.

Tenor 12 cwt.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

THURCASTON, Leicestershire.—At the Latimer Church of All Saints.

*On Tues., April 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Bruerton's arr. of E. Morris'.	Tenor 10 cwt.
*Jane E. Robinson .. <i>Treble</i>	†David F. Moore .. 5
Mary C. Poyner .. 2	Geoffrey M. Brewin .. 6
†B. Stedman Payne .. 3	Harry Poyner .. 7
Roger I. Kendrick .. 4	Frederick T. Bindley .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

* First peal on eight. † 50th peal together. ‡ 400th peal for the Guild.

Rung as a belated first birthday compliment to William Stedman Poyner.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

*On Mon., April 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR**

Rung on the "Stelfox" Eight.

*E. Alan Jacques .. <i>Treble</i>	Alan E. Hartley .. 5
*Malcolm E. Wade .. 2	*Herrick B. Bowley .. 6
John M. Jelley .. 3	Roland H. Cook .. 7
Derek M. Sawyer .. 4	William J. Root .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

* First peal in the method.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of All Saints.

*On Fri., April 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5056 HELMINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 8½ cwt. approx.

R. Kingsley Mason .. <i>Treble</i>	Roland H. Cook .. 5
Malcolm E. Wade .. 2	A. James Poyner .. 6
Monica M. Jelley .. 3	Brian S. Chapman .. 7
W. Ernest Rawson .. 4	John M. Jelley .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by John M. Jelley.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the fourth. Conductor has now "circled the tower" to peals.

WHETSTONE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

*On Tues., April 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

Being 42 extents rung in 31 methods: (1) St. Simon, (2) St. Albans, (3) Eynsham, (4) Cassington, (5) Elford, (6) St. Martin, (7) St. Paul, (8) St. Leonard, (9) St. Peter, (10) Shareshill, (11) St. Nicholas, (12) St. Andrew, (13) St. Thomas, (14) St. Giles, (15) Austrey, (16) Winchendon, (17) St. Miles, (18) Ryton, (19) St. Luke, (20) St. John, (21-25) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (26) St. Columba, (27) Southrepps Pleasure, (28) Clifford's Pleasure, (29) Little Aston, (30) Grandsire, (31) Plain Bob, (32) Kennington, (33) April Day, (34) Old Bob, (35) Seighford, (36) Plain Bob, (37-39) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (40-42) Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

George L. Geary .. <i>Treble</i>	Barry Brant .. 4
Michael W. Brown .. 2	Maurice R. A. Kirk .. 5
David F. Moore .. 3	*Frederick Watson .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by Maurice R. A. Kirk.

* 250th peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Michael W. Brown.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

*On Thurs., April 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb.

Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. <i>Treble</i>	Michael J. Roberts .. 4
Mary H. Barrass .. 2	Dan S. Pont .. 5
Stephen Hall .. 3	B. Stedman Payne .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

*On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*Robert T. Harrison .. <i>Treble</i>	John Hall .. 5
*Geoffrey Bromfield .. 2	C. Aubrey Harrison .. 6
Ronald Chafer .. 3	Rev. Frederick Ross .. 7
Jack Bray .. 4	Michael W. Crowder .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Jack Bray.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 750th peal.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LLANDAFF, Glamorgan.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

*On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

*Stephen Fenwick .. <i>Treble</i>	*John T. Parsons .. 6
*Ruth E. Havard .. 2	C. Martin Foster .. 7
†Nicholas D. Evans .. 3	*Derek B. Williams .. 8
Thomas Yeomans .. 4	Peter T. Hurcombe .. 9
Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 5	Bernard G. North .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First of Grandsire Caters "inside."

A 19th birthday compliment to Miss Ruth Havard, and an engagement compliment to Mr. Foster, Master of Bristol University ringers, and Miss Christine Snelling, also a University ringer.

ABERDARE, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Elvan.

*On Sun., May 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.***A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

Donald G. Clift .. <i>Treble</i>	*David Kerley .. 5
Penelope J. Welch .. 2	David J. Llewellyn .. 6
*Geoffrey Kerley .. 3	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 7
†James Clatworthy (14) .. 4	*Desmond Kerley .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal and the youngest to ring a peal of Stedman Triples for the Association. First of Stedman as conductor. The first peal on the bells for 27 years.

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WILLESSEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., April 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 DITCHHEAT SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Alick Cutler Treble	Dennis Knox 5
Joan Beresford 2	John R. Mayne 6
Ruth M. Foreman 3	John Hill 7
Martin F. Lock 4	Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

First peal in the method.

HILLINGDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

*Jeffrey M. Britchford .. Treble	William H. Coles 5
William Hibbert 2	John Hill 6
Derek H. Francis 3	Dennis Knox 7
†Albert R. G. Twinn 4	Frank C. Price Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by John Hill.

* First peal on eight bells. † 25th peal.

In memoriam Herbert Langdon.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sun., April 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

W. Pickett Treble	*David Bennett 5
*Paul Phillips 2	Owen Williams 6
*Barbara A. Johnson .. 3	J. Michael Jack 7
J. Alban Jack 4	J. Leslie Shenton Tenor

Composed by N. Pistow.

Conducted by J. Leslie Shenton.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Superlative Surprise Major on the bells.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Barbara A. Johnson.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BUNWELL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

George H. Maynard .. Treble	Leslie F. Bailey 4
*Robin R. Churchill .. 2	†Frank C. J. Arnold .. 5
Wilfred G. Saunders .. 3	†C. Frank W. Phillippo .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Frank W. Phillippo.

* First peal in seven methods. † 200th peal.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARSTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 13 methods, being one extent each of Leigh, Dee, Severn, Kennet, Ray, two of Isis, and five each of Derwent, Windrush, Avon, Thames, Welland, Trent, Frome. Tenor 5 cwt.

*Ian Ross Treble	Leonard R. Porter 3
Roy H. Jones 2	Noel D. Deam 4

Alec Gammon Tenor

Conducted by Noel D. Deam.

* First peal. First peal in these methods for all the band and the Guild.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Christine Hammond and Mr. Royston Martin.

(Sonning Deanery Branch)

ARBORFIELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in three methods: Two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in G.

*Michael J. Smith Treble	David A. S. Hawkins .. 4
†Harold Smith 2	Bernard C. Castle 5
*Mrs. H. Smith 3	William J. H. Parker .. Tenor

Conducted by William J. H. Parker.

* First peal on six bells. † First in three Minor methods.

HINTON WALDRIST, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

Denis A. Leslie Treble	Norman H. Leslie 4
*Susan Cantwell 2	*Albert E. Hicks 5
Roy H. Jones 3	David Floyd Tenor

Conducted by David Floyd.

* First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

DITCHHEAT SURPRISE MAJOR.

—58—4—12—36—14—3.16—36.1.
8ths place l.e. 14263857. 4ths place bobs.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

TICHMARSH, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E.

*John Woolley Treble	Richard A. Webster .. 5
†Alfred Waller 2	Roy W. Spencer 6
Robert C. Woodward .. 3	Gilbert F. Cowlin 7
*Gillian Waller 4	Richard C. L. Brown .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker.

Conducted by Richard C. L. Brown.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Bob Major "inside." † First peal.

WOBURN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

William J. Chester Treble	Patrick I. Chapman .. 5
Diana M. Frost 2	Alan A. Paul 6
Graham C. Paul 3	Alan J. Frost 7
Barry E. Saunders 4	George W. Holland .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by George W. Holland.

COGENHOE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 COGENHOE DELIGHT MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

George F. Roome Treble	Stanley W. Ruddlesden .. 4
Shirley Ruddlesden 2	*Roger W. Smith 5
Alan A. Paul 3	Graham C. Paul Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

* 100th peal. First peal in the method.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Ruddlesden.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., April 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John C. Eisel Treble	David J. Purnell 7
Susan Funnell 2	*Martin D. Fellows 8
Norman J. Goodman .. 3	George E. Fearn 9
Frederick Shallcross .. 4	Clifford A. Barron 10
Roderick W. Pipe 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
Michael J. Fellows 6	Peter Border Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.

* 250th peal. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of 4, 5 and tenor.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Nicolas, King's Norton.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 34 lb. in E.

Muriel Reay Treble	David J. Purnell 6
Robert E. Hardy 2	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
Michael J. Fellows 3	Norman J. Goodman 8
Susan Funnell 4	George E. Fearn 9
Philip J. Rothera 5	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

SOLIHULL, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great, Shirley.

On Wed., April 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.

William J. V. Conduct .. Treble	Norman J. Goodman .. 5
Muriel Reay 2	David J. Purnell 6
Susan Funnell 3	George E. Fearn 7
James Insley 4	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHERBORNE, Dorset.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 4 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, containing 768 each of London and Rutland, 640 Bristol, and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 118 changes of method. Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

Jennifer M. Cook Treble	Anthony R. Peake 5
Brian Bladon 2	Victor Griffin 6
*David J. Forder 3	*David E. House 7
†Brian J. Luff 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods. † First of Spliced Surprise Major.

A birthday compliment to Barbara Griffin.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
CORSCOMBE, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., April 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.			
*Brian Tither	Treble	Melvyn Hiller	4
H. Dennis W. Bishop .. .	2	Jesse Davis	5
*John Davis	3	Joseph T. Barrett .. .	Tenor

Conducted by Jesse Davis.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.
 Rung for Easter Festival.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb. in G sharp.			
Katharine Burchnall .. .	Treble	William L. Exton .. .	5
Paul Raithby	2	*Colin W. Reed	6
Mary C. Poyner	3	Cyril H. Pritchett .. .	7
Grace Burchnall	4	*Beryl N. Reed	Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* 50th peal for the Guild. † Has now "completed the circle."
 Rung as a compliment to John Thomas Stone and Gillian Holmes,
 married in this church earlier this day.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Wed., April 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents Oxford Bob and three extents Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.			
*W. Gordon Marsh .. .	Treble	†Ruth Blackshaw .. .	4
Robert D. Marsh	2	†Maurice W. Harrison .. .	5
S. Jane Dowse	3	William L. Exton .. .	Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* First peal of Minor. † 100th peal together.
 Best wishes to James A. Heaps from all at Holme Pierrepont.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
STAFFORD.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5140 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*Jennifer M. Beech .. .	Treble	Roger L. Hawsworth .. .	6
*Remi M. Hodister .. .	2	John K. Smith	7
George L. Roobottom .. .	3	Ian Friend	8
*George E. Morrall .. .	4	Frank Beech, jun. .. .	9
Elizabeth A. Timmins .. .	5	Richard J. Warrilow .. .	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Frank Beech, jun.

* First peal. † 25th peal. ‡ First on ten. First of Royal as conductor.

TAMWORTH, Staffordshire.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Editha.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

J. Edward Cawser .. .	Treble	David C. Oates	6
Beryl E. Cawser	2	George H. Peers, jun .. .	7
Gordon H. Lane	3	†B. John Hodgetts .. .	8
*Alan Evans	4	Norman W. Attaway .. .	9
Paul J. Rigby	5	Russell S. Morris .. .	Tenor

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

* First peal of Royal. † First on ten.
 Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, the Rev. A. Edwards.

CANNOCK, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (7th observation). Tenor 14 cwt. 11 lb.			
*John D. R. Smith .. .	Treble	*Harry Butler	5
†Susan J. Devey	2	James S. Eastwood .. .	6
Bert Horton	3	Peter J. Barker	7
*Cyril T. Collins	4	George Bradbury .. .	Tenor

Conducted by Peter J. Barker.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First of Triples as conductor.

Rung as a mark of appreciation to Mr. F. Linford, J.P., who has recently retired after 15 years' service as Vicar's warden at this church; also arranged to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the first peal Mr. Bert Horton rang for this Society.

WEDNESBURY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

*Patrick J. Bryan .. .	Treble	*Brian H. Morton .. .	5
*Christine J. Turner .. .	2	John Moore	6
*John F. Astbury .. .	3	Maurice G. Turner .. .	7
*Roger Staite	4	Howard Howell	Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Maurice G. Turner.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

STANTON LACEY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents Kent Treble Bob and three Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 12 lb.			
David J. Bates	Treble	Michael S. Bruce	4
Terry J. Greaves	2	*Philip R. Johnson .. .	5
Richard B. Dorrington .. .	3	Philip G. K. Davies .. .	Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

* First peal in two methods.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FINDON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
On Thurs., April 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.			
Leonard Stilwell .. .	Treble	Henry C. Weaver	4
Herbert W. Woolven .. .	2	Stanley G. Ponting .. .	5
J. Richard Wilson	3	Ronald F. Diserens .. .	Tenor

Conducted by Leonard Stilwell.

Rung half-muffled for Herbert Wakelam, the much esteemed local captain, who died suddenly on April 21st.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. 64 lb. in E flat.

Michael J. Thomas .. .	Treble	John Hartless	6
Mrs. T. H. Francis	2	R. Roger Savory	7
Maurice J. Butler	3	John R. Faithfull .. .	8
Carolyn Vibert	4	Thomas H. Francis .. .	9
Raymond Haines	5	Lewis F. Cobb	Tenor

Composed by George T. Daltry.

Conducted by R. Roger Savory.

PORTSMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Leonard Stilwell .. .	Treble	Arthur V. Davis	6
W. Arthur Riddington .. .	2	Reginald F. Crook .. .	7
John H. Napper	3	*Philip Murduck	8
Reginald W. Rex	4	Arthur Sayers	9
Alan A. Buswell	5	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .	Tenor

Composed by H. Tucker.

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal on ten bells. Tenor 25½ cwt.
 Rung for the Queen's birthday, also a 60th birthday compliment to Miss K. Jones, the Cathedral tower secretary.

WHITCHURCH, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Sat., April 17, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

Anthony D. Smith .. .	Treble	Michael S. Holbrook .. .	5
Susan E. Burt	2	Philip Murduck	6
Denby P. Murduck	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .	7
Bradley Murduck	4	Reginald F. Crook .. .	Tenor

Composed by J. Pritchard.

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

Rung for the glory of Easter, also in memoriam Frank C. W. Knight by ringing friends of the Winchester area.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Candida and the Holy Cross.

On Easter Mon., April 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 17 cwt. 18 lb. in D.			
*Gillian Pike	Treble	Reginald W. Rex	5
Bradley Murduck	2	Philip Murduck	6
Denby Murduck	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .	7
†Roger D. Pike	4	Reginald F. Crook .. .	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Triples. † First of Grandsire Triples. 25th peal on the bells.

WHITCHURCH, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Wed., April 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Six different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 9 lb. in A flat.			
Bradley Murduck .. .	Treble	Philip Murduck	4
Susan E. Burt	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. .	5
Denby P. Murduck	3	Reginald F. Crook .. .	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
DUDLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew, Netherton.

On Fri., April 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

A. Elizabeth Timmins .. .	Treble	John C. Eisel	5
Martin D. Fellows .. .	2	Clifford A. Barron .. .	6
Robert E. Hardy	3	J. Alan Ainsworth .. .	7
Michael J. Fellows	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TODMORDEN, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul, Cross Stone.

On Thurs., Feb. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in A.
A. William Kirkby .. Treble	Harold B. Schofield .. 5
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 2	Adrian Boorman .. 6
Colin Ashworth .. 3	S. Barry Schofield .. 7
A. Peter Whitehead .. 4	Leonard Goodall .. Tenor

Conducted by A. Peter Whitehead.

CARLTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt.

Alan Sheppard .. Treble	Ronald R. Warford .. 4
Kenneth B. Sissons .. 2	G. Frederick Terry .. 5
John Potts .. 3	J. Martin Thorley .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. David Pearson, of Huntingdon, Yorkshire, by members of the Selby and District Society.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HOUGHTON CONQUEST, Bedfordshire.—At No. 28, High Street.

On Thurs., March 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 15 in C sharp.

*Rodney H. French .. 1—2	Stephen Ivins (cond.) .. 3—4
*Martyn J. Marriott .. 5—6	

* First peal on handbells.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At All Saints' Bell Tower.

On Wed., April 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

Frank Osbaldiston .. 1—2	Giles B. Thompson .. 5—6
Robert B. Smith .. 3—4	Alan McFall .. 7—8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

HARROW Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.

On Fri., April 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 20 methods, comprising 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Leatherhead, Lindum, London, Rutland, Uxbridge, Watford and Wembley, and 160 each of Aldenham, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, Painswick, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor size 13 in E.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 1—2	Roger Baldwin .. 5—6
John R. Mayne .. 3—4	*Gerald Penney .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal of 20 spliced. First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 20 methods for the Association.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

CRAYFORD, Kent.—At 26, Iron Mill Lane.

On Wed., April 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Peter Beresford .. 1—2	Edwin A. Barnett .. 5—6
Joan Beresford .. 3—4	Sheila M. Dobbie .. 7—8

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by E. A. Barnett. Arranged as a compliment to Edwin Barnett, on his 80th birthday.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Betty Fold.

On Sat., April 17, 1965, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 NICHOLASTON BOB MINOR

Tenor size 11 in G.

Robin Shuttleworth .. 1—2	Mary Whalley .. 3—4
	Joseph Whalley (cond.) 5—6

First peal in the method by all.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NORWICH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. George, Colegate.

On Sun., April 25, 1965, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Being seven extents.	
Peter N. Mackley .. 1—2	Richard A. J. Bower
Kenneth L. Brown .. 3—4	(cond.) 5—6

QUARTER PEALS

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On April 25th, 1,260 Bluebell Doubles: G. A. Dawson (cond.) 1, Margaret E. Chilton 2, J. T. Burnup 3, D. A. Osbourne 4, D. Surman 5, R. Adey 6. First in this variation by all. For Matins.

HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dawn White 1, Sandra Weaver 2, R. Weaver 3, Edward Penney 4, Jennifer Durston (cond.) 5, Rev. A. G. Durston 6. Rung for early Communion.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On April 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. B. Davey 1, Miss M. J. Nissly 2, A. J. Davey 3, J. R. Hough 4, H. S. Peacock 5, P. Woolven (cond.) 6. Also on Easter Day, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. R. B. Davey 1, Miss J. K. A. Cook 2, R. F. Nicholls 3, A. J. Davey 4, H. S. Peacock 5, P. Woolven (cond.) 6. Both for morning service.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On April 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Colton 1, F. Wreford 2, B. Downie 3, J. Glanvill 4, B. Coles 5, C. Bryant 6, G. Skinner 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Wilton (first quarter) 1, Penelope Ferris (first quarter) 2, J. Sceney 3, M. Sceney 4, G. J. Berry 5, H. Oglesby (cond.) 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On March 29th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss M. Newton 1, Miss G. Smith 2, R. Biggs 3, Miss J. Barton 4, A. Newton 5, P. Newton 6, R. Newton 7, D. Cornwall (cond.) 8. Rung in memoriam Mr. A. George.

MARTUCK, SOMERSET.—On April 21st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. T. Locke 1, W. H. Tarr 2, R. Beale 3, J. E. Brewer 4, R. J. Dean 5, H. J. Gaylard 6, A. W. Dyer 7, J. W. Drew (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Her Majesty the Queen.

BISHOPTHORPE, YORKS.—On April 25th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: A. N. Pearce 1, Jennifer Pearce 2, C. J. Groome 3, A. C. Banton (cond.) 4. A compliment to John Woolley and Margaret Woodward, on their engagement.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On April 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss A. Porter 1, J. Vincent 2, Mrs. A. Collins 3, A. T. Collins 4, W. H. Trueman (cond.) 5, E. Ford 6. For Swindon Bowling Association annual service.

BREDFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Cambridge and Plain Bob Minor: C. W. Pipe (cond.) 1, Sylvia R. E. Pipe 2, C. R. Lovett 3, M. Daniels 4, R. Downing 5, E. C. Pearce 6.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dorothea M. Robotham 1, A. R. Millidge 2, G. W. Shanks 3, R. J. Cooles 4, B. J. Imber (first on eight) 5, J. R. Pratt (first on eight "inside") 6, M. J. Unhill (cond.) 7, T. J. Farmer 8. In memory of Mr. D. A. Imber, father of ringer of 5th, who died the previous Saturday, aged 55 years.

EASTCHURCH, SHEPPEY, KENT.—On April 4th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): H. Gardener 1, Peter Beal (first quarter) 2, Nicholas Chesson (first quarter) 3, Joan Hayward 4, P. Wilkinson (cond.) 5, H. Hayward 6. For Evensong.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. White 1, H. Bishop 2, Mary Thomas 3, G. Bishop 4, C. J. Garlick 5, A. H. Webb 6, J. Napper (cond.) 7, M. Bishop 8. 50th quarter together 6 and 8. For Evensong.

FILTON, GLOS.—On April 25th, 1,320 Doubles (10 methods): Miss R. Morse 1, Miss M. N. Haslum 2, A. Howard (cond.) 3, D. C. Haslum 4, D. S. Voss 5, M. E. Buckler 6. Rung for and on St. Mark's Day, and for the 50th anniversary of Anzac Day. First in ten methods by all except conductor.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. W. Pipe (cond.) 1, Gillian Schofield 2, L. N. Melton 3, R. W. Pipe 4, A. R. Bridges 5, C. R. Lovett 6, Sylvia R. E. Pipe 7, E. C. Pearce 8, R. W. Downing 9, S. E. Pipe 10.

MERTHAM, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Knipe 1, A. T. Shelton 2, Joan Hanning 3, G. Charlton 4, A. Bull 5, W. Inwood 6, C. H. Cook (first of Triples as cond.) 7.

OXFORD.—At St. Aldate's, on Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): B. G. Benstead (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Gray (first in two methods) 2, V. Griffin (cond.) 3, R. Benstead (first in two methods "inside") 4, R. H. Allsworth 5, A. Ivings 6. For Evensong.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss C. Lewis (first quarter) 1, A. Cansdale 2, M. Hallett 3, B. Sadler 4, S. Halliwell (first quarter) 5, D. Sloman (first of Royal) 6, J. Belcham 7, L. Beal 8, P. Sadler 9, P. Sloman (first of Royal as cond.) 10.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On April 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss S. Hayward 1, A. House 2, Miss P. Halliwell (first in method) 3, F. May 4, P. Bedford 5, D. Belcham 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, G. Blower 8. For Evensong.

ST. GLUVIAS, CORNWALL.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Duck 1, Valerie J. Perkin 2, Frances M. Rickard 3, Rev. A. S. Roberts 4, A. Locke 5, G. F. Dunstan 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, D. Stephens 8.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Wendy R. Austin 1, G. Kenward 2, Mrs. G. Nicholson 3, J. Clark 4, S. B. Dobbie 5, B. Jemmett 6, G. A. Naylor (cond.) 7, G. Nicholson 8. Rung for Festival Evensong.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hawkins 1, D. E. Cobb 2, I. L. Dear 3, A. J. Slade (first of Triples "inside") 4, R. Durrant 5, M. C. Austin (first of Triples as cond.) 6, R. J. Chapman 7, E. T. Newnham 8. For Matins.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On April 11th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): C. Gumbrol (first quarter) 1, C. Slyfield 2, P. Rye 3, D. Lodge (first "inside") 4, J. Collier (cond.) 5, R. Jordan 6. For Evensong.

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BIRTHS

CANSDALE.—To Maureen (née Felgate) and Allen, of 220, North Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, on May 5th, 1965, a daughter, Heather Ann. 6853

LEE.—To Jean and Alan at Royal United Hospital, Bath, on May 2nd, 1965, a daughter, Karen Susan. 6860

RETURN THANKS

MRS. M. WINTER KNIGHT thanks most sincerely all those friends and ringing societies and associations who so kindly sent flowers and messages of sympathy in her recent bereavement of her son, the late F. C. W. Knight, and apologises for the delay in writing personal letters of thanks to all. 6825

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

JONES.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. D. Jones is now 18, Ashton Lane, Sale, Cheshire. 6823

ROTHERA.—The address of P. J. Rothera is now 61, High Street, Witham, Essex. Phone: Witham 2037. 6827

PERSONAL

"... What is that to thee? Follow thou me."—St. John xxi., 22.

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MISCELLANEOUS

1965 CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tickets for Tours and Reception
Would members applying for the above please note that tickets will not be despatched until on or after May 16th, 1965.

E. Billings, Peterborough Dio. Guild.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Final of Horsley Cup at Horsley, May 22nd at 2.30 p.m. Non-competitors requiring tea send names to D. J. Marshall, 52, Wyvern Avenue, Long Eaton, Nottingham. 6782

EASTHAMPTSTEAD, BERKS

All ringing suspended
until further notice.

JOAN A RANCE,

Tower Sec.
6836

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Note to Representatives

Reports, etc., not included in papers circulated to members will be available at the meeting.

Affiliation Fees

At the time of writing, the following subscriptions have not been paid:

Guildford Diocesan Guild
National Police Guild
North Wales Association
Norwich Diocesan Guild
St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.
Scottish Association
Universities' Association
University of Bristol Society.

E. A. BARNETT,

Hon Secretary.

26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford, Kent.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

To mark the centenary of the opening by the Society of the back six bells of

St. Ann's, Stamford Hill,
the Vicar and Churchwardens have kindly invited members to join in celebrations at that church on

Saturday, July 3rd, 1965.

A shortened Evensong will commence at 5 p.m., to be followed by high tea in a nearby hall. The bells will be available from 3 to 5 p.m. and during the evening.

Will those wishing to attend please notify Mr. E. J. Rowe, 3, Avenue Road, Tottenham, N.15, as soon as possible, but not later than June 24th.

JOHN CHILCOTT,

Hon. Secretary.
6842

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The peal secretary for this Association now is: G. Pearson, 15, Lewis Crescent, Great Abington, Cambridge.—H. S. Peacock, Gen. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Peal booking fees, 1s. per rope, should be sent, together with details and composition of peal, as soon as possible after the peal, to the Hon. Peal Secretary of the Association. Mrs. M. A. Wratten, 19, Ravensgate Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham. Life members' subscriptions, 10s. 6d., should be sent to the Hon. Secretary together with address of new members; certificates of membership can only be sent if address is known.—Charles Rouse, Hon. Sec., 42, Brookfield Road, Churchdown, Glos. 6281

ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER.—Dedication of "Ernest Morris Memorial Window." Saturday, May 22nd, at 3 p.m., by Canon F. Pratt. Bells available after service. Buffet tea for limited number in adjoining Church Hall. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, May 19th, to Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. All welcome. 6819

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD. — No practices on May 17th, 24th, 31st and June 7th and 14th because of examinations at the Technical College. 6826

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten-bell practice, Minehead, May 15th, 7 p.m. Quarterly Meeting, Huish Champflower, June 12th, from 3 p.m.—A. R. Tudhall. 6844

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Gosforth on May 15th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Committee 4. Tea 5. Service 7.30 p.m. Please send names for tea to Miss G. Douglas, 5, Ross Way, Gosforth, Newcastle, 3. 6788

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Hemingford Grey, Saturday, May 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Hemingford Abbots also available after tea.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6809

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District. — Meeting at Fyfield on Saturday, May 15th. The meeting will start with the District heat of the ringing competition at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and further ringing. Names for tea to J. S. Godfrey, 1, Hall Cottages, Cannons Lane, Fyfield, Ongar. 6757

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Whitminster on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. to 4.15 p.m., followed by service at Frampton-on-Severn, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after business meeting at Frampton (6).—P. Clarkson, Hon. Sec. 6822

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—Saturday, May 15th. Ringing: Richmond 3.30: All Hallows', Twickenham, 7 p.m. Names for dinner (7 p.m.) to D. L. Gullick, Mount View, Stevenage, Herts. 6789

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. A.G.M. at Hawkhurst, Saturday, May 15th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to D. West, "The Cedars," Copt Hall Avenue, Hawkhurst, Kent. 6785

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—St. Paul's, Walden, May 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 4.50 p.m. Evening, King's Walden. Names for tea essential, please, to Mrs. L. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 6780

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. — Meeting at Lympe on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (6, 12 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Good attendance specially requested. Names for tea to Mr. H. P. Yates, "Long View," Berwick Lane, Lympe. 6770

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. & E. District.—Meeting, Edmonton, May 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 6797

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—Annual meeting, Watlington, Saturday, May 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea to J. Godman, 22, Sunnyside, Benson. 6813

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District. — Meeting, Saturday, May 15th, at Elston. Cup contest 2.30 p.m. Open ringing in evening. Names for tea must be sent to Mrs. Peatfield, Appleacre, Elston, Newark. Numbers limited. 6811

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Clun Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Westbourne, Saturday, May 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Please notify for tea.—R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. Tel. Sid 325. 6818

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Chailey (6), on Saturday, May 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring picnic tea.—Hon. Div. Sec. 6847

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Annual meeting, Bolsterstone, May 15th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Very important that names be submitted to Mr. J. A. Brearley, The Paddock, Spink Hall, Stocksbridge, Sheffield. Wortley (8) also available 2-3.30 p.m. Important business—election of District Secretary.—J. J. L. Gilbert.

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Practice meeting, St. James', Horsefair, Bristol (10), Tuesday, May 18th. Bells available 7.30—9 p.m.—M. de Jong. 6833

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Church Minshull, May 22nd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 19th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, Cheshire. 6830

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Coventry District. — Meeting at Burton Hastings (5) on May 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. M. Windsor, Holly House, Burton Hastings, near Nuneaton. 6849

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Denver, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (own food).—I. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6848

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Meeting at Earls Colne on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wood, 10, The Causeway, Finchingfield, Baintree. 6805

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District. — Meeting on May 22nd at Llandaff Cathedral. Bells (10) available 3.15 p.m. Refreshment 5. Business followed by service 6. Bells 6.45. Gentlemen welcome. Names, please, to Miss P. Welch, 1, Vaughan Avenue, Llandaff, Glam. 6794

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Meeting, May 22nd. Ringing to be held at Heather 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Ibstock open at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. and tea 5 p.m. at Ibstock Church Hall. Names for tea to Mr. A. R. Tonks, 84, High Street, Ibstock, by Wednesday, May 19th. Methods to be rung: Norfolk and Ipswich. 6786

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch. — Meeting at Norton Subcourse on May 22nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 19th, certain, to Mr. N. P. J. Cossey, Hon. Sec., Low Road, Norton Subcourse, Norwich, Nor. 26W. 6526

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch. — Annual general meeting at Chipping Norton on Saturday, May 22nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5, followed by meeting. 6763

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Saturday, May 22nd, Penn. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please send names by Tuesday, 18th.—Miss Hague, 6. Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 6820

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch. — Evening Practice, Cogenhoe, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells 6 p.m. All welcome.—B. E. Frost, Sec. 6784

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Rutland Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Caldicot (5 bells), Saturday, May 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, Oakham. 6839

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch. — Meeting, Yatesbury (5), May 22nd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please.—Miss V. Preston, 24, Yatesbury, Calne.—W. Hacker. 6843

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch. — May 22nd, practice meeting. Winterslow. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, 18th, to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton. 6828

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Fobbing, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells 3, Service 4.30. followed by cups of tea, with ringing till 8.30 p.m.—G. R. Eve, Hon. Sec. 6834

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District. — District meeting at Stoke-by-Nayland on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by May 19th, please, to Mr. R. King, 3, Crossfields, Stoke-by-Nayland, Colchester, Essex. 6779

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. — Quarterly meeting at Battle on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells available 3.4.30 p.m. and 6.15-8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea, essential, to I. V. Smith, 37, Wellington Gardens, Battle, Sussex.—G. FitzHugh, Hon. Div. Sec. 6765

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.—Annual 'ringers' service, Sunday, May 23rd, 6.15 p.m. Bells (12) 4.30 p.m. and after service. All are welcome.—R. T. Watts Hon. Sec. 6832

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, May 25th, at 8.15 p.m. Forthcoming practices all commencing 6.30 p.m.: May 18th, Southwark Cathedral; May 25th, St. Paul's Cathedral; June 1st, St. Michael's, Cornhill; June 8th, St. Lawrence's, Jewry.—John Chilcott. 6841

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, May 29th, 1965, at Oundle. Committee meeting, 3.15 p.m., and service, 4.15 p.m., in church.

Tea (followed by meeting) 5 p.m.

Tea tickets (3/6 each and c.w.o.) to be obtained from Mr. A. Hinton, The Police Station, Warrington, Nr. Oundle, by not later than Tuesday, May 25th, 1965.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Route A	Oundle (8)	2.30 p.m.-4.15 p.m.	7.00 p.m.-9.00 p.m.
	Benefield (6)	Evening only	7.30 p.m.-8.30 p.m.
	Weldon (6)	1.00 p.m.-2.30 p.m.	7.30 p.m.-8.30 p.m.
Route C	Deene (6)	1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	7.45 p.m.-9.00 p.m.
	Bulwick (5)	1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	7.45 p.m.-9.00 p.m.
	Nassington (5)	1.45 p.m.-3.15 p.m.	7.15 p.m.-9.00 p.m.
	Cotterstock (5)	2.00 p.m.-3.30 p.m.	7.00 p.m.-9.00 p.m.
	Castor (6)	1.00 p.m.-2.30 p.m.	7.30 p.m.-9.00 p.m.
Route B	Wansford (5)	1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	7.15 p.m.-9.00 p.m.
	Elton (5)	1.30 p.m.-3.00 p.m.	7.15 p.m.-9.00 p.m.
	Warrington (6)	1.45 p.m.-3.15 p.m.	7.15 p.m.-9.00 p.m.
	Polebrook (5)	2.00 p.m.-3.30 p.m.	7.00 p.m.-9.00 p.m.
	Lowick (6)	1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	7.30 p.m.-9.00 p.m.
Route B	Aldwinle (5)	1.15 p.m.-3.00 p.m.	7.30 p.m.-9.00 p.m.
	Tichmarsh (8)	1.00 p.m.-3.00 p.m.	7.30 p.m.-9.00 p.m.
	Stoke Doyle (5)	2.00 p.m.-3.30 p.m.	7.00 p.m.-9.00 p.m.

E. Billings, General Secretary 6829

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District. — Quarterly meeting at Reading, May 29th. Bells available: St. Laurence's (12) 3-4; St. Mary's (8) 4 o'clock. Service at St. Mary's at 5 o'clock followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. F. E. Diserens, 15, Hartsbourne Road, Earley, Reading, Berks, by previous Tuesday.—J. Spreadbury. 6837

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch. — Annual meeting, Wantage, Saturday, May 29th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than May 25th, please, to: C. Corderoy, West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot. 6814

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 86th annual general meeting will be held on Whit Monday, June 7th, at Chelmsford. Service at 11 a.m. Annual meeting immediately after in Chapter House. Coffee available in Cathedral Hall from 10.15-10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., cost 5s. 6d. Tea (poached egg, etc.) as a running buffet, 5-6.15 p.m., cost 2s. 6d. Ringing: Cathedral, 10-10.45 a.m. and from 6-8.30 p.m. From 3-6, Great Baddow, Writtle, Galleywood, Springfield. From 6-9: Great Waltham, Boreham, Broomfield, Lt. Waltham, Lt. Baddow. Lunch and tea cannot be guaranteed without tickets, obtainable from Gen. Treasurer. S.A.E. to: P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle, by Wednesday, June 2nd. — P. W. Saltmarsh, Gen. Secretary. 6840

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT GUILD and **LADIES' GUILD** (Central District). — Joint ringing day, Saturday, June 19th. Bells: Morning, Stanford-le-Hope, South Benfleet and Rayleigh; afternoon, Great Wakering, Prittlewell. Service and tea, Prittlewell. Evening ringing: Leigh, Thorpe Bay and Prittlewell. All welcome. 6835

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS

April 15th, 1,440 Kennington Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Hill 1, M. J. Kirk 2, G. Allcock 3, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. For Maundy Thursday Evensong.

April 16th, 1,260 Litchurch Bob Doubles: Linda Baguley 1, Thelma Staples 2, J. A. Harrison 3, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 4, E. A. Harrison 5. For Holy Hour on Good Friday.

April 18th, 1,260 Marston Doubles: Linda Baguley 1, Thelma Staples 2, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 3, J. A. Harrison 4, M. J. Kirk 5. For Choral Communion.

April 18th, 1,320 Norfolk Doubles: Linda Baguley 1, Maureen Green 2, M. J. Kirk 3, J. A. Harrison 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

April 19th, 1,260 Old Bob Doubles: Maureen Green 1, Thelma Staples 2, J. A. Harrison 3, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 4, E. A. Harrison 5.

April 19th, 1,320 Pluto Doubles: Maureen Green 1, Thelma Staples 2, M. J. Kirk 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5.

LATE NOTICES

MISCELLANEOUS

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET. — Spring Sale, Saturday, May 15th, 3 p.m., in Church Room. Stalls, sideshows, raffle, etc., teas. In aid of Bell Fund. Bells (6) 4 to 6 p.m. Looking forward to seeing you. 6851

POSTPONED

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District. — Meeting at Puttenham postponed until May 29th.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 6863

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch. — Meeting, Doleston, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Numbers for tea, by Wednesday, May 19th, please, to: R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec., 35, Appleyards Lane, Chester. 6861

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District. — Quarterly meeting, Stoke Lacy, 3 p.m., May 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 by reservation only. Numbers to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard, by 20th, please. 6858

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Alderton on Saturday, May 22nd. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to W. A. Yates, Dadford, Buckingham. 6854

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District. — District Cup Contest, Selston (6), May 22nd. Draw 3 p.m. sharp. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. Tower open for evening ringing. Names for tea, by May 19th, to Mr. A. L. Rawson, 14, Lindley Street, Selston.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 6852

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, Coltishall (6), Saturday, May 29th, 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 6856

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Bircham on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by the business meeting. Names for tea to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn, by Thursday previous. 6855

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Summer Festival now on Saturday, June 5th.—D. P. Elsmore, Farnham, Dis. Sec. 6864

NEIGHBOURLY ACT

The quarter peal at Grafton Underwood. Northants, Doubles in four methods, on May 2nd, marks the first stage of rebuilding the band at Great Addington. Thanks are expressed to Canon G. F. Turner for allowing the use of the bells for teaching while Great Addington bells are temporarily out of use.

ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF MINOR METHODS

Compiled by H. CHANT

(Continued from page 294)

"G"

GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE
See *Lincoln Surprise* (II).

GAMSTON DELIGHT
x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.1 4ths 54263.

GAMSTON SPECIAL ALLIANCE
x 14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 1. 2nds 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

GARNET'S VICTORY
x 34 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 16
x 12 x 16 x 36 x. 4ths 62345.
Asymmetrical in A. Nash's notebook.

GEDNEY SPECIAL ALLIANCE
34.16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 5. 6ths 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

GERANIUM TREBLE BOB
See *Snowdon Treble Bob*.

GLADSTONE DELIGHT
A false method found in William Woodcock's notebook.

GLADSTONE TREBLE BOB
x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 5. 2nds 54632.

GLANTAWE BOB MINOR
34.16 x 16 x 5. 6ths 65243.
Rung on handbells March 13th, 1965.

GLASTONBURY DELIGHT
34 x 36.14 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.5. 2nds 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1931.
Also called *Cuckney*.

GLOSSOP SURPRISE
x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.3. 4ths 46325.

GLOUCESTER DELIGHT
36 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.1. 2nds 36245.
Gloucester Bob in Annable's notebook.

GOLDTHORPE SURPRISE
x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.3. 2nds 42563.

GORDON'S DELIGHT
In William Woodcock's notebook.
See, however, *Rochester Surprise*.

GOSBERTON SPECIAL ALLIANCE
34.16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 1. 6ths 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1961. This method and *Sibsey Special Alliance* had their names transposed in the 1961 Collection.

GOWER COLLEGE BOB
34.16 x 123 x 3. 2nds 36245.
Single change method.
Rung on handbells August 25th, 1964.

GRANTHAM SURPRISE
34 x 36.14 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 5. 2nds 42563.

GRANDSIRE BOB (MINOR)
See *Plain Bob Minor*.

GRANDSIRE COURT
x 14 x 16 x 5. 6ths 46532.
In later editions of "Campanologia," 1702, also in Annable's notebook.
Recently rung as *Wenlock Court Bob*.

GRANDSIRE DOUBLE
See *Double Plain Bob*.

GRANDSIRE DOUBLE BOB
x 16 x 36 x 5. 6ths 34625.
And not, as might be reasonably expected, the modern *Double Bob*. Was *Lancashire Delight* in some publications (and Annable's notebook), *Dewsbury Single* in Thackrah, and *Reverse Oxford* in Shiway's book.
Recently rung as *Ilston College Bob*.

GRANDSIRE MINOR
See *Grandsire Six-in*.

GRANDSIRE REVERSED BOB
See *Reverse Bob*.
N.B.—Not the same as *Reversed Grandsire*.

GRANDSIRE SIX-IN
36.16 x 16 x 16 x 16 x 16 x 16 x 5. 6ths 25364
i.e., the accepted *Grandsire* method.
First appeared (as *Grandsire Six-in*) in "Clavis," 1788. Now usually called *Grandsire Minor*.

GRANDSIRE TREBLE BOB
See *Duke of Norfolk*.

GROVE DELIGHT
See *Charlwood Delight*.

GUNBY SPECIAL ALLIANCE
34.16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 5. 6ths 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1961.
(To be continued)

SINGLES IN SURPRISE MAJOR

By JOHN SEGAR

THE Central Council has a ruling on the use of singles in Treble Bob methods. It is: "Singles may be used only when a desired result cannot be obtained by bobs." They have been used recently to improve the music of London Surprise and I forecast an increasing use for another reason. To explain what happens at a single, the terms lead-head and lead-end will have to be used. The row of rounds is the head of the first lead and is a plus row. London Surprise Major has 14628375 for its first lead-end and this is a minus row.

	A	B	C
heads	12345678	12847653	12846735
ends	14628375	14623857	

A single causes a sidestep from the end of A to the end of B. The lead B is then rung backwards as far as 12847653. A single here causes another sidestep, this time from head to head of C. From this point the changes come up normally, that is, forward until there is another single. It is necessary to know something about lead B. It is the fifth lead of course 3654728.

Similar treatment of all the leads in the plain course provides the seven scales for all methods with a lead scale of 4263857 and seconds place.

From P.C.	1 to 5 of 365472
2	2 754362
3	3 325467
4	4 462537
5	5 1 725436
6	6 7 352476
7	7 6 425376

London Surprise Major has 28 false course heads. Seven of them are exactly the same as the singles above. If I may be permitted an absurd statement, the position becomes clear. If a peal has many true and false courses the singles will be just right to connect the true to the false. More sensibly, every single brings up a false course. They can be used only if they bring up a true lead of a false course. Some methods do not suffer from this disadvantage and it is possible to use singles to compose or extend record lengths. Commencing to look into this recently I have added over a thousand changes to one of my own record lengths by using ten singles. Another group of scales is required to return from a backward lead to a forward one as from B to C.

DARTMOUTH, DEVON.—At St. Clement's. Town-stal, on March 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Carolyn Goss (first quarter) 1, Phyllis Kellond 2, Violet Goss 3, Rosemary Kellond (first quarter) 4, A. C. Goss (cond.) 5. For Evensong and as a compliment to Christine Dodridge and Fernley Pearson, married the previous day.

OXFORD TREBLE BOB

Dear Sir,—I hope this will answer some of the questions put by A. J. Salisbury about the one-part peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by E. C. S. Turner.

It is not possible to obtain a one-part 1,260, or any other 1,260, of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. However, a 1,272 is quite feasible.

4	I	O	W	H	23456
—	—	2	—	—	45236
—	—	2	—	—	34256
—	2	—	2	—	45236
—	2	—	2	—	23456

If a calling for an extent of a plain method, containing singles, is used for a Treble Bob method of the same group, a 1,440 is produced, which, if it ends in a single, may be tripled as in the Rev. E. Banks James' 2,160's, giving 4,320.

The one-part peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor will still be true if rung to Kent.

A very large number of equivalent arrangements are possible (but not necessarily practicable!) for any method. The following 5,040 is suitable for group H methods, such as Barham Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. It contains 108 bobs and comes round six times at backstroke and once at hand.

5,040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

4	W	O	I	H	23456
—	—	—	—	—	35426
—	—	—	—	—	42356
—	—	—	—	—	23456
—	—	—	—	—	24536
—	—	—	—	—	43526
—	—	—	—	—	34256
—	—	—	—	—	24536
—	—	—	—	—	42356
—	—	—	—	—	32546
—	—	—	—	—	23456
—	—	—	—	—	43526
—	—	—	—	—	53246
—	—	—	—	—	34256
—	—	—	—	—	54326
—	—	—	—	—	34256
—	—	—	—	—	25346
—	—	—	—	—	34256
—	—	—	—	—	32546
—	—	—	—	—	24536
—	—	—	—	—	42356
—	—	—	—	—	52436
—	—	—	—	—	23456
—	—	—	x	x	23456
—	—	—	—	—	35426
—	—	3	—	—	42356
—	—	—	—	—	35426
—	—	—	2	—	42356
—	—	—	—	—	25346
—	—	—	—	—	54326
—	—	—	—	—	23456
—	—	—	—	—	43526
—	—	—	—	—	34256
—	—	—	—	—	42356
—	—	—	—	—	42356
—	—	—	—	—	54326
—	—	—	—	—	42356
—	—	—	—	—	25346
—	—	—	2	—	23456

N.B.—There must be six plain leads between adjacent bobs marked x.

I, too, would like to know what is permissible for Minor peals. Must all seven rounds occur at backstroke? For plain methods, would fourteen 360's, with a single halfway and end, be allowed?—Yours faithfully,

S. HUMPHREY.

Wollaton, Nottingham.

5,120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR (No. 70)

By JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM
M 4/ln B W H 23456

		2	2	62534
		2	2	35264
2		2	2	24653
2		2	2	52436

1		2	2	54326
2		2	2	36245
1		2	2	32465

		2	2	53624
		2	2	26354
2	x	2	2	63425

A 23456

Contains 4, 5 and 6 extent in 6ths at Wrong and Home without 2nd in 6ths. This is the shortest composition yet produced with these qualities. May be reduced to 5,056 by calling third course 1M 1W 2H.

5,024 DEDDINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

By E. W. TIPLER (B.29)

23456 B M W H

35264	x			
63254				
52436				3
23564	x			

36245	x			
43265				
62534				
35426				3
45623				
65324				3
52643	x			
34625				
23645				

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SHERBORNE, 1965

IN the great Diocesan Associations the Annual Festival is, as it were, a gathering of the clans. Throughout the year the Branches conduct their business and meet for their practices and discussions, and for the period are virtually self-supporting. But once a year comes the family reunion, with a survey of the things done and left undone, of losses and gains, a look to the needs of the future, and a rededication to the service of God and His Church.

Here the past and the future meet and are linked, for, as it has been said, there is no present, only things for ever going by and things for ever coming. This wonderful chain of things that has been and things to come, this partnership of young and old, this handing on of the torch of life and endeavour, came forcibly to our minds this year as we travelled through Dorset and joined the Festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Sherborne. Everywhere and at all times during the day there were, to the seeing eye, manifestations of this companionship and partnership of old and young, of things incredibly ancient linked progressively to new life and things of the future.

We found it in the charming villages with the delightful names, Marnhull, Sturminster Newton, Compton Abbas, Childe Okeford and many others. Here the Norman cable work of the font was ringed with primroses of Easter; there the recumbent figure of some old knight lay grey behind the blue of the grape hyacinth of this new year; and on the lectern the Authorised Version and the New English Bible in perfect accord and mutual support. And in tower after tower, right down to the ultimate goal of Sherborne, the young rang with the old, and tiny offerings of fuel to the great Torch were thereby made.

And so to Sherborne and the Abbey, and the thoughts of that great Scholar of Malmesbury, Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne in 705 A.D. A greatly learned man, a stout Christian capable of wielding a flashing spiritual sword, and a poet of forceful expression. His description of a storm on the Cornish coast is one (says Helen Waddell) "which the Northumbrian Swinburne would be hard put to it to beat." Steeped in the wisdom of his time and its past, he was almost aggressively modern. Was it not he who stood on the bridge clad as a minstrel, singing scraps of the Gospel to secular tunes, if haply he might attract some men and women to the worship of God? So, surely, it was no ordinary thought which inspired the plaque on the wall of the new St. Aldhelm's School, which shows the

Bishop sitting between a boy and a girl of this age, each child clad in the simple everyday costume of work and play. Aldhelm would have loved this school.

In this splendid building we held the annual meeting, and the Master spoke movingly of our late president, that great Christian gentleman and untiring servant of the Church of God and all that made for worship. This absence of Canon Cox seemed, by some strange and lovely twist of fancy, to bring him very much into our presence; and so much could we still find him near to us that it seemed natural to leave his chair vacant and to take no steps to fill his place.

The focus and very centre of the Festival was the service in the Abbey, its prelude an almost immaculate touch of Stedman Triples on the noble eight, and as Office Hymn before the Magnificat a course of Grandsire Caters rung on handbells at the chancel arch. As that great gathering of ringers raised their voices in a glorious swell of sound we could lift our eyes to the marvel of the fan tracery of that wonderful chancel roof, and could fancy, in the springing of vaultings, innumerable young trees growing from these ancient walls, spreading branches and gracefully uniting to perform their own function and their part in worship.

"Holiness unto the Lord." So, the Archdeacon told us in his address, the prophet Zechariah proclaimed that the bells on the horses would hold as their inscription in the Day of the Lord. "And every pot in Jerusalem," said the Holy Man, "shall be holiness unto the Lord of Hosts." Nothing is too mean (as George Herbert said) to offer worship and praise to God, and this, it would seem to us, was where Archdeacon Maddock's peroration led us. The ultimate function of the bells lies in the worship and praise of God, and as we pass the Torch from the old to the young this must be the burden of our valedictory message, just as it must be the fundamental of our teaching.

So we come home with pleasant and impressive pictures: of Ronald Marlow handling the great bell with consummate skill in the Cambridge 3-4 places; of the great crowd of eager youngsters of both sexes anxious to ring something on the heaviest ringing eight in the world; and above all, of one lonely young boy, hovering rather timidly in the shadows, hoping to get at least a few moments of rounds. And embracing all, the marvel and majesty of the great Abbey interior, the comradeship and the singing, and the perfect unity of young and old in this moving rededication. It is fitting that this occasion follows so soon upon the Great Resurrection Festival with its new promise, its new hope and its new call to service.

E. C. S.

SUFFOLK GUILD HAS ITS PROBLEMS

Officers Combating Reverse Trend

THE Suffolk Guild was fortunate in having a fine day for its annual general meeting at Ipswich on May 1st. Throughout the afternoon and evening the bells of seven of the town's churches were rung to a wide variety of methods. Evensong at St. Lawrence's Church was conducted by Mr. Lawrence R. Pizzev (a theological student and an Ipswich ringer) with Mr. George W. Pipe (Ringing Master) reading the lesson. In an address pertaining to ringing, the Rev. W. H. Donnan retold his own recent experience on a bell rope after the stay had broken on the tenor bell of his parish church at Tannington, and his rather early heavenward ascent! A collection for the Guild's Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £3 15s. The ladies of the South-East District had prepared a splendid tea in St. Lawrence's Hall, which was enjoyed by 90 members and visitors.

THE GOOD AND THE BAD

The business meeting was presided over by the chairman (Mr. John W. Blythe), who welcomed visitors from Norfolk and Essex. The Ringing Master, in presenting his report, regretted the general decline in ringing throughout the diocese and the present state of the bands at the leading centres, i.e., Bury St. Edmunds, Debenham, Hadleigh, Helmingham, Ipswich, Leiston, Stowmarket and Sudbury, left much to be desired. He offset this by congratulating the beginners at the following towers: Beccles, Blythburgh, Bures, Ashbocking, Bramford, Blenley, Rushmere, Rougham and Oulton, whose example had set a most encouraging reverse trend. The striking competition had now proved a most popular event in the calendar and was held at Buxhall. Eight teams entered and the shield was won by a representative band from the South-East District.

Seventy peals had been recorded, an increase of 14 over 1963, with six members scoring their first peal. Congratulations were extended to C. W. Pipe and R. E. Lester for their 400th and 300th peals respectively for the Guild. Also to James Bennett on his 1,300th peal and George E. Symonds on scoring six in his 90th year! Quarter peals also totalled 70 in a variety of methods.

The general secretary presented his report and stated that the posts of chairman and report editor had been created during the year and the constitution of the committee enlarged. A big drop in membership to 327 from 412 in 1963 was reported, but the increase in the annual subscription and the abolition of compounding towers were given as contributory factors in addition to the general decline. A week-end course of instruction providing for the needs of prospective instructors had been held at Belstead House, Education Centre, Ipswich, and was attended by about 20 members. Lecturers Norman Chaddock, Ranald Clouston and Wilfrid Moreton were thanked, in addition to the organiser, Leonard Last. The financial statement revealed a satisfactory position. The balance in the General Account had increased to £164 14s. 4d. and the Restoration Fund balance stood at £113 17s. The secretary concluded his report by thanking members for past support and looked forward with confidence to a greater furtherance of the Guild's work.

TECHNICAL MATTERS

The technical adviser presented his report, which showed that a further ten inspections in Suffolk towers had been carried out, bringing the total to 276. Noteworthy items were the weighing of the Lavenham tenor at the bell foundry, which for many years had been recorded as 23 cwt. It had now turned the scales at 21 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lb. in D flat, truly a remarkable note for this weight. Also the removal of the octave at St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds, to the Loughborough foundry fol-

lowing the partial disintegration of the tower. It was regretted, however, that no date was known for these bells' return. An experiment with welding was to be undertaken with the tenor at Bramford. In conclusion, the technical adviser said he had been reappointed to the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches by the Bishop and offered his advice and services in connection with bells and their hanging.

Mr. George E. Symonds presented the report of the Pearson Handbells Trustees and gave details of the bells on loan at present.

The adoption of the aforementioned reports were all moved by the respective officers concerned, seconded and carried. The chairman expressed thanks to all the officers for their hard work during the past year.

The officers of the Guild were all re-elected as follows: Patron, Mr. R. A. Vestey; vice-presidents, the Ven. T. R. Browne, Messrs. Bert Chilvers, Charles E. Fisher, Cecil W. Pipe, H. Claude Rush, Charles J. Sedgley and George E. Symonds; chairman, Mr. John W. Blythe; Ringing Master, Mr. George W. Pipe; general secretary and treasurer, Mr. Andrew T. Beckwith; report editor, Mr. Roger L. K. Whittell; hon. auditor, Mr. J. W. H. Preaster; hon. technical adviser, Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston; Pearson Handbells trustees, Messrs. George E. Symonds and Roger L. K. Whittell.

Under any other business, the chairman said the General Committee had approved the establishment of a Guild library and asked all members if they would like to donate any books relating to ringing to the formation of such a library. A start had been made by Mr. Edwin Goate kindly offering to present a copy of Raven's "Church Bells of Suffolk" in memory of Charles Sayer, of Beccles. The Bishop's indisposition through illness was mentioned by Mr. C. W. Pipe, and the secretary was asked to write expressing the Guild's best wishes for a speedy recovery, and also to Charles E. Fisher (vice-president), who had been in poor health of late. The Ringing Master said the response to his circular letter appealing for donations towards the St. Mary-le-Tower Bells Appeal had been very encouraging to date and he thanked those who had generously given to the appeal.

The business was closed with votes of thanks, and ringing was resumed until well into the evening. A. T. B.

SOUTH WILFORD PEAL

Regarding the peal of Antelope Doubles rung at South Wilford (page 317), Mr. G. A. Dawson submits the variations used, all derived from an Antelope Plain Course.

Wilford.—Bob, Antelope; Single Grandsire. Shelford.—Bob, Antelope; Single Grandsire with 5th, 4th, 5th.

Holme Pierrepont.—Bob, Grandsire, 5th, 4th, 5th; Single ditto.

Sutton Bonington.—Bob, Grandsire, 5th, 4th, 5th; Single Antelope.

Lowtham.—Bob, Grandsire, 5th, 4th, 5th; Single Grandsire.

Shipstone.—Bob, Grandsire; Single Antelope. Worthington.—Bob, Grandsire, Single Grandsire with 5th, 4th, 5th.

Blackwell peal.—In the peal of Doubles at Blackwell (page 299), Mr. E. A. Harrison gives the following explanations:

Castle Hill.—St. Martin with Bob, Plain Bob and Single Old.

Boar Hill.—Winchendon Pl. with Bob, Plain Bob and Single Old.

Cliff Hill.—St. Martin with Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Extreme.

Nest Hill.—Winchendon Pl. with Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Extreme.

Kirkby.—Reverse St. Bartholomew Plain Course with Shipway's Place P.L. as a bob.

WILTSHIRE BELLS OF 1880 RUNG FOR FIRST TIME

MANY readers will have read with interest the account in "The Ringing World" by Mr. R. Russ of the efforts of Australian ringers to make the bells of the Town Hall, Adelaide, ringable after a silence of many years.

A similar project was recently carried out in isolated Chute Forest, Wiltshire, some seven miles from Andover. The church, a comparatively modern one built in brick with a shingle spire, was erected about 1880 by the wealthy Fowle family, and is approached by a muddy farm track.

At the same time, six bells were hung in a timber frame in the small tower, bells 2, 4, 5 and tenor being on one level with No. 1 and 3 hung above. A massive clock case in the centre of the ringing chamber hid bells 5 and 6 completely from 1, 2 and 3, with No. 4 hidden from them all.

It is my contention—and this was supported by the Vicar in 1958 on my first visit there—that the bells, although hung for ringing, were never rung. An elaborate chiming apparatus was installed with handles in the church, and pulley wheels over the holes in the belfry ceiling.

A challenge to this effect was published in "The Ringing World," and never disputed, in September, 1958. It was, therefore, with a feeling of jubilation that, after a long fight, permission was at last granted by the new incumbent, the Rev. G. M. Neill, previously of Great Bedwyn, to try to put the bells in order.

This, however, proved to be a bigger job than either of our two previous local unringables—Sydmonton and Hurstbourne Priors. Four successive Sunday afternoons were spent on the task in an endeavour to have the bells ready for Easter morning service. But by the previous week only five of the bells could be rung in rounds, these being Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, the fourth bell still needing attention.

After a further five hours' work, mainly on wheel repairs, the fourth was finally raised, and with the bells fully muffled were rung in rounds by: M. Goss, Mrs. M. Green, G. Dodd, A. Green, G. Evans and Mrs. G. Dodd, and then, after a brief interval for removal of the clock case, the first changes consisting of a plain course of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung.

The final triumph came on Easter Sunday, when seven ringers from the towers of Highclere and Burghclere made a rush journey over to Chute after ringing at two Communion services at their churches. The bells were rung fully open for the first time for the Easter service. Members of the congregation were most appreciative of our efforts, and although we could not stay for their service because of getting back to ring for our own, we are sure that their day was made all the more memorable for hearing the bells for the first time. The chiming apparatus had been broken since the war.

Negotiations are under way for an open Sunday so that ringers can come and ring these bells and join in a service of thanksgiving with local residents.

Provisional date, June 27th, but watch for a notice in "The Ringing World." G. K. D.

The first peal rung on these bells is reported in our peal columns.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION Biggleswade District

Mr. L. H. Bywaters, the local tower captain, was Ringing Master when the Biggleswade District held an evening meeting at Henlow on May 8th. It was well attended and methods rung ranged from rounds in Cambridge, London, Primrose and Norwich Surprise. Some very good striking was obtained on the pleasant easy-going 14 cwt. six.

Next meeting: Roxton and Great Barford, June 12th. A. R. A.

GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS

Nottingham, 1965

THE annual ringing "Week" of the Clerical Guild was at a well-chosen centre, Nottingham. Apart from the weather, which was vile for late April, the arrangements worked excellently. We had a good hotel, well-varied selection of bells and were warmly welcomed wherever we went.

Inevitably the gathering this year began under the shadow of the death of our late president, Canon C. C. Cox. He had done so much for the Guild that some almost felt that he was the Guild. This shadow of the past was reinforced by the fact that we stayed in West Bridgford, for so many years the parish of Canon Wilkinson, a founder member and stalwart of past days. We rang at the church there, with its very effective device for silencing the bells, and we had our Corporate Communion in the same building where the reredos and altar rails are a memorial to Canon Wilkinson.

"AGGIORNAMENTO"

This splendid word was used by the late Pope John in opening the Vatican Council. Roughly, it means a new look. It is appropriately used to describe what is happening to the Guild of Clerical Ringers. As the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith rightly said at the beginning of the annual meeting of the Guild, the best tribute we could pay to Canon Cox would be to carry on the work of the Guild to which he gave so much. From taking the chair as senior vice-president, Mr. St. John Smith was speedily translated to doing it as the newly-elected president. The members rightly acclaimed this election; the new president is a man who combines great ringing ability with genuine sincerity and the Guild is fortunate in having such a worthy successor to Canon Cox. Among the other signs of aggiornamento were the election of eight new members and the presence of the Revs. D. E. Ford, R. Keeley and R. O. Fry at the meeting. The last two rang in a memorial peal to the late president. With their help and that of Canon A. G. G. Thurlow the success of the peal was virtually assured. Fittingly called by the new president, it was brought round on the excellent eight at Greasley in the fast time of 2 hours 42 minutes. Reverting to the annual meeting, among other business was the election of Canon K. W. H. Felstead as vice-president in addition to Canon B. T. Sheppard and of the Rev. J. B. T. Homfray to join with the Rev. I. J. Richards to form the committee with officials. Again the choice of a younger man looked to the future rather than the past. In one election, however, aggiornamento was out of the question! No one could replace Prebendary J. H. B. Andrews as secretary and treasurer of the Guild. His blend of imperturbable efficiency and impish humour is unique.

FAMILY MATTERS

Another sign of the changing times is that the ringing week is becoming more and more a family affair. Wives and one sister have been for years a feature of "those present." This year we had Longbridge minor and Robbins minor with us all the time, and the daughter of the president for two days until school claimed her. The keenness of these younger ringers is good for the future and their presence added to the social character of the week. This is, of course, always part

of the object of the exercise and extends beyond the towers in which we ring. It was, to a slight degree, lessened by the fact that so far as our hotel was concerned, we were, like Gaul, divided into three parts, sleeping in three different houses. One of these had a real fire alarm in the middle of the night. In an adjoining flat some furniture caught fire, producing volumes of acrid smoke. This aroused some of the sleepers and "Action Stations" was called and the fire brigade rung up. It was all something of an anti-climax because the fire was well out by the time the engine arrived but no doubt the incident will long be remembered by Wood minimus, who was brought out of bed for the occasion. The hotel had no bar and so refreshment was found at the Trent Bridge nearby. Here, one night, the locals were heard speculating on the identity of the body of husky men who advanced to the bar. One theory was that they were policemen but this gave way to the assurance that they were members of a choir when our worthy secretary, complete with the clerical collar lacking in the others, joined the party. Fancy not guessing they were ringers!

Another family took a hand at Sutton-on-Trent. There the Misses Burchnell gave a very warm welcome to the visitors. Canon Felstead produced, as is his wont, a list of peals rung in the tower. (Incidentally, how on earth does he find time to do this in addition to his many other duties?) Normally, the locals are interested and often surprised to find how many peals have been rung in their own tower. On this occasion our charming hostesses replied: "Oh yes, we have rung in all but one on your list." Then, just to show what they could do, they joined with the more skilful performers in a first-rate course of Yorkshire, some of the best ringing of the week.

THE RINGING

In the words of many District meeting reports, this ranged from rounds to London Surprise. There were several courses and one good touch of Double Norwich and quite a lot of Cambridge, both Minor and Major. At St. Mary's, Nottingham, we failed to do justice to a good ten, and a course of Boh Royal was fittingly described as more an exercise in perseverance than in ringing. At Basford everything went wrong from the rise to the fall but even so a band of ladies assembled outside the tower for a wedding (?). At Aspley, on a pleasant six, the Rev. P. T. Robbins kept some enthusiasts ringing a mixture of St. Simon's and Brayford, which is his own speciality, so making them late for lunch in the hall, where tea was kindly provided to wash down our packed meal. Stedman was rung in good measure and Grand sire for the less talented. Southwell Minster delighted those who did not know it and the building was well matched by the new twelve there. Grand sire Cinoues was successful but clerical Stedman failed. So the days went quickly by and all too soon we came to Shepshed, the last tower. Here Oxford Bob Triples, which had failed miserably at West Bridgford and Sutton-on-Trent, was triumphantly brought round. A final lower in good style and away we went. The sun shone and the M.1 lay ahead. So, full speed for our parishes in many parts of England and Wales, with happy memories of an excellent week and resolve to come again next year—which, we hope, will be in Sussex F. A. S.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

THE annual general meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Berkeley on April 24th. In spite of several important items on the agenda, the attendance was somewhat smaller than of late, there being about 120 members and five visitors present. All of the retiring officers, with the exception of Mr. Eric Sutton, the hon. peal secretary, were re-elected: there was a ballot for Mastership, the Rev. F. F. Rigby being re-elected. Mrs. M. A. Wratten was appointed peal secretary after some amusing exchanges between the treasurer and the Master, and a question of whether or not Mrs. Wratten had either a typewriter or a secretary. It appeared that the Master did not realise that the candidate for the job was the wife of the treasurer. All reports were accepted as printed, and the Association is now well on the way to full financial recovery, though there has been another drop in numbers of members.

After some discussion, the draft of a new set of rules, prepared by a sub-committee over the last three years, was adopted; these rules will take effect from January 1st, 1966. The main difference will be that the Management Committee will be reduced in size and have greater powers to make proposals and take a fuller part in the running of the Association. It will now be also possible to alter subscriptions as required without alteration of the rules.

Mr. Eric Sutton had made a brave effort to get the peals written up, but with a backlog when he took office, and an increasing number of peals being rung, the task had become impossible. The members present decided that with the exception of the record multi-Minor peal at Castle Eaton, no more peals are to be written, but all are to be printed in full in the annual reports in future, copies of which are to be bound.

After 25 guineas had been voted to Mr. Eric Sutton, the balance of the Peal Fund is to go to the General Fund and will be used to cover additional costs of printing the reports. An attempt to have the peal booking fee reduced from 1s. failed.

The Association service, at which the Rev. W. F. Burlton, chairman of the Wotton Branch, preached, was well attended, and five members of the Wotton Branch took part in the service touch; four of the younger members acted as sidesmen and collected £6 17s. 2½d., which is to be used towards the cost of painting the frame at Berkeley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District

THE first annual striking competition of the Canterbury District for the trophy presented by the late Mr. Frank C. W. Knight was held at Great Mongeham on May 8th. It was disappointing to find only two teams competing—Whitstable and Canterbury Cathedral. Whitstable, who rang All Saints' Doubles, were placed first by the judge, Mr. J. R. Cooper, with 63½ faults, and Canterbury Cathedral (Plain Bob Minor) were a close second with 65½. A ladies' band rang 360 Plain Bob but they were not an official team.

Mr. Phillips had gone to a lot of trouble in making everything just right. The bells are perfect for a striking competition.

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GREAT ADVENTURE II

Dear Sir,—In my recent letter, which you kindly published in these columns, on the tour to Australia, I mentioned that we may be able to enjoy some concession in the travelling fare. I now have a letter from the Passenger Agency stating that providing at least 15 persons form a group travel party, then a 30 per cent. discount would be applicable on the round world air fare. This would make a fare of £336 each—a considerable saving which I sincerely hope will influence more people to join in this tour. A closing date for inquiries was made but, knowing that our Australian friends would like to see the arrival of a large party, this date will be extended to accommodate this new situation.—Yours faithfully,

T. J. LOCK.

Hatfield, Herts.

EXETER TENOR RUNG SINGLE-HANDED

Dear Sir,—Would you please allow me, through the columns of "The Ringing World," to congratulate Peter Border, who on Saturday last rang Exeter Cathedral tenor (72½ cwt.) single-handed to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. The ringing was of high standard throughout and was a superb performance by Peter and his fellow back-enders.

The Cathedral ringers are indeed proud to enter yet another outstanding event in the records of performance on Exeter Cathedral bells.—Yours faithfully,

N. MALLET.

Heavitree, Exeter.

Dear Sir,—As one of some two dozen or more keen listeners, I was privileged to hear what must be one of the greatest achievements in 250 years of change ringing. We heard a magnificent peal of 5,280 changes of Cambridge Maximus rung on the heavy 12 bells of Exeter Cathedral. Throughout the peal the tenor, Grandison, was placed with great accuracy by Mr. Peter Border single-handed. The whole band worked together well and it is without question the best 12-bell ringing that many of us have heard at Exeter.

Congratulations to the band and to Peter in particular for this worthy historic performance. — Yours sincerely,

FRANK D. MACK.

Exmouth.

RINGING ON HOLY SATURDAY

Dear Sir,—I feel I must join Mr. Caple in the way he has hit out at ringing in Holy Week and especially on Holy Saturday. The Rev. A. S. Roberts has by a rather subtle means tried to say all is well, but I am sure even he would agree that the Collect for Easter Day and thereafter is specifically prohibited from being used on Easter Even, therefore it is obvious in the context of Holy Week that the Church's message of its Risen Lord must not be proclaimed until Easter Day.

Personally, I do think that if, as ringers, we wish to witness—as surely our church bells should be doing—to the Risen Christ, no better way could be found than by a week of silence and then on Easter morning, as early as you like, let the joyous message ring forth as loud and as long as is humanly possible.

In the world of to-day, where God and the Church mean almost nothing to very many people, we should, as ringers, and, I trust, members of the Christian Church, witness in a way which is unmistakable and may indeed have a profound effect on many a wayward soul.—Yours faithfully

R. C. LUCAS (Rev.).

Rumney, Cardiff.

COLLECTION OF DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Derek Jones' letter (page 308), inquiries have been made regarding the printing or duplicating of "The Collection of Doubles Methods" by G. K. Dodd and R. H. Jones. In any case nothing will be done until Part D has been amended. Much information has been received since the publication of "The Collection" and this has to be "sifted." Any information regarding names, composition and callings would be gratefully received.

In "The Collection" Reverse Canterbury with a Plain Bob bob is called Southrepps. To ring Southrepps one starts as for Reverse Canterbury. If the tenor is called observation with this start, the bells will come round before 120 changes have been rung. Starting as for Plain Bob and then ringing Reverse Canterbury, the tenor may be called "observation" to give 120 changes. As written in "The Collection" information regarding the different start is not given—hence the reason for saying that the tenor cannot be called observation.

Southrepps has many other names—e.g., Stoke, Castle. These names refer to Southrepps no matter which bell is called observation. To distinguish (I suppose) the calling with the tenor as observation, the name Cadbury was given to it. Cadbury refers to one particular calling. Many ringers asked me for the composition of Cadbury. It was not another name for Southrepps (as is Castle) but the name of a particular calling. Considering these requests I decided to add the information to "The Collection" in such a position as to make it easy to find—the bottom of the group which referred to the "parent method"—Folke, Tredington (Reverse St. Bartholomew), Thrumpton (Fortune) and Preston (Northrepps) are names given to a particular calling of the "parent method"—the calling of which can be obtained only by having a different start from that of the method whose plain course forms the basis of the method.

Several ringers have asked for information regarding Alvaston and Shardlow. Alvaston is another name for Norfolk, and Shardlow for Broadwas.—Yours sincerely,

ROY H. JONES.

Marston, Oxford.

A BISHOP WHO RANG WITH BERT LANGDON

Dear Sir,—Last December, whilst teaching change ringing at Washington, I was contacted by a secretary at the College of Preachers and informed that Bishop Higgins, of Rhodesia, wished to meet me, and the meeting was arranged in the Cathedral belfry. Bishop Higgins had been "born within the sound of Bow bells," had been taught to ring, and before leaving for America at the age of 16 had rung a peal of Grandsire Triples conducted by the late Herbert Langdon.

Although I had not rung a peal with the late Mr. Langdon, I knew him very well for many years prior to 1939, and the Bishop was amused at a story of how a quarter peal of Stedman Caters for Sunday Evensong at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, had failed. Challis Winney had called the bobs, but he had to "make this all" when the bells failed to come round. Some good-humoured Cockney fun was poked at Challis as we left the tower, with Bert Langdon doing most of the quizzing. Challis—then over 80 years of age—could take no more and, in a violent outburst, silenced his tormentors.

I had promised to convey the Bishop's good wishes to his friend of long ago, but, alas, this was not to be.

Before leaving the belfry the Bishop pulled up, and rang the treble—the first time he had touched a bell for nearly 50 years.

FRED PRICE.

Bournemouth.

CATHEDRAL RECRUITING

Dear Sir,—I would like to comment on the usual method used by Cathedrals in obtaining new members, i.e. (1) using the ability of good ringers moving into the area; (2) using ringers formerly from other local towers. I know well that this method has been applied successfully in some cases; I think, however, I was reasonable to criticise it at Newcastle simply because it was unsuccessful there. The great advantage of it is that if successful it ensures that the ringing at a Cathedral is of a worthy standard.

The disadvantage of (1) is that it relies far too much on chance. Perhaps Newcastle is not so much of a centre as, perhaps, Birmingham, Leicester and London. The disadvantage of (2) is that it annoys any band to have its best member moving to the Cathedral. I believe I am right in saying that the mechanism of removal to the Cathedral has never been at Newcastle what Mr. Ainsworth states; I don't know about other places. Ringers have moved from other towers to Newcastle Cathedral, not as a reward for outstanding services, but simply because they were reasonably able and wanted to be Cathedral ringers.—Yours faithfully,

R. A. YEATES.

Newcastle upon Tyne.

CATHEDRALS SHOULD TRAIN OWN BANDS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Alan Ainsworth invites comments on his remark that Cathedral companies might "honour ringers from other churches in the diocese by inviting them to join the Cathedral band instead of the Cathedral band training its own ringers."

Presumably this would be so as to have their services to ring on Sundays instead of them ringing at their own churches.

This is only another way of poaching ringers, a practice which leads to the depletion of nearby service bands.

No doubt the invitation would only be extended to highly skilled ringers, i.e., the very ones most needed to maintain service ringing at their own church.

It is not just the loss of an odd ringer now and again which would have a detrimental effect on such nearby bands, but the fear that once a ringer reaches a certain standard there is danger of losing him, with the obvious harmful effect on progress.

Except in special circumstances such as a new installation, as at Guildford, where help of neighbouring churches is needed whilst a Cathedral band is trained, Cathedral and major churches should train their own ringers.

Often they are much better placed to do so than are lesser churches.—Yours, etc.,

"FAIRPLAY NEEDED."

HENRY JOHNSON'S BIRTHDAY

Dear Sir,—May I, too, offer congratulations to Derek and Jane Sibson on the birth of their son and heir, Andrew. I should like, however, to point out a discrepancy in the published dates ("Ringing World," May 7th, 1955) of the late Henry Johnson's birth date—March 26th in "Belfry Gossip," and March 28th in the Tottenham peal footnote. As I have always believed that I shared Henry Johnson's birth date, which is February 28th, hoping that in certain quarters I may be forgiven for doing so.—Yours truly,

FRANK E. DARBY.

Croydon.

TRURO GUILD OF RINGERS

The spring festival of the Penzance Branch was held at Madron (8) on May 1st. Over 80 ringers attended, and the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. D. Cox.

The ladies provided a delicious tea, which was followed by a short business meeting.

Other towers open were Gulval, Ludgvan and Paul. M. C.

A CHESTER RINGING MASTER MARRIED

The wedding took place at Buckley Parish Church on May 8th of Mr. Geoffrey Parting, of Dodleston, Chester, and Ringing Master of the Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and Miss Nancy Lloyd, ringer at St. Matthew's Church, Buckley, Flint.

The bells were rung prior to the service, the bridegroom joining in the ringing, and after the service, following the customary firing and Queen's, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples was made by members of the North Wales Association and the Chester Diocesan Guild. Unfortunately this had to be called to a stand after 1½ hours' ringing owing to the indisposition of a member of the band. However, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was afterwards rung to celebrate the happy event by the following: Miss B. A. Carter 1, F. R. Evans 2, B. R. Millward 3, D. E. Collins 4, M. H. Hodgkinson 5, D. H. B. Millward 6, J. W. Griffiths (conductor) 7, J. W. Bull 8.

Prior to leaving the church the bride and bridegroom were photographed in the ringing chamber by the Press and the event received mention in the B.B.C. Welsh News Service.

The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea by the bride's father, and Mr. D. H. B. Millward proposed a toast to the bride and bridegroom for a happy married life.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

After ten years' service as hon. secretary and treasurer of the East Devon Branch, Mr. W. Webb, of Honiton, did not seek re-election at the Branch annual meeting at Honiton on May 8th. He was sincerely thanked by the chairman (Mr. T. Sage) and Mr. K. Clarke. His successor is Mr. R. Woodley. Other elections were: Chairman, Mr. Sage; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Arbury; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Turner. A short talk on Honiton bells was given by the chairman and votes of thanks were passed to the curate, who conducted the service, and the organist.

Next annual meeting: Sidmouth, May 14th, 1966; quarterly meeting, Hemyock, October 9th.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Twelve towers accepted the invitation of the Barnsley District Society to meet at Kirkheaton on May 8th. At the business meeting, with Mr. Noel F. Moxon in the chair, it was agreed that the Ringing Festival at Wakefield on June 12th of the Joint Council of the Yorkshire Association should take the place of the next meeting. Other fixtures: Outing, June 26th (names to Mr. C. Moxon); Shield Contest, July 10th.

Mr. R. Senior, on behalf of local ringers, welcomed the Society; they also provided cups of tea.

CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS AT EXETER

MAY 8th is a date already established in history as a day associated with victory, and the 20th anniversary of the ending of the war in Europe saw another conquest which has made ringing history, namely, the ringing of the first peal on the bells of Exeter Cathedral, in which the tenor bell was turned in "single-handed." Only once previously has the bell been rung by one man, and that was to a peal of Stedman Caters, with William Pye on the tenor, when the bells were a ring of ten.

The band, drawn from many parts of the country, met at the Cathedral at 3.30 p.m., and set about raising the bells. "Grandison," the 72½ cwt. tenor, was pulled up by four men, and the strap-rope was duly removed. After some trial rounds and the adjustment of ropes, the bells went off into Cambridge Maximus at 4 p.m. A steady beat was established straight away at just under 20 changes per minute, and the first course-end came up 28 minutes later. With the prospect of some four hours' ringing ahead, the band settled down to enjoy these magnificent bells, and the peal was successfully accomplished in 4 hours and 26 minutes.

A number of ringers were listening outside all through the peal, some having come quite considerable distances, and any comment on the quality of the ringing is best left to them, but as one who was privileged to be inside the tower may I say that at no time during the peal was there any outward indication that Peter Border would not complete the length. He showed complete mastery over the bell from start to finish, and evidence of this exists in a tape-recording made by J. R. Taylor, of Bristol.

In conclusion may I, on behalf of Mr. Wilfred Williams, who organised the attempt, and also on behalf of the rest of the band, thank Mr. Fred Wreford, the Cathedral Ringing Master, for having everything ready for us on arrival, and also say a word of thanks to those kind ringers who came into the tower at the end of the ringing and assisted with the lowering of the bells.

R. O. F.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD West Dorset Branch

The newly-appointed Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Fidler, gave a warm welcome to the West Dorset Branch when they met at Burton Bradstock on April 24th. Following the service, three lady members provided an excellent meal in the Reading Room.

Two members—Messrs. George Whitmore (Lyme Regis) and Tom Gunning (Beaminster)—were proposed for honorary life ringing membership.

Next meeting: Evershot with Melbury Osmond, June 26th. Practice meetings: Whitechurch Canoniscom, May 24th; Hawkchurch, June 9th; Beaminster, June 22nd.

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE H. CROSS

An outstanding personality in the Exercise, Mr. George H. Cross, died peacefully at his home at Pinney's Cottage, Chardstock, Axminster, Devon, on May 10th, after a long illness. He was 71 years of age. A Norfolk man, Mr. Cross spent much of his life in the London area before retiring to Devon in 1954.

He learned to ring at the Church of St. John-de-Sepulchre, Norwich, a city which has given many noted men to ringing, including the late Mr. J. A. Trollope. Before leaving Norwich he was Master of the famous 12-bell tower at St. Peter Mancroft.

Coming to London in the 1920's, Mr. Cross joined the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths in 1927, he being then Master of the St. Clement Danes' Youths. In 1936 he was elected to the Mastership of the Cumberlands and he held this office for 17 years, there being a break of only one year. His ability and leadership attracted many well-known ringers to St. Martin-in-the-Fields. When he retired from the Mastership in 1954, members presented him with a silver salver, the presentation being made by Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, the senior steward, who succeeded him as Master. Mr. Cross presented to the Society his copies of "The Ringing World" from 1928 to 1953, which were specially bound.

Mr. Cross gave long service to the Central Council, being first elected as representative of St. Clement's, Youths in 1929 and serving for five years. With the Mastership of the Cumberlands he represented that body from 1935 to 1955. For many years he lived at Barneshurst, Kent, and he served the Kent County Association for a time as auditor.

His peals numbered over 600 and he was a conductor of note. To his memory are a number of compositions. In 1946 he took part in a programme of ringing presented by the B.B.C. His severance from London ringing on his retirement was keenly felt by his many friends. In the West Country he attended several ringing meetings, with the late Prebendary E. V. Cox.

The sympathy of the Exercise is extended to his widow, Marjorie, who has rung some 80 peals, and to his son and two daughters.

The funeral service was at Chardstock last Saturday afternoon.

MR. JOHN JEYNES

With sorrow, the ringers of Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, record the death of their oldest ringer, Mr. John Jeynes, on April 20th, at 86 years of age.

He came from Lynton, Herefordshire and was affectionately known as the "father of the ringers." A most faithful and regular churchgoer, he had been a member of the local band ever since the installation of the bells. He had rung many quarter peals. Very quiet and sincere, Mr. Jeynes was respected by young and old alike and will be greatly missed in the tower.

On the Sunday following his death a half-muffled quarter peal was unfortunately unsuccessful. His grandson was on the treble attempting his first quarter.

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Canon Cox Remembered at Salisbury Festival

THE annual general meeting and festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Sherborne, Dorset, on May 8th and attracted a good attendance. Lying almost at the centre of the large Salisbury Diocese, it provided a most convenient meeting place, and members were present from practically all the branches. Some 25 towers in and around Sherborne, in the North Dorset Branch, were open for ringing and full use was made of the opportunities during the permitted hours.

The meeting was at St. Aldhelm's C. of E. School, the Rev. R. Longridge (Master of the Guild) presiding. Supporting him were Mr. W. C. West (hon. secretary), Mr. F. Slatford (assistant hon. secretary), Mr. McCormick (chairman of the Sherborne U.D.C.) and the Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore (chairman of the North Dorset Branch). Opening the proceedings, the Master welcomed the chairman of the District Council, who in his turn extended a warm and sincere welcome to Sherborne on behalf of the town. A similar welcome was also given by the Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore.

After the confirmation of the minutes, Mr. West submitted his annual report and statement of accounts. The former noted the regretted loss of Mr. R. H. Duke, who had resigned as hon. secretary of the Dorchester Branch after many years of devoted service, and welcomed Mr. John Slade in his place. The biggest blow to the Guild had been the passing of the revered figure of Canon C. C. Cox, for 21 years Master of the Guild and latterly its president. Several peals had been rung to his memory with, by express wish, the bells left open.

An increased balance in hand of £7 12s. 6d. on the year's working was noted with satisfaction, and the secretary's action in realising £100 of 3½ per cent. Bonds and re-investing at 5 per cent. was unanimously approved. The report and accounts were accepted nem. con.

A moving tribute to the late Canon Cox was given by the Master and all stood in silence for a brief space. It seemed as if the benign presence and spirit of the late president hovered over the meeting and indeed the feeling persisted throughout the day. Others remembered who had passed away during the year were Messrs. F. R. Haines, J. Goddard, C. Perry, E. Mould and S. G. Pound.

A résumé of Branch activities was given by the Master, and the elections followed. These resulted in the Rev. R. Longridge being unanimously re-elected as Master, Mr. W. C. West as hon. secretary, Mr. F. Slatford as assistant hon. secretary and Mr. C. F. Andrews and Mr. J. S. Weeks as auditors. Mr. W. C. West expressed a wish not to stand for the Central Council again after 21 years' membership, and the Rev.

Roger Keeley was unanimously chosen in his stead. The other representatives are Messrs. G. Harding, G. S. Morris and J. T. Barrett. Mr. A. North, Mr. E. P. Bailey, Mr. A. Winters, Mr. A. Tom Gunning, Mr. W. Hart and Mr. V. C. Perrett were elected life members with acclamation.

The resignation of the Guild librarian, the Rev. W. Uphill, was received with regret, and tribute was paid to his past services. Mr. R. Longridge, of Okeford Fitzpaine, Dorset, is his successor.

A grant of £15 was made to the Wootton Bassett tower in aid of its restoration plans, and a useful and businesslike meeting concluded.

The festival service was held in the famous Abbey Church, conducted by the Vicar, Canon T. B. Wingfield-Digby. A service touch of Stedman Triples was rung by: E. C. Shepherd 1, G. W. Harding 2, E. W. J. Harding 3, D. Nibbs 4, H. G. Keeley 5, N. J. Knee 6, Rev. R. Keeley 7, J. Marlowe 8. During the service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by H. G. Keeley 1-2, C. W. Powell 3-4, G. S. Morris 5-6, E. C. Shepherd 7-8, Mrs. C. W. Powell 9-10.

An eloquent address was given by the Archdeacon of Sherborne (the Ven. David R. Maddock, M.A.), tracing the mention of bells from earliest times.

Two hymns written by Canon Cox for the Guild were sung and also one which was especially requested at his funeral, but which unfortunately had to be omitted at that time. This was "Immortal, invisible, God only wise."

A bountiful meat tea was thoroughly enjoyed in St. Aldhelm's School at 5.30 p.m., at which over 100 sat down, and ringing was then resumed until 9 p.m. W. A. E.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Rochester District

A HANDSOME silver cup has been given by Mr E. J. Beer for a competition for Sunday service ringing in the Rochester District to be held later in the year at Rodmersham. At the District's quarterly meeting at Ash-by-Wrotham on April 24th, details of the competition were announced by Mr. George Butcher, and Mr. Beer was thanked for his kind gift by Mr. L. Mitchell and Mr. G. Butcher. Seven new members were elected and there was a discussion on the holding of annual meetings of the Kent County Association on Easter Monday.

Mr. L. Mitchell proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector (the Rev. S. W. Baker) for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, the organist (Miss C. Meadway), to Mr. J. V. Muller (captain of Ash) and the ladies for providing tea.

Ringling was under the direction of Mr. L. Crouch, District Ringing Master, and a course of Grandsire Cinques was rung "in hand" after tea.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION Northern District

Cup Final fever caused a later start than usual for the monthly evening meeting, which was held at Walkern, the first time for many years, on May 1st. Despite showery conditions, a good crowd gathered to sample the rather quiet six, and experts and learners alike were able to satisfy their demands before the evening ended in the usual way.

We in the Northern District would like to thank the president of our Association, who travelled a fairly large mileage to be with us, and we look forward to seeing him at our other meetings throughout the year. J. K. O.

THE HEREFORD RINGING COURSE

WARM springlike weather greeted ringers arriving in Hereford on the evening of St. George's Day for the third week-end Ringing Course to be held at The Training College until the afternoon of Sunday, April 25th. The course was organised by and under the direction of Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton, a vice-president of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and the instructors were Mr. Michael Hatchett, Mr. F. Sharpe and Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson. Mr. Austin T. Wingate was responsible for the local arrangements.

Hereford is fortunate in having a number of energetic teenagers who have attended the previous courses. They seem to grow noisier with each successive course, but they, together with founder members from other Associations, do much to assist newcomers to settle down quickly. The amenities of the College and the excellence of the food were superb, in fact some people were heard to remark that there was too much time spent in eating and drinking!

who have attended courses at Hereford. He commenced on Friday evening with a lecture which was illustrated with slides, on bells, and, in particular, Hereford bells. He is at present engaged on a survey of the Herefordshire towers and he very soon had his audience wishing they had been able to accompany him on some of the visits to the more interesting places he described. Only one-fifth of the towers have been visited as yet, but already it is apparent that Herefordshire is unique in the number of old and interesting bells it possesses. A 13th century bell which formerly hung in a church at Brockhampton was on view, and a Sanctus bell cast by a local Hereford founder, John Finch, in 1629.

AN AMERICAN BEGINNER

One of the enrolment forms received was endorsed: "I am a beginner." No one realised just how much a beginner until after the first practical session. However, local

resources proved equal to the occasion, and Mrs. Asta Almond became the first American to learn to handle a bell at Hereford Cathedral. Before the course ended she was able to attempt her first rounds.

Last year suggestions were put forward for a complete group on tunc ringing, but as so often happens only one application was received, and this was not from any of the people who had made the request. However, sufficient volunteers were forthcoming and Mr. Sharpe was able to achieve a certain amount of success with this group.

The progress made by the Hereford teenagers can be judged from these courses. This year they were in the advanced group, and their instructor was Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson, who dealt with Surprise Major and gave an introductory talk on ten-bell ringing. The beginners were under the care of Mr. Michael Hatchett. Practical sessions were held at the Cathedral, three eight-bell and five six-bell towers, and Sunday service ringing took place at the Cathedral and All Saints'.

Was it worth it? This is probably best answered by repeating one of the last questions asked before farewells were said—"Will there be another course next year?" Once again 40 people had met together bound in their common interest in ringing. They had worked together, discussed their own particular difficulties, exchanged views about bells in their own towers, listened to others who were talking about their own bells, and about ringers and ringing in its many forms. All had made new friends during the week-end in Hereford, many of them will no doubt return in the future, all will be welcomed if they do. All of them would be returning with at least some of their problems solved, and better equipped to meet future problems.

Thanks must be expressed to the instructors for the careful attention and patience shown to all. The Hereford Ringing Course, 1965, is now a memory, but already thoughts are turning to the course for 1966. G. T. C.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Despite inclement weather, the quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch at Mulbarton was well attended; the service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. J. H. Sanderson. Messrs. C. H. and L. Kiddle, the Rev. H. M. A. Crawshaw (Garveston), Messrs. D. R. Staveley (Thurton), H. Tinsey (Wramplingham), A. B. Warnes, F. Draper, A. Cator, (Mulbarton), Paul S. Royd-Jones, Jonathan A. Royd-Jones, W. Sawyer (Gresham School) were elected members.

The president (Mr. Nolan Golden) asked members to consider the possibility of a week-end ringing course at Morley College some time during 1966. He also congratulated Mr. C. Moore, who has completed 30 years as Ringing Master at Hethersett.

The chairman (Mr. G. Sayer) thanked the Rector, Mrs. Valiant for playing the organ, the Adcock family and all who provided and assisted with the tea.

Surrey Association Honour Mr. F. E. Collins

MAY DAY is an important date in the year for many an organisation, not least the above Association. Although the weather still reminded one of the previous month, many ringers converged on Reigate, mostly from Kingswood and Redhill, whose towers were open before the service which was to be held at St. Mary Magdalene's, Reigate. The Association service was conducted by the Rev. N. J. Stowe, the theme of whose address being "The Message of the Ropes." He showed how ropes were associated with three things in the Bible—repentance, rebuke and release from sin. The organ was played by Mr. Harding. Tea was taken by the company of about 100 members in the recently completed Church Hall opposite. Mr. A. P. Cannon, the Master, presided at the meeting.

Mr. J. W. Parrott, the secretary, presented the report, stating: "1964 was a year of steady progress, for which we are grateful to all who have made it possible. The year brought distinction to the Association in two ways. Our Master, Mr. A. P. Cannon, rang his 1,000th peal, and we extend to him our congratulations on this unique achievement in joining the select band. There are few ringers who ask for and receive as much leg-pulling as our Master and we tend to overlook the sterling work he does in encouraging young ringers. Perhaps only Ernest Morris of the four-figure peal ringers has had as many first peal ringers in his peal. A 1,000th peal is a great occasion, so is a first peal!"

The secretary had been elected to the Biographies Committee of the Central Council. In 1964 Mr. F. E. Collins retired as Northern District Master after serving in that capacity since 1945 apart from the three years he served as General Master. He had also represented the Association on the Central Council since 1945 and had served on its Towers and Belfries Committee since 1952.

HIGH TURNOVER OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership had increased during the year and stood at 381, chiefly due to an increase in the Southern District. The turnover of members remained high, nearly 25 per cent., but this was perhaps inevitable with the very large number of young people in the Exercise. Only one member died during the year, and they paid their respects to Mrs. Norah Shorter of Walton. Truly a pioneer of ladies' rights to become ringers and a stalwart for the Association, she served as secretary of the former Western District.

Another increase was reported in the peal total for the year. All 48 were on tower bells but five were rung outside the county. The total was made up as follows: Cinques 1, Royal 4, Caters 6, Major 15, Triples 5, Minor 15 and Doubles 2; 137 ringers took part, of whom 73 were resident members. There were 16 first-pealers, and they congratulated Miss J. Geiringer, K. Game, A. R. Millidge and W. J. Muntin on calling their first peals.

Quarter peals showed a small decrease but the total was still high at 192 in 31 towers. They welcomed Battersea to their list of towers with members and wished Mr. R. Cooles every success in his efforts there. They were sorry to report that ringing at the two Wandsworth towers had stopped, which put an end, for the time being, to the excellent work done there by Mr. M. Uphill. Benhilton and Betchworth were out of action and Kingston was planning a major overhaul. Merstham had been augmented to eight.

Mrs. M. V. Chilcott presented the treasurer's report. She stated that 1964 had been a successful year. The accounts were in a healthy state and the Belfry Repair Fund now stood at £203 4s. 2d. Leatherhead had been granted £20 towards the restoration of their bells.

After the election of 17 resident and non-resident ringing members the Master (Mr. A. P. Cannon) proposed Mr. F. E. Collins as

a vice-president of the Association in honour of the many years he had served them as an officer and representative. This received unanimous approval. The Master then invited Mr. Collins to take the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

In taking his new place, Mr. Collins thanked the members for their kind gesture. General officers for 1965 were elected as follows:—Master, F. E. Collins; honorary secretary, W. Parrott; assistant secretary, A. G. Clark; hon. treasurer, Mrs. K. E. Chilcott; auditor, M. V. Chilcott; liaison officer to Guildford Guild, F. E. Collins. The election of the three members to be the Central Council representatives for the 1966-69 session provided some excitement. The first ballot placed Mr. A. P. Cannon and Mr. W. Parrott at the top, but the third member had to be agreed after a second ballot, there being a dead heat for the third place. He was Mr. Alan Streeter.

The chairman proposed that the 1966 annual general meeting be held at St. John's, Croydon, it being his last year in the county. The meeting unanimously adopted Mr. Collins' proposal.

MORAL STAND

Mr. F. H. Cook proposed "that a selection of ringers' prayers be composed, printed, and circulated to towers, and that tower captains be requested to read one before or during service ringing." His proposal was seconded by Mr. G. West. Mr. A. Patterson objected, regarding the matter as one for the tower captains' discretion, not the Association's. Mr. W. Parrott replied that it was the Association's duty to take a moral stand. "We should lead, and not follow others like sheep," he said. The motion was carried.

There was unanimous approval to a motion by Mr. G. West making the proposer of a new member responsible for the initial subscription.

Mr. W. Parrott proposed that "no peal shall be recorded as being rung for the Association unless all members of the band were properly elected members of the Association at the commencement of the peal. The conductor of the peal shall send to the general secretary of the Association within two weeks of the ringing of a peal for the Association the same information as is sent for publication to 'The Ringing World.'" Where a composition was rung for the first time the details should also be sent to the general secretary.

Under any other business the secretary stated that Mr. D. West had resigned his post as Association librarian. The committee thanked him for his services and nominated Mr. K. Game in his place. The library remained at St. John's, Redhill. It was proposed to send a list of all books in the library to every tower, and he appealed to members to help bring it up to date by donating new publications and thereby leave their names for posterity. Mr. W. F. Oatway had once again kindly presented a 1964 bound copy of "The Ringing World."

Mr. R. Davies asked about the writing up of the peal books. The hon. secretary replied that Mr. Leyton was now working on 1951 and was progressing steadily. Mr. A. Streeter suggested that in view of the duplicator having to be hired at a cost of over £5, one should be purchased. The matter was referred to the committee. Mr. F. E. Darby asked about the possibility of instituting a peal secretary. This was heartily endorsed by Mr. Parrott, and here again the chairman asked if the committee might decide on this. The meeting agreed.

The collection for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to the record figure of £5 11s. 7d. The chairman then formally moved thanks to all who had helped make the annual general meeting most successful. He especially thanked Mr. and Mrs. Streeter and their helpers for the glorious tea, and all members of the Southern District for their hospitality.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Harry Gaylord, of Yeovil, Somerset, has now rung the Stedman family from Doubles to Cinques.

Messrs. Taylors, of Loughborough, have promised to repair the damage of the bell frame at St. Peter Mancroft before the end of the year, and to have the 12 ringing again.

Mr. Bert Gogle, of Norwich, entered the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital and has had the operation on one of his eyes. We wish him well.

The band who rang the quarter peal on April 22nd at Melbourn, Cambs, would like to thank Miss J. Sanderson for standing in at five minutes' notice.

Mr. James R. Lawson, carillonneur of the Riverside Church, New York, is giving regular recitals at the New York World Fair on the Belgian village carillon containing 41 bells cast in Holland by Eijsbouts Foundry.

Mr. Edwin Barnett writes: "I realise that with advancing years one's memory tends to become less reliable, but surely I am right in thinking that Henry Johnson's birthday (see page 312) is February 29th, not March 26th."

Corrections: The weight of the tenor at Tenterden is 27 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D (page 315). First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major at Erith was on July 8th, 1955 (page 315). Mr. T. E. Sone writes: "My old friends Bert and Fred were also in it."

Mr. J. A. G. Ball, of Fareham, Hants, has been at Greenwich Naval College for five years and has been a great help to the local band. He will be leaving shortly, and was glad to have the opportunity of ringing in a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Alfege's Church on May 8th.

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GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL DEDICATION

The dedication of the ten bells at Guildford Cathedral took place last Monday evening, the Bishop of Guildford (the Rt. Rev. G. Reindorp) officiating in an impressive ceremony. The tone and "go" of the bells received many favourable comments and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have made a most satisfactory job. Appropriately, Mr. Harry Parks, who hung the bells at Washington Cathedral, hung these bells with Mr. Lewry; they are of the same weight as the well-known American ring and came off the same drawing board.

After the dedication the opening touch of Stedman Caters was rung by a band selected from the four Districts of the Guild, consisting of H. N. Pittow (Banstead, head ringer at Westminster Abbey) 1, C. W. Denyer (Farnham, vice-president of the Guild) 2, F. W. Housden (Shalford, Guild librarian) 3, S. G. Ponting (Milford, Central Council representative) 4, C. W. Munday (Ewell, Guild secretary) 5, T. Page (Aldershot, Master Farnham District) 6, D. A. R. May (Old Woking, Master of Guild) 7, F. E. Hawthorne (Thames Ditton, Master, Chertsey District) 8, C. H. Kippin (Farnborough, Guild treasurer) 9, R. G. Collins (Chobham, secretary Chertsey District) tenor. The Master conducted.

An open day will be held next Saturday, May 22nd, from 11 a.m. until 5.45 p.m.

A peal attempt will take place on Sunday, May 30th.

CELEBRATING THE FESTIVAL

The Cecil Arms public house at St. Stephens-by-Saltash, Cornwall, was granted its first all-day drinking licence for an open bellringing festival on May 8th.

Fourteen teams of ringers competed. The Botus Fleming team had what the organiser, Mr. L. G. Hodge, called "the highest standard of ringing for many a year," and gained top honours with the Morval and Lansallos teams in second and third places.

Before the festival a service was conducted in the church by the Vicar, the Rev. S. A. R. Guest.

TOM MYERS IS PEAL RINGING AGAIN

The band which rang the peal at St. Germans would like to welcome Mr. Tom Myers back to the peal columns after an absence of 19 months due to his long illness. We hope it will be the first of many similar peals.

We would also like to associate the peal with Harry and Rene Stacey, who were celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary on that day.

NOT A SILENT EASTER

The report of "The East Anglian Daily Times" that the bells of Great Hallingbury, Essex, were silent this Easter is incorrect (page 312). Mr. Douglas R. Hutley, of Carfield Lodge, Hadham Road, Bishop's Stortford, writes refuting this. His letter states: "I have been a ringer at St. Giles' Church, Great Hallingbury, for 38 years and can assure 'The East Anglian Daily Times' that the bells were rung for the evening Easter service by two ringers from St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, one from St. Mary's, Stansted, my wife and myself. After the service, Canon Grant, Vicar, shook hands and thanked us for a very good half-hour's ringing!"

ASPIRATIONS

Gone are the days when plain methods sufficed,

My thoughts are of Cambridge, or Surfleet, or Spliced;

I ring endless courses of Kent in my head, And work out the bobs and the places in bed;

To ring Double Norwich I keenly aspire, A short touch of London's my earnest desire;

I fancy conducting a Stedman six-score, I fancy conducting a few methods more;

In spite of all this I repeatedly find That when ringing Bob Doubles I'm dodging behind;

Or at a plain lead causing chaos and din, By omitting the 3-4 and running straight in!

Yet gone are the days when plain methods sufficed;

My thoughts are of Cambridge, or Surfleet, or Spliced.

E. M. B.

A GOOD EASTER TOUR

The highlight of Mr. J. Martin-Thorley's Easter peal tour, which included successes of four peals for the Lincoln Guild, three for the Peterborough Guild and one for the Yorkshire Association, was a peal rung silent and non-conducted at Deeping St. Nicholas. Of this peal he writes: "I can vouch for the correctness of the silent peal—all the bobs and singles were made correctly. No indication was made to any ringer and the only word spoken was 'Go' by the treble ringer, the bells being lowered immediately after the last extent." The peal was one of Minor in seven methods.

WILLIAM HODGE

When asked to write a short epitaph in verse, a schoolboy ringer of St. Albans produced the following (no reference is intended to any ringer known to himself or otherwise):

Here lies the body of William Hodge Who, whilst ringing Grandsire, forgot to dodge.

He felt so ashamed that, when they "came round,"

He quietly collapsed and fell to the ground.

L. B.

MR. E. C. THRALE

Mr. Ernest H. Masten, of Downham Market, sends us the following tribute to Mr. E. C. Thrale:

"The foundation of my ringing career was well and truly laid when I joined the Newark-on-Trent band as a probationer in 1924. My rapid progress and enthusiasm was almost entirely due to the patience of Ted Thrale.

"From struggling with Grandsire Doubles to Stedman Caters was achieved in a very short time, and for two years I was able to appreciate ringing with a band of ringers for whom only the best was good enough. Thanks, Ted."

ALAN PEAL

Grateful thanks are due to Alan W. Payne, from Over, Cambs, who stood in the "Alan" peal at St. Clement's, Ipswich, at the last minute. This was intended to be an all-Suffolk residents' peal.

NORTH TIDWORTH BELLS

The sympathy of Hampshire ringers goes out to Sergeant Julian Smith, stationed at Tidworth, Wilts, who, previous to the induction of a new incumbent, had worked to put the bells in ringable condition so that they could be rung at the induction service last November.

On October 21st six ringers from Longparish and Highclere received permission from Dr. Oliver, priest-in-charge, to oil the bells and fit a new treble rope, after which the bells were raised for the first time this century and rung for an hour, the rope circle falling 1, 3, 2, 4, 5.

The "go" was quite good considering the long years of silence; however, it has since transpired that a week previous to the service, on the architect's advice, the bells were regarded as unsafe and can be chimed only. This, of course, the ringers dispute.

The present Rector and churchwardens will not allow any ringing, so it appears that all Sgt. Smith's work was in vain and the bells will probably remain unringable once again for another 50 years.

G. D.

FAN WORSHIP

The report of the third week-end course at Hereford contains this cryptic reference: "The popularity of a certain instructor who was engaged elsewhere was responsible for the Leighton Buzzard party being reduced to half of the usual strength. This has, however, been duly noted and it is hoped that he will be available at Hereford next year."

ROPE FEE AT ROTHERHAM

At the last annual meeting of the Rotherham Parish Church ringers, in agreement with the Vicar and churchwardens, it was decided that a rope fee of 2s. per ringer would be payable for peal attempts. This could be waived in special circumstances. We also acknowledge from this tower a donation of two guineas towards "The Ringing World" funds. There is evidently at Rotherham the spirit of giving and not just receiving all the blessings that come our way.

5,040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Submitted by Edward F. P. Bryant, Brockley, S.E.4.

First six parts	Last six parts
234567	235476
342675—2	642357 3
753642—1	256734—4
657342 5	472563—3
426357—1	574263—5
574326—1	275463—5
375426—5	632475—1
(x) 263475—1	326754—2
372546—4	(x) 473265—3
243657—4	734652—2
	637452—5
	246375—3

Both to be repeated five times, omitting bobs at (x) in alternate parts.

Holt's Bob Single at end of sixth and twelfth parts.

MR. J. MARTIN THORLEY'S EASTER TOUR**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

EDENHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

Roger D. Bailey Treble	Gerald W. Reynolds .. 5
Derek J. Jones 2	Edwin T. Chapman .. 6
William A. Holmes .. 3	Alan G. Payne 7
Keith R. Davey 4	J. Martin Thorley Tenor

Composed by F. A. Holden.

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

Derek J. Jones Treble	Gerald W. Reynolds .. 5
Keith R. Davey 2	Frank Taylor 6
Edwin T. Chapman .. 3	Roger D. Bailey 7
Alan G. Payne 4	J. Martin Thorley Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pittow.

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

WHISSENDINE, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Thurs., April 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Being one extent each of London, York, Norwich, Primrose, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.	
Derek J. Jones Treble	Roger D. Bailey 4
*Kenneth B. Sissons .. 2	J. Martin Thorley 5
Keith R. Davey 3	David R. Baxter Tenor

Conducted by David R. Baxter.

* First peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Fri., April 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Cambridge, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.	Tenor 6½ cwt.
Roger D. Bailey Treble	David R. Baxter 4
Kenneth B. Sissons .. 2	*J. Martin Thorley 5
Derek J. Jones 3	Keith R. Davey Tenor

Rung silent and non-conducted.

* "Completes circle" for second time.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

GLASTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Tues., April 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Cambridge, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.	Tenor 7½ cwt.
Gerald W. Reynolds .. Treble	Roger D. Bailey 4
*Robert C. Woodward .. 2	Derek J. Jones 5
Keith R. Davey 3	J. Martin Thorley Tenor

Conducted by Derek J. Jones.

* First peal in seven methods.

PRESTON, Rutland.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Tues., April 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Cambridge, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob—seven different callings.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
*Keith R. Davey Treble	*J. Martin Thorley 4
Derek J. Jones 2	Gerald W. Reynolds .. 5
Roger D. Bailey 3	E. Alan Jacques Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* 50th peal together. First in seven methods on the bells.

GREETHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., April 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Double Court and Single Court, (2) Oxford and Kent, (3) Beverley and Surfleet, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Hereward and Single Oxford, (6) Thelwall and Childwall and (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob—seven different callings, 42 changes of method.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
Kenneth B. Sissons .. Treble	Derek J. Jones 4
J. Martin Thorley 2	David R. Baxter 5
Keith R. Davey 3	Roger D. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOMERBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., April 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 Plain methods: (1) Double Court and Single Court, (2) Thelwall, Childwall and Fulbeck, (3) Double Oxford and Double Bob, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Hereward, (6) Single Oxford and (7) Plain Bob.	Tenor 11½ cwt.
Kenneth B. Sissons .. Treble	Derek J. Jones 4
J. Martin Thorley 2	Roger D. Bailey 5
Keith R. Davey 3	David R. Baxter Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

OTHER PEALS**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**

HENFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.	
William Hibbert Treble	Dennis Randall 5
Brooke K. Lunn 2	James Phillips 6
John Phillips 3	Michael V. Chilcott .. 7
John H. Crampion .. 4	Roger F. Overington .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

YEOVIL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CLIFTON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C.

Claudia A. Critchley .. Treble	Dennis Knox 6
Joan Beresford 2	Thomas J. Lock 7
G. William Critchley .. 3	Dennis Beresford .. 8
John Hill 4	Frank C. Price 9
Brian Bladon 5	John R. Mayne Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

BARTON ST. DAVID, Somerset.—At the Church of St. David.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 15 callings.	
George Prescott Treble	†Francis J. White 4
Victor G. Roberts 2	*Harry J. Gaylord 5
*Albert T. Harris 3	William A. Prescott .. Tenor

Conducted by William A. Prescott.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First of Stedman "inside" First peal on the bells since augmented to six.

Rung for the 90th birthday of Mrs. Plumley, of Barton St. David.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, Bath, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods: two extents Plain Bob, 14 extents Reverse St. Bartholomew and 22 extents and two of 240 Grandsire.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*John H. Thompson .. Treble	Alan F. Lee 4
*Shirley A. Cox 2	*Ian P. Cox 5
*Robin L. Coles 3	*Percival R. Young .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* First in three methods.

Rung as a welcome to Karen Susan Lee, born May 2nd, 1965.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 ASHTED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

P. M. Wilkinson (Selwyn) Treble	K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) 5
*J. M. H. Hunter (Trin.) 2	K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's.) 6
F. C. Hobson (John's) 3	C. M. Press (King's) .. 7
J. A. Harrison (Sidney) 4	*C. H. Rogers (Emman.) Tenor

Composed by Hadley Hunter.

Conducted by K. J. Darvill.

* 50th peal together. First in the method for all.

THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.

GREASLEY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., April 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Canon K. W. H. Felstead Treble	Rev. J. B. T. Homfray .. 5
Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith .. 2	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 6
Rev. R. Keeley 3	Canon A. G. G. Thurlow .. 7
Rev. E. B. Wood 4	Rev. R. O. Fry Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris.

Conducted by Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith.

In memoriam Canon Charles Carew Cox, late President of the Guild.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.

On Thurs., April 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Frederick W. Stone .. Treble	David W. Parkin 6
Gordon A. Halls 2	George Roobottom 7
Joseph C. Woolley 3	Alan Taylor 8
David W. Friend 4	Harold Taylor 9
Trevor Taylor 5	*Clive Thrower Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd.

Conducted by David W. Friend.

* First peal. Gordon Halls has now "circled the tower" to peals. In memoriam Miss Elizabeth Foulk, for many years a ringer at this church.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ASHOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

Geoffrey Gardner Treble	Neil Lomas 5
Sidney Hough 2	Alex Richardson 6
Allen Twyman 3	Denis Mottershead 7
Peter Wycherley 4	John Robinson Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Richardson.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

EXETER, Devon.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 4 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

Wilfred Williams Treble	John S. Mason 7
Tudor P. Edwards 2	Ralph G. Edwards 8
Ronald F. Diserens 3	George E. Thoday 9
John C. Eisel 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry 10
Frederick R. Shallcross 5	John A. Anderson 11
Kenneth J. Hesketh 6	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

First peal on the twelve with the tenor rung single-handed.

ST. GERMAN'S, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Germanus.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.

Margaret A. Bould Treble	H. Frederick Myers 5
Frederick Sangwin 2	*Denis F. Wheeler 6
Thomas G. Myers 3	Harry Stacey 7
Edgar Nunn 4	D. Roy Bould Tenor

Composed by J. Parker. Conducted by D. Roy Bould.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

To commemorate the 250th anniversary of the first peal ever rung.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

WATLINGTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

A. Keith Phillips Treble	Thomas R. Bush 4
M. Roland Reed 2	Ernest H. Mastin 5
Graham Knight 3	Graham J. Mann Tenor

Conducted by Ernest H. Mastin.

An 81st birthday compliment to Edward Barker, who has for over 60 years served Shouldham Church as bellringer, verger and churchwarden.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Cross and St. Lawrence.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

Donald E. Cobb Treble	Michael C. Austin 7
R. George Morris 2	Frank W. Lewis 8
Frederick W. Ellis 3	John C. Slater 9
M. Roger Ashmore 4	George E. Evenden 10
Dennis A. Hewitt 5	Robert J. Chapman 11
Dennis Ellisdon 6	David Beacham Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Donald E. Cobb.

Rung to mark the 905th anniversary of the consecration of the Abbey Church.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 7 lb. in E.

Frank G. Oliver Treble	*Harry J. Millatt 5
*Edward P. Duffield 2	*Philip G. Erith 6
Nicholas J. Davies 3	Alan R. Andrews 7
Edward F. P. Bryant 4	James L. Towler Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed.

Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.

* First peal in the method. The ringer of the fifth has now "circled the tower" to peals.

GREAT WALTHAM, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt.

Ian V. Foster Treble	†James L. Towler 5
Dennis A. S. Symonds 2	Philip J. Rothera 6
*†Peter G. Brown 3	Ian R. Panton 7
*Michael J. Cowling 4	Alfred J. House Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Alfred J. House.

* First peal in method. † 25th peal together.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Redcliffe.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 4 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B.

Jack L. Millhouse Treble	Stanley Jenner 7
Raymond E. Finch 2	Colin A. Tester 8
Olive D. Tester 3	Philip M. J. Gray 9
*Ann Jenner 4	Geoffrey Paul 10
D. John Hunt 5	Thomas H. Francis 11
Geoffrey R. Parker 6	Frank E. Darby Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal on twelve bells.

CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

Valerie Willard Treble	*Peter Clarkson 6
William A. Farmer 2	*Leonard Edwards 7
Peter Baker 3	Cyril A. Wratten 8
Ivor Goulter 4	Peter T. Hurcombe 9
*Charles T. Burrige 5	Victor Griffin Tenor

Composed by G. W. Debenham.

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal of Royal.

BRISTOL.—At Christ Church with St. Ewen.

On Mon., May 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SWINDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt.

Richard J. Bowden Treble	Bernard G. North 6
D. John Hunt 2	Brynley A. Shackleton 7
Michael J. Hobbs 3	John C. Slater 8
Gillian M. Hussey 4	Philip M. J. Gray 9
James R. Taylor 5	Peter Bridle Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRESTEIGNE, Radnorshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (6th observation). Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

John W. Hope Treble	*Laurence T. Mainwaring 5
H. Lyndon Hatfield 2	George T. Cousins 6
Frederick R. Harris 3	Austin T. Wingate 7
Robert A. Hatcher 4	†Reginald J. Preece Tenor

Conducted by George T. Cousins.

* First peal of Triples. † First on eight.

Rung to mark the quarter-centenary of the Presteigne Grammar School.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.

On Thurs., May 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G sharp.

H. George Hart Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 5
Elsie K. Hart 2	Vernon Green 6
Peter F. Windley 3	Roger Baldwin 7
Kenneth R. Dunstan 4	Christopher W. Woolley Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

CHIPPING BARNET, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

Julia A. Fellows Treble	Eric Edmondson 5
Christine M. Rimmer 2	Richard Castledine 6
*Philip Cuckson 3	C. Michael Orme 7
Keith D. Waples 4	Antony R. Kench Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Antony R. Kench.

* First peal attempt.

LITTLE MUNDEN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., April 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Cambridge, Kent, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Plain.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

Gillian M. Brearley Treble	Keith J. Walpole 4
*Michael J. Bew 2	*Frederick W. Ellis 5
A. Trevor Hawkins 3	Martyn Marriott Tenor

Conducted by Martyn Marriott

* First peal in seven methods.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
GREENWICH, London, S.E.—At the Church of St. Alfege.
On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
 Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in D.

Percy J. Spice Treble	John A. G. Ball 6
*Andrew J. Corby 2	†Tony Lewis 7
Lucile M. Corby 3	D. Paul Smith 8
Freda Cannon 4	Philip A. Corby 9
§Judith M. Corby 5	‡Paul J. Dye Tenor

Composed by Richard F. Deal. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
 * First peal of Grandsire. † First of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First ten bell peal. § First peal of Grandsire and of Caters.

THROWLEY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

*Dorothy M. Groves .. Treble	Norman Mattingly 5
Christopher T. Osenton .. 2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 6
George Fry 3	David S. Osenton 7
Martin L. Howe 4	Cyril S. Jarrett Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Cyril S. Jarrett.
 * First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise Major as conductor.
 Rung on the occasion of the birth of a son, David Paul, to Mr. and Mrs. David K. Putnam on April 8th, 1965.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
PRESTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.
On Sun., May 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
 Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

Dexter's No. 2 Treble	Tudor P. Edwards 5
Richard J. Parker 2	Jeffrey Kershaw 6
Margaret E. Fort 3	Cyril Crossthwaite 7
John P. Partington 4	Derek Butterworth Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
 Rung after meeting short for Caters.

PENWORTHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sun., April 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford, Kent, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 8½ cwt.	
*John A. Ascroft Treble	Lawrence Walmsley 4
†Dennis H. McCormick .. 2	Bernard Moss 5
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 3	Cyril Crossthwaite Tenor

Conducted by Philip J. Crossthwaite.
 * First peal of Minor. † First in more than one method.
 Rung for the wedding of the Rev. James Haslem, curate at this church.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
ANSTEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., May 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 KENNINGHALL SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

Malcolm E. Wade Treble	John M. Jelley 5
W. Ernest Rawson 2	Roland H. Cook 6
William A. Lacey 3	Brian S. Chapman 7
Monica M. Jelley 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John M. Jelley.
 First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

IRCHESTER, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Katherine.
On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

Ian W. Hall Treble	John M. Jelley 5
Sandra E. Chesterton .. 2	A. James Poyner 6
Monica M. Jelley 3	Brian S. Chapman 7
Murray A. Coleman 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John M. Jelley.
 First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSN.
CALDICOT, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Bartholomew.
On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

Parker's Twelve-Part Treble	William F. Scudamore 5
Richard Owen 2	James L. Fitzgerald 6
Jacqueline S. King 3	David J. King 7
Donald G. Clarke 4	David J. Hughes Tenor

Conducted by David J. King.

Rung on the occasion of the opening of Caldicot Castle to the public by the Rural District Council.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
GRANTHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wulfram.
On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
 Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*Vaughan P. Evans .. Treble	*Gerald W. Reynolds .. 6
John F. Pearson 2	*Graham J. N. Colborne .. 7
*David J. Hopkinson .. 3	*Alan G. Payne 8
J. Martin Thorley 4	‡David R. Baxter 9
†Keith R. Davey 5	Denis A. Frith Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by David R. Baxter.
 * First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal. ‡ First of Royal "inside" and as conductor. The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower" twice to peals.
 Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Mon., May 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Jack L. Millhouse .. Treble	George H. Randles 5
Norah M. Randles 2	Geoffrey R. Parker 6
Joyce M. Gurnhill 3	John Walden 7
*Harold F. Gibson 4	Peter A. Sharp Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
 * First peal of London Surprise Major "inside."
 Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. P. N. Harley Morton.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.
ISLEWORTH, London.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., May 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
 Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.

P. Gerald McIlhone .. Treble	*Edward F. P. Bryant .. 6
Diana M. Frost 2	†Robert E. J. Dennis .. 7
Anthony G. Tyers 3	*Roger W. Powell 8
*Yvonne Edwards 4	Anthony H. Smith 9
†Timothy G. Pett 5	*Richard O. Humphries .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
 * First peal of Cambridge Royal. † First on ten bells. ‡ First of Cambridge. First of Surprise Royal as conductor.
 Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the eighth.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.
BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Wed., May 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

*A. Stephen Taylor .. Treble	†John W. Gander 5
Allen Twyman 2	§David J. Baker 6
†Clive C. Calton 3	†David L. Wilcox 7
†Roger L. Coley 4	Gordon Benfield Tenor

Conducted by Gordon Benfield.
 * First peal of Major. † First of Yorkshire. ‡ First of Surprise. § 25th peal.
 Rung by an all-resident band as a farewell to the Rev. A. P. Lumley, Rector of the Sacred Trinity, Salford, who is leaving this month.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., May 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Brian G. Warwick .. Treble	Joseph W. Cotton 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	John A. Underwood 6
Dan S. Pont 3	Arthur E. Rowley 7
Edwin Deakin 4	G. Ronald Edwards Tenor

Composed by J. Nicholls. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
PACKINGTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of the Holy Rood.
On Tues., April 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) and (2) Single Oxford, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) and (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B flat.
William H. Curson Treble *Richard J. Clifton .. 4
Brian G. Warwick 2 Joseph W. Cotton 5
Edwin Deakin 3 Arthur E. Rowley Tenor

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

* 300th peal. 600th peal as conductor.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Fri., May 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR

Being 2,016 Plain Bob, 2,016 Little Bob and 1,008 St. Clement's, with 377 changes of methods.
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.
Gillian M. Hussey Treble Michael J. Hobbs 5
John C. Slater 2 Bernard G. North 6
John H. Taylor 3 Patrick J. Bird 7
Richard J. Bowden 4 D. John Hunt Tenor
Composed by G. E. Feirn. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
First peal of Spliced Plain by all the band.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HETHERSETT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Remigius.

On Wed., April 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Michael E. Lee Treble Thomas E. Spight 5
Charles H. Moore 2 Raymond G. Lofty 6
William Clover 3 Henry Tooke 7
Nolan Golden 4 George Sayer Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

* First peal.

NORWICH.—At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft.

On Sun., May 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Martin Cubitt Treble Nolan Golden 5
George Sayer 2 Clifford Bird 6
David Cubitt 3 H. William Barrett 7
David Heighton 4 F. Charles Goodman Tenor
Composed by Benjamin Annable. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
Rung to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the peal of "Gransir Bob" Triples rung at this tower, and in memoriam all those who took part in it—John Garthorn, Isaac Pearce, John Briggs, James Brooks, David Sannevill, Thomas Gardiner, William Dixon and Robert Woodcock.
Tenor 19 cwt. 55 lb. in F.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WANTAGE, Berkshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.
*Gillian Bailey Treble James White 5
†Kenneth Leach 2 John H. Napper 6
†H. Vaughan Booker 3 A. Roy Wood 7
Michael Bishop 4 Robert B. Blond Tenor
Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Robert B. Blond.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ROTHERSTHORPE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in G.
*Roger W. Smith Treble *Alan A. Paul 3
*Graham C. Paul 2 †Patrick I. Chapman 4
†George F. Roome Tenor
Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Doubles. First of Stedman on the bells.

Rung to welcome Bishop A. R. Graham-Campbell to the combined living of Kislingbury and Rothersthorpe.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, Wiltshire.—At the Church of SS Peter and Paul.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-Part.
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.
Richard Garratt Treble Archibald T. Knight .. 5
Jonathan H. Nibbs 2 David L. Nibbs 6
Edgar C. Shepherd 3 †Frederick S. Slatford .. 7
*Reginald F. Jones 4 †Norman G. N. Knee .. Tenor
Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.

* First peal. † 25th peal together. First peal on the bells since rehanging and augmenting to eight, in 1948.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH COLLINGHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., May 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.
Margaret E. Chilton .. Treble Maurice W. Harrison .. 4
F. William Midwinter .. 2 George A. Dawson 5
Ruth M. Blackshaw 3 *John R. Pratchett Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

* 50th peal for the Guild.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

GREAT BARTON, Suffolk.—At the Church of the Holy Innocents.
On Wed., May 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods, viz.: (1) St. Clement's, (2) Double Court, (3) Plain Bob, (4) and (5) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb.
*Harold J. Culpin Treble Janet I. Rogers 4
Raymond J. Fordham .. 2 Robin H. Rogers 5
†Richard Rose 3 Maurice J. Rose Tenor

Conducted by Robin H. Rogers.

* First peal. † 50th peal for the Guild.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FINDON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. John Baptist.

On Sat., March 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.
Norman Wright Treble Angela Grainger 4
*David M. Hunns 2 John R. Norris 5
Peter J. Came 3 †Michael J. Bew Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Bew.

* First peal. † First in the method.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Hubbard's Five-Part. Tenor 9½ cwt.
Frances M. Rickard .. Treble Alan Carveth 5
Anthony J. Davidson .. 2 Anthony Locke 6
Geoffrey W. Taysom .. 3 *Bryan J. Sautelle-Smith 7
*Mary Carveth 4 Denis Stephens Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

* First peal in the method.

Rung to mark the 250th anniversary of the ringing of the first recorded peal, at Norwich in 1715, which was also of Plain Bob Triples.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.
*Rosemary Kemp Treble John B. Faithfull 5
Carolyn Vibert 2 Maurice J. Butler 6
†Michael D. Trigg 3 Michael J. Thomas 7
Peter J. Joyce 4 David J. Forder Tenor
Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by David J. Forder.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise "inside."

CHUTE FOREST, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., May 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford T.B., one 720 of Kent T.B., and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A.
Gordon W. Land Treble Robert C. Kippin 4
Geoffrey K. Dodd 2 Robin G. Leale 5
Brian Bladon 3 A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

First peal on the bells, cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1871.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25½ cwt.
Howard Scott Treble Vernon Bottomley 7
Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 2 Barry Sullivan 8
Kathleen M. Higgins .. 3 J. Henry Fielden 9
Roger J. Lumley 4 Norman Chaddock 10
W. Eric Critchley 5 John N. D. Chaddock .. 11
Rev. Frederick Ross .. 6 Richard E. Price Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

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WILKINSON.—To Walter and Janet, of Burnley, on May 12th, 1965, a son, John David. 6897

ENGAGEMENTS

BRASIER—DICKEN. — The engagement is announced between Peter John, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brasier, of Dursley, Gloucestershire, and Anne Felicity, elder daughter of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. E. W. T. Dicken, of Cauntun Vicarage, Nottinghamshire. 6869

BROOKES—EAMES.—The engagement is announced between David Charles, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brookes, 4, Redgrave Road, Putney, S.W.15, and Lesley Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Eames, 105, Melrose Avenue, Wimbledon Park, S.W.19. 6892

DEATH

CROSS.—On May 10th, 1965, peacefully at his home at Pinney's Cottage, Chardstock, Axminster, Devon, George Hubert Cross, aged 71 years, formerly of Norwich and Barnehurst, Kent, beloved husband of Marjorie and father of Michael, Jacqueline and Jennifer, departed this life. 6874

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

FRIEND.—From May 15th the address of David W. Friend will be 32, Parkside Road, Chaddesden, Derby. 6866

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

LEWISHAM ST. MARY'S.—Surprise Major practice, Saturday, May 29th, 7.30–9 p.m. — D. Hollis. 6883

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. Preliminary Notice.—A striking competition will be held at Shreshill on Saturday, July 3rd next, draw at 3 p.m. Entries, in writing, please, by June 19th (A.G.M.) to me.—C. M. Smith, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs. 6872

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Earls Colne on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wood, 10, The Causeway, Finchamfield, Braintree. 6805

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. —Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Evening meeting at Moreton-in-Marsh, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (8) from 6-7.30 or after if required.—L. C. Dowdeswell, Sec., Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold. 6890

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District. —Quarterly meeting, Stoke Lacy, 3 p.m., May 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 by reservation only. Numbers to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard, please. 6858

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Meeting, May 22nd. Ringing to be held at Heather 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Ibstock open at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. and tea 5 p.m. at Ibstock Church Hall. Names for tea to Mr. A. R. Tonks, 84, High Street Ibstock. Methods to be rung. Norfolk and Ipswich. 6786

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Norton Subcourse on May 22nd. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. N. P. J. Cossey, Hon. Sec., Low Road, Norton Subcourse, Norwich, Nor. 26W. 6526

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Saturday, May 22nd, Penn. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 n.m. Those requiring tea please send names to Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holport, Maidenhead. 6820

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch. — Evening Practice, Cogenhoe, Saturday, May 22nd. Bells 6 p.m. All welcome.—B. E. Frost, Sec. 6784

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COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rally, Stratford-upon-Avon, May 29th. Ringing organised 3-5 p.m. and open after 6 p.m. All arrangements for tea, Wellesbourne, Sherborne Snitterfield and Alderminster. Open from 2-8 p.m. Ringing order at Stratford will be sent direct to towers.—J. L. Garner-Hayward. 6989

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GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District. —Venue of meeting for Saturday, May 29th, changed from Puttenham to Worplesdon, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Collier, Crims-cote, Fox Corner, Worplesdon, by previous Wednesday.—D. P. Elsmore, Hon. Sec. 6865

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting at Reading, May 29th. Bells available: St. Laurence's (12) 3-4; St. Mary's (8) 4 o'clock. Service at St. Mary's at 5 o'clock followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. F. E. Diserens, 15, Hartsbourne Road, Earley, Reading, Berks, by previous Tuesday.—J. Spreadbury. 6837

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Ribchester on May 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—Brian A. Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 6896

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Walkden, Saturday, May 29th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Tea meal provided at 5 p.m. Business after tea.—Thornley, Sec. 6877

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Batley, Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. James Buckley, 9, Edbury Street, Batley. 6880

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Stoney Stanton, May 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 at Star Inn. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday previous, to Mr. M. Vernon, Long Leys, Stoney Stanton. 6882

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting, Coltishall (6), Saturday, May 29th, 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 6856

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bircham on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by the business meeting. Names for tea to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn, by Thursday previous. 6855

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting, Wantage, Saturday, May 29th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than May 25th, please, to: C. Corderov, West-Wyndes, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot. 6814

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Whaddon, Saturday, May 29th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Dormer, 32, Vicarage Road, Whaddon, Bletchley, Bucks, by May 26th.—R. W. Sears, Hon. Sec. 6867

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Practice meeting, St. Faith's, Havant, May 29th. Bells from 2.30 till 5.30 p.m. — L. Duguid. 6879

DEVON GUILD — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Pinhoe, Saturday, June 5th. Bells 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. No tea.—R. T. Perry, Hon. Sec. 6846

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival now on Saturday, June 5th.—D. P. Fikmore, Farnham, Dis. Sec. 6864

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at St. Thomas', Stourbridge, June 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me by June 2nd, please.—M. D. Fellows, Hon. Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 6893

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, May 29th, 1965, at Oundle. Committee meeting, 3.15 p.m., and service, 4.15 p.m., in church.

Tea (followed by meeting) 5 p.m.

Tea tickets (3/6 each and c.w.o.) to be obtained from Mr. A. Hinton, The Police Station, Warmington, Nr. Oundle, by not later than Tuesday, May 25th, 1965.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Route A	Oundle (8)	2.30 p.m.—4.15 p.m.	7.00 p.m.—9.00 p.m.
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	Nassington (5)	1.45 p.m.—3.15 p.m.	7.15 p.m.—9.00 p.m.
	Cotterstock (5)	2.00 p.m.—3.30 p.m.	7.00 p.m.—9.00 p.m.
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	Tichmarsh (8)	1.00 p.m.—3.00 p.m.	7.30 p.m.—9.00 p.m.
	Stoke Doyle (5)	2.00 p.m.—3.30 p.m.	7.00 p.m.—9.00 p.m.
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CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, DAVENTRY

The dedication of the ring of ten bells will be performed by Bishop Otter-Barry on

SATURDAY, JUNE 5th, 1965, at 12 noon

at a Solemn Eucharist sung by the Rev. Kenneth Ward, Rector of Daventry.

An invitation is extended to all ringers to attend this Festival, and the bells will be available afterwards until 8 o'clock.

A buffet luncheon will be served after the service.

Tickets, price 4s., obtainable (S.A.E.) from the undersigned by May 31st.

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From 3–6, Great Baddow, Writtle, Galleywood, Springfield. From 6–9: Great Waltham, Boreham, Broomfield, Lt. Waltham, Lt. Baddow. Lunch and tea cannot be guaranteed without tickets, obtainable from Gen. Treasurer. S.A.E. to: P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle, by Wednesday, June 2nd. — P. W. Salmarsh, Gen. Secretary. 6840

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Detailed programme sent with tea tickets.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 6758

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter, June 19th. Service, St. Mark's, 4 p.m., preacher Rev. J. Shephard-Walwyn, Vicar of Westleigh. Tea and meeting St. Mark's Hall. Numbers for tea to Mr. C. Densham, 27, Monkswell Road, Exeter. Ringling: Cathedral, 1.30–3 and 6–8; Heavitree, 2.30–3; St. Mark's, 3–4; St. Petrock's 6–7; St. Thomas', 7–8 p.m.

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD AND LADIES' GUILD (Central District). — Joint ringling day, Saturday, June 19th. Bells: Morning, Stanford-le-Hope, South Benfleet and Rawleigh; afternoon, Great Wakering, Prittlewell. Service and tea, Prittlewell. Evening ringling: Leigh, Thorpe Bay and Prittlewell. All welcome. 6835

LATE NOTICES

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Bromborough, May 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying, by Thursday previous, Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Rd., Oxtown, Birkenhead. 6900

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Hope, May 29th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 6900

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Evening meeting at Kimbolton, Saturday, May 29th. Bells (5) 6 to 8.30 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6901

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Nazeing on Saturday, May 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 6902

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest meeting at Beighton, Saturday, May 29th, 3 p.m. Names for tea must reach Mr. W. E. Wyld, 23, Woodhouse Lane, Beighton, Sheffield, by Thursday, 27th.—J. Seager, Sec. 6903

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Meeting at Breamore on May 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea in Hulse Hall 4.30 sharp. Fording-bridge bells in the evening. Names for tea essential to Mr. J. Mussell, "The Shallows," Breamore, by Thurs., 27th. No name no tea!

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Practice meeting, Martley, Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Chantry, 5s. Shelsley Beauchamp (6) 6.30–8.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to A. A. Jopp, Church Road, Stoulton, Worcester. No names no tea.

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SUFFOLK GUILD

The meeting at Earl Stonham of the Cen-
tral District on April 24th is believed to be
the first on record. The Guild Ringing Mas-
ter and general secretary attended, and Mr.
Harold Leather (District chairman) was sup-
ported by Messrs. L. E. Last and R. E.
Lester (Ringing Master). Local church
workers provided an excellent tea and the
day finished on the ten at Stonham Aspal.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

NEW members from Tor and Teignmouth
were elected at the Mid-Devon Branch's
quarterly meeting at Brackawton on May 1st.
Ringing ranged from rounds to Plain Bob
Minor and Stedman. The Rev. A. D. Teague
conducted the service. In the evening a plain
course of Cambridge Surprise Minor was
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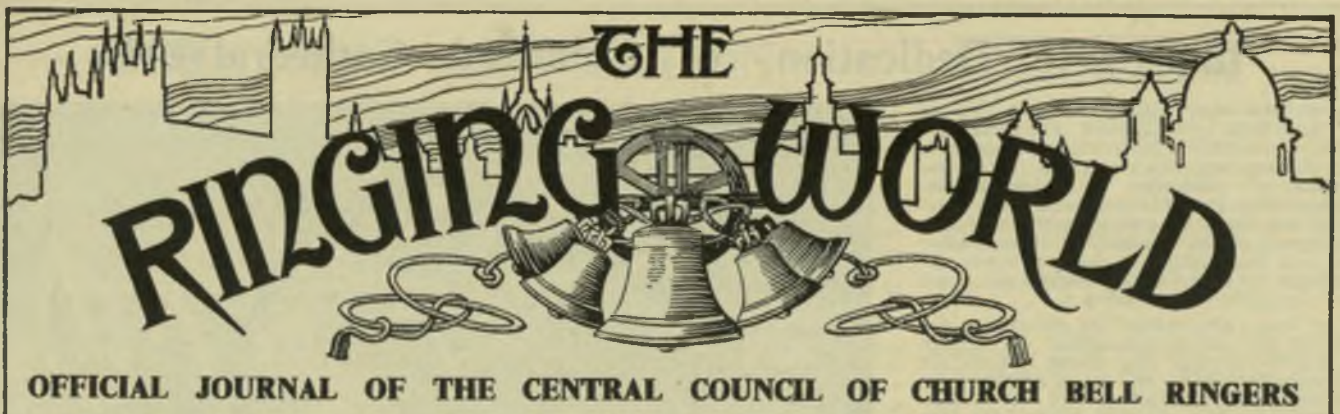
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FOUR YEARS AFTER

THE addition of a new ring of ten bells to English ringing is a significant event and it is more significant when it is part of the appurtenances of the nation's newest Cathedral at Guildford. Interest is also added to this new ring by the bells being a facsimile of those of Washington Cathedral, which were dedicated nearly a year ago, and their opening ringing by ten English ringers made a deep impression on both sides of the Atlantic.

To many living in the Guildford Diocese the presence of a ring of bells of the highest quality in the Cathedral within four years of consecration seems hardly believable. That the Cathedral should have bells worthy of the building has always been an aspiration of the Diocesan Guild. When the Cathedral consisted merely of a crypt chapel it was members of the Guild and a few friends who provided the memorial bell to John S. Goldsmith, the founder of "The Ringing World." It was just a tinkling treble but it could be heard in the valley below, where Guildford Corporation have a housing estate, and beyond in Onslow Village. Many of those who were present at that dedication are no longer with us. We think of Alfred H. Pulling and A. Charles Hazelden, and both of them will be personally identified with the Cathedral—Alfred by a memorial bell and Charles by the Guild Library, which it is hoped will eventually be housed in the spacious ringing chamber. The Goldsmith bell now has a solemn duty: daily it is heard during the celebration of Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel.

Even before the Goldsmith bell the thoughts of the Guild had been on these bells. Almost from the laying of the foundation stones there had been an annual token grant to the Guild's Cathedral Bell Fund, which from time to time was augmented by other gifts. Hopes of an early completion of the Cathedral were blighted by the 1939 war. Work was at a standstill, and even when peace came at last Bishop Macmillan's decision, endorsed by the Diocesan Conference, to suspend building operations because of the acute housing shortage, lost almost another ten years. Public opinion was eventually galvanised into action by a challenge to the diocese either to build or pull the gaunt edifice (as it then was) down.

But in the interval costs had soared. What would have cost about £250,000 was now £1,000,000. Money came in consistently, although not at the rate of Coventry Cathedral, until about two years ago an appeal was made for a big final effort to raise £300,000 over five years. Throughout these money-raising appeals there was a

silence about bells; no indication was given by the Appeals Committee. The Guildford Guild, however, did not adopt a passive attitude. Advantage was taken of the passing of Mr. A. H. Pulling to launch an appeal to provide a bell; there was also another bell giving commemoration, the life of a mother of a bellringer, and the architect, Sir Edward Maufe, became interested, firstly in designing appropriate ringing and bell chambers, and then in the bells themselves. Probably no ringer did more to keep alive the spark of bell interest than the Master of that period, Mr. C. W. Denyer.

The appointment of Dr. George Reindorp, former Provost of Southwark, as Bishop of Guildford, brought a staunch ally to the Guild, but he approached the question in an unorthodox way. Something like £10,000 additional was needed to provide the bells, and he placed this responsibility on the shoulders of the Guild and expected the task to be fulfilled in 18 months! The Guild Executive, then under the chairmanship of a young Master, Mr. D. A. R. May, was nonplussed, and informed the Bishop that the raising of such a sum was beyond the capabilities of the members of the Guild if they were to be loyal to the Christian Stewardship demands of their respective parishes. As an alternative they suggested, and it was accepted by the diocese, that each of the four Districts should be responsible for one bell. To this there was a loyal answer from each District.

The enthusiasm of the Guild and its backing by the Bishop—although no mention of bells was included in any appeal literature—had fruits in other directions. More individual donors were forthcoming and finally Brigadier and Mrs. Derek Schreiber, of Box Hill, Dorking, as a thankoffering for the recovery of their daughter after a serious motor accident, gave a handsome donation that met the cost of the two tenor bells. The order was given personally by the Bishop to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank with an imperative demand for completion by May 17th, the fourth anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral.

The task has been worthily fulfilled. With no little pride, members of the Guildford Guild looked down from their reserved seats in the south gallery to the crossing below, where was enacted the solemn service of dedication, and heard the Bishop's pronouncement to the Dean: "Receive these bells that we now solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses as a sacred trust committed unto the Chapter of this Cathedral and take care they be ever and only served in God's service and for his glory."

Impressive Dedication] of Guildford Cathedral Bells

With ceremonial dignity, the new ring of ten bells of Guildford Cathedral was dedicated on May 17th in the presence of a vast congregation, which included H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester with her lady-in-waiting, Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott. The ceremony was timed to coincide with the fourth anniversary of the consecration of the Cathedral, and incorporated in the service was the dedication of the Chapter House, the South Garth and the organ casing.

The long aisles enabled the picturesque dignity of the various processions to be seen in a perfect setting. The mitred Bishops, the richly-ornate copes of the Cathedral dignitaries, the dress uniforms of the Deputy Lord Lieutenant and other officers, the long files of surpliced clergy and lay-readers gave colour to the proceedings. The Bishop of Guildford met the Duchess of Gloucester at the West Door and escorted her to a special seat at the entrance to the choir.

DINED WITH BISHOP

Her Royal Highness had previously had dinner with Bishop G. E. Reindorp and Dr. Alix Reindorp and with them were Brigadier Derek Schreiber (hon. treasurer of the Cathedral Fund) and Mrs. Schreiber and their daughters, Lady D'Arcy de Knayth and Miss Susan Schreiber. It was through the Brigadier's munificence that what seemed like the task of a decade enabled the bells to be provided within a few weeks and the tenor and ninth are their special gifts.

Two other personalities present call for special mention. Guildford Cathedral was started as far back as 1931, and throughout this long period there has been only one architect—Sir Edward Maufe. Lady Maufe, his wife, is head of the Broderers' Guild, responsible for tapestries, robes and kneelers (all hand-made with individual designs). The biggest single gift to the Cathedral—the Chapter House—was from Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Waites, who were also present.

The welcome was given by the Dean (Bishop George Clarkson) "to give thanks to God for His continued blessing upon us, for the skill of our craftsmen and the zeal of our workers. . . . This was followed by the 150th Psalm sung to Stanford's setting. Lt.-Col. W. W. Dove, of Dove Bros., builders of the Cathedral, read the lesson. The dedications of the Chapter House, the Garth and the organ casing were first completed.

The dedication of the bells took place at the entrance to the choir. A rope had been let down from the ringing chamber, and this was handed by Brigadier Schreiber to the Dean as signifying the handing over by the donors of the bells. On behalf of the Chapter, the Dean accepted the gifts and asked the Lord Bishop to dedicate them. The prayers preceding dedication included one for the ringers: "Grant that all who shall minister to Thy service by ringing them may be filled with reverence and continue in holiness of life"; and another for "those whom we love but see no more," during which the thoughts of many ringers were with Alfred H. Pulling and "Margaret," the mother of a Guildford ringer.

As the actual dedication took place there was a pause after "the Father," again after "the Son," and finally of "the Holy Ghost." During these pauses the seventh bell—the ringers' memorial to Alfred H. Pulling—was tolled three times by Mrs. Jill May, the wife of the Master, thus enabling the women bell-ringers of the Diocese to have a representative in the ringing for the service.

COME

Dr. Reindorp based his sermon on Revelations xxii: "And the Spirit and the bride (the Church) say, Come. And let him that heareth say Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

The Bishop said there were many who with the tinselled pleasures that passed for life



GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL BELLS. — The ten bells of Guildford Cathedral inside the brick tower. The frame is made of jarrah wood, which is noted for its hardness. When Messrs. Mears and Stainbank first visited the belfry they were very disturbed about the acoustics. The echo in the belfry was very alarming, but fortunately there has been time to have the concrete roof surfaced with acoustic material, which has eliminated the echo and thus enhanced the clarity of the bells.

had a deep thirst for the water of life. How many of the half-million people of the Diocese were like that, and also how many more of the half-million who would move into the Diocese in the next 15 years?

The bride was the Church and she said "Come." Did the Church attract people today? Christianity, yes. Christ, yes. The Church, no. Their Cathedral was dedicated to God's Holy Spirit, and their bells, symbols from the early days of Christendom, rang out in thankfulness and joy and said to all people, come to the things of God, come to the love of Christ, for which their Cathedral existed. In answer to the prayers of many, the Cathedral had become the Mother Church of the Diocese. Great services had been held there, great music had been given, and also there had been great silences. People had come there from all over the world to share in the beauty of the Cathedral and to derive inspiration.

As their Bishop, he asked them corporately and individually to finish the task of building the Cathedral. The end was in sight. "Before the new university comes to join us on Stag Hill let us make sure our Cathedral stands gloriously free of debt. It will say to the 3,000 university students and 400 staff, Come, for the Spirit says to him that hears our bells and our music. Come."

The service concluded with the singing of the Nunc Dimittis to the setting in G by Stanford.

The bells did not start ringing until the organist, Mr. Barry Rose, had concluded his voluntary. The Duchess waited with the people outside to hear the bells before leaving. The opening ringing was disturbed by the flashes of Press photographers anxious to secure action pictures and also by the ropes, which were tested for length at the preliminary practice the previous Thursday, contracting with the showery weather, which necessitated hands in loops for some of the band. A second start was necessary on the touch of 393 Stedman Caters, but confidence was soon restored and the beauty of the bells was forthcoming. There was a very good lower in peal, the tenor being rung by Mr. Alan Ainsworth, Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, who for two years lived in the Diocese.

Mr. William Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hughes were present at the service and afterwards they received congratulations from diocesan officials and ringers on the

tone and "go" of the bells. Two who were with the party at Washington were among those listening—Mr. John Chilcott and Mr. Frank C. Price.

The band consisted of Mr. H. N. Pittow (Banstead) 1, C. W. Denyer (Farnham) 2, F. W. Housden (Shalford) 3, S. G. Ponting (Holy Trinity, Guildford) 4, C. W. Munday (Ewell) 5, T. Page (Aldershot) 6, D. A. R. May (Old Woking, conductor) 7, F. E. Hawthorne (Thames Ditton) 8, C. H. Kippin (Farnborough) 9, Roy Collins (Chobham) 10.

SUBSCRIPTION INCREASE FOR BEDFORDSHIRE

THE Bedfordshire Association held its annual meeting in Bromham Village Hall on May 1st, when over 60 resident members were present. The main point on the agenda was the amendment of Rule 6 concerning subscriptions, and the proposition before the meeting was to increase these. Taking each clause in turn, it was agreed by the majority to increase ringing membership to 5s. per annum (under 16, 2s. 6d.); life resident membership to five guineas; honorary membership for a fee of not less than 5s. per annum. Non-resident membership is to remain as at present, 5s. for life.

A proposition to revise the District boundaries was also agreed upon. It was decided to form a committee who would look into the matter, and arrange for suitable areas to be exchanged.

The next annual meeting is to be held on May 7th, 1966, in the Maulden/Silsoe area.

The officers elected were: President, Mr. A. E. Rushton; general secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. S. Smith; auditor, Mr. C. E. Jeffries; librarian, Mr. J. B. Long. Two additional vice-presidents elected at this meeting were Messrs. A. J. Smith and M. J. Lockey.

Ringling arrangements were well supported both by members of the Association and also by visitors. Eleven towers were open during the course of the day from 10.15 a.m. to 8.45 p.m.

A service was held at St. Owen's, Bromham, conducted by Mr. D. G. Mabey, the Vicar (the Rev. T. D. Evans) giving a short address. Tea prior to the business meeting was in the Village Hall, Bromham—an excellent spread prepared by Miss K. Rivett and helpers.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

"The Ringing World" Debate

THE annual general meeting of the Association was held at Rotherham on May 1st. Nine towers, besides the Parish Church, were open for ringing during the day and were well used. A short service was conducted by the Vicar of Rotherham (the Rev. A. Hollis), who also gave the brief but admirable address. Tea in the parish rooms was served by the wives and mothers of the local ringers.

Archdeacon C. O. Ellison presided at the business meeting, which was attended by the disappointingly small number of 70 members. Several important matters arose from the minutes of the previous meeting. The president reported on the progress made with the new membership card, which would replace the old certificate of membership. The proof of one design had been rejected and he was asking the S.P.C.K. to submit another. New badges would have to be ordered fairly soon; these are now given to new members.

The General Committee had been asked to consider whether the Association should make a donation to the funds of "The Ringing World" and it had decided to recommend that no gift be made. Mr. N. Chaddock then made a proposition that £5 be given this year. He said that many ringers were thoughtless about "The Ringing World" and of its usefulness to them and to ringing associations. The Yorkshire Association had the notices for this very meeting at a small price. Mr. Chaddock went on to emphasise the value of the articles and compositions in the paper and concluded by saying that a donation need not be given every year. Mr. C. Moxon seconded the proposition.

At this point Mr. E. Hudson said he thought the motion to be out of order, since the committee had discussed the matter. The general secretary disagreed and the president then allowed a debate. The president said that he agreed with the views of Mr. C. Woolley recently expressed in "The Ringing World." Mr. H. L. Roper said he was sorry to hear this—the view, that is, that "The Ringing World" should stand on its own feet. He thought the paper could not stand on its own feet since it was produced largely by voluntary effort. The editor, he said, was paid—but not much. He asked what was wrong with charity. Mr. Woolley had forgotten the voluntary effort.

INVESTMENTS COULD BE IMPROVED

Mr. V. Bottomley opposed the proposition. "The Ringing World" finances could be much healthier, he said, if the investments were better ones. At the moment they were bad investments and the suggestions he had made at Central Council meetings for improving them were not accepted. The Editorial Committee could increase charges if necessary. He thought, too, that the Association would get tired of being the only one making a donation.

Mr. W. E. Critchley did not agree with the proposition either. He thought that the service of "The Ringing World" had dropped in quality. The way peals were written out had changed at least twice in the last year and were frequently not in order with regard to their date. Further, he thought it would be unfair for some people to be subsidising others. He did not like the fact that some quarter peals were not published because there was no donation with them.

Mr. J. Seager said that the meeting should accept the committee's recommendation, and the motion, when put to the meeting, was lost.

Mr. C. Groome proposed a vote of thanks. He liked to come to Rotherham, where ringing was as it should be, and where there was great hospitality. He thanked in particular Mr. N. Chaddock, who had been responsible for the arrangements, all the incumbents of the churches, especially the Vicar of Rotherham, the ladies who served tea, and the organist. Mr. C. Moxon seconded this proposition, which was carried with acclamation. Mr. N. Chaddock replied.

The president next presented the annual report. He said he did not propose to read out what was already in the hands of most of those present, and referred briefly to one or two points. He regretted the extracts from the rules had not been printed in the report, as planned, and congratulated Mr. E. Hudson on being elected chairman of the Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies.

HIGHEST PEAL TOTAL

Mr. W. E. Critchley reported on the peals rung during 1964. The total of 217 was by far the largest the Association had had. He mentioned especially the peals by local bands at Walkington and Huntington, and also the peal of Bob Maximus at York Minster by the York Minster Society.

Mr. V. Bottomley, in presenting the balance sheet, said that income from subscriptions was up, which tallied well with the fact that membership was up; 625 members had paid for 1964.

The president concluded this part of the business by thanking the hon. auditors, Messrs. W. Barton and J. W. Gibson, and the report was formally adopted.

Most of the rest of the business was concluded speedily. Mr. F. W. Moreton was re-elected general secretary. The next general meeting was arranged for September 18th at Selby, to coincide, it is hoped, with the rededication of the bells at the Abbey. Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert reported progress with the Snowdon dinner on October 16th in Rotherham, but with ringing in Sheffield. New members elected were Thomas Cooke, Rohilla M. Cooke, Ernest Pannell (Darlington), Christopher Easton, Michael Pickup, Audrey Davies (Scalby), Andrew Pearce (Huntington), Margaret Donovan (Thrybergh), Paul Brookes (Rotherham), Philip Dilks (Sheffield) and three non-residents — Christopher Hughes (Chesterfield), Joy Watkin (Wigston Magna) and David Baxter (Irnham).

The proposition that there be an assistant peal secretary was agreed to and Dr. T. D. Spencer was elected to this office. Another proposition that the Association have a librarian was referred to the committee.

This full agenda was completed before 7 p.m., at which time the parish rooms had been booked by some "pop musicians."

WINCHESTER DISCOVERY

Dear Sir,—It is a great pity that the illustrator of the paper on the Winchester Cathedral discovery did not show the correct section of a Saxon bell instead of the form used by the founders of the modern Swiss cow bell.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE P. ELPHICK.

Southover, Lewes.

BRITISH MUSEUM BUY A CHINESE BELL FOR £28,000

LAST month the sale room correspondent of "The Times," in reporting on an auction of part of the collection of the late Adolphe Stoclet, of Brussels, for £108,095, mentioned that a world-famous bronze bell would soon be seen in the same rooms. Always interested in such things, I sent for the catalogue. This had a colour photograph of the bell as the frontispiece and another in black and white of the detail of the crown as well as some details of its history.

The bell belongs to the Wei Hui Chime, of which four other members are known, and are considered to date from about 482 B.C. The treble, height 14 inches, was formerly in the Berlin State Museum; the second and tenor, heights 19½ and 26½ inches, are now in the Fogg Museum of Art, Cambridge, U.S.A.; the third, height 21¼ inches, is the one under review; and the fourth, height 23½ inches, is in the Museum van Asiatische Kunst, Amsterdam. It is of course possible after all this lapse of time that there were more than five bells in the chime when first cast.

The Stoclet bell was auctioned on May 11th at Sothebys and was eventually knocked down for £28,000 to the British Museum. Clearly this record price reflects the considerable importance of the piece and the quality of the workmanship.

In plan, the bell is of pointed oval section tapering towards the flat crown and with almost the whole outside surface profusely ornamented. In the centre of each side is a vertical panel enclosing four dragons with foliate tails. On each side are groups of five alternating horizontal bands of dragons and bosses. The latter are in the form of curled lizards devouring birds and the bands are separated by a rope twist ornament.

By the mouth and shoulder are continuous bands of decoration. The flat crown is also ornamented and has two free standing confronted dragons which form a type of argent for suspending the bell.

On the view day I was, unfortunately, unable to see the inside of the bell or to assess the musical properties. It seems that there was never an internal clapper and the bell was struck on the outside with perhaps a horizontal timber beam suspended from two cords. The outside has a brownish patina over most of the surface due probably to being buried for many centuries in the ground until some 50 years ago.

Though some of the decoration may have been finished off after the bell was cast, the quality of the work is very high indeed and in only one zone is slight porosity to be seen. The evidence is that the lost wax process was not used, but instead a clay mould was made in sections and clamped together.

Now this most interesting bell is to stay in this country there may be a further opportunity to see how the founder did his work. He was of course casting this bell and the others in the chime some 1,400 years earlier than the Winchester founder whose moulds have been recently discovered.

It is not clear whether the treble formerly in Berlin survived the last war, and a peal of 5,040 changes of Doubles on them would not seem to be immediately in prospect.

R. W. M. CLOUSTON.

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Letters to the Editor

THEOLOGICAL ASPECT OF PEALS

Dear Sir,—Like your correspondent Mr. Robin H. Rogers, I am very uneasy about the peal rung at Bridgend to commemorate a victory in some sporting event by, I am told, a Welsh team. I cannot believe that bells in a church were ever envisaged as a means of celebrating such an occasion, rare though it may be; they are dedicated to the glory of God, and the least one can say about this peal "dedication" is that it was in very bad taste. Moreover I consider the comments about it in "Belfry Gossip" were in even worse taste and should have merited the Editor's censorship. If the peal had been rung in a secular tower there would have been some excuse for it, but to say, as your correspondent did in an apology, that sport and religion in Wales are inseparable is little short of blasphemous. Did the clergy throughout Wales (in churches of all denominations) solemnly offer prayers the previous week for victory, and equally solemnly the day after, prayers of thanksgiving? And what about the churches in the country of the losers?

I would ask that all peal ringers think very seriously about the theological aspect of their peals before they dedicate them to this, that and the other. No one can quarrel with a peal rung to mark an event in the Church Kalender—a Festival, a Saint's day, an anniversary of the Church, or some important occasion with doctrinal connections. Nor can one take exception in "In Memoriam" peals to commemorate an anniversary of service to the Church. It is very doubtful though if a peal should ever be rung as a "Birthday Compliment" to anyone, especially if that person is ringing in it. If it is necessary to mention such a thing as a birthday, it would be more meaningful to say "Rung to mark the birthday of . . ." or, better still, "Rung on the occasion of the birthday of . . .". Every peal rung on the bells of a church must primarily be rung to the glory of God and as a witness of the life of His Church. Can we, as Christians, Church members and ringers, who should know the right thing to do, set an example in future peal dedications and restrict them to events and circumstances strictly connected with the Church? After all, there are plenty of ecclesiastical events if any reason is needed.

I would like to suggest that guidance be given by the Central Council in the whole matter of peal dedications, and that it should be discussed at an early meeting. I would also like the Editor to have full power of censorship so that we shall never again have to read such nonsense as was inscribed at the end of the Bridgend peal, which can only bring discredit on those responsible and denigrate the peal ringing section of the Exercise.

—Yours sincerely, D. J. NEAL SMITH.
Twickenham, Middlesex.

BATH AND WEST SHOW

Dear Sir,—Many ringers will be aware of the fact that the new permanent site of the Bath and West is situated on the outskirts of Evercreech. It has therefore been arranged that the bells of St. Peter's will be available to visitors to the Show, each evening (June 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th) from 7 p.m. or at other times by arrangement with the undersigned.

Also, as no doubt some members of the Central Council will be making their way to Northampton on the Saturday, the bells will be available to any of them who may like to pay us a call; it would of course be advisable to make personal arrangements to ensure a sufficient number being present at any one time.

So far as the Show is concerned, there will be demonstrations of handbell ringing each day, and Mr. Frank Mack's light ring of six bells will be set up at the entrance to the chapel in the Church Pavilion. — Yours sincerely, HARRY SANGER.
Rockyville, Evercreech.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BIRMINGHAM RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I wish to congratulate the band who rang the long peal at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip, Birmingham, on May 15th.

I was fortunate enough to hear the last hour and a half of superb ringing and a perfect finish. We in Birmingham should be proud we have such an expert band of change ringers who possess the stamina and quality combined with endurance which is called for in a peal with so many changes.

Once again wishing our ringers all the luck in the near future, on ringing their completion of a fine peal.—Yours truly,

R. H. MANSELL.
Handsworth, Birmingham.

TRADITION OF FIRING BELLS

Dear Sir,—Your correspondents concerned about firing in peals might be interested to learn that this is not a new phenomenon. In a description of Portsmouth in 1729 Stephen Martin Leake, Lancaster Herald and afterwards Garter King of Arms, comments:

"There is but one church in the town, a very old building, but it has a very good tower and chimes, and in the upper part is a room where a man lives to give notice of all ships that appear off the harbour, which he does by striking a bell as many times as there are ships. They have a good peal of eight bells, which were brought from the church in Dover Castle by the interest of Sir George Rooke, one of their members. They are said to be the first ringers that struck their bells in slams (as they call it), that is, together at one stroke like a volley of muskets, which they do in the middle of a peal, as often as they please, without breaking off the peal; and this they do upon rejoicing days in imitation of huzzas or volleys."

"Life of Captain Stephen Martin, R.N.," Vol. V., page 206, Navy Records Society. —Yours faithfully,

ROGER B. MORRIS.
Oswestry, Salop.

SPLICING WITH FIRING

Dear Sir,—Reading the amusing letter by Mr. Wilfred W. Ring in "The Ringing World" (page 292), I felt I must add my comments on this question of striking, for although Mr. Ring's letter was written in a facetious vein there is a great deal of truth behind what he says.

I feel that our standards in bell ringing are similar to our standards in most things these days. We have come to accept inferior quality as the norm rather than the exception. The number of people who take a pride in producing things of very high quality seems to get less year by year.

I sometimes wonder, with regard to ringing standards, how much is the fault of those of us who take it upon ourselves to teach others to ring. How often do we see a beginner pushed into round-ringing, or even attempting plain hunting, before he or she can handle a bell properly, or trying to ring one of the more advanced methods before mastering the simpler ones?

In my opinion too much importance is placed on whether a person can "ring" Cambridge, London, Yorkshire, etc., rather than on whether he can strike his bell.

Let us aim first for perfection in our striking, even if it means spending a much longer period on the more mundane things like rounds, call changes and the simpler methods!

To quote George Herbert, "Who sweeps a room as for God's laws, makes that and the action fine."—Yours sincerely,

HAROLD HAYNES.
Daventry.

EARLIEST OCTAVE IN ENGLAND

Dear Sir,—Having followed with interest the correspondence some time ago on the subject of early rings of eight bells, the same was brought to mind recently on reading "History of London Ringers and Ringing" by J. A. Trollope (part of which was reprinted in "The Ringing World" of December 21st, 1945, page 520). The paragraph in question runs (I quote):

"Robert Mot's most notable ring (if we can trust the evidence) was eight bells for St. Andrew's, Holborn, with a tenor weighing 28 cwt. There is in the British Museum a manuscript letter dated June 8th, 1852, written by Christopher Sachs, who was at that time employed at the Cripplegate bell foundry. In it he says that he "was shown a curious old book written in very quaint character on vellum, in which is an account of the cost, etc., of a peal of eight bells cast in 1578, the tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb., and a list of those who subscribed for them and the building of the church."

He then goes on to say that he could find no other reference to this book, which apparently disappeared long ago, and mentions that the date on the (then) Sanctus bell was 1578, the same date as the supposed octave.

It would be interesting to know whether the manuscript referred to is still in existence, and whether, more recently, anything has come to light to confirm its authenticity. If the truth of the document is corroborated, it would seem that this ring is a clear 24 years older than the ring put up at Bishops Cannings, Wiltshire, in 1602, usually described as the earliest octave in England.

In connection with Robert Mot and his predecessor at the Whitechapel Foundry, there is a convincing argument in "Church Bells of Essex" that the identity of the latter founder may be ascribed to one Robert Doddes. However, a recent search through the churchwardens' accounts of Wye, Kent, brought to light Robert Doddes' name again in connection with the casting of four bells for that church in 1572/3. This date is two years after Mot is known to have established himself at Whitechapel, and the fact that Doddes was at this time managing a foundry did not take over on the death of Doddes, as may have been originally thought. The 2nd bell at Preston-by-Faversham, Kent, is dated 1575, and although Stahlschmidt ("Church Bells of Kent") could find no identification of the founder, the character of the inscription strongly resembles those of Doddes' specimens found in Essex. In 1581, however, we find the first mention of the prolific foundry of the Hatches at Ulcombe (a village bordering on Lenham) and the possibility that Thomas Hatch served his apprenticeship with Doddes now seems a distinct possibility. — Yours faithfully,

NICHOLAS J. DAVIES.

Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

RINGING IN HOLY WEEK

Dear Sir,—My friend Mr. Caple is not quite correct in stating that ringing is completely suspended during Holy Week "throughout Western Christendom."

I have just returned from a ringing tour in Ireland, and at least one cathedral and one parish church recorded ringing before several of the Holy Week services, and it would appear to be customary to do this in the Church of Ireland.

Whilst we have no tradition of ringing after Palm Sunday in the Church of England, a clear distinction should be made between ringing for service and ringing for pleasure.

I am sure most of us would agree with Mr. Caple that meetings or practices are out of place during Holy Week, but if the Rector asks his band to ring for any of the services, even half-muffled on Good Friday, on what grounds could we, as ringers, object? None. I am sure.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN BRAIN.
Backwell, Somerset.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION'S GOOD YEAR

A VERY good year was reviewed at the annual meeting of the Sussex County Association held at Chichester on May 8th. Financially, the Association was sounder, a willingness on the part of incumbents to allow bells to be used was noted and an increased number of peals were rung.

The service was held in the Cathedral at 3.30 p.m. and taken by the Archdeacon of Chichester in the absence of the Bishop, who was dedicating a church at Hove, and the Dean, who was indisposed.

Tea was held in the Council Chamber at the County Hall, when over 160 ringers and friends were present.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Master, Mr. R. V. Johnson, who welcomed the Archdeacon of Chichester, the Vicar of Danehill, the Vicar of Withvham and members of the East Grinstead and District Guild.

The members were asked to stand in silence in respect of those members who had died during the year: Messrs. S. A. Paice (Horsham), H. Stoveld (Bosham) and Chipper (Wessex Tarring).

The Master's printed report mentioned that the standard of ringing had steadily improved and the number of methods rung much increased. Some of their "up-and-coming" young ringers were moving to University or elsewhere. Mr. Peter Romney, hon. peal secretary, and Messrs. Ian Smith, John Norris and Bernard North, who had held office in their respective divisions, had been a great success. Their thanks and best wishes to them as they moved forward on life's way.

The secretary (Mr. R. W. R. Percy) in his report said they were now in their 80th year and since the Association had been formed it had had eight Masters, 10 secretaries and 13 treasurers. Of these, one secretary and four treasurers were in office only one year.

THE WIND OF CHANGE

At the 80th birthday dinner the secretary of the Central Council spoke of the wind of change that was beginning to blow in their churches. Times and conditions of services were altering and they must be prepared to align themselves with them. During the past 12 months he had noticed the willingness of incumbents to permit the use of their bells; opportunities now awaited them in towers where there was very little ringing.

If the present system of affiliation were amended and individual membership fees substituted, it would be possible to include details of all the towers in the Association's report, but of course only the names of the actual members would be included. The present set-up of rules made it difficult to print the report in time for the annual general meeting (although they had not yet failed). He hoped to see them amended to be more helpful to general secretaries of the future by divisional annual meetings in October or November, which would enable balance sheets to be available in January, thus giving the treasurer and auditor more time to carry out their duties. Over the past two years the



MR. R. W. R. PERCY
popular general secretary of the Association, having held office since 1953.
Elected to Central Council 1960.

paying of subscriptions—whether affiliation or individual—had been somewhat chaotic but he was certain they would all be better and happier with an individual subscription.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Leslie Weller) reported a good year, which was due to towers paying an affiliation fee as well as a member's subscription. Divisional expenses were down, but they must bear in mind that the previous treasurer had not made any payment to "The Ringing World" for 1964; this had now been done.

The peal secretary reported 93 peals rung during the year—the sixth highest in the history of the Association. Mr. L. Stilwell had rung his 750th peal.

The president, vice-president, Master, treasurer, secretary and auditors were re-elected. Mr. Peter Romney, the peal secretary, had moved to Dorset, and Mr. John Norris was elected to this post.

AFFILIATION FEE ABOLISHED

After some discussion a proposition was carried by 64 votes to 52 that from January 1st, 1966, the affiliation fee be abolished and an individual subscription retained.

A report of the committee revising the form of service was presented by the Rev. Mr. Scott. A rough draft would be sent to each division and finally to the Bishop for approval.

A recommendation from the committee: "That the grant to churches for bell repairs be increased from £5 to a maximum of £25. any grant must be approved by the General Committee," was accepted by the meeting. Following this, a grant of £25 to Billingshurst was agreed to and the committee are to

consider the application for a grant to Upper Beeding.

Details of an appeal by Billingshurst to raise the whole of the cost of restoration of their bells was given. The generous support of all ringers was asked for.

The general secretary asked for guidance for the Central Council representatives regarding two motions to be submitted at Northampton—the payment of 1s. for each person taking part in a peal before publication in "The Ringing World" and that the Council recommends affiliated territorial Associations to discontinue the election of non-resident life members or their equivalent. The representatives were asked to vote against both motions. In connection with "The Ringing World," an appeal was made for more ringers to take the journal through the post.

Attention was drawn to the annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild to be held at Eastbourne on July 3rd and the support of members was requested.

Two members received special recognition—Mr. Peter Wood was elected a vice-president for his 18 years' service to the Western Division, and Mr. H. Gravett, who had completed 60 years as a ringer at Burgess Hill and still attended for service and practice ringing, was elected an honorary life member.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

A supper of bread and cheese, pickled onions and beer preceded the annual general meeting of the Southampton University Guild on May 1st. The Master (Mr. M. D. Trigg) reported good progress during the year with 11 quarters (four firsts as conductors), the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major for the Guild, a summer tour, successful annual dinner and frequent day outings.

Officers elected were: President, Canon K. W. H. Felstead; Master, Mr. M. D. Trigg; Vice-Master, Miss H. Walters; secretary and treasurer, Mr. P. J. Joyce. The summer tour will be around Tiverton, Devon, during the first week in July. All correspondence for Guild to Mr. P. J. Joyce, c/o J. C. R., The University, Southampton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Bridgnorth Branch

An encouraging feature of the spring meeting held at Madeley on May 1st was the number of young learner ringers who attended and they were afforded every facility. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Lord), who also took the chair at the business meeting. Before the commencement of this meeting, members stood in silence as a tribute in memory of the late Mr. J. Stanier, for many years captain of the Madeley ringers.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. Fred Jones, the present Madeley captain, for his assistance with the arrangements for tea. Ringing was under the direction of the new Branch Ringing Master, Mr. Alan Jones, of Bridgnorth.

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OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE H. CROSS

Members of the Kent County Association will be saddened by the death of George H. Cross. Although so well known as the Master of the Cumberlands, his work for the Kent Association must not be overlooked. He was for many years on the committee of the Association as honorary auditor and his advice and assistance in financial matters were most useful.

He was an outstanding conductor and practical ringer on both tower- and handbells. He once said, not in any boasting way, that he thought it possible to ring two handbells to any method to which one could ring a tower bell, and in his case it was probably true. He was a prolific composer, and whereas some of his work was criticised, not unjustly, for lack of originality, he produced many compositions of great practical value.

Although exiled from his native Norfolk, he never lost the slow speech and casual manner associated with East Anglia. In his case these characteristics belied a keen brain and great natural ability. He was wonderful company with a dry sense of humour and kindly but unflinching wit.

His wife came from Chislehurst, in Kent, and after their marriage they lived for many years at Barnehurst and both took part in many peals in the Lewisham District of the Association and beyond. They moved to Somerset on his retirement and were greatly missed by a wide circle of friends in the county where they had lived so long. Great sympathy will be felt for Mrs. Cross and their son and two daughters in their bereavement.

P. A. C.

AN APPRECIATION

May 1, as one of the older Cumberlands in the Lincoln-Newark area, say how much we mourn the death of our great friend and late Master, George H. Cross.

It was to George and his St. Martin-in-the-Fields band's great sincerity during their pre-war visits to Lincoln and Newark that the seeds were sown for the present stronghold of the Cumberlands in this area.

For me personally, I shall always be most grateful for the advice and instruction given to me when I was so often welcomed to his home during wartime visits when we entered the Port of London. For so much of the ringing I've enjoyed since those days, I have only this great man to thank.

To the family we offer our deepest sympathy. May his soul rest in peace. J. L. M.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Competition

In the drizzling rain, and at Tenby, not St. Florence, as advertised, the St. David's Diocesan Guild held its annual competition on May 8th. Bands were entered from Tenby, St. Florence, Pembroke, Llandilo, Cardigan and Llanelly.

The test piece was to ring six bells up and stand; to ring 120 of any Doubles method, and then, after standing again, to ring the bells down. As in previous years, Mr. Frederick Sharpe was the judge.

After tea, at St. Florence, Mr. Sharpe gave a helpful analysis of the ringing. The placing was: 1 Tenby, 2 Llanelly, 3 Cardigan.

The Master of the Guild then introduced Mr. Sharpe and his famous band of handbell ringers, and the recital which followed was a much looked-forward-to item of the competition. Mr. Sharpe always includes one or two Welsh hymn tunes, and is pleased when the listeners spontaneously join in the melody. Too soon the recital ended, and votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. Sharpe and to his band by the Rector of St. Florence, and by Mr. Scudamore, captain at Llandilo.

R. W.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY
GUILD

A.G.M. and Dinner

THE 18th annual general meeting of the Manchester University Guild was held on March 9th in the University Union, and the following officers were elected for the session 1965/66: President, Brian A. Tomlinson; Ringing Master, David J. Baker; secretary, Stephen Taylor; treasurer, Miss Margaret Whitehead; committee members, John Gander (steeple keeper) and Clive Colton.

The annual dinner was held on March 13th at the Mitre Hotel amid congenial surroundings and a happy atmosphere.

The toast of "The Church" was proposed by Mr. Clive Colton and the reply was given by Mr. Fearnheugh. The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by the secretary, Mrs. Mary Jones, who welcomed representatives from the Durham, Liverpool, London, Nottingham and Sheffield University Societies and all the life members of the Guild who were present at the dinner though not now resident in the Manchester area.

The reply was given by Mr. Dave Marshall, the Master of the Durham University Society, who produced the one genuine laugh of the evening among a series of groans at unfunny stories, with his hair-raising tale of immoral practices in Durham. The toast of "The Society" was proposed by Mr. Philip Erith, of the London University Society. The reply was given by the Master, Mr. David Baker, who cheated by giving a speech which was substantially a repetition of his report at the annual general meeting. He remarked on the fact that the Guild had an excellent record for the past year of four births and three marriages, and announced that the most significant event of the year was undoubtedly the change of pub, which had met with general approval. The standard of ringing had been maintained in spite of the loss of so many members at the end of last year, and he looked forward to an equally happy and successful term of office for his successor. (Mr. Baker was re-elected at the annual general meeting.)

The evening concluded in the normal manner, with idle chatter, excessive alcohol consumption and handbell ringing.

M. J.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chesterfield District Striking
Competition

Chesterfield District's third annual striking competition, held at Clowne, on May 8th, was certainly the best yet with an attendance of over 70 members and friends. Due to the record entry of nine teams, including a last-minute one from Sheffield University—"Brand X"—it took almost two hours for the teams to ring the test piece of 240 changes, and as a result everyone was more than ready for the excellent tea waiting in the Rectory Barn.

The results of the competition were: 1 Old Whittington (Oxford T.B., 246 points); 2 Dronfield "A" (Oxford T.B., 228); 3 Bolsover "A" (Cambridge Minor, 221); 4 "Brand X" (Plain Bob, 214); 5 Old Brampton (Grandsire Doubles, 158); 6 Staveley (Plain Hunt, 147); 7 Bolsover "B" (Plain Bob, 124); 8 Barborough (Plain Bob, 121); and 9 Dronfield "B" (Plain Hunt, 63).

Presenting the Old Whittington team with the District Shield, Mr. A. Mould (Derby) congratulated them on a fine performance, particularly as this was the second year in succession they had won. With Dronfield and Bolsover, they will now go forward to compete in the Horsley Cup at the Association's final on May 22nd.

Following the election of Miss V. Dorricott and Mr. F. Farnsworth (Staveley), Mr. S. Margerrison (Old Brampton) and Mr. G. Pears (Clowne) as new members, Mr. S. Lawrence, captain of the winning team, concluded the meeting with comprehensive thanks.

Next meeting: June 12th, North Wingfield.

M. P. P.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
SOCIETY

THE University of London Society held its annual general meeting on May 8th. The afternoon's ringing began at Poplar, where a late start was necessitated by rope and stay trouble. The bells are a difficult ten to ring and drop nicely. The eight of St. Mary's, Bow Road, proved rather more manageable. These bells are incredibly loud outside and it is easy to sympathise with the howling mob which greeted the last peal band to visit there. Ringing activities concluded at St. Vedast's, where a service was conducted by Canon Mortlock. Tea was provided in St. Olave's Church Hall and was followed by a business meeting attended by 20 members and four visitors.

In his report the Master, Mr. Richard O. Humphries, remarked on the increase of members attending regularly on Thursdays and Sundays and the continued improvement in the standard of methods rung—seven and eight Spliced Surprise Major being quite common on practice nights. The realms of 10-and 12-bell ringing had been entered with a practice at Southwark Cathedral on the second Wednesday of the month. Seventeen peals had been rung, ranging from Plain Bob Minor "in hand" to Cambridge Royal and Yorkshire Maximus. Eight quarter peals had been scored on Sunday mornings at St. Vedast's.

In her report, the secretary (Miss Y. Edwards) mentioned the well-attended tour in Shropshire and South Wales and outings to Loughborough and Paris.

Eleven new members were ratified. The president and vice-presidents, respectively David J. R. Martin and Philip M. J. Gray. Denis N. Layton and Alan F. Thirst, were re-elected. Last year's treasurer, Roger W. Powell, was elected Master, and it was decided to combine the posts of secretary and treasurer, Robert E. J. Dennis being elected to the office. (Both Master and secretary reside at Commonwealth Hall, Cartwright Gardens, W.C.1, and are at Imperial College.) Alan J. Frost was elected Central Council representative, and Peter R. Layton auditor: committee members, Yvonne Edwards, J. Susan Smith and Anthony H. Smith.

Richard Humphries called for support for the summer tour in Devon and Cornwall and asked those interested to get in touch with him. The annual dinner will probably be at the Church House on February 12th. Discussion ensued on the cost of an annual report and the committee were instructed to report their findings on this and finance generally to the Society's general meeting on October 16th. Votes of thanks concluded the proceedings.

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SKETTY, SWANSEA, GLAMORGAN.—On March 14th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Patricia Jenkins (first T.B.) 1, Elizabeth J. Watkins (first T.B.) 2, Kathleen M. Watkins 3, Hazel Way 4, J. A. Hoare (cond.) 5, B. J. Woodruff 6. For evening service.

QUARTER PEALS

HALF PEAL

SWANSEA, GLAMORGAN.—On April 24th, 2,640 Plain Bob Maximus: Hazel Way 1—2, Penelope J. Welch 3—4, J. A. Hoare 5—6, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 7—8, R. T. Smith 9—10, E. J. Morris 11—12. First of Maximus by all except conductor. For practice.

ALDINGTON, KENT.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Todd 1, Myrtle Butcher 2, Rose Wratten 3, B. L. Marks 4, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 5, T. C. Uden 6. Also on May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Hooker 1, Rose Wratten 2, Ann Rayner 3, Elizabeth Todd 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, Crawford T. Hillis (cond.) 6. Also on May 9th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Hooker 1, Annie Rayner 2, Rose Wratten (cond.) 3, Elizabeth Todd 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, A. Neilson 6. Rung for the Aldington Festival of Flowers and Music.

ALVESTON, GLOS.—On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Starling 1, Miss P. Sturdy 2, G. Collins 3, D. Livesey 4, S. Poole (cond.) 5, E. Ball 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. Also on May 18th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Livesey 1, Pamela J. Sturdy 2, Monica Fluck 3, G. T. Collins 4, A. Howard (cond.) 5, E. Ball 6. First quarter 1 and 3.

ASH, SURREY.—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. G. Sherwood 1, A. D. Sayer 2, M. E. Denyer (first quarter, aged 12) 3, Miss A. Hawes 4, C. J. Champion (cond.) 5, P. G. Smart 6. For Evensong.

ASHTAD, SURREY.—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Way 1, J. T. Symonds 2, Diana Hayns 3, R. Mills 4, J. Hayns (cond.) 5, R. Barnes (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

ASTON CLINTON, BUCKS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): T. H. O. Lewis (first quarter) 1, L. Floyd 2, L. R. Woodruff 3, D. G. Wheeler 4, A. J. White (cond.) 5, J. R. Franklin (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

BOLTON, LANCs.—On April 12th, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: J. Andrews (first quarter) 1, T. Hobson (first "inside") 2, R. Parkinson 3, C. Brownlow 4, F. Brownlow 5, A. Critchley 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, J. Thornley 8. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kenyon, of St. George's, Bolton, where Mrs. Kenyon is a service ringer.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On May 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Kinsey (first quarter) 1, M. H. Whittell 2, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 3, M. J. Howes 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5. For Evensong, and to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the first peal ever rung. Norwich, May 2nd, 1715.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on May 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. W. Bond 1, Beryl Baldwin 2, Angela Wright 3, Angela Grainger 4, Catherine Powell 5, R. I. Vaughn 6, M. J. Bew 7, R. J. Talbot (cond.) 8, B. J. P. Sione 9, D. P. Snowsell (25th quarter) 10. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Bernard Stone, who is moving to Oxford.

CLYST HONITON, DEVON.—On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. E. Retter 1, Miss M. Retter (first "inside") 2, E. E. Retter 3, J. Salway 4, G. E. Retter (cond.) 5, A. Broom (first quarter) 6. Also on April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Retter 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, Miss V. Look 4, B. Coles 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. E. Retter 8. Rung after the wedding of Miss Anne Christie (ringer and organist at this church) and Mr. Martin Peach.

EDINBURGH.—On May 1st, in Princes Street, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor on handbells: Miss E. Graham 1—2, M. Peterson (cond.) 3—4, M. J. Marriott 5—6. In aid of Edinburgh Students' Charities Appeal.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On May 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss L. Floyd 1, Miss M. Birch 2, L. Floyd 3, A. J. White 4, R. Woodruff (cond.) 5, R. S. Foster 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. For morning service by members of the Chiltern Branch.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Thomas, on May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): Miss M. Retter 1, J. Salway 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, F. Wills 4, Miss V. Look 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. E. Retter 8. For the annual service of Exeter Combined Lodges, Loyal Order of Moose.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Janet Cane (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Marsh 2, Sally Parrott 3, R. E. Fentiman 4, G. A. Cockman 5, D. J. Herschell (cond.) 6, Adrienne Gibson 7, S. Warren 8. Rung half-muffled. Also on May 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Warren 1, Adrienne Gibson (cond.) 2, D. J. K. Paul 3, R. E. Fentiman 4, W. Parrott 5, D. J. F. Oakshott 6, D. J. Herschell 7, J. Helder (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled. Both quarters in memoriam Albert Foxwell, aged 83, faithful verger of this church for 23 years, who was interred on May 10th.

ESHER, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Powell 1, Mrs. D. Massey 2, P. Henry 3, Mrs. M. Powell 4, J. Maybrey (cond.) 5, Miss P. Sinclair (first quarter) 6. A farewell to the Rector, Rev. W. W. Davidson.

FARNWORTH-KEARSLEY, LANCs.—On May 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Andrews (first quarter) 1, T. Hobson 2, J. F. Wood 3, S. Anderton 4, D. Hogg 5, J. Thornley 6, D. Vincent 7, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 8. To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Hatch, of Leigh.

FINCHLEY, MIDDx.—On May 16th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: W. Harwin 1, A. Richardson 2, F. Barker 3, A. Warren 4, Miss D. Robotham 5, B. Watson 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. First in method 1, 2 and 5. For Evensong.

GRIMSBY, LINCs.—On May 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Muriel Pashley (first quarter) 1, Maureen Bee 2, J. J. Willows 3, M. Walker 4, W. Longbottom 5, J. Parker 6, F. Kennington 7, A. Pashley (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome Canon D. G. Hawker, on his induction as Vicar of Grimsby.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On May 9th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. B. Davey 1, M. E. Nissly (first of Cambridge "inside") 2, J. R. Hough 3, A. J. Davey 4, F. R. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service. Also on May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. B. Davey 1, J. R. Hough 2, J. K. A. Cook 3, M. E. Nissly 4, A. J. Davey 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On April 25th, 1,260 Minor (Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob): L. P. Brain 1, S. J. Hammond 2, C. F. Loke 3, L. J. Parry 4, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 5, R. C. Groom 6.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Violet Relf 1, J. Burden (first "inside") 2, Elizabeth Stewart 3, L. Sweatman 4, G. Stewart (cond.) 5, P. Denne 6. For Evensong.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Mussett 1, Mrs. E. Jackson (first of Minor) 2, M. H. Whittell 3, M. J. Howes 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5, R. L. K. Whittell 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Loten 1, Miss B. Smith 2, R. Barton 3, Miss J. Barton 4, K. Gould 5, D. Cornwall 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, A. Payne 8.

LANCASTER.—On May 2nd, at the Cathedral of St. Peter (R.C.), 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Rainford 1, R. Warden 2, H. Rainford (cond.) 3, P. Rainford (first quarter) 4, S. Jeffery 5, J. Pye 6. A compliment to Monsignor R. O. Brimley, on his appointment as Protonotary Apostolic. Also on May 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Rainford 1, E. Dodderell 2, T. Jackson 3, P. Rainford 4, H. Rainford (cond.) 5, J. Richardson (first quarter) 6, J. Pye tenor. A compliment to the ringer of the treble on completion of 60 years as a ringer at the same church.

LIANBADARN FAWR, CARDS.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Christine Hiscock 1, Dianne Bird 2, R. T. Smith 3, Gillian Graney 4, Katherine Maylott 5, Frances Massey 6, H. L. Hatfield (first as cond.) 7, J. Wilson 8. Also on May 9th, 1,260 Cambridge Minor: Dianne Bird 1, Katherine Maylott 2, Gillian Graney 3, D. W. Beard (cond.) 4, Frances Massey 5, R. E. Hardy 6, H. L. Hatfield cover. To mark the engagement of H. Lyndon Hatfield to Dianne Bird, and of Robert E. Hardy to Katherine Maylott. Also for the 21st birthdays of Dianne Bird and Carolyn Channon.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on May 1st, 1,320 London S. Minor: T. G. Pett 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, R. O. Humphries (cond.) 3, R. D. Bailey 4, R. E. J. Dennis 5, R. W. Powell 6. For morning service by U.L.S.C.R.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On May 16th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): A. Neilson 1, Annie Rayner 2, Rose Wratten 3, Elizabeth Topp (cond.) 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Evensong.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Stephen P. Darvill, of St. Albans, has completed the Stedman family from Doubles to Cinques.

Mr. A. Bishop, of 12, Worple Avenue, London, asks for the notation of Cogenhoe Delight Minor.

"The Ringing World" has now a reader in the Solomon Islands. Is this our most distant outpost?

The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffiths was marked by a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Claverley. The band offer their warm appreciation for the hospitality given them after the peal.

The peal at Llandaff Cathedral on May 8th was the first peal of Surprise Royal in South Wales by an entirely resident band. The treble ringer, W. James Goodfellow, has now "circled the tower" at Llandaff.

A correspondent wonders what the footnote to the "Rugby" peal at Bridgend would have been had Wales been defeated. Presumably, it would have been rung fully muffled, or probably lost in sympathy!

Miss Judith Corby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby, completed her first 25 peals by ringing her first peal of London "inside" at Bromley Common on May 15th. Judith, who is 14, has rung her peals on 25 different bells.

St. Peter's, Brighton, will miss Bernard Stone, who is moving to Oxford. His attention to the bells and work for the Sussex Association has earned for him the gratitude of many friends who wish him well in the future.

Another member of that well known Guildford Guild ringing family, Martin Denyer, has rung his first quarter peal at the first attempt. Martin, who is only 12 years old, rang the third to Plain Bob Minor at Ash; a good achievement after only one year's ringing.

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AN ESSEX GOLDEN WEDDING

May 22nd was the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Carrott, of Upminster, Essex, and their many friends in the Hornchurch district send their heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

Jim is a member of the band at Hornchurch, Essex, and learned his ringing at Cubitt Town, in the East End of London. Later he moved to Northfleet, where he was a member of the band for 25 years, being secretary for 17 years. He came to Hornchurch in 1932 and has been a regular member of this band ever since. The usual cliché—the last of the old band—applies very well to Jim, but although the last of the old band he is most regular and most punctual of all, and always willing “to have a go.”

Long may it be so. Jim, and our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to you both.

A WIDOW'S INTERPRETATION

We acknowledge in our appropriate column a posthumous contribution of £2 from the late Mr. Ted Russell, a dear friend of ringers in the Redhill area, who died in April, 1963. Some months ago when his widow was going through his belongings she found some of his emergency supply tucked away in a pocket of one of his suits. She was most anxious to dispose of this money in the way her husband would have wished, and knowing his deep interest in “The Ringing World” she felt she could do no better than send it as a donation towards the upkeep of the journal.

A NEW LOOK AT SALFORD

Those who visit the Church of the Sacred Trinity, Salford, the church of the University of Manchester Guild, will find a pleasant surprise. The dirty, flaking yellow and maroon walls have been transformed to those of white and light blue. The redecoration took 12 hours hard work by four Guild members and a friend. Work at times was precarious. Only two 12 foot ladders were available and a ceiling 20ft. high had to be tackled. The ladders were tied together with an old bell rope and this held satisfactorily.

Work finished at midnight when new ropes were attached resplendent in their blue, green and white sallies, the colours of the University. Mr. David Baker writes expressing thanks to the church for the new ropes and publicly acknowledges the hard work of John, Mike, Roger and Stephen.

BEST MEETING FOR YEARS

Not often is it thought that a Stroud Branch practice deserves a mention in “R.W.”, but the Bisley meeting on May 15th proved such a one when, after it, remarks like “... best meeting for years...” were to be heard.

The amplifier with new speaker relaying the two trebles—hung much nearer heaven than their six brethren (or should that be sisters)—was working admirably and this fine eight attracted 25 to tea and, in all, nearer 50; some from as many miles away.

Pity it is that more from the Branch were not present to draw benefit from such visitors, as much local striking, if not diversity of method, needs to be improved. What is an Association if we do not associate? Thank you, Bisley, and thank you visitors. E.C.

THE THIRD GENERATION

The third generation of the Myers family, of Plymouth, were elected members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers by the meeting of the South West Branch at Walkhampton on May 8th. They were Malcolm and Graham Myers and they were proposed by their uncle, Mr. T. G. Myers. Their late grandfather, Mr. George Myers, began his ringing some 80 years ago, and was captain of St. Andrew's from 1912 until his death about five years ago, when he was succeeded by his son, Mr. T. G. Myers. There are now five members of the Myers family ringing at St. Andrew's—these two young men, their father, Mr. W. Myers, and their two uncles—Messrs. T. G. and Fred Myers. The chairman, Mr. H. H. Thomas, remarked that Malcolm could well have received his Guild certificate, as that morning he rang a treble excellently to Grandfire Caters.

Walkhampton, about two miles from Yelverton, is the gateway to some of the most barren yet wonderful parts of Dartmoor. Normally from the tower a grand view of the surrounding countryside is possible but on this day the view was blanketed out by a dense fog and visibility was limited to 50 yards. Older residents recalled that on V.E. Day in 1945 similar conditions prevailed, but this did not damp a very successful meeting. We thank our new press secretary, Miss Sylvia Sims, for ferreting out these details.

BASINGSTOKE GOLDEN WEDDING

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Balaam was celebrated by a peal at St. Michael's Church, Basingstoke, on May 8th, and also as an appreciation of Harry Balaam's work as a ringer in the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

Starting to ring at Southgate in 1903, he has visited many towers in the course of his journeys around the county and Surrey.

In the Great War he was very seriously wounded and lost an arm. Despite this severe handicap he persevered with ringing and today is a very good conductor and a stalwart for good striking. Since his retirement he has been a member of the St. Michael's band, Basingstoke, where he is a tower of strength to local ringing and an example of perseverance, friendship and goodwill to all who meet him. J.C.

NOT ONE TRACK MINDS

Ringing bells is not the only field in which the young ringers of St. George's Jesmond, Newcastle, excel. On May 3rd they took on the youth club at St. George's at skittles, table tennis, darts and tiddlywinks and won by 162 points to 127. Their success was marked by the presentation of a cup to the Ringing Master, Andrew Craddock.

250 YEARS AFTER FIRST PEAL

The peal of Plain Bob Triples rung at Carbis Bay and published on page 352 has neither date nor time. These were Sunday, May 2nd, in 2 hours and 49 minutes. This was the actual 250th anniversary of the ringing of the first recorded peal. During the ringing the Vicar conducted the normal children's service and was able to explain the reason. At the conclusion of the peal the band hurriedly dispersed to their home towers for normal Sunday evening ringing.

TULIP TIME AT SPALDING

Ringers' Sunday at Spalding coincides with the last tulip Sunday and the week-end of the parade of decorated floats, when many visitors throng the town. A large number visited the church and took the opportunity of viewing Spalding from the top of the tower; the proceeds of approximately £30 going towards the new Church Hall Fund. After Evensong, when one of the lessons was read by vice-captain and steeplekeeper Bernard Tyrrell, a number of parishioners attended a ringers' “At Home.” Mr. Paul Taylor had kindly travelled from Loughborough to give a commentary on a film depicting the making of a carillon.

Alas, for the captain of the ringers, Ron Noon, this busy week-end finally culminated in his being rushed to Boston Hospital early Monday morning with appendicitis. However, he is making good progress and will no doubt be at home before this appears in print!

HAS ARDINGLY THE YOUNGEST BAND?

Last summer a new team of ringers was formed at Ardingly, Haywards Heath, to ring the bells, which had been silent for a number of years. Already the efforts have been televised and received publicity in the local paper, owing mainly to the fact that the team's average age is 14.

Mr. J. Phillipson, the son of the Rector, inquires how this band compares with other young teams and whether it is in fact the youngest team in the country.

BELL DIDN'T BOUNCE

For several months a young learner in the Ely Diocese has patiently attempted to master the art of handling prompted by an increasingly impatient instructor, who impressed firmly upon him never to let go of the tail-end, and would he please desist from continually bumping stays. The inevitable had to happen! A stay broke and the learner, faithful as ever to his mentor's advice, held firmly to the tail-end and allowed himself to be hauled effortlessly in the direction of the ceiling. When his ascent had ceased—his feet dangling eight feet above the floor—the boy looked down inquiringly at his astonished instructor and asked, “What happened?” After he had been pulled away from the rope the boy stated that something was wrong... “The bell didn't bounce!”

UNIFORMITY AT SOUTH MYMMS

An interesting point about the three peals rung at St. Giles', South Mymms, Herts, is that they were all the same time, 2 hours 45 minutes. Two were rung in 1899 and the third on the 8th instant. After a lapse of two years from peal ringing Mr. Stanley Huckle responded to a short notice appeal which was much appreciated.

REBEL TERRITORY?

The Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association has recently recorded the 150th peal rung within the diocese for another Guild. The chief “pirate” Guild has been the Swansea and Brecon, which has a virtual monopoly of the “no man's land” towers of Cadoxton and Neath. On June 12th the L.&M. are visiting Cadoxton for a meeting, perhaps with a view towards pioneering and canvassing of the rebels.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MARTOCK, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*William E. Turner .. Treble	†Derek S. Beaufoy .. 5
Trevor A. Cross .. 2	David S. Osenton .. 6
Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. 7
David J. Orledge .. 4	Bernard F. L. Groves .. Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* 150th peal. † First of Surprise Major.

STREET, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*Derek S. Beaufoy .. Treble	David S. Osenton .. 5
Christopher T. Osenton .. 2	George W. Massey .. 6
*Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
David J. Orledge .. 4	Trevor A. Cross .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal in the method.

HEMINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

*Ernest Penney .. Treble	*Edward Penney .. 4
†Sandra Weaver .. 2	Frederick Savage .. 5
Jennifer Durston .. 3	*Ronald Weaver .. Tenor

Conducted by Jennifer Durston.

* First peal. † First peal "inside." First as conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., April 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 11 lb.

Derek Yates .. Treble	Roger J. Lumley .. 7
Harold C. Lanyon .. 2	A. Barry Sullivan .. 8
Robert J. Warrilow .. 3	Leonard Goodall .. 9
Edmond Shuttleworth .. 4	Basil Jones .. 10
C. Kenneth Lewis .. 5	William H. Dowse .. 11
John Worth .. 6	A. Peter Whitehead .. Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by John Worth.

Rung fully muffled in memoriam the Archdeacon of Macclesfield, the Ven. Tom Clarke, Vicar of St. Michael's, who died April 4th, 1965.

(Grappenhall Branch)

FRODSHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Wed., May 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Oswald Claybrook .. Treble	Fred Jackson .. 5
*John R. Bibby .. 2	Cyd Valentine .. 6
John Oultram .. 3	Walter Allman .. 7
John E. Bibby .. 4	Francis Bibby .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by John E. Bibby.

* First peal in the method "inside."

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Oultram.

TATTENHALL, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Alban.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent Cambridge Surprise, two each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Ernest Pimlott .. Treble	Harold Worrall .. 4
Brian Schofield .. 2	Christopher Jones .. 5
Michael Thomson .. 3	Harry W. Howard .. Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

A farewell peal to the Rev. J. S. Gamon, Vicar of Tattenhall.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

HACKNEY, E.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

Sheila M. Dobbie .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting .. 5
*Brenda M. Foster .. 2	Derek E. Sibson .. 6
Malcolm M. Powell .. 3	Walter H. Dobbie .. 7
Peter M. Fleckney .. 4	Dennis Beresford .. Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

* First peal of Surprise.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

Joan Beresford .. Treble	Stanley G. Ponting .. 5
*Ann E. Fellowes .. 2	Dennis Beresford .. 6
*Peter M. Fleckney .. 3	Derek E. Sibson .. 7
John S. Barnes .. 4	Peter Beresford .. Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

* First peal of Spiced Surprise Major.

BASFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Leodegarius.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

Jack L. Millhouse .. Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker .. 5
Joyce M. Gurnhill .. 2	Peter A. Sharp .. 6
*Harold F. Gibson .. 3	John R. Pratchett .. 7
William L. Exton .. 4	Geoffrey Paul .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

Rung to the memory of George H. Cross, for many years esteemed Master of this Society, who was interred at Chardstock, Devon, this day.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being 7 different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Michael J. Dyer .. Treble	Albert J. Davey .. 4
Edmund J. Whiting .. 2	*Leonard B. Jefferies .. 5
Paul E. Wells .. 3	R. Frank Baker .. Tenor

Conducted by R. Frank Baker.

* First peal "inside." First as conductor on six bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor by members of the Huntingdon District.

MELDRETH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Marion Bean .. Treble	Brian Horrell .. 4
Alan Ling .. 2	John Gipson .. 5
Jean Sanderson .. 3	William J. Ridgman .. Tenor

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.

* First peal.

Rung for the arrival of Peter, a son for the ringer of the fourth.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., May 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

Bernard C. Mann .. Treble	Frank B. Lufkin .. 5
Neil V. Avis .. 2	Peter G. Pitt .. 6
*Leslie Ward .. 3	Brian V. Vaughan .. 7
Alison M. Mann .. 4	Harry R. Appleton .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal of Major "inside."

MILDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., May 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,376 Cambridge, 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 London and 1,184 Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Ian Foster .. Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 5
*Ian R. Panton .. 2	†Philip J. Rothera .. 6
*Peter G. Brown .. 3	Joe E. G. Roast .. 7
George E. Thoday .. 4	†James L. Towler .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* 25th peal together. † 50th peal of Surprise Major. ‡ 125th peal.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

CLAVERLEY, Shropshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F.

William A. Blake .. Treble	Roderick J. Lees .. 5
Alan A. Elsmore .. 2	J. Dennis Holden .. 6
Eric E. Speake .. 3	Derek K. Knowles .. 7
Derek J. Tranter .. 4	Harry Griffiths .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Eric E. Speake.

A silver wedding compliment to Lilian and Harry Griffiths.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

Patricia Rogers Treble	John A. Harrison 6
S. Clarke Walters 2	† Christopher E. Slade 7
Walter Ayre 3	* Stephen P. Darvill 8
* Marilyn C. Smith 4	Christopher H. Rogers 9
Hadley Hunter 5	Vivian Nutton Tenor

Composed by Christopher H. Rogers. Conducted by S. Clarke Walters.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First of Stedman.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Kenneth J. Darvill.

SOUTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

Joyce Dodds Treble	Roger D. R. Brown 4
Stanley Huckle 2	Geoffrey Dodds 5
Peter T. Dale 3	Gerald Penney Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

First peal on the bells since 1899.

Rung to commemorate the completion of the ringing gallery. Also to welcome the birth of a son, Mark Andrew, to Pat and Mick Frost.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BROMLEY COMMON, Kent.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

R. Thomas Newman .. Treble	† D. Paul Smith 5
* Lucile M. Corby 2	Andrew J. Corby 6
† Judith M. Corby 3	Robert W. Hinde 7
Hilary F. Martin 4	* Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* 125th peal. † 25th peal and first in the method "inside."

† First peal in the method. § 750th peal.

In memoriam George H. Cross, for many years honorary auditor for this Association.

GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

Doris Colgate Treble	Ian H. Oram 5
* Ann Jenner 2	* Thomas Cullingworth 6
Ralph Bird 3	* Dennis A. Chapman 7
* Arthur S. Richards .. 4	* Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Ralph Bird.

* First peal in the method.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Thurs., April 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

* Jillian M. Dunmall .. Treble	Stanley Jenner 4
* Ann P. Durent 2	D. Paul Smith 5
Ann Jenner 3	Colin A. Tester Tenor

Conducted by Colin A. Tester.

* First peal.

WOULDHAM, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of London, Bourne, York, Annable's London, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge.

Mary S. Taylor Treble	Ian H. Oram 4
Tony Lewis 2	Thomas Cullingworth 5
John Faircloth 3	Ralph Bird Tenor

Conducted by Ralph Bird.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

BLACKBURN, Lancashire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Wed., May 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

* Hazel Arrowsmith .. Treble	Richard J. Parker 6
Tudor P. Edwards 2	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 7
Margaret E. Fort 3	Cyril Crossthwaite 8
Thomas W. Hesketh .. 4	Kenneth J. Hesketh 9
Richard S. Starkie 5	Jeffrey Fox Tenor

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FOXTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

* Judy Morris Treble	Arnold S. Goad 4
† George Simpkin 2	Raymond H. Martin 5
* Philip Bosworth 3	Edward W. Martin Tenor

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Fri., May 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt.

Joyce M. Gurnhill .. Treble	Harold Gibson 7
Norah M. Randles 2	Walter Tomlinson 8
Robert J. Warilow .. 3	George H. Randles 9
John Freeman 4	Jack Bray 10
Francis Bibby 5	John Walden 11
A. Robin Heppenstall .. 6	James W. Raithby Tenor

Conducted by John Freeman.

SPALDING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas.

On Wed., April 28, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Frank Taylor Treble	Derek J. Jones 5
Denis Woods 2	Bernard B. Tyrrell 6
Miss J. Kendrick 3	Edwin T. Chapman 7
Miss J. Hubbard 4	Ronald C. Noon Tenor

Composed by C. Charge.

Conducted by Ronald C. Noon.

Rung half-muffled by request to the memory of Bert Preston.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Fri., April 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, being seven extents, viz.: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Single Court, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

* Amos Ingall Treble	John F. Pearson 4
Leonard G. Thompson .. 2	† Phillip C. Pitchford .. 5
William R. Parker 3	Louis Willders Tenor

Conducted by Louis Willders.

* 150th peal. † First in ten methods on an "inside" bell.

COLSTERWORTH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb. in G sharp.

Graham J. N. Colborne .. Treble	Vaughan P. Evans 4
William A. Holmes 2	David J. Hopkinson 5
Andrew J. Colborne 3	David R. Baxter Tenor

Conducted by David R. Baxter.

A compliment to the Rector's son, who has gained his LL.B. and passed the Law Society's qualifying examination with 2nd class honours.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANDAFF, Glamorgan.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

* W. James Goodfellow .. Treble	Donald G. Clift 6
* Penelope J. Welch 2	* Geoffrey J. B. Stickland .. 7
* Ruth E. Havard 3	Roger G. Havard 8
* J. Arthur Hoare 4	David J. Llewellyn 9
* Ellis N. Thomas 5	Brian J. Woodruffe Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

NEATH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Mon., May 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,800 Plain Bob and 3,240 Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb.

Raymond J. Hosking .. Treble	John M. Hughes 4
Edmund J. Morris 2	* George I. Lewis 5
Trevor M. Roderick 3	David G. Gould Tenor

Conducted by George I. Lewis.

* 250th peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boyce, on their golden wedding anniversary (May 10th).

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

*On Wed., May 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards Treble	John A. Underwood .. . 5
Richard J. Clifton .. . 2	Dan S. Pont .. . 6
Joseph W. Cotton .. . 3	Arthur E. Rowley .. . 7
R. Kingsley Mason .. . 4	Roland H. Cook .. . Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

YATTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

*On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb.

Frederick R. Scott Treble	Giles R. Shedden .. . 5
Robin G. Leale .. . 2	David P. Hilling .. . 6
Gillian A. Leale .. . 3	Edward R. Venn .. . 7
Anthony D. Sansom .. . 4	J. Keith Ward .. . Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRAY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

*On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

Joyce I. Barton Treble	Roy Woodruff .. . 5
John Young .. . 2	L. Joseph Young .. . 6
Derek H. Francis .. . 3	David A. Cornwall .. . 7
Richard E. Dean .. . 4	Walter Lee .. . Tenor

Composed by G. Williams. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. John Copping, Curate, upon his preferment to the Vicarage of Langley Mill, Derbyshire.

CAVERSHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

*On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

William Sidwell Treble	Denby Murduck .. . 5
*Bradley Murduck .. . 2	†Stanley M. Osborne .. . 6
†Roy T. Harris .. . 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. . 7
Reginald W. Rex .. . 4	Reginald F. Crook .. . Tenor

Composed by J. Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* 25th peal. † First peal.

HUGHENDEN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

*On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5120 VANCOUVER SURPRISE MAJOR**

A. Patrick Cannon Treble	Timothy G. Pett .. . 5
Anthony D. Sansom .. . 2	Sydney M. Bailey .. . 6
Michael Hatchett .. . 3	David P. Hilling .. . 7
Giles R. Shedden .. . 4	Alan E. Bagworth .. . Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

First in the method by all. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

MAIDENHEAD, Berkshire.—At the Church of All Saints, Boyne Hill.

*On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR**

Tenor 15 cwt. 13 lb. in E.

David P. Hilling Treble	Giles R. Shedden .. . 5
Timothy G. Pett .. . 2	Sydney M. Bailey .. . 6
Michael Hatchett .. . 3	Alan E. Bagworth .. . 7
Anthony D. Sansom .. . 4	A. Patrick Cannon .. . Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

MIDDLETON STONEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

*On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES**

In 32 methods, being 120 each Antelope, St. Swithin, St. Cross, Northleigh, St. Margaret, St. Valentine, Freeland, Oxford, Ray, Isis, Stanton, Beckley, Longparish, St. Quintin, Allestree, St. Frideswick, St. Lucy, Daffodil, Middleton Stoney, Bluebell, April Day, May Day, Newborough, Kennington, Clifford, Royston, Southrepps, 240 of St. St. Helen and St. Anne, 360 Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, 600 Grandsire, with 42 changes of method. Tenor 94 cwt.	
Ian Ross Treble	Noel D. Deam .. . 4
Leonard R. Porter .. . 2	Alec Gammon .. . 5
Roy H. Jones .. . 3	*John R. Elmer .. . Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

* First peal, first attempt.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PETERBOROUGH.—At the Church of St. Mary.

*On Fri., May 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Single Oxford, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

*R. W. Smith Treble	Bernard Branston .. . 4
G. Davis .. . 2	Roy W. Spencer .. . 5
Alf Waller .. . 3	Gilbert Cowlin .. . Tenor

Conducted by Roy W. Spencer.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. J. H. Butcher, a former Vicar of this parish.

STAMFORD, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

*On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Nos. 9, 2, 10, 6, 7, 1, 8 in C.C. Collection. Tenor 14½ cwt. approx.

Susan Stimson Treble	Frank Boyall .. . 4
Charles Black .. . 2	Victor Chamberlain .. . 5
*Dilys Gray .. . 3	John H. Bluff .. . Tenor

Conducted by John H. Bluff.

* First peal.

Rung for the christening of Rachel Clare, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. Chamberlain. Also a birthday greeting to Canon E. F. Wright, Vicar of All Saints'.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BRADLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

*On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*David Nibbs Treble	Hugh N. Evans .. . 5
*Geoffrey A. Carter .. . 2	Alan Tubb .. . 6
*Jonathan Nibbs .. . 3	Alan F. Lee .. . 7
Andrew Howard .. . 4	Bernard G. North .. . Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Alan Tubb.

* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

THE UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD GUILD.

CONISBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

*On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

Richard Tibbetts Treble	†John Eborall .. . 5
Elizabeth Snell .. . 2	Robin Stalvies .. . 6
*John Hartley .. . 3	Michael R. Meadows .. . 7
Kathleen Higgins .. . 4	Richard E. Price .. . Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Richard E. Price.

* First peal. † First on eight bells.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH COLLINGHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

*On Thurs., May 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Margaret E. Chilton .. Treble	Maurice W. Harrison .. 4
F. William Midwinter .. 2	George A. Dawson .. 5
Ruth M. Blackshaw .. 3	*John R. Pratchett .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

* 50th peal for the Guild.

CROPWELL BISHOP, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

*On Tues., May 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,***A PEAL OF 5040 NEW GRANDSIRE DOUBLES**

42 extents (9 bob and single variations), being five each of New Grandsire, Arnold, Burton Joyce, Cropwell Bishop, Carlton, Epperstone, Stoke Bardolph and Gonalston, and two of Lambley.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F.

Ruth M. Blackshaw .. Treble	*Margaret E. Chilton .. 3
George A. Dawson .. 2	Maurice W. Harrison .. 4
Simon Humphrey .. . 3	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

* 15th peal for the Guild. First peal in the method.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BRADLEY, Bilston, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

F. Hector Bennett .. Treble	Maurice G. Ingram .. 5
*Elizabeth Timmins .. 2	Edward W. Colley .. 6
†Terry J. Greaves .. 3	*Philip R. Johnson .. 7
Richard B. Dorrington .. 4	Philip G. K. Davies .. Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

* First peal in the method. † First on eight bells "inside."

A wedding compliment to Carol Venton, daughter of the people's warden of this church, and John Smith, married here this day.

ALBRIGHTON, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents of St. Clement's College Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Sidney J. J. Larcombe .. Treble	Philip G. K. Davies .. 4
*Richard B. Dorrington .. 2	*Philip R. Johnson .. 5
*Terry J. Greaves .. 3	Michael W. Fairey .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Fairey.

* First peal of Minor in four methods.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., April 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

*Alan T. Farnish .. Treble	Andrew T. Beckwith .. 4
*Laurence J. Parry .. 2	†C. Stanley Bloomfield .. 5
George W. Pipe .. 3	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

* First peal. † First of Minor. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Clement.

On Sun., May 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Seven different extents.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

Alan F. Flatt .. Treble	*Alan Dilley .. 4
Alan W. Payne .. 2	Alan R. Knight .. 5
Alan Munnings .. 3	Alan R. Bridges .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Bridges.

* First peal.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., May 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 4 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

*Leslie P. Brain (15) .. Treble	Laurence J. Parry (16) .. 4
†Stephen J. Hammond (14) .. 2	†Roy C. Groom (16) .. 5
Margaret Egglestone .. 3	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

HACKNEY, E.—At the Church of St. John-at-Hackney.

On Sat., March 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

*Michael R. Wycherley .. Treble	*Christopher F. Mew .. 5
*Alison M. Mann .. 2	*Christopher H. Rogers .. 6
*Alan R. Millidge .. 3	*Michael J. Upphill .. 7
Alan E. Bagworth .. 4	Alan R. Patterson .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler (B. 37). Conducted by Alan R. Patterson.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor and for the Association. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F.

ADDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Ipswich Surprise and Cambridge Surprise, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

Eric G. H. Godfrey .. Treble	*Carol E. Cousins .. 4
Katharine M. Macve .. 2	Christopher H. Macve .. 5
Margaret C. Godfrey .. 3	Andrew M. Macve .. Tenor

Conducted by Andrew M. Macve.

* First peal.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb. in E.

W. Arthur Riddington .. Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 6
Christopher T. Osenton .. 2	Brynley A. Shackleton .. 7
*Gillian M. Hussey .. 3	Martin L. Howe .. 8
Angela Grainger .. 4	D. John Hunt .. 9
Reginald G. Hooper .. 5	David S. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by W. Haley. Conducted by W. Arthur Riddington.

* First of Stedman Caters.

BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in D.

Reginald G. Hooper .. Treble	David S. Osenton .. 6
Christopher T. Osenton .. 2	W. Arthur Riddington .. 7
Gillian M. Hussey .. 3	Martin L. Howe .. 8
*Herbert W. Woolven .. 4	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 9
Brynley A. Shackleton .. 5	D. John Hunt .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* Has now "circled the tower" to peals.

CUCKFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Reginald V. Johnson .. Treble	Derek Slater .. 5
*Rosemary A. Stevens .. 2	Frank H. Hicks .. 6
Valerie J. Howard .. 3	Ernest J. Ladd .. 7
†Stephen D. Upton .. 4	John A. Howard .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ITCHINGFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Mon., March 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being 12 six-scores each of April Day, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury, and six six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Janet Hazeldine .. Treble	Diane M. Mullins .. 3
Irene Gocher .. 2	Christopher M. Godfrey .. 4
James D. Nelson .. Tenor	

Conducted by James D. Nelson.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. J. A. Sumner, past Vicar of Shipley, whilst the coffin lay in the chapel prior to the funeral on the following day.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEATH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Tues., April 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb. in B flat.

*John M. Hughes .. Treble	Edmund J. Morris .. 4
*Raymond J. Hosking .. 2	Gwyn I. Lewis .. 5
Ellis N. Thomas .. 3	Brian J. Woodruffe .. Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Glyn Stephens, churchwarden and church worker at this church for many years.

CADOXTON-JUXTA-NEATH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four six-scores each of St. Simon, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Dedwood and April Day, and six scores of Plain Bob and eight of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Edmund J. Morris .. Treble	*Raymond J. Hosking .. 4
Harry Boyce .. 2	Gwyn I. Lewis .. 5
*John M. Hughes .. 3	†David G. Gould .. Tenor

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

A 50th wedding anniversary peal for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boyce.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BASINGSTOKE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

Andrew Taylor .. Treble	Michael S. Hollbrook .. 5
Charles Osler .. 2	Jack Weaver .. 6
Jessie M. Kippin .. 3	John Chesterman .. 7
Paul G. Holmes .. 4	Charles H. Kippin .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.

A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Balaam.

OWSLEBURY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge and Kent T.B., and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 lb. in A.

*Margaret A. Thomas .. Treble	Carolyn Vibert .. 4
Michael J. Thomas .. 2	Malcolm M. Powell .. 5
Michael D. Trigg .. 3	Peter J. Joyce .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter J. Joyce.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to David J. Forder and Jacqueline Thorne, on their engagement.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

OLD HILL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qt. in E.

John N. Lindon Treble	A. Bryan Ellsmore 5
Clifford Skidmore 2	Peter D. Warren 6
M. Irene Ellsmore 3	Michael J. Fellows 7
Maurice G. Ingram 4	Martin D. Fellows Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price.

Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

PERSHORE, Worcestershire.—At the Abbey of SS. Mary and Edburgha and the Holy Cross.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. E. Groves' variation of J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 27 cwt.	
Arthur C. Berry Treble	James Attwood, Jun. .. 5
*Martin J. Boskett 2	Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 6
Anthony P. White 3	John E. Whittall 7
John Clements 4	Ian Lloyd Tenor

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.

* First peal on eight. † First of Triples as conductor.

RIPPLE, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor 13 cwt.
James Attwood, Jun. .. Treble	† John Bennett 4
John E. Whittall 2	† John Clements 5
* Martin Boskett 3	Arthur C. Berry Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ 50th peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At All Saints' Bell Tower.

On Wed., April 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

* Alan McFall 1—2	Robert B. Smith 5—6
C Kenneth Lewis 3—4	Neil Bennett 7—8
John Worth 9—10	

Composed by H. J. Tucker.

Conducted by John Worth.

* First peal on 10 handbells.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DERBY.—In the belfry of the Cathedral.

On Thurs., April 29, 1965, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor size 18 in G.

* David W. Parkin 1—2 | David J. Marshall 3—4

Trevor Taylor (cond.) .. 5—6

* First peal "in hand."

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 22, Castleton Grove.

On Sun., May 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

* James Crowther 1—2 | Rodney A. Yeates 3—4

Andrew G. Craddock (cond.) 5—6

* First peal on handbells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—In the belfry of All Saints' Church.

On Fri., April 23, 1965, in 1 Hour and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 12.

* John W. Gander 1—2 | Christopher T. Osenton .. 3—4

Cyril S. Jarrett (cond.) .. 5—6

* First peal "in hand."

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At 19, Gainas Avenue.

On Mon., April 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

* Margaret A. Parker 1—2 | A Robin Heppenstall .. 5—6

† Geoffrey R. Parker 3—4 | † Peter A. Sharp 7—8

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by A. R. Heppenstall.

* 200th peal. † First on an "inside" pair. ‡ First of Major "in hand."

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrook Lane.

On Tues., April 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Margaret A. Parker 1—2 | Peter A. Sharp 5—6

Geoffrey R. Parker 3—4 | Jack L. Millhouse 7—8

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

QUARTER PEALS

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On May 9th.

1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. A. Smith (first quarter) 1, R. W. Smith (first "inside") 2, G. Davis 3, R. W. Yeomans 4, B. Branton 5, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled before a memorial service for Rev. J. H. Butcher, former Vicar.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: O. B. Thompson 1, Daphne J. Pollard 2, P. R. Daws 3, D. P. Sturge 4, D. J. H. Salter 5, Marie R. Cross (cond.) 6.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On April 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. B. F. Coles 1, K. Clarke 2, Mrs. R. C. Woodley 3, B. Downie 4, B. F. Coles 5, A. Clarke (first "inside") 6, R. C. Woodley (cond.) 7, J. Clarke 8.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On April 13th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: A. Holway 1, J. Salway 2, W. Panter 3, E. E. Retter 4, F. Willmington 5, W. Reeks 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, H. G. Willmington 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Tapley, on their ruby wedding. Mr. Tapley is captain of the local tower.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On May 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Hutley (first Plain Bob Minor) 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, F. Bird 3, A. Richardson 4, H. Watts 5, T. Camp 6. A birthday compliment to D. R. Hutley.

STOURPAINE, DORSET.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. R. Coward 1, W. C. Shute (cond.) 2, J. Cornelius 3, D. S. Beaufoy 4, T. J. Setter 5, G. W. Dennis 6. Rung after the dedication of the restored and augmented ring by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Knight (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Johnson (first "inside") 2, Miss L. J. Gott (first as cond.) 3, Miss J. Palmer 4, C. Moxon 5, G. Hancock 6, G. R. Corby 7, W. Moreton 8.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Thomas (first quarter) 1, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 2, A. J. Slade 3, June Whitcher 4, R. Durrant 5, I. L. Dear 6, M. C. Austin 7, R. J. Chapman 8. For Matins.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. White 1, P. Roynon 2, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 3, L. Hawkins 4, N. Knee 5, E. Norris 6, C. White 7, T. Mallard 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On May 9th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Hillis 1, P. Staples 2, Miss R. A. Gower 3, P. Richardson 4, C. T. Hillis 5, M. S. Lancefield 6. First Treble Bob 1 and 2. For Evensong.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Sharland 1, F. Williams 2, D. Wills 3, H. Crisp 4, F. Mack (cond.) 5, A. Knight 6. For Evensong.

WOODCHURCH, Birkenhead, CHESHIRE.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Anderson 1, Barbara Gateland 2, A. Wilkinson 3, June Price 4, W. Hall (cond.) 5, J. Hyden (first quarter) 6. Rung prior to a joint Evensong with the local Methodist congregation.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On May 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob): A. E. Leggett 1, M. J. Warren 2, B. Lord (first "inside") 3, N. V. Avis (cond.) 4, D. E. Culham 5, R. A. Perkins (first quarter) 6.

WORCESTER.—At All Saints' Church, on May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. J. Robinson 1, R. J. M. Grosvener (first of Triples) 2, D. G. Franklin 3, L. J. Haines (first "inside") 4, G. L. Bowen (cond.) 5, J. J. Stanier 6, D. Beacham 7, P. Cattermole 8. For Matins.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On May 16th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: T. E. Cross 1, P. Hull 2, P. Cross 3, G. Gaylard 4, T. E. Marks 5, D. S. Beaufoy 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, R. J. Fox 8, T. J. Setter 9, W. H. Marks 10. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on May 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Over 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, J. Fowler 4, F. G. Richardson 5, C. Pain 6, A. Grainger 7, J. McDonald 8, F. V. Gant (cond.) 9, R. Mallett 10. First of Caters 1 and 8. Also at St. Clement Danes', on May 16th, 1,440 Yorkshire S. Royal: Brenda M. Foster 1, Diana M. Frost 2, Yvonne Edwards 3, T. G. Pett 4, A. H. Smith 5, R. D. Bailey 6, R. E. J. Dennis 7, R. W. Powell 8, R. O. Humphries 9, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 10. For Evensong by U.L.S.C.R.

MAIDEN NEWTON, DORSET.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janice Gudge (first quarter) 1, I. L. Andrews 2, M. J. Hiller 3, A. J. Scott 4, D. B. Ellery (first as cond.) 5, A. D. Case 6.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Simmons 1, Judy Collins 2, Mrs. E. Callis 3, B. Vickers 4, W. G. Callis (cond.) 5, B. Mabbutt 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Judy Collins.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Wood 1, F. Whitby 2, R. Hayden 3, C. W. Sams 4, G. E. C. Blake 5, B. J. Burton (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Miss Elsie M. Burton.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Raithby 1, Margaret E. Chilton 2, C. F. Briggs 3, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 4, A. E. Chilton 5, G. A. Dawson 6, J. W. Raithby 7, H. Stevenson 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam E. C. Thrale, Ringing Master in this tower 1909-1949, died April 9th, aged 83.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On May 10th, 1,260 Doubles (eleven methods): Christine Telfer (first quarter) 1, J. G. Whit 2, S. J. Pardoe 3, R. A. Yeates 4, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 5, R. H. E. Askew (first on over bells) 6. For Evensong.

OXFORD.—On May 9th, at the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Miss G. Wilce 1, A. Foster 2, Miss A. Baldwin 3, J. Preston 4, R. Wharton 5, B. Wakefield (cond.) 6.

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LEWISHAM ST. MARY'S. — Surprise Major practice, Saturday, May 29th, 7.30-9 p.m. — D. Hollis. 6883

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Practice meeting at Saxlingham, Wednesday, June 2nd. Bells (8). 6.30-9 p.m. — C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 6924

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ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH, BANBURY. — Following the recent quinquennial inspection of the fabric it is regretted that all ringing has been suspended pending repairs to the tower. — C. T. Wightman, Hon. Tower Sec. 6934

WATFORD, HERTS. — No practice on Tuesday, June 1st. — R. G. Bell. 6936

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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Peak District. — Meeting at Hope, May 29th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. — G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 6900

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District. — Evening meeting at Kimbolton, Saturday, May 29th. Bells (5) 6 to 8.30 p.m. — M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 6901

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.W. District. — A meeting will be held at Nazeing on Saturday, May 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 6902

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Farnham District. — Venue of meeting for Saturday, May 29th, changed from Puttenham to Worplesdon, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Collier, Crims-cote, Fox Corner, Worplesdon. — D. P. Elsmore, Hon. Sec. 6865

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Quarterly meeting at Reading, May 29th. Bells available: St. Laurence's (12) 3-4; St. Mary's (8) 4 o'clock. Service at St. Mary's at 5 o'clock followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. F. E. Diserens, 15, Harisbourne Road, Earley, Reading, Berks. — J. Spreadbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch. — Annual meeting at Whaddon, Saturday, May 29th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Dormer, 32, Vicarage Road, Whaddon Blethley, Bucks. — R. W. Sears, Hon. Sec. 6867

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Cup contest meeting at Beighton, Saturday, May 29th, 3 p.m. Names for tea must reach Mr. W. E. Wyld, 23, Woodhouse Lane, Beighton, Sheffield, by Thursday, 27th. — J. Seager, Sec. 6903

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — Meeting at Felmersham, Sat., June 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names must be sent to C. Payne, 32, George Street, Clapham, Bedfordshire, by Thursday, 3rd. 6906

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting at Scalby (6) and Scarborough (8) on Saturday, June 5th. Bells: Scalby 2-4; Scarborough 3.45-8.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. E. King, The Cottage, Manor Farm, Muston, Filey, by previous Wednesday. 6919

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DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Pinhoe, Saturday, June 5th. Bells 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. No tea. — R. T. Perry, Hon. Sec. 6846

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at St. Thomas', Stourbridge, June 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me by June 2nd, please. — M. D. Fellows, Hon. Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 6893

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — By-meeting at Cuxton (6) on June 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify Mrs. R. Smith, The Rectory, Cuxton, Rochester, by previous Wednesday. — L. Mitchell, Hon. Dist. Sec. 6948

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch. — Meeting at Silverdale, Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Bolton, Kirkmeade, Core Road, Silverdale, Carnforth. — P. Handley, Branch Sec. 6946

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Meeting at Christ Church, Southport (8) on Saturday, June 5th, at 2.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. — D. R. Jones, Sec. 6925

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — S. and W. District. — Evening meeting only at Cranford on Sat., June 5th. Bells available from 6 p.m. — W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6888

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Long Buckby on Sat., June 5th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 6908

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Route A:

Wigmore:	10 a.m. to 11.15 a.m.	7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
Leintwardine:	11 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.	7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
Presteigne:	12 noon to 1.15 p.m.	7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
Knights:	1 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.	6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
Clunbury:	2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.	6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Route B:

Bromfield:	10 a.m. to 11.15 a.m.	7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
Stokesay:	11 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.	7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
Wistanstow:	12 noon to 1.15 p.m.	7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.
Lydbury North:	1 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.	6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
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PROGRAMME:

Worplesdon	10.00-11.30	Ash	3.30-4.15	Aldershot	6 onwards
Bagshot	11.00-12.30	Seale	2.45-4.00	Farnham	6.15-7.45
Yorktown	11.30-12.30	Puttenham	2.45-4.00	Crandall	6.30-7.45
Lunch		Aldershot	4.00-4.30	Bentley	6.45-8.00
Hawley	2.00-3.30	Service	4.30	Frensham	7.00-8.15
Farnborough	2.15-3.45	Tea	5.15	Grayshott	7.30-9.00

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SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

Monthly meeting at Carlton-juxta-Snaith, on Saturday, June 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Own food please, cups of tea only available. —L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6938

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Northern Division.—Practice meeting at West Grinstead on Sat., June 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.45. Names for tea by Wed., May 2nd, to C. Longhurst, Waterloo Cottage, Worthing Road, West Grinstead. —Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 6857

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.

Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday June 5th. Warnford. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in School 5. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, June 1st. —C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton. 6930

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Practice meeting, Martley, Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Chantry, 5s. Shelsley Beauchamp (6) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to A. A. Jopp, Church Road, Stoulton, Worcester. No names no tea.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 86th annual general meeting will be held on Whit Monday, June 7th, at Chelmsford. Service at 11 a.m. Annual meeting immediately after in Chapter House. Coffee available in Cathedral Hall from 10.15-10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., cost 5s. 6d. Tea (poached egg, etc.) as a running buffet, 5-6.15 p.m., cost 2s. 6d. Ringing: Cathedral, 10-10.45 a.m. and from 6-8.30 p.m. From 3-6, Great Baddow, Writtle, Galleywood, Springfield. From 6-9: Great Waltham, Boreham, Broomfield, Lt. Waltham, Lt. Baddow. Lunch and tea cannot be guaranteed without tickets, obtainable from Gen. Treasurer. S.A.E. to: P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle, by Wednesday, June 2nd. — P. W. Saltmarsh, Gen. Secretary. 6840

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting on Sat., June 12th at Warrnam (8) Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Evening ringing 6.15-8.30. Please bring picnic tea. 6911

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District: Meeting at Bobbingworth (Boving) on June 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Neville, Blakehall Cottage, Bobbingworth. (Ongar 2291.) 6935

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District. — Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 12th, at Dunsfold. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Hascombe bells available after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Freeston, 61 Furze Lane, Farncombe, by previous Tuesday. 6927

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at West Malling on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. Carter, The Ringers, West Malling.—M. L. Howe, Dis. Sec. 6629

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual Striking Competition will be held at Uffington, Leics, Saturday, June 12th. Opening service 2.45 p.m. Competition 3.15 p.m. until tea 5.30 p.m., followed by judges' report and presentation of trophy. General ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea essential by Tuesday previous to Mr. J. W. Haw, 53, Horsegate, Deeping St. James, near Peterborough. 6926

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Barton-on-Humber, Saturday, June 12th. Ringing at St. Mary's (8) only from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. —C. A. H. 6942

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Llandaff Branch. — Meeting at Cadoxton-j-Neath on Sat., June 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Names for tea by June 7th, please.—D. J. Llewellyn, 38, Porthkerry Road, Rhose, Barry, Glam. 6816

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Saturday, June 12th, St. John's, Waterloo Road, 3-4.30. St. Giles', Camberwell. Tea, Church Hall (in street opposite church), 5.15. Meeting. Ringing after. Names for tea, by June 10th, to Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec., 63, Woodlawn Road S.W.6. REN 4423. 6933

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Annual general meeting at Hardwicke (6), near Aylesbury on Sat., June 12th. Bells 2.45. Service 4. Names for tea by Wed., June 9th, to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Blechley, Bucks. 6909

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—Meeting, Braunston, Saturday, June 12th. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. S. Berry, High Street, Braunston, Rugby. —F. W. Hancock. 6939

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD. — A.G.M. at Carmarthen on Saturday June 12th, at 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. W. L. Williams, Derbyn College, Alltwallis Carmarthen. 6932

SUFFOLK GUILD. — S.E. District. — Quarterly meeting at Blaxhall, on Sat., June 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing in the evening at Tunstall (6). Names for tea by Wed., June 9th, to Mr. F. Shaw, Stone Common, nr. Woodbridge.—W. Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 6923

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Wrexham, June 19th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting in Church House, Regent Street. Names for tea, not later than June 5th, to W. Cathrall 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 6928

ST. MARY - THE - VIRGIN, ALBURY, HERTS.—The rededication of the augmented ring of five will take place on Sunday, June 20th, at 11 a.m., by the Archdeacon of St. Albans. Lunch free to all who notify me by Sat., June 5th. These bells are now the oldest five in the county. Names for lunch, please, to A. S. Kent, 8, The Bourne, Clapgate, Albury, nr. Much Hadham, Herts. 6907

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Ringing Festival will be held in the Southern Branch at Billingborough on Saturday, June 26th. Details of all towers open for ringing later. The usual cricket match, North v. South, at Billingborough.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 6945

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.W. District.—Preliminary notice. Please note the change of date for the quarterly meeting at Mildenhall, on Sat., July 17th. Meeting will be advertised as usual at a later date.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 6916

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NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Stone on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mrs. B. Simms, 41, Church Road, Stone, Staffs. No name, no tea.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 6952

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Chipstable, June 12th, from 3 p.m. Please note change of place. Numbers for tea by 8th.—A. R. Tudball, 3, West Close, Dunster. 6951

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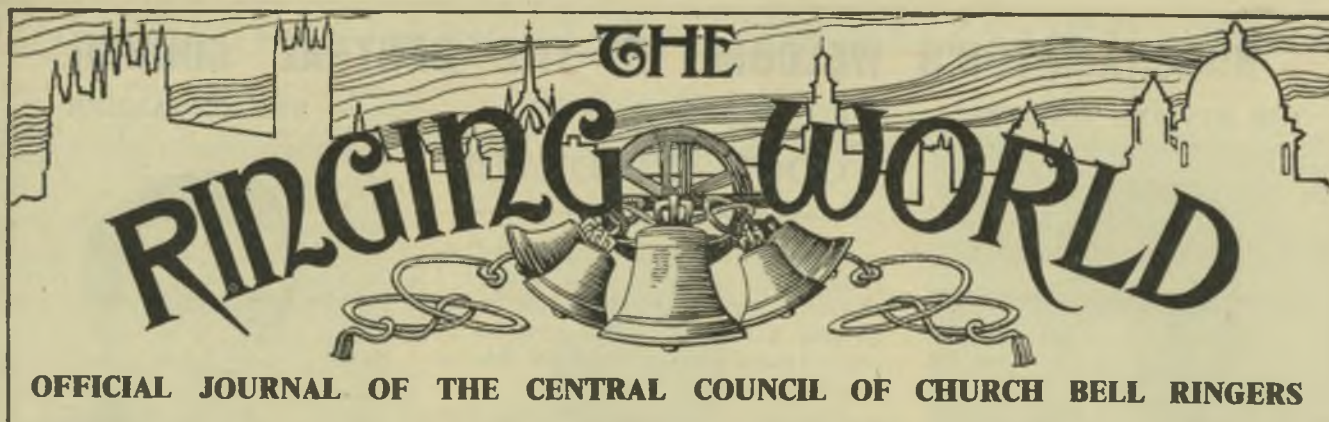
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WELCOME TO NORTH-HAM-TUNE

THE town of Northampton displays very little evidence of the rich mosaic of history that lies beneath the veneer of the 19th and 20th centuries. The busy town centre retains nothing of the mediæval huddle that once surrounded the Market Square, and whatever escaped the disastrous fire that swept this part of the town in 1675 is now only survived by the tower of All Saints' Church, incorporated into a building of Classical design. The great castle of Northampton, which in the time of King John served as a Royal Palace and was the scene of Thomas Becket's trial, no longer exists. In the name of progress, what ruins remained were destroyed to make way for the steam engine and once again changes are being made as electricity replaces steam. However, recent excavations have revealed the kitchen suite of what was once one of the largest castles in the land.

Nestled by the walls of the one time great fortress, and symbolic of the permanence of things spiritual amidst the decay and demolitions of centuries, is the Church of St. Peter—a gem of late Norman art. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, as its name implies, is linked with the Holy Land and is one of the four remaining "round" churches in England. It was built by the Crusaders and, despite the addition of later ages, retains an impressive interior. There are many other churches in the town, but these two far outstrip the others in architectural and historical importance as well as in interest to the visitor. The Church of Saint Matthew (1891), built as a memorial to Pickering Phipps, a Northampton brewer, contains two important works of modern art worthy of a visit, namely, Henry Moore's "Madonna and Child" and Graham Sutherland's "Crucifixion."

The Guildhall, where the Council will meet on Whit Tuesday, is of Venetian Gothic design built in 1861, with additions in the same style in 1889. The facade, resembling a vast tapestry in stone, depicts Danes, Saxons, Normans, kings, queens, nobles, prelates and divines, scholars, poets, merchants and craftsmen, who have all contributed to the pattern of history and progress in Northampton.

The history of Northampton's ringing before the latter part of the 19th century is almost unknown, but there is one recorded event worthy of mention. In 1739, the

year after St. Peter's eight bells were cast by Rudhall, a band of College Youths came here and rang a peal of Bob Major, the conductor being Benjamin Annable. As St. Peter's was the first ring of eight in the town, it is almost certainly the first peal rung in Northampton. All the band were London members of the Ancient Society, with the exception of the tenor man, of whom no other record is known, and it has been assumed that he was a Northampton man. In the county and diocese there are a few records of ringing, notably at Kettering, where the first peal was rung in 1729, and at Kings Sutton in the extreme south.

The latter part of the 19th century saw the beginning of organised Associations in this area and in 1924 the Central Northamptonshire Association united with some of the smaller Associations to form the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. Other Associations joined the Guild at various times, until by 1950 the whole Diocese was covered by the Guild organisation.

The Diocese consists of the counties of Northampton and Rutland and their shape is an organiser's nightmare. Even so, the Guild's annual meeting and summer festival are always both well attended. With a predominantly youthful membership and eleven Branches, which annually, with few exceptions, record success and progress, the future of the Peterborough Guild looks assured. But a successful Guild is not formed overnight. Let us, therefore, look back to 1920, when the Council last visited Northampton, and to 1883, when the first organised Association was formed, and over this span of 80 years let us remember the names of some of those who, by their skill in organisation and practical ringing, have built up a tradition of good ringing and good fellowship and the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. Such men as A. Y. Tyler, W. Perkins, D. J. Nichols, W. Rogers, F. Wilford, Rev. E. S. Powell, G. W. Jeffs, T. Tebbutt and R. G. Black (Guild secretary for 25 years). These men really set an example, each in his own special way, which we will do well to emulate.

From 200 belfries and 1,000 ringers we say 'Thank you to those men for our foundation, and to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers we say "Welcome to Northampton and the Diocese of Peterborough."

E. BILLINGS,
General Secretary, P.D.G.

NORTHAMPTON'S WELCOME TO THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

THE RINGING MASTER



MR. J. H. BLUFF

Mr. Bluff, the Ringing Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, comes from a family with a ringing tradition. He started ringing at All Saints, Stamford, in 1919 being taught by his father, the then captain of ringers, who died in 1926. His uncle followed him but had to give up in 1955, when Mr. Bluff was elected captain. Thus with his father's 37 years' service in the belfry, his uncle's 45 years and his own, a total of 128 years not out is reached. To his regret his grown-up daughter and three sons have not followed in the art.

Mr. Bluff's life has been spent in his native town, Spalding. For the past 18 years he has been a general foreman to a building firm. He served in World War II in H.M. Forces. So far he has rung 176 peals.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD Marlborough Branch

The Marlborough Branch met at St. Mary's, Collingbourne Kingston, in lovely weather on May 15th, and a good number of members were present. Visitors were welcomed from Great Cheverell, Bishops Cannings and Nailsea (Somerset) and Bristol.

Ringing was directed by the Rev. R. Keeley (Ringing Master) and he also read the lesson at the Guild service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. F. Kidd). The company were the guests of the Vicar and the Collingbourne ringers to a bountiful tea in the Village Hall.

Mr. G. Newman presided at a short meeting at which Miss Wakefield and Col. Carruthers were elected ringing members, and the Rev. G. F. Kidd an honorary member. Mr. Newman thanked all who had contributed to the success of the meeting. A collection was taken in appreciation of the hospitality shown and handed to the Vicar for church purposes.

Ringing was resumed at St. Mary's and later at the sister church at Collingbourne Ducis. W. A. E.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Sixteen towers were represented at the Northern District meeting held at Earls Colne on May 22nd, the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Holden) officiating at the service.

At the business meeting one honorary and three ringing members were elected. The Master's report on Sunday service ringing showed that while ringing was maintained in many towers, there were still silent towers.

The meeting closed with thanks to the Vicar and all who had helped.

Next meeting: Shalford; provisional date, September 4th. P. L. W.

GOOD RINGING: GOOD FELLOWSHIP

On behalf of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, I extend a very hearty welcome to the Central Council on the occasion of their Annual Conference to be held at Northampton this Whitsuntide.

We greatly appreciate the work done by the Council in the development of church bell ringing, as a scientific aspect of church work, and I sincerely hope that their meeting on Whit Tuesday will meet with every success.

A comprehensive programme has been arranged during the week-end, when our visitors will, I hope, enjoy some good ringing, and be able to see our Diocese at its very best. It is my sincere hope that this Whitsuntide at Northampton will prove to be one of the best gatherings ever held by the Council. Once again—WELCOME.

J. H. BLUFF,

Master, P.D.G.

ST. LUKE'S (CHELSEA) TOUR

THIS year the Chelsea Ringing Tour extended to the counties of Warwick, Worcester, Oxford, Berks, Gloucester and Hereford. The organisation was in the capable hands of Miss V. Dupré and Mr. Aubrey Lloyd. Headquarters was the Guest House, Mickleton. Four or five towers were visited each day, and some excellent ringing included Stedman, Grandsire, Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise, etc. The places visited were Badsey, Pershore, Upton-on-Severn, Ledbury, Kingham, Ship-ton-under-Wychwood, Great Tew, Hook Norton, Moreton-in-Marsh, Stow-on-the-Wold, Bourton-on-the-Water, Northleach, Evesham, Burford, Witney, Appleton, Bampton, Chipping Campden, Banbury, Deddington, Chipping Norton, Stratford-upon-Avon, Bidford, Salford Priors, Noron, Bretforton and Mickleton. During the week the party was joined by Walter Judge and Geoffrey Hemming. A very enjoyable week was the experience of all who took part, and thanks are extended to those who gave permission to ring and to the two capable organisers. JAFUS.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Some 50 members and friends attended the Southern Branch meeting held at Bunwell on May 15th.

The Rev. S. Collins conducted the service, the lesson being read by Mr. Nolan Golden (president). Tea was provided by the local ringers and was followed by the business meeting, presided over by Dr. P. Jonason (Branch chairman).

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector organist and ladies who helped with tea. A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to £3 3s. 6d.

Next meeting on July 24th at Scole, where a new ring of six was recently dedicated.

C. F. W. P.

THE ORGANISER



MR. ERIC BILLINGS

Responsible for many of the arrangements for the Central Council's visit to Northampton is Mr. Eric Billings, general secretary and treasurer of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, who took over the office in December 1961, upon the death of Mr. G. W. Jeffs.

Educated at Northampton Grammar School and now Assistant Work Study Officer with Phipps Brewery, Ltd., Northampton, Eric started ringing in November, 1956, at the age of 18. His home tower is St. Edmund's (8), Northampton, of which he is now captain. Within six months of learning to handle a bell he had rung his first peal from an inside bell. Of his 39 peals to date, seven different Surprise Major methods appear in the list.

Two years (1957-59) were spent in National Service at Aldershot, where he visited many towers in the area. Back in Northampton Eric started his apprenticeship in ringing organisation in 1959 as secretary to the Northampton Branch. His efficiency and enthusiasm impressed the Guild and he was elected to higher office with the passing of Mr. Jeffs. As is only proper, as a Guild secretary he is one of the four representatives of the 1,000-strong Peterborough Guild on the Central Council.

THE ONLY PEAL AT CHUTE FOREST

The success of Geoff Dodd in making the six bells at Chute Forest, Wilts. ringable has already been told. Now A. P. C. sends us the story of the first peal. He writes:

A first-class band was detailed to attempt the first peal on May 9th, and Chris Kippin was so determined to take part and ring the worst bell in the tower that he walked the six miles from Andover in 1½ hours! Before starting, a short touch was rung for our "reserves," Mrs. Gillian Leale and a ringer from Rodbourne Cheney, also Mr. Purnell, of Holt, who has now completed every ringable tower in Wiltshire.

A good brisk pace was maintained and although we had decided at first to ring all Plain Bob, the "go" of the bells was found to be so reasonable after the first 720 that we rang four methods. Apart from the excessive noise (Robin said he could not hear the bells when a call was made!) and no stay on the third, there was nothing unduly difficult and a really good peal was scored.

Our thanks are due to Geoff Dodd for yet another example of his indefatigable energy in opening other "unringable" bells: considering their long silence, it was all rather amazing. Maybe the long rest did the bearings some good!

TO-MORROW'S DEDICATION: THE BELLS OF DAVENTRY

THE Cluniac Priory Church of Our Lady of Charity and St. Augustine was established at Daventry by Hugh de Leycestre in 1090 on land given by Simon de Sentis, Earl of Northampton.

We have no means of discovering what bells hung in the Norman tower of the Priory Church, but we do know that they were the cause of a dispute between the Priory and the parishioners in 1390, for it is recorded that the Prior and the Convent complained that the parishioners rang the bells so often, so early and in such a manner that they were unable to sleep, and less inclined to sing the Daily Offices, having risen at midnight to sing Matins. The parishioners, on the other hand, complained that the Prior and Convent "made chase and rebase through the churchyard with their carts and carriages during the time of Divine Service." The case was heard at Kenilworth Castle by John of Gaunt, who directed that one bell only was to be rung before the Mass, and that the Prior and Convent were to have a way through the churchyard, but that there were to be two locks to the gate, the key of one to be held by the parishioners.

At the Dissolution of the Monasteries, the Priory and its lands, together with 19 other religious houses, were appropriated to the use of Cardinal Wolsey for the establishment and endowment of what eventually became the College of Christ Church, Oxford. The church was partly dismantled and appears to have been left in a ruinous state for several years, though some at least of the conventual buildings were to survive until the early years of the last century.

In 1552 the new Gothic Church of the Holy Cross possessed "ij belle in the steeple and a sanct' bell."

The Bridges Manuscripts in the Bodleian Library, compiled in 1700, record the inscriptions on the five bells which hung in the tower at that date:

Treble: Nicholas Salter, Baylife 1596.

2nd: + Ambrose.

3rd: Be yt knowne to all that doth see that Newcombe of Leicester made mee. 1612.

4th: IHS Nazarenus Rex Judeoram filii Dei miserere mei, 1619.

Tenor: Nichols Salter Baylife of Dantre, the 4th of June, 1596.

The total weight of the bells was 54 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

In 1738 these bells, together with three others purchased from the nearby former Abbey of Catesby, were recast by Thomas Eayre of Kettering into a ring of eight with a tenor of 16½ cwt. The list of subscribers to this restoration, and another connected with the installation of a new chiming machine, is still preserved in the church register.

THE THIRD CHURCH

In 1752, it was decided to demolish the church and to replace it with another of Classical design. The bells were transferred to the new tower in 1754, and this ring of bells, with the exception of the 6th, which was recast by Joseph Eayre of St. Neots in 1764, survived intact until 1907, when the tenor cracked and had to be recast. The same fate befell the 7th in 1915, although this happened in a rather spectacular manner. The bell was being raised in the usual way for ringing, when it broke into two parts.

In 1938 the old wooden frame was strengthened and the whole ring rehung on ball bearings. The 3rd became cracked in



DAVENTRY PARISH CHURCH

1951 and was recast. All the work undertaken in the past 60 years was by the Taylor Foundry, and the present work has also been entrusted to them.

An inspection carried out in September, 1962, revealed that a fair amount of movement of the massive supporting beams was taking place and a new frame was advised. This proved entirely justified when the beams were removed, as the ends which had been embedded in the tower walls were found to be rotten and infested with the death-watch beetle.

AUGMENTATION

The opportunity was taken of installing a frame for ten bells, and it was eventually decided to order the augmentation at the same time. The old 4th was of poor tone and possibly cracked, so it was also decided to recast the bell. The ringers undertook to raise the cost of recasting the old treble and 2nd bells, so there will now be in the tower only two old bells, one each from the foundries of Thomas Eayre and Joseph Eayre, both of which have been tuned in recent times.

Work commenced on the installation of the bells on April 26th, and the dedication and thanksgiving service on June 5th will, it is hoped, signal the start of an era of very much greater opportunity for ten-bell ringing in the Diocese of Peterborough.

The details of the bells are appended and it will be noticed that new inscriptions have been added to the recast bells. In each case, as with that on the 2nd bell, they are taken from the New English Bible, and have been carefully chosen to reflect the feeling of optimism, ecumenically and in the family relationships of the parish. The phrase on the treble is in similar vein, although not exactly biblical, and identifies the ringers with the Parish and People Movement, of which the Rector is the diocesan representative.

THE INSCRIPTIONS

Treble: 4 cwt. 0 qr. 15 lb. Note G. Do nothing separately that may be done together. These bells are restored and augmented to the greater glory of God, 1965. Kenneth Ward, Rector. Patrick I. Chapman, G. R. Dodson, Churchwardens. Taylor, Loughboro.

Second: 4 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. Note F. May they all be one . . . That the world may believe. Taylor, Loughboro. 1965.

Third: 4 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. Note E flat. Grata sit arguta resonans campanula voce. Tho. Eayre. A.D. 1738. Taylor, Loughboro. Recast 1965. Our theme is the word of life.

Fourth: 5 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lb. Note D. Grata sit arguta resonans campanula voce. T. Eayre 1738. Taylor, Loughboro. Recast 1965.

Fifth: 6 cwt. 0 qr. 5 lb. Note C. IHS Nazarenus Rex Judeorum filii Dei miserere mei. Tho. Eayre. A.D. 1738. Taylor, Loughboro. Recast 1951. S. F. F. Powell, Rector. S. Collett, W. Hiron, Churchwardens.

Sixth: 6 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. Note B flat. Omnia fiant ad gloriam Dei. Gloria Deo soli. Tho. Eayre. A.D. 1738. Taylor, Loughboro. Recast 1965. Rejoice, you no less than I and let us share our joy.

Seventh: 7 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. Note A flat. IHS Nazarenus Rex Judeorum filii Dei miserere mei. T. Eayre Kett. A.D. 1738.

Eighth: 10 cwt. 0 qr. 5 lb. Note G. Joseph Freeman, Churchwarden. Joseph Eayre, St. Neots fecit October 29, 1764.

Ninth: 14 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. Note F. Omnia fiant ad gloriam Dei. Gloria Patri Filio et Spiritui Sancto. T. Eayre 1738. Johi and Denison Taylor, Loughborough. Recast 1915.

Tenor: 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. Note E flat. Omnia fiant ad gloriam Dei. Tho. Eayre Kett. Charles Wildgose, Baylife. Anno Domini 1738. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Refusa 1908.

PEAL RINGING

Peals were very infrequent on the bells prior to 1958, there having been only seven or eight since the first on the bells in 1919. This was almost certainly due to the excessive noise in the immediate vicinity of the church and in 1960 we called in Mr. Frederick Sharpe to advise on some form of sound control. The resulting installation, carried out by the ringers themselves, enabled a great deal more ringing to be done. Indeed, 14 peals were rung on the bells in eight months last year.

P. I. C.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

FORTY-FIVE members and friends attended the service and meeting of the Frome Branch at Wanstraw on April 24th. The Rev. Putnam McKay, in welcoming the Branch, reminded the members that the last time the meeting was held in the parish was in 1960. He also remarked that he was leaving for a holiday at his home in the U.S.A. the following Monday but would be returning he hoped, in time for the Association's dinner.

At the meeting, with the Rev. A. G. Durston, the Branch chairman, presiding, a disappointing factor was the failure to elect any new members. A long discussion followed a proposition by Mr. Heymann to hold a Branch striking competition, which was carried by 17 votes to seven. A committee is to present details to the next meeting, at Timsbury, on July 10th.

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Letters to the Editor

MORE "CARRY-ONS"?

Dear Sir,—As a one-time Master U.L.S.C.R., I was interested to read of their recent experiences with bells in France. The following is taken from Trollope's "The College Youths" (page 38).

"In 1732 the College Youths visited Kent . . . they took ship and went across to France. When they landed at Calais they rang a course of Grandsire Cinques on hand-bells . . ." This ringing, we may suppose, was single-handed.—Yours faithfully,
VERNON J. BENNING.

Tonbridge.

HOLY WEEK RINGING

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. E. G. Caple's letter on page 308, Mr. Caple is quite right in saying that in Western Christendom church bells are silent from Good Friday to Easter Day. However, there is no reason why bells should not be rung between Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday. Indeed, according to the rubrics of the Roman Missal, the bells are directed to be rung after the intonation of the "Gloria in Excelsis" at Mass on Maundy Thursday. The bells are then silent until a similar point in the Mass of the Easter Vigil. As the Mass on Maundy Thursday (one only) now is directed to be celebrated in the evening, the silence does not apply to the main part of the day.

Usually, the only semblance of ringing which is permitted is that during the Mass, when some kind of wooden clapper-board is used instead of a bell.

Where exactly the Church of England stands in the matter is difficult to say. As far as I know there is no official ruling in the matter. The Book of Common Prayer gives little direction on the observance of Holy Week, and it would seem that in the interests of propriety there should be no ringing from the evening of Maundy Thursday until, at the earliest, the first Mass of Easter.—Yours faithfully, WILLIAM G. WILSON.
Durham.

PEALS IN HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Dear Sir,—We join the Rev. R. C. Lucas ("The Ringing World," May 21st) in his disapproval of ringing in Holy Week and his request for ringing "as loud and as long as is humanly possible" on Easter Day, and we suggest that most ringers would agree with this.

However, an analysis of peals rung over Easter reveals the following surprising results. First there were twice as many peals rung in Holy Week as there were on Easter Day, and of those in Holy Week four were rung with apparently complete disregard of the fact. One was rung on Holy Saturday as an engagement compliment, an appalling excuse for a peal on bells dedicated to the glory of God at the best of times, let alone on such a solemn occasion. We were also astonished to see a peal rung on Holy Saturday both "to the glory of Easter" and also as an "In Memoriam"; how the two conflicting emotions can be expressed in one peal on a day fitting for neither seems impossible. We were also at a loss to know what to make of one apparently rung "open" on Good Friday, and especially as it was at the Vicar's request.

Secondly, do we assume that the 20 or so peals rung on Easter Monday, for no stated reason, were rung for the Festival? And, if so, why were they not rung on the Festival itself? There seem to have been only two peals rung on the Monday for the Festival, to which must be added the five on the actual day; thus of over 40 peals rung between Good Friday and Easter Monday inclusive, only about seven seem to have been specifically dedicated to the Festival.

It would seem a pity if the impression that we give by our ringing to the majority of people who have no connection with the Church is one of concern with trivial events rather than what should be regarded by us all as matters of supreme importance.

R. C. B. and K. I. D.

Sturry, Kent.

ABOLITIONS

Dear Sir,—All honour to the Derby Diocesan Association (and particularly their treasurer) for deciding to augment their Bell Repair Fund from the annual subscription. I hope their example will be followed, and in a bigger way. If we really believe that ringing forms a useful part of Church work we should set a good example; for an Association of some 500 members to give no more than £10 (5d. each) towards a job which may be costing thousands simply will not do at all.

Now will some enlightened Association please lead the way by abolishing peal booking fees? This miserable idea—that some should pay more to save the rest a very small amount—runs counter to the whole idea of having an Association, and has eaten into the Exercise like a nasty canker. It is based on the idea—held by those who do not ring peals—that all we do it for is to get our names into print. This is simply not true. We are not small children. We like to see the peal columns in "The Ringing World" so we can see what other people are ringing, and keep up with developments. We continue to keep up the custom of ringing peals for Associations; at one time they seemed to take pride in them. Now one begins to wonder.

I do think we should pay something after peals, quarters and other forms of pleasure-ringing; but all we give should go to the church where such ringing is done. We give our services on Sundays, but no amount of service ringing will buy new ropes or pay for wear and tear. And I do not like to see "The Ringing World" and the Associations competing as would-be beneficiaries.—Yours sincerely,

C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath.

P.S.—In answer to your footnote: Increase the price of "The Ringing World" to one shilling, and lose 700 readers, as you predict. The gross receipts would be up by over £1,800.—C. W. W.

OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—Having noted inquiries re the above method in "The Ringing World," it may be of interest to some readers to know that I have many touches in the personal handwriting of the late Mr. Stephen Wood, of Bristol.

In all these he uses the 4-5 place single and he told me that a peal can be obtained in this way although I have no figures to prove this. I am almost certain a peal has recently been rung with a 6-7 place single and I will endeavour to get confirmation of this from the conductor.

To save space in our valuable "Ringing World," if anyone requiring touches or a quarter peal would send me a stamped addressed envelope I will gladly supply same.

H. A. PRICE.

Eagle House.

Yatton, Bristol.

PEALS AT UPWELL

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal which was rung at Upwell, Norfolk, on May 1st (page 332), the footnote reads: "First peal on the bells since 1896." This footnote is almost 28 years too late, as the records of the Ely Diocesan Association state that a peal was rung at Upwell on May 5th, 1937, consisting of seven Minor methods. The band consisted of Messrs. S. Flint, A. Bacon, W. Buckenham, W. W. Cousins, C. Cousins and F. Wigmore (conductor).

There is also a possibility that other peals have been rung here by other Associations of which I have no record. Canon Felstead will be able to enlighten us when he resumes his interesting article around the towers.—Yours faithfully,

HAROLD S. PEACOCK.

Gen. Sec., Ely Diocesan Association.
Huntingdon.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT YOUNG RINGERS

On Easter Monday the Manchester District Young Ringers made their annual sortie, with this year's objective as Shrewsbury and Birmingham. Due to three members of the party not turning up, the coach was some 50 minutes late leaving Ashton. Unfortunately, this meant that the other 36 of us had to forgo the first tower, which was to have been Hodnet. Nevertheless the party took a philosophical view of the situation, and pressed on undaunted to Shrewsbury, St. Mary's (10). Here Grandsire Caters was a little shaky and Cambridge Royal came to grief, but we redeemed ourselves with Kent Royal and Plain and Little Bob, then wiped the slate clean with a good course of London Royal.

After lunch a brisk walk brought us to St. Chad's (12). The general opinion of the bells was most favourable and ringing included Bob Maximus, Stedman Cinques and Grandsire Cinques, finishing with a good course of Cambridge Maximus. The 134 steps, the glass trap door and the bird's nest complete with eggs all created interest in Ludlow, but the bells proved a real handful. It was felt that several ropes could have done with being taken up at the wheel so that elbows could be straightened at hand and back, without having to hold the single rope.

The heavy eight had given us an appetite, so the ham, eggs and chips were most welcome. On now to Birmingham, St. Martin's (12). These bells really are free-wheelers, which is perhaps all to the good, for many of us were feeling the strain of the journey. Grandsire Cinques, Kent Royal and Stedman Cinques were all respectable, although Bob Maximus stood up ignominiously. The day's ringing closed with Yorkshire Maximus. The average age of the party was under 21, and many of the members had their first attempts at London Royal, Cambridge and Yorkshire Maximus and Stedman Cinques.

Our thanks go to the local ringers who met us, and to Neil Bennett, Jeff Prannan and Ronnie Edwards (this year's gimmick was a movie camera) for their hard work in making the day a success. J. A. B.

GUILDFORD & DISTRICT GUILD

For the first time, Leatherhead District at their quarterly meeting at Leatherhead on May 8th held a striking competition; it attracted five entries. Mr. J. Schofield, of Beddington, the judge, regarded the striking as of a good standard, although hesitant, due probably to nerves. Placings: 1 Ashted 2 Leatherhead, 3 Ewell.

After tea and a short business meeting, Mr. H. Pittow was confirmed as District representative on the Guild Executive, and a combined practice was fixed for June 18th at Leatherhead at 7.45 p.m. Ringing after the meeting included a good course of Stedman Caters.

THERE WERE OTHERS

Dear Sir—I wish to correct the footnote to a peal of Minor rung at Upwell, Norfolk, and published in "The Ringing World" on page 332, where it stated "First peal on the bells since 1896."

A peal in six Minor methods was rung there on April 28th, 1926, conducted by Tony Price, with Joseph E. Sykes ringing the tenor.

Also, on May 5th, 1937, a peal in seven Minor methods, conducted by myself.—Yours, etc.

FREDERICK C. WIGMORE.

Wisbech, Cambs.

P.S.—The peal in 1926 was thought to be the first on the bells.—F. C. W.

A.O.B. TIME

Dear Sir,—Although I realise that most annual general meetings of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild are so apathetic that there is rarely 'Any Other Business' to discuss, perhaps in future the organisers would allow more than three minutes for this, just in case someone has something to say.—Yours, etc.

GRAHAM W. ELMES.

Wareham, Dorset.

MEMORIES OF MR. GEORGE H. CROSS

Mr. E. A. Barnett writes:

Perhaps I may add a few lines to your account of Mr. Cross's notable ringing career. Before coming to London he had made a name for himself in and around Norwich, where he rang his first peal at the age of 15, in 1909. By the time he was 17 he had "circled the tower" at his home church of St. John-de-Sepulchre and another early exploit was a peal of Oxford Treble Bob at Saxlingham in June, 1914, by a band of average age 184, then the youngest to accomplish an eight-bell peal. As Master of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild after the 1914-18 war he got ringing going again at that famous church and revived some of the interest in peal ringing in the county.

After moving to the London area he was one of the leading lights in a band which did much to popularise methods like Yorkshire and Pudsey, which we regard as standard to-day but in the 1920's and early 1930's were rarely rung. A skilled handbell ringer, he conducted the first peals of Stedman Cinques, among other methods, "in hand" for both the Cumberlands and the Kent County Association in about 1934, and I believe neither Society has accomplished one since. For the Cumberlands he did much valuable work as Master and as leader of the band at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. In 1939 he took part in a peal of London Major by a band of Civil Servants, which I remember very well, having interrupted a week's sick leave illicitly in order to be in it.

As you say, Mr. Cross took part in some 600 peals, his last, I think, being a handbell peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Crayford in December, 1951. It was strange that such an accomplished ringer should have retired from peal ringing at the comparatively early age of 60.

At the funeral service at Chardstock the Vicar paid tribute to Mr. Cross's love of ringing and the help he had given the local band until illness had compelled him to give up ringing altogether. The bells were rung half-muffled after the funeral at the Vicar's request by a band from Thorncombe, Dorset, and a course of Bob Minor was rung over the grave on Mr. Cross's handbells by three old friends and fellow-Cumberlands—Thomas H. Francis 1-2, Herbert E. Audsley 3-4, and Edward J. Beer 5-6, the two last-named also representing the Kent County Association, of which he was auditor for some 20 years. On the same day a peal of Cambridge Maximus was rung at Walsall by the Cumberlands, and the band regarded it as a tribute to his memory.

Mr. Frank H. Davey, of Norwich, writes: I was grieved to hear of the passing of my lifelong friend, Mr. George H. Cross. I had known George longer than any other ringer: we were schoolboys together over 60 years ago, and choirboys at St. John de Sepulchre, Norwich, where we were taught to ring by the late George S. Mayers, when these bells were installed in 1907-8.

A couple of highlights of his ringing career as I remember them: his conducting of a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Saxlingham rung by the youngest Major band till then. The band included the three brothers Duffield — William, Edward and James, all proved and expert ringers, and, by the way, Jim Duffield was the youngest ringer to ring a peal of Major when he was 11 years of age, at Pulham in 1912.

George had rung and conducted over 80 peals. By the time he was 20 he had quite a few compositions to his credit. He joined the Army in 1915 and saw service in Egypt, Mesopotamia and France. On returning to civilian life he threw himself wholeheartedly into ringing at St. Peter Mancroft and, elected Master, soon had a capable twelve-bell band around him. Just a couple of years or so later he arranged a peal of Stedman Cinques at Mancroft, in which he asked me to drum the tenor, he ringing the eleventh and calling it. This was his first of Stedman Cinques as conductor (he had rung a couple before). I remember that the late Charlie Borrett rang the treble and T. H. Taffender the third, four other London ringers taking part. How pleased he was with this peal as it was well struck throughout—without a word spoken.

Another peal he was proud of was "Bristol by George" at St. George's, Bristol, conducted by George R. Pye.

And so another stalwart of our art has been called home. A staunch and valued friend, a magnificent ringer, conductor and composer of my generation, the sympathy of the Exercise goes out to Mrs. Cross and family in their sad loss.

Many years ago George showed me a record book of peals he had rung, all done in Old English style, and by his own hand. I wonder if Mrs. Cross still has this book.

So I must say farewell, George, old friend. May he rest in peace, for I am proud to have known him for over 60 years.

MR. CHARLES A. ANDREWS

Many ringers will regret to hear of the death of Mr. Charles Andrews, of Lawford, Essex, on May 17th, aged 60.

Charlie belonged to a well-known ringing family, and at an early age was taught to handle a bell by his father at Thorington, near Colchester. In 1929 he went to live at Lawford, and with the late George Moss built up a good Minor band at Mistley, where for 25 years he was as regular a ringer as his shift-work would allow. When that band broke up he rang for a few years at Ardleigh, but in 1959 he had a heart attack which put an end to all his activities and since that time he had had to live an extremely quiet life.

A most competent ringer on any number of bells, he rang several peals of Maximus with the famous band at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, when they were at the height of their power. He never kept a count of his peals, but he must have rung over 200. He rang one peal of Bob Major at Great Bentley in which his father, son (Donald), brother (Alan) and nephew (G. Noel Orman) also took part.

Interested in local government, he was for some years parish clerk of Lawford.

He was buried at Thorington a few yards from the tower where he first started to ring. The same evening a half-muffled quarter peal was rung at Mistley to his memory.

PREBENDARY B. PRATT

Prebendary Brian Pratt, Rector of Peter Tavy, Devon, who died on May 11th, was at one time an active ringer, having learned to ring near Woburn. Ill-health latterly prevented him from ringing, but he remained interested and recently arranged the Tavistock Deanery Festival. Visitors were always welcome at Peter Tavy and it was on these bells that a memorial quarter peal was rung on May 17th.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION St. Albans District

The two new towers of the District were open on May 15th. Most of the ringers were able to cope with the back-handed six at St. Paul's, Walden, and methods up to Double Oxford and Cambridge were rung. Evening ringing was at King's Walden.

The District was welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Mitchell) during the service; he also joined us for an excellent tea at the St. Albans Arms.

At the business meeting Mrs. Amy Coburn took the place of Mr. R. D. Brown as secretary, as he was away. Mr. John Cull took the chair. Mrs. Pam Schofield, of St. Peter's, St. Albans, was elected a full member, and Mrs. M. Harding, Mrs. M. Howell and Mrs. L. Cull, of Kimpton, probationary members.

A report of the Western District ringing course was given and a similar course is to be run by the St. Albans District, the suggested date being November 20th.

Under any other business, the local tower captain, Mr. Denison, thanked the District for coming, reminding us that their practice night is Wednesday, except each Wednesday preceding the third Sunday. The meeting was closed after the usual votes of thanks.

J. A. F.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION

Some 25 members and friends attended the monthly meeting at Blackwell on May 15th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and an excellent tea was provided in the Church Hall, but it was somewhat disappointing that only 14 were present for tea.

At a short business meeting, Mr. A. Smithson presiding, Mr. D. W. Bailey and Miss Doreen Land, from Ripley, were elected new members. Thanks to the ladies for providing the tea was proposed by Mr. T. H. Radford.

Ringing continued until 8.45 p.m. under the supervision of Mr. A. Harrison (Ringing Master) and included Cambridge and Norwich Surprise.

Next meeting: Joint with Chesterfield District at North Wingfield June 12th.

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Ernest Morris Window Dedicated

A WINDOW likely to rival the ringers' window in York Minster was dedicated in the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, Leicester, on May 23rd, to Ernest Morris, one of the foremost ringers of this age, being the first to ring 2,000 peals and a writer whose books on bells and the art have an international prestige.

The work of Mr. H. W. Harvey, of York, an artist with a high reputation in stained glass, it is rich in colouring and the five ringers depicted all have character. A grey-haired ringer of the build of Ernest has his back to the viewer. Resolutely he grasps the tenor rope. Another is seen in the process of lowering his bell, and there is also a girl ringer poised with an air of expectancy, probably introduced as a feature of Ernest's ringing career—his love of shepherding people through their first peal.

The caption reads:

"This window was installed by the congregation and by ringers throughout the world to the memory of Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., F.R.G.S., M.R.S.L., ringer and ringing master of this church and author of 'The History and Art of Change Ringing' and other works, who died 28th April, 1962, aged 72 years."

At the top of the two lights is a scroll "How amiable are thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts." Below is a peep into the bell chamber, showing bells, and below the five ringers the artist symbolises some of Ernest's other interests—St. Margaret's Church, fonts, historic door knockers and horse brasses. With these is a bell inscribed "In memory of Ernest Morris, ringer, campanologist and historian." We hope in a later issue to publish a photograph of this outstanding window.

QUARTER PEAL LOST

There was a large congregation present composed almost entirely of friends. With his widow and daughter, Margaret, were his brother, G. Stedman Morris, of Lyme Regis, and Mrs. G. S. Morris and his sister, Mrs. Mabel Black. Previous to the service the bells were being rung to Grandsire Caters. Unfortunately, after 25 minutes, the rope of the seventh broke, thus preventing the quarter from being rung. The band consisted of G. H. Bray (St. Margaret's) 1, P. J. Staniforth (St. Martin's, conductor) 2, Tom Bent (St. Margaret's) 3, S. Harrison (St. John the Divine) 4, J. E. Adams (St. Margaret's) 5, W. Tenser (St. Margaret's) 6, R. H. Cook (Asfordby) 7, J. Bramley (St. Margaret's) 8, G. S. Morris (Lyme Regis) 9, R. Kingslev Mason (St. John the Divine) 10.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon E. N. Ducker), who also read one of the lessons, the other being read by the Rev. Peter Etchells, a former curate. The choir sang the anthem "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is" (S. S. Wesley). The dedication was by a former curate and personal friend, Canon F. W. Pratt, Canon-Treasurer of Leicester Cathedral and Master of Wyggeston Hospital.

In his address, Canon Pratt spoke of the privilege it was to him to be with them at the dedication of that window to Ernest Morris. "He was one I shall always think of as you who knew him do, as a devout and thoroughly honest servant of God, who regarded his service here at St. Margaret's as a great blessing, and he cherished it. There were many difficult things he had to get over in his service here but his faith never wavered and he loved this church right on to the very end."

CHAIN OF REMEMBRANCE

So it is right that all those who have an interest in the things we have been doing today, especially the ringers, should come together as a great family bound by the chain of remembrance to one who is no longer with us in the flesh but whose glory, I am sure, will be revealed to us, for we must hold fast



in these very materialistic days to the ancient faith of our fathers—the resurrection of the dead and the life eternal."

In showing their faith they thought of Ernest and of the church bells calling Christian people to worship although many would not answer. The bells as they rang out called from another world; they were the heralds of the angels. They were a challenge to an unbelieving age to put its faith in things unseen of the Spirit that come from the fountain of God's loveliness. "We thank God for Ernest and those his companions in his earthly years for his skill and sense of mission. May we follow in his train."

After the service, tea was served in the Vestry Hall by Mrs. Staniforth and her helpers. The appeal as far as the ringers were concerned was organised by Mr. G. Oliffe, Ringing Master of St. Margaret's. About £100 is still required to meet the cost of the window.

The congregation present included Mr. B. Stedman Payne, the new president of the Leicester Guild, and Mr. A. H. Beamish, president of the Coventry Guild, also Mr. W. Cecil Dunford, the illustrator of many of Ernest's books.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

The day of the Newark District meeting and cup contest was fine and warm, as it happened the last day of the mid-May heat wave. Elston was the tower chosen, and although it was hoped that five teams would enter for the contest, unfortunately there were in the end only the same three as last year. However, in summing up, the judges, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradley, both felt that the standard of ringing had improved and certainly the number of faults was much less. Sutton "A" team were the winners, with 58 faults, closely followed by Newark with 65½. The younger members of Sutton tower, forming "B" team, made a very commendable effort with 94½ faults.

Three new ringing members were elected at the business meeting—Nicola Renyard (Elston), Sylvia Bremner (Barnby) and Hugh Pierce (Southwell Minster). The new Rector, Canon Evans, was elected a vice-president, and he conducted Evensong and also joined the company of over 40 for tea in the Village Hall.

B. N. R.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Between 50 and 60 ringers, coming from as far as Westleigh in North Devon and Stratton in North Cornwall, defied the heavy mist to attend the S.W. Branch meeting at Walkhampton on May 8th. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge were rung with Mr. R. Bould acting as Ringing Master for the first time. Mr. H. H. Thomas presided at the business meeting and, acting on the appeal of Mr. and Mrs. Bray, of Whitchurch, it was decided to hold the first Branch practice at Shaugh on June 12th with a concentration on Plain Bob and Cambridge.

The Vicar (the Rev. B. K. Braund) conducted the service, and Mr. J. L. Blagg, of Emmanuel, Plymouth, acted as organist. An excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Oldham. Mrs. McCloud and other members of the Ladies' Guild. Further ringing took place in the evening at Meavy.

Next meeting: Kingsbridge, September 25th.

DEVON RINGERS' EXE VALLEY TOUR

Organised by Mr. A. L. Bennett, members of the Devon Guild of Ringers held a day tour in the Exe Valley on May 22nd when, despite adverse weather conditions, a most enjoyable time was spent. Those accompanying him were Mr. D. J. Roberts and children, Messrs. P. A. Lock and friend, G. J. Roberts and H. A. Vaffry (Torquay). Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Harvey and family (Topsham), Misses S. A. Dowell (Teignmouth) and Y. C. Porter (Plymouth), Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Bould (Tavistock), Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Myers and family (Plymouth), whilst Mrs. E. S. Powell and two friends from Wellington, Somerset, joined the members in the afternoon. Towers visited were Thorverton (the only octave), Cadbury, Bickleigh, Cadeleigh, Calverleigh, Washfield, Halberton and Sampford Peverell, the last-named being about the best of the day, the ringing concluding with a well struck course of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The clergy are thanked for the use of their bells and Mr. Bennett for making the arrangements. A. L. B.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The spring festival of the Truro Branch was held at Gwennap on Saturday, May 15th, some 50 ringers being present.

The Branch president (the Rev. J. R. Jose) presided at the business meeting, and Miss Barbara J. Duck of 1, Benson Road, Hendra, Truro, was elected the new secretary.

Autumn festival at St. Mawgan-in-Pydar, September 18th, and next method ringing practice at Crantock, July 10th.

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Single change method.
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C.C. Collection, 1931.
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34.16 x 36 x 14 x 1. 6ths 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931.
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Single change method.
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- HEREWARD BOB**
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36 x 34.16 x 12 x 123 x 34 x 1. 2nds 42635.
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Single change method.
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x 16 x 36 x 34 x 1. 6ths 56342.
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x 56 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 1. 6ths 42635.
C. D. Potter's notebook.
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36.14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 5. 2nds 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1961.
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x 36 x 16 x 16 x 1456 x 16 x 36 x 16 x 1456 x 16 x 36 x. 2nds 35264.
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W. Walker, 1883. "Bell News."
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W. Walker, 1883. "Bell News."
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Identical with **Burton Treble Bob**.
In H. Rowley's notebook.
- HORNBY DOUBLE**
x 16 x 16 x 16 x 36 x 14 x. 2nds 56342.
Asymmetrical. In Annable's notebook.
- HORNMEAD DOUBLE**
x 16 x 36 x 56 x 36 x 14 x. 4ths 54263.
Asymmetrical. In Annable's notebook.
- HORSMONDEN BOB**
34.16 x 16 x 3. 2nds 42635.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1901.
- HORTON (DOUBLE) SURPRISE**
x 56 x 14.56 x 12.36 x 12 x 1. 6ths 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1931.
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x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.3. 2nds 65324.
- HOWARD DELIGHT**
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- HOYLANDSWAINE DELIGHT**
x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.5. 6ths 34625.
- HUDDERSFIELD SURPRISE**
See **College Youths Pleasure**.
- HULL DELIGHT**
See **Humber Delight**.
- HULL SURPRISE**
x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 3. 6ths 56342.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.
- HUMBER DELIGHT**
x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.3. 6ths 56342.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.
Also called **Holl Delight**.
- HYACINTH TREBLE BOB**
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BELFRY GOSSIP

The steel bells at Randwick, New South Wales, are now ringing again, according to a correspondent.

Correction.—The ringer of the fifth in the peal at Neath on May 10th was Gwyn I. Lewis and not as printed on page 366.

Groton schoolboy ringers are visiting England in July. They will make their headquarters at Leicester during the first week of that month, the visit coinciding with the Leicester holidays.

Organised by "Jenny," a party of London, Surrey and Kent ringers spent a week-end recently in Suffolk with headquarters at Bury St. Edmunds. Who they were we know not except that Dave and Nick drove them round, and according to the report of R. J. T. the week-end was most enjoyable.

A peal attempt in seven Surprise Minor methods was arranged at Buxhall, Suffolk, on May 24th as a 21st birthday compliment to Janet I. Rogers. Unfortunately, due to a fraying rope, this was brought round after the second extent. This left time for another good quarter at nearby Great Finborough.

The East Retford band were disappointed on the evening of May 22nd. After the morning ringing the door at the foot of the belfry stairs had been slammed. The jolt caused the catch on the Yale lock to slip and it could not be unfastened from outside. After some delay a ladder was obtained and an entrance effected from above, but too late to start for the quarter originally planned.

COGENHOE DELIGHT MINOR

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 1236 x 14 x 36.
1.h. 12. 42635

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A LOSS TO FINCHLEY

Owing to a reshuffling of Government departments, Mr. Bernard J. Willis, who for the past 15 or 16 years has been captain of St. Mary's, Finchley, and associated with the church as choirboy and ringer for 35 years, is going North. On the occasion of the tower's annual outing on May 15th in the Eastern Counties a unique presentation was made to him in a café at Woodbridge in the form of a "peal board" some 18 inches square and a pint silver tankard subscribed for by his many ringing friends. The peal board reads:

ON SATURDAY, MAY 15th, 1965
AN EXTRAORDINARY PEAL OF
FINCHLEY GOODWILL

As an appreciation of long and valued service by Bernard J. Willis, many years captain of the Finchley Band.

M. Cruickshank	1	W. Blake	11
J. Campbell	2	R. Newman	12
J. Beeston	3	M. Carter	13
P. Taylor	4	A. Butler	14
D. Robotham	5	C. Ward	15
W. Harwin	6	G. Parson	16
S. Wallis	7	B. Watson	17
T. Bevan	8	A. Warren	18
A. Richardson	9	F. Barker	19
E. Richardson	10	L. Tubb	20

Conducted by Bernard J. Willis. Tenor 1 pint.

We wish Bernard and his family good luck in their new home, and take great pleasure in giving him this board with this one-pint tenor which everyone has truly chimed today, hoping he will keep it displayed hereunder as a constant reminder of old friends and many happy times together.

Rev. R. W. Matthews, Rector.

Churchwardens:

Messrs. O. Lambeth and K. Campbell.

All those named on the board "chimed" the one-pint tenor by taking from it a sip of champagne.

Bernard, when he left the choir for the ringing room, made rapid progress. It was not long before he was calling touches, and in the space of a few years conducting peals, one of his first being Parker's 12-part of Grand-sire Triples. When Mr. Fred Barker resigned the captaincy of Finchley Bernard was appointed his successor. Fred is now 80 years old but still rings regularly.

During the last war Bernard served in the Fleet Air Arm. Upon his return at the end of hostilities he set to work with others to reform the Finchley band and it was soon ringing regularly on Sundays and holding well-attended practices. A man full of patience, he did excellent work with learners and he will be greatly missed by his ringing pals, who wish him a long and happy life in his new home.

ST. ANDREW'S UNIVERSITY RINGERS' GUILD

At the A.G.M. of the St. Andrew's University Bell Ringers' Guild, held on May 4th, the following were elected officers for the session 1965-66: Ringing Master, David Roberts; secretary, David Martin; treasurer, Paul Scott. D.M.

GIFT OF HANDBELLS TO CHURCH

Under the will of Mr. Francis V. Nash, of Chevél Street, Nuneaton, a ring of 12 handbells (tenor 22 in E flat) has been presented to All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, with a request that they be rung at least once a year during a service. (They had been renovated by Messrs. Taylor and Co. before the presentation.) Sunday, May 16th, was Bellringers' Sunday and the magnificent set was rung for the first time during Evening before a large congregation, including several members of the Nash family. Tunes on a lighter set of 24 handbells were also rung during the service, ringers taking part being: Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish, Mrs. V. Dodds, the Misses C. and M. Mason, M. Corcoran and W. J. Day.

As a cadet nurse in Nuneaton's Manor Hospital during the later months of 1964, Miss Christine Mason had discussed the bells and bellringing with Mr. Nash, then a patient, and he had confided to her that he would bequeath his bells to the church. Christine is now a student nurse at the Royal South Hants Hospital, Southampton, but was home on sick leave in time to join in the ringing of the bells. D.E.B.

GREETINGS FROM THE BALKANS

Through Mr. Aubrey L. Bennett, Mr. Arthur Pearson, of Wombourne, who is in the Balkans, sends his greetings. He writes: "Please, when writing to 'The Ringing World,' give its readers my regards and mention my continued interest in the ringing activities in U.K. It is not possible I write direct as my letter to a newspaper would not get through."

SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Seventy-five years ago this Whit Saturday a band of ringers from St. Luke's, Heywood Lanes, had an outing to Llangollen, leaving Heywood at 4 a.m. and reaching Llangollen three hours later. On the bells of St. Collen's Church a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's six-part) was rung in 2 hours 57 minutes by the following band: A. Rhys James (aged 13, son of the Vicar of Llangollen) 1, John Shepherd (conductor) 2, J. B. Taylor 3, W. R. Barrett 4, John Millett 5, W. H. Walmsley 6, John Harrison 7, James Millett 8. The tenor ringer was the great-grandfather of Mr. J. P. Partington who sends us an extract from the parish magazine of that date, which gave a full report of the proceedings.

COUPLES LIKE A MINOR FIVE FOR WEDDINGS

Weston Favell bells are popular for weddings though not popular with many ringers as they are a minor five, nor to some residents owing to the closeness of the tower. Of recent weddings there have been twin brothers marrying twin sisters, and two bellringing brothers (David John and Andrew Frederick Benfield from Kingsthorpe) marrying two Weston Favell sisters (Linda Mary and Dorothy Carole Wright).

INQUIRY CORNER

A contributor wishes to know if Carter's Principle has been extended to Triples and rung to a peal. If so, were ordinary Stedman calls used at the beginning and end of the full sizes?

AT GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

There was a big concourse of ringers at Guildford Cathedral for the open day on Saturday, May 22nd. No fewer than 135 signed the visitors' book and there were many who did not. The bells met with general approval but to those accustomed to small belfries the spaciousness was rather overpowering. One prominent ringer took the view that more peals would be lost in the tower than gained. The fears that the tenor would be beyond the capacity of many were groundless. It was a very easy bell to ring.

Among the ringers the youngest was 11-year-old Stephen Munday, the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Munday, now of Pudsey. Stephen is a member of the Yorkshire Association and rings with his father at Bradford Cathedral. Mr. Munday was formerly captain of Holy Trinity, Guildford, and his brother is hon. secretary of the Guildford Guild. Only a few months older, but now past her 12th birthday, was Frances Dodds, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Dodds, of St. Albans. Both Stephen and Frances demonstrated their ability by ringing "inside" to Caters.

When Holy Trinity, Guildford, ringers arrived on Sunday morning for service ringing a disappointment awaited them as one of the stays was already broken. Also there was a ringer absent, reducing the ringing to eight bells. A visitor to the belfry was Brigadier Derek Schreiber, hon. treasurer of the Cathedral Council and the donor of the two tenors. After he had left, Mr. Colin A. Hopper remembered him when he was a lieutenant in his company of the Coldstream Guards before World War II.

AN AFTERNOON AT BUCKFAST ABBEY

Organised by Mr. A. L. Bennett, a party of Devon Guild members enjoyed an afternoon's ringing on May 15th at Buckfast Abbey, where they were joined by two of the Community. Ringing on the middle octave, consisting of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major and Cambridge Minor, was followed by a short organ recital on the splendid Abbey organ by Rev. Father Sebastian Wolff, the regular organist.

After the tea interval evening ringing was at Dean Prior Parish Church, where Mr. T. G. Myers conducted an extent of Plain Bob Minor.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The necessity of bringing the Guild's boundaries up to date was urged by Mr. N. Mallett at the meeting of the Exeter Branch at Alphington on May 15th. The meeting gave him full support. Whiststone were congratulated on their membership.

SALISBURY GUILD A.G.M.

Mr. E. Mould, of Otford, Sevenoaks, calls attention to a Mr. E. Mould being referred to in the report of the A.G.M. of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild as having passed away. This should be his father, Mr. A. E. Mould, who died recently. Congratulating Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd on his front page letter, Mr. Mould writes: "As long as such excellent articles are forthcoming, I feel sure 'The Ringing World' will continue to flourish."

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt.

William Hibbert Treble	John Chilcott 7
Walter F. Judge 2	William T. Cook 8
Tudor P. Edwards 3	Frank White 9
Michael V. Chilcott 4	Dennis Randall 10
Frederick H. Wilkins 5	John H. Crampion 11
David E. Parsons 6	Vincent T. Cherill Tenor

Composed by David E. Parsons.

Conducted by John Chilcott.

Rung by friends to celebrate Mr. Hibbert's 50th year of bell-ringing.

HOOK NORTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

William J. Chester Treble	Charles E. Truman 5
Raymond A. Vickers 2	Christopher C. Clarke 6
William A. Yates 3	George W. Holland 7
Barry E. Saunders 4	Ernest G. Jones Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

Conducted by George W. Holland.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

BRIDGWATER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in D.

Brian J. Wilde Treble	Frank D. Mack 5
Maria E. Kirby 2	Patrick J. Bird 6
Derek B. Williams 3	Nicholas W. H. Simon 7
*Michael G. R. Zobel 4	Peter T. Hurcombe Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner.

Conducted by Peter T. Hurcombe.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all the band (except ringer of treble), on the bells and for the Society.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At All Saints' Bell Tower.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Robert J. Warrilow Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis 5
Derek F. Yates 2	William H. Dowse 6
John Worth 3	Alan McFall 7
Harold C. Lonyon 4	A. Peter Whitehead Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Conducted by John Worth.

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., May 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

Frank R. Morton Treble	Walter Sherratt 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Barry Corbishley 6
*Harold Dowler 3	Roy Worrall 7
*†Raymond J. Ballard 4	Ivor R. Nichols Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. First in the method as conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

QUEX PARK, Kent.—At the Waterloo Tower.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Being five courses Backstroke Home, 12 courses Tittums, 11 courses Inverted Tittums and 10 courses Handstroke Home.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

Claire Dillamore Treble	Joe E. G. Roast 7
Andrew S. Hudson 2	*Ian R. Panton 8
M. Jane Foster 3	Peter J. Eves 9
Hadley Hunter 4	Dennis A. S. Symonds 10
Peter M. Wilkinson 5	Howard W. Egglestone 11
Patrick W. Saltmarsh 6	Martyn L. J. Jordan Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Andrew S. Hudson.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

RAYLEIGH, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Tues., May 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,600 London, 1,440 Rutland, 640 Cambridge, and 480 each of Bristol, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

Peter G. Brown Treble	†Michael J. Hallett 5
*Patrick W. Saltmarsh 2	Dennis A. S. Symonds 6
Alfred J. House 3	Ian R. Panton 7
Joe E. G. Roast 4	Philip J. Rothera Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley.

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* 200th peal. † First of six spliced. First of spliced on the bells. The ringer of the 3rd has "circled the tower."

LITTLE WALTHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

Anne Edwards Treble	†Michael J. Cowling 4
*Yvonne A. Murray 2	†Peter G. Brow 5
†Ian V. Foster 3	James L. Towler Tenor

Conducted by James L. Towler.

* First of Minor "inside." † First "inside." ‡ First of Minor in method.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. Devenish.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GODALMING, Surrey.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Stanley G. Ponting Treble	Frederick R. Scott 5
*Diane Street 2	J. Keith Ward 6
†Pamela Gough 3	†A. Patrick Cannon 7
Anthony D. Sansom 4	Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Cambridge Major. ‡ 100th peal of Cambridge Major, rung in 99 different towers.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY HEATH, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin Treble	Leonard J. North 5
*Clive W. Simpson 2	Thomas H. Norris 6
†Patricia A. Norris 3	Roger Baldwin 7
*Lorna E. Simpson 4	Ellen F. Norris Tenor

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* 25th peal together. † First peal.

BENINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 DEVON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

J. Stuart Hutton Treble	Eric Edmondson 5
G. William Critchley 2	Vernon Green 6
Claudia A. Critchley 3	J. Richard Castledine 7
Thomas J. Lock 4	Jack S. Dear Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne.

Conducted by G. William Critchley.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 4th.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

DROGHEDA, Co. Louth.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 11 methods. Two extents of Stedman and four each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Newborough, Grandsire, April Day, Kennington, Plain Bob, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*Helen Hubert Treble	Frederick E. Dukes 4
Sandra M. Dukes 2	Colin A. Lewis 5
Charles J. Reece 3	*Adrian S. Doak Tenor

Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.

* First peal. The greatest number of methods rung to a peal of Doubles in Ireland.

Rung in memory of Fred Henley, ringer at this tower 1902-65.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

*Robert J. Everest Treble	†Edward G. Mould 5
Lucile M. Corby 2	Percy J. Spice 6
*Jennifer M. Payne 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
Judith M. Corby 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

* First peal. † First on eight bells and of Surprise.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SALFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.

On Wed., May 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

Jeffrey Brannan Treble	Edward Jenkins 5
Christine Andrew 2	Peter Wycherley 6
Gordon Benfield 3	Alan McFall 7
John Booth 4	Derek Butterworth Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

BICKER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Swithin.
On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

J. W. Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A.

*Christopher J. Sharp .. Treble	George H. Randles 5
Norah M. Randles 2	Geoffrey R. Parker 6
Joyce M. Gurnhill 3	Jack L. Millhouse 7
John Walden 4	Peter A. Sharp Tenor

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., May 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 UPPINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Alick Cutler Treble	Dennis Knox 5
Joan Beresford 2	J. Richard Castledine .. 6
John Hill 3	Thomas J. Lock 7
Ruth M. Foreman 4	John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH ELMHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

Arthur C. Wells Treble	Roy E. Cullington 5
John R. Smith 2	Kevin S. Hohl 6
Edward Howes 3	Derek W. Purdon 7
Sidney Marshall 4	H. William Barrett Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

GREAT YARMOUTH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Thurs., May 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

George W. Howlett .. Treble	J. Barry Pickup 5
Edwin R. Goate 2	Stephen High 6
Arthur Wigmore 3	George W. Fletcher 7
A. William Bird 4	William B. Duncan Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by Edwin R. Goate.

A wedding compliment to Juanita McBride and John Webster, married on this day; also to Brenda Sampson and Roger Torr, married on April 3rd; both the brides being members of St. Nicholas' company.

NORWICH.—At the Church of St. George, Colegate.

On Fri., May 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

David E. House Treble	Canon A. G. G. Thurlow .. 5
Martin Cubitt 2	Roy Duesbury 6
John Cox 3	David Cubitt Tenor

Conducted by David E. House.

Rung to mark the inauguration by H.M. the Queen of the British memorial to John F. Kennedy, which took place this day at Runnymede.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

DEDDINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CHELSFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb.

Roger M. Heyworth .. Treble	John W. Thorp 5
Hilary F. Pardoe 2	Bruce Wakefield 6
G. Robert Mordaunt .. 3	M. Roger Ashmore 7
Anthony P. Foster 4	Nicholas J. Martin Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

Conducted by Nicholas J. Martin.

First peal in the method. This method is not No. 63 of the Corrigan Collection.

UPPINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

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CHELSFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

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(H. and M. Collection No. 4881)

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.

On Tues., May 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 MAURETANIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Harry W. Badger Treble	Edward R. Venn 5
Alice E. J. Lester 2	Peter J. Heritage 6
Christopher C. Clarke .. 3	Charles Coles 7
Frederick W. Soden 4	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler (B. 44).

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

GREAT HORWOOD, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Fri., May 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being five extents each of St. Martin, St. Simon, Plain Bob, Stedman, and 22 of Grandsire.

Maurice Jamieson .. Treble	William A. Yates 4
Raymond A. Vickers .. 2	*A. Hedley Wood 5
George W. Holland .. 3	George Edmans Tenor

Conducted by William A. Yates.

* First peal of Doubles.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WIMBORNE ST. GILES, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

Johnson's Variation .. Treble	*Graham W. Elmes 5
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay .. 2	John W. Blackwood 6
I. Ann Abrahams 3	John Hartless 7
Dorothy T. Gardiner .. 4	Ronald N. Marlow Tenor

Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.

* First peal of Major. † First of Surprise.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTH WILFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Wed., May 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 NEW ANTELOPE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 16 bob and single variations, three extents each of New Antelope, Upton, Gunthorpe, Caythorpe, Netherfield, Porchester, Zouch, Bulcote, Wheatley and Woodborough, two extents each of Halam, Flawforth, Perlethorpe, Joyce, Kinoulton and Woodthorpe.

Tenor 7 cwt. 18 lb. in A.

Ruth M. Blackshaw .. Treble	Elisabeth J. Foster 3
George A. Dawson 2	Simon Humphrey 4

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

First peal in the method for all and for the Guild.

Birthday compliments to Mrs. E. E. Blackshaw and Robert Marsh.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

WOLVERHAMPTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

Frederick R. Scott .. Tenor	Jack S. Dear 7
Joan Beresford 2	Thomas J. Lock 8
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	J. Richard Castledine .. 9
G. William Critchley .. 4	J. Keith Ward 10
John Hill 5	Gerald Penney 11
Dennis Knox 6	John R. Mayne Tenor

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

First peal of Aldenham Surprise Maximus by all.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WEST HOATHLY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*David R. Comber .. Treble	Derek Slater 4
Valerie J. Howard 2	John A. Howard 5
*David A. E. Roberts .. 3	Frank H. Hicks Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

* First peal attempt.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAWKLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clements and Childwall, and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Rev. C. R. C. Coussmaker Treble	Philip Stevens 4
E. Winifred Keyes 2	Bryan C. Burrough 5
*David E. Rothera 3	Bernard E. Matthews .. Tenor

Conducted by Bernard E. Matthews.

* First peal of Minor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER.—At the Church of St. John-in-Bedwardine.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.		Tenor 15½ cwt.	
Joseph D. Johnson	.. Treble	Reginald Woodyatt	.. 5
Sidney T. Holt	.. 2	David C. Beacham	.. 6
Denis R. Marris	.. 3	Thomas W. Lewis	.. 7
Mrs. J. Thomas	.. 4	John J. Stanier	.. Tenor

Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.

Rung in memoriam William Lewis.

BREDON'S NORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Chapel of Ease.

On Tues., May 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.		Tenor 6½ cwt.	
Arthur C. Berry	.. Treble	James Attwood, sen.	.. 4
Ronald Loxley	.. 2	James Attwood, jun.	.. 5
Ronald Hickmott	.. 3	Rev. L. J. Birch	.. Tenor

Conducted by James Attwood, jun.

First peal on the bells after being rehung.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.	
Ronald Ducker	.. Treble
Howard C. Palmer	.. 2
David S. Johnson	.. 3
A. Benjamin Cooper	.. 4
Michael D. Staniforth	.. 5
*Richard D. Gibson	.. 6
Frederick Ross	.. 7
Alan Leggett	.. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Alan Leggett.

* 25th peal.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the treble.

BEIGHTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church St. Mary.

On Sun., May 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of 49 methods in the following seven extents: (1) Luton, Ripley, Rhyl, Thorne, Westminster and Allendale Surprise; (2) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden and Newdigate Delight; (3) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Newdigate, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Charlwood, Marple, Braintree, Humber, Taxal, Clarence and Elston Delight; Morning Star Treble Bob; (4) Barnsley, South Kirby, Havercroft, Felkirk Treble Bob; (5) Beighton, Appleby, Redcar, Hatfield, Cambridge and Bourne Surprise; (6) York, Queen Bess, Hoylandswaine and Tankersley Delight; Primrose Surprise; (7) Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Oxford Treble Bob, Wath, Pontefract, Carisbrooke and Donattar Delight, with 103 changes of method and a plain lead of each included.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*Christopher A. Moxon	.. Treble	Wilfrid F. Moreton	.. 4
Harold Chant	.. 2	*Noel F. Moxon	.. 5
Anthony R. Peake	.. 3	Brian Bladon	.. Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* Most methods to a peal. The greatest number of Treble Bob Minor methods to a tower bell peal for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(And the Gresham's School Society.)

HOLT, Norfolk.—At Gresham's School.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MINOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Peter N. Mackley	.. 1—2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.)	3—4
Paul Royds-Jones	.. 5—6		

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Society.

(And the Gresham's School Society.)

HOLT, Norfolk.—At Gresham's School.

On Thurs., May 20, 1965, in 1 Hour and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in six methods. Being eight extents each of Winchendon Place Bob and St. Martin's Bob, seven extents each of St. Nicholas' Bob and St. Simon's Bob, and six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor size 15 in C.

Peter N. Mackley	.. 1—2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.)	3—4
Paul Royds-Jones	.. 5—6		

Most methods for the band and the Society.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—All at Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycoc'h.

On Fri., April 23, 1965, in 2 hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5264 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in F.

Hazel Way	.. 1—2	J. Arthur Hoare	.. 5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe	.. 3—4	Richard T. Smith	.. 7—8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

On Sat., April 24, 1965, in 4 Hours,

A PEAL OF 10800 MINOR

In 15 methods, being an extent each of Horsmonden Bob, Cumberland Bob, St. Nicholas College Bob, Gower College Bob, Heatherslade College Bob, Reverse Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Ullswater Bob, Mewslade Court Bob, Double Plain Bob, Fulbeck Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Buxton College Bob, Childwall College Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way	.. 1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.)	3—4
J. Arthur Hoare	.. 5—6		

Longest peal of Minor for the Guild.

On Sun., April 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 18 in F.

Hazel Way	.. 1—2	J. Arthur Hoare	.. 5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe	.. 3—4	Richard T. Smith	.. 7—8
Edmund J. Morris	.. 9—10		

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

On Fri., April 30, 1965, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 18 methods: (i) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall; (ii) Pinehurst and Buxton; (iii) St. Nicholas, Gower and Heatherslade; (iv) Horsmonden and Cumberland Bob; (v) Ullswater and Mewslade Court; (vi) Reverse Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure; (vii) Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Double Plain Bob. 113 changes of method.

Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way	.. 1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.)	3—4
J. Arthur Hoare	.. 5—6		

On Sun., May 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way	.. 1—2	J. Arthur Hoare	.. 5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe	.. 3—4	Edmund J. Morris	.. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

On Thurs., May 6, 1965, in 2 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way	.. 1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.)	3—4
J. Arthur Hoare	.. 5—6		

On Sat., May 8, 1965, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way	.. 1—2	*Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.)	3—4
*J. Arthur Hoare	.. 5—6		

* 150th peal together.

On Sun., May 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

Edmund J. Morris	.. 1—2	J. Arthur Hoare	.. 5—6
Hazel Way	.. 3—4	Brian J. Woodruffe	.. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boyce, of Cadoxton, on their golden wedding.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE.—At B 17, Angel Court, Trinity College.

On Fri., April 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 17 in A.

S. Clarke Walter	.. 1—2	Hadley Hunter	.. 5—6
John E. Spice	.. 3—4	Vivian Nutton	.. 7—8

Keith J. Darvill .. 9—10

Composed and Conducted by Hadley Hunter.

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QUARTER PEALS

ALWALTON, HUNTS. — On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): G. Oliver 1, G. Davis 2, A. Waller 3, B. Branson 4, F. Sismey (cond.) 5. First in four methods 2 and 4.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS. — At St. Michael's Church on May 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Oster 1, Mrs. J. Weaver 2, E. H. Balaam 3, D. P. Murduck 4, J. Weaver 5, P. Murduck 6, P. N. Tubbs (cond.) 7, P. G. Holmes 8. Rung half-muffled prior to the memorial service for John R. Sharp, C.B.E.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT. — On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: David Stocker (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. Stocker 2, Mrs. B. van-Asselt 3, R. C. Kift 4, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 5, K. Rundle 6. For Evensong.

BLETSUE, BEDS. — On May 20th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. W. Massey 1, T. R. Hatchett 2, G. E. Bonham 3, R. J. Sharp 4, R. Chapman 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6.

BLEWBURY, BERKS. — On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, Mary Wells 2, H. W. Dunsden 3, F. E. Godden 4, D. Vince (first on eight bells) 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, C. Corderoy 7, P. Corderoy 8. For Rogation service.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS. — On May 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Bateman 1, Miss H. Maltman (first quarter "inside") 2, J. Frank Smallwood 3, Miss V. E. Dupre 4, I. Lloyd 5, Miss K. M. H. Branson (cond.) 6, A. W. Lloyd 7, W. H. Pickett 8.

BRADFIELD, YORKS. — On May 18th, 1,320 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob): E. P. King 1, D. Hutton 2, R. Plant (first quarter) 3, G. Pilkington 4, M. King (cond.) 5, P. S. Wood 6.

BUXHILL, SUFFOLK. — On May 24th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Cambridge and Norwich): R. E. Lester 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, R. Rose 3, N. F. Whittell 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5, M. J. Rose 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Janet I. Rogers.

CANTERBURY, KENT. — At St. Dunstan's Church on May 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Templeman 1, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 2, J. Stockbridge 3, A. Davies 4, B. J. Luck 5, D. Chatfield (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. E. A. O. Humphreys, churchwarden at Holy Cross Church, Canterbury.

CHALFORD, GLOS. — On May 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Sweet (first of Minor) 1, D. Huddleston 2, A. Howard 3, A. Tubb 4, H. N. Evans 5, B. A. G. North 6, H. N. Evans (cond.) 7. On eve of Rogation Sunday and for Commonwealth Day.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON. — On May 16th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Mew (cond.) 1, M. Godfrey 2, E. Godfrey 3, R. Cooles 4, A. Clayton 5, D. Hopkins 6, P. Smith 7, A. Bishop 8. A.M.D.G.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET. — On May 15th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Rice 1, Miss M. Legg 2, M. Bartlett 3, E. Skipsey 4, T. A. Cross 5, G. Salmon (cond.) 6.

CLITHEROE, LANCs. — On May 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. Washbrook 1, E. Crabtree (first "inside" Bob Minor) 2, G. Salmon (first quarter) 3, P. Norman 4, S. Wright (first "inside") 5, F. Price (cond.) 6, M. Corlett, covering. In honour of Mayor's Day.

CONISBROUGH, YORKS. — On May 17th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. Burling 1, G. R. Hiner 2, F. Fisher 3, J. N. D. Chaddock 4, G. W. Pilkington (first of Major) 5, L. E. Smith 6, M. King 7, E. P. King (first of Major as cond.) 8.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX. — On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Hudson 1, Miss R. A. Stevens 2, R. Johnson 3, S. Upton 4, R. Durnford 5, J. Herbecque 6, F. F. Godmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8. Rung as a welcome back to the Rev. Trevor Glynn as curate.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCs. — On May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: E. W. Birkett 1, W. T. Turner 2, J. E. Burles 3, J. T. Turner 4, J. E. Dickinson 5, F. Birkett 6, J. Bagnall 7, W. Wall (cond.) 8, H. Wilson 9, R. Stuart 10. To celebrate the 77th birthday of Thomas Metcalfe, who has been ringing at Dalton for the past 66 years.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE. — On April 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Eileen J. Osborne 1, Catherine Bradley 2, Dorothy Cunningham (first quarter) 3, F. Cooper 4, L. Goodall (cond.) 5, G. N. Goodall 6.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX. — At Christ Church on May 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Baldock (cond.) 1, P. Fox (first of Major) 2, Rosemary Earl (first of Plain Bob Major) 3, Janet Percy 4, R. Percy 5, H. Reynolds 6, I. White (first of Major) 7, I. Smith 8. Rung prior to the induction of the new Vicar, Rev. D. G. Newman.

EDMONTON, MIDDx. — On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Jacky Hedges 1, Sheila Moore 2, Pamela Mills (first of Triples) 3, Beryl Platt 4, Teresa Langdon (first quarter as cond.) 5, T. Hawkins 6, D. Langdon 7, Gloria Simpson 8.

ELING, HANTS. — On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. Buchanan 1, Miss R. Purkess 2, J. Hartless (cond.) 3, Mrs. G. Northway 4, B. Mackrell 5, R. Buchanan 6.

FINCHLEY, MIDDx. — On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Taylor 1, A. Richardson 2, Mrs. E. Richardson 3, B. Watson (first as cond.) 4, Miss D. Robotham 5, S. Wallace 6, L. Tubb 7, W. Harwin 8. Rung for Evensong.

FRITTENDEN, KENT. — On May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Payne 1, Violet Relf 2, Carol Wood 3, P. Richardson 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6, L. Sweatman cover.

GEDLING, NOTTS. — On May 15th, 1,320 Doubles (six methods): J. Dawson 1, Miss M. E. Chilton 2, J. T. Burnup 3, D. A. Osbourne (first as cond.) 4, G. A. Dawson 5, R. Adey 6. For Matins.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK. — On May 24th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Netherscale and Ipswich): Janet I. Rogers 1, R. E. Lester 2, M. J. Rose 3, R. Rose 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5, N. F. Whittell 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Janet I. Rogers.

GWENNAP, CORNWALL. — On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Duck 1, A. Locke 2, D. A. Trethewey 3, J. George 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, W. R. Curtis.

HELSTON, CORNWALL. — On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): C. W. Linington 1, E. H. Langley 2, D. Stephens 3, G. W. Riddy 4, A. Locke 5, S. Pryor (first quarter) 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, J. Bassett (first quarter) 8. A compliment by the Guild to the Rev. A. D. Moon, on his retirement.

HERSHAM, SURREY. — On May 23rd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Bailey 1, Mrs. G. Chinnery 2, H. Colcombe 3, Miss G. Mooring 4, Mrs. P. Bird 5, C. Chinnery 6, J. King 7, C. Webb (cond.) 8. First in the method 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7. Rung by the local band for Evensong.

HOUGHAM, LINCs. — On May 19th, 1,000 Bob Minimus: Mrs. M. Pinchbeck 1, G. Colborne (cond.) 2, F. Pinchbeck 3, L. Squires 4. The first touch on the bells since rebanding in 1938. Rung half-muffled in memorial A. T. Kerr.

ILTON, SOMERSET. — On May 22nd, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. T. Locke 1, J. Brewer 2, N. J. Maggs 3, R. J. Dean 4, R. Beale 5, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 6. First of Kent Treble Bob 2 and 4.

LANCHESTER, DURHAM. — On March 21st, 1,440 Doubles (three methods): J. Tonks 1, J. Thomson 2, Miss L. Moore 3, H. P. Thompson 4, A. Walker (first as cond. in three methods) 5, R. Jackson 6. Also on May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss L. Moore 1, J. Tonks 2, A. Walker 3, R. Jackson 4, D. Appleton 5, H. P. Thompson (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 4. Also on May 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Jackson (first quarter) 1, H. P. Thompson 2, Miss L. Moore 3, J. Tonks 4, A. Walker (cond.) 5, R. Jackson 6. Also on May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Tonks 1, J. Thomson (first of Minor "inside") 2, A. Walker 3, R. Jackson 4, D. Appleton 5, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 6. All for Evensong.

LOCKING, SOMERSET. — On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jane Markham (first quarter, aged 14) 1, R. Jones (first "inside") 14) 2, Yvonne Criddle (14) 3, June Legg 4, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 5, G. Prescott 6. For Evensong. Also on May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Jones 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, Jane Markham (first "inside") 3, June Legg 4, J. Coombs 5, Yvonne Criddle 6. For Rogation.

MANSFIELD WOODHOUSE, NOTTS. — On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. R. Humphrey 1, Miss E. J. Foster 2, Miss S. Popplestone 3, J. Hallett 4, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 5, S. Humphrey 6.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP. — On May 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. M. Hickman 1, H. F. White 2, E. Roberts 3, F. Price 4, R. Hazeldine 5, S. J. Hughes 6, A. T. Shelton 7, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. J. A. Hilditch.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET. — On May 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. T. Locke 1, A. C. Best 2, H. E. Turner 3, S. A. Turner (cond.)

4, A. W. Robinson 5, S. Wills 6. Rung for the wedding this day of Miss Wendy Richardson to Lt. Roger Wigram, S.C.L.I.

MERTHAM, SURREY. — On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Hanning 1, W. Dunn 2, Shirley Aston 3, A. J. Bull 4, A. T. Shelton 5, N. E. Elliott 6, C. H. Cook (cond.) 7, A. Cheasley 8. To congratulate the ringer of the 4th on his 73rd birthday.

MICKLETON, GLOS. — On May 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. F. Smallwood (cond.) 1, W. H. Pickett 2, Miss K. M. H. Branson 3, Miss V. E. Dupre 4, F. H. Howson 5, A. W. Lloyd 6, F. Kinchin 7, F. Brown 8.

NAULSE, SUMMERSET. — On May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Mrs. D. Strong 1, L. Derrick 2, C. Kortright (cond.) 3, J. Evered 4, J. Lott 5, L. Childs 6. A 74th birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Hardwidge, whose husband has been a ringer in this tower for many years.

ORMESBY, MIDDLESBROUGH. — On May 16th, 1,312 Plain Bob Major: Susan Roach (first quarter) 1, Enid Lawson 2, Mrs. L. Warrior 3, Ann Lawson 4, T. Cox 5, J. Roach 6, P. Wishart 7, K. Lawson (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the 13th birthday of the treble ringer.

OVERBURY, WORCS. — On May 21st, Call changes (instead of Grandsire Doubles owing to absence of ringer): J. Warner (first quarter) 1, Rosemary Collins 2, M. Boskett (cond.) 3, S. Hopkins 4, S. Lait 5.

PETER TAVY, DEVON. — On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Cann 1, J. C. Mitchelmore 2, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 3, G. E. Mudge 4, M. J. Bray 5, L. R. Cundy 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Prebendary Brian Pratt, Rector of Peter Tavy, who died on May 11th.

PLUCKLEY, KENT. — On May 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Sylvia Knight 1, L. Sweatman 2, H. Deacon 3, Carol Wood 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, E. Clifton 6. A compliment to the treble ringer on her 16th birthday.

PORTSEA, HANTS. — On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. F. A. Rolph (first of Triples) 1, A. Page 2, Mrs. E. Duguid (first "inside") 3, A. Burbidge 4, T. R. Taylor 5, W. Tate 6, W. F. J. Cope (cond.) 7, C. Harris 8.

RANDWICK, GLOS. — On May 22nd, 1,272 Minimus (five methods): A. Tubb 1, A. Howard (cond.) 2, D. Huddleston 3, H. N. Evans 4. Rung for the 250th anniversary of the first peal.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX. — On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Ward 1, E. Blower 2, Miss J. Griffith 3, F. May 4, D. Belcham 5, M. Hallett (cond.) 6. For Confirmation service.

RIPPLE, WORCS. — On May 15th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Haylings 1, F. Lawrence 2, J. Smith (first of Surprise) 3, D. Price (cond.) 4, E. F. Cubberley 5, J. Clements 6.

ST. PETER'S-IN-THANET, KENT. — On May 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Elsdon 1, Mrs. W. Bridges 2, G. Firman 3, E. Milstead 4, T. Holmes 5, J. Baxter 6, A. Bridges (cond.) 7, E. Fowles 8. Rung for the beginning of the 5th year of Christian Stewardship in the parish. Also on May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Exwood 1, Mrs. W. Bridges 2, Mrs. S. Foskett 3, Miss M. Elsdon 4, G. Firman 5, S. Foskett 6, A. Bridges (cond.) 7, E. Fowles 8.

SAWRIDGEWORTH, HERTS. — On April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 6 and 8 covering): S. Brooks 1, R. Hayden 2, A. Richardson 3, R. Walker 4, G. Goodman (cond.) 5, E. Rochester 6, D. Kingston 7, S. White 8. Rung for the christening of the first daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Canfield.

STRATTON, CORNWALL. — On Easter Sunday, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. Sangwin 1, A. Bissat 2, W. Lavers 3, P. Newton 4, R. Newton 5, B. Vince 6, F. Wilkinson 7, H. Stacey (cond.) 8.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS. — On May 14th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. M. Haynes 1, J. Gray 2, J. Brooks (first of Kent) 3, N. W. Castle 4, D. S. Johnson 5, A. B. Cooper (first as cond.) 6.

WATCHET, SOMERSET. — On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Chamberlain (first quarter) 1, A. Somerfield 2, P. Watts 3, J. Aldridge (cond.) 4, N. Swinburne (first "inside") 5, D. S. Binding (first quarter) 6.

WATERINGBURY, KENT. — On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Oakley 1, Marjorie Mannerling 2, D. Cheeseman (first "inside") 3, J. Mannerling (cond.) 4, M. Pring 5, D. Parks 6. A birthday compliment to D. Cheeseman.

WENTWORTH, YORKS. — On May 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. A. Beaumont 1, A. King 2, D. Hutton 3, E. P. King 4, Elizabeth H. Cherry 5, M. King (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

STAFFORD.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: Jennifer Beech 1, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 2, E. Fairbrother 3, F. R. Wiggin 4, F. Eley 5, R. K. Mowforth 6, F. Beech 7, A. E. Garbett 8, E. Malin 9, R. Stanley 10. For morning service, and a farewell compliment to Preb. D. A. Hodges, M.A., Rector, on his appointment as Canon Residentiary in Lichfield Cathedral.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anita O'Brien (first quarter) 1, Sheila M. Haskins 2, A. R. Peake 3, D. J. White (first as cond.) 4, Pauline Lansley 5, W. E. Gearing 6.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.—On May 24th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Plain Bob): Mrs. D. Andrews 1, Rachel Orman 2, Jennifer M. Andrews 3, A. G. Button 4, A. R. Andrews 5, G. N. Orman (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Charles Andrews, interred at this church on this day.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet Thornton (first quarter) 1, W. L. Ratcliffe 2, Penny Miller 3, Juliet Stamper 4, P. K. Else (cond.) 5, D. Slade (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation service, and as a compliment to David Crossland, who was confirmed.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. S. Roberts 1, Miss S. Ruddlesden (first on five) 2, Miss J. H. Downing 3, S. M. Ruddlesden 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. For the wedding of Richard A. Gregory and Helen Patricia Jordan.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On May 16th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): H. G. Flynn 1, J. S. Baker 2, A. J. Yorke 3, F. R. Morton (cond.) 4, T. E. Trickett 5, G. Green (first quarter) 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

WOODCHURCH, Birkenhead, CHESHIRE.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Gateland 1, R. Cleaver 2, J. S. Anderson 3, June Price 4, A. Wilkinson 5, W. Hall (cond.) 6. For Rogation Sunday, and the visit of Bishop B. P. Robin, a former Rector.

YEOUVIL, SOMERSET.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. H. Narramore 1, R. Moore 2, T. E. Marks 3, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 4, D. S. Beaufoy 5, G. Gaylard 6, T. J. Setter 7, C. Wyatt 8. For Evensong.

BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT

The annual outing of the Biggleswade District took place on May 15th, when Worcestershire was visited. On this glorious spring day the countryside looked at its best and a feeling of rich joy and promise permeated the scene, with lambs gambolling in the meadows, whilst gardeners watched with special interest the progress of the early potatoes!

First stop was Hinton-on-the-Green, where the light eight were put to good use for about 45 minutes, and here it was very pleasant to renew acquaintance with Mrs. Thomas. At Pershore Abbey, the musical qualities of the excellent, heavy eight were not improved by a powerful accompaniment on the organ. A visiting organist had been allotted an unfortunate period for practice, and the struggle for supremacy between organ and bells was long and furious!

After "striking our colours" we sat down to an excellent lunch before proceeding to the beautiful village of Stoughton, where we had the pleasure of ringing on the bells of both the Parish Church and Mr. Jopp's campanile. Our efforts to master the very light six at the campanile were not too successful in all cases, but Mr. and Mrs. Jopp were very gracious and charming in the role of host and hostess. Another spot of great charm and beauty was Kempsey, where the very fine ring of six gave great pleasure.

Tea was taken at Upton-on-Severn after which the splendid ring of eight made a fitting end to the day's ringing.

Sincere thanks to our organiser, Mr. L. H. Bywaters, to the various incumbents and to all who contributed to the success of this memorable trip, not forgetting our co-operative driver. A. E. R.

... AND THE BABY CAME, TOO



Wimbledon ringers at Gretton. Back row left to right) standing: G. Reynolds, Hilary Johnston, E. Godfrey, Margaret Godfrey, D. Brookes, Deborah Hopkins, Lesley Eames, A. Bishop. Front row: (left to right): K. Newman, Dudley Cocke, Linda Radley, Elizabeth Zass, Vanessa Rodrigues, M. Bangham, Susan Newman, Rosamond Rawlings and Joanna.

BY ten o'clock on the evening of Friday, April 23rd, 18 ringers and one baby had gathered at the headquarters for Wimbledon's fourth week-end outing—Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. We refreshed ourselves with coffee and sandwiches—there were no pork pies in sight—and after some chatter Melton was quiet again.

We met again at breakfast and were all ready on time at 9 a.m. to start the day. After a short drive we found Taylor's and were given a short tour before commencing ringing. At first we could not do the bells justice although some Yorkshire and Cambridge Major was rung quite reasonably before we left.

Barrow-on-Soar bells, after the foundry, seemed very heavy and loud, but the men showed their skill by ringing London. The less experienced found these preferable to the bells at the foundry and definitely preferable to the bells at Ashby de la Zouch, a ground floor ring with a long draught.

After an unintentional tour of Ashby we arrived at Bretby for lunch, where the baby, Joanna, came truly into her own. Somebody had been heard to say during the morning that there was a secondary attraction on the outing. The waitresses who served us at lunch would have said there was only one, and the parents were forced to smile amiably whilst a sleepy Joanna was thoroughly awakened by their attentions.

This court having been dissolved, we were to hear just what Taylor's can produce. Duffield and Ilkeston soon cured us of any disappointment we might have felt over the morning's bells and ringing. The ten at Duffield are next to the railway line. So when we had dutifully rung Duffield Royal to satisfy our secretary we were also able to content two others who were able to indulge in two hobbies at once as a train rattled past during Stedman Caters.

Unfortunately we were late at the next tower and all rushed up the steep slope to be greeted by loud "sshings" from the proud parents who had placed the carry-cot outside the church. Only a few minutes later their care became absurd as we started to ring! We

had not attempted Ilkeston Surprise, but a good course of Sandiacre was rung at the home tower. Quorn was the last tower of the day and although enthusiasm for ringing was already turning into enthusiasm for dinner, there was some reasonable ringing, including Bristol.

Sunday service ringing was at Melton, where we joined the local ringers. We managed Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters but we could not do full justice to this beautiful ten. For the rest of the morning ringers might have been seen wandering around Uppingham, where we were to have lunch, in the lovely spring sunshine. After lunch came Gretton, the home tower of one of our members and then Deane, where the beauty of the church's setting brought forth as much praise as is usually reserved for bells. From there we had a long drive down into Hertfordshire to Braughing (8), where it was the lovely scarlet sallies that called forth our admiration. From there it was only a few miles to our last tower, Brent Pelham, but although last it proved to be one of the most enjoyable. Not only are these a very pleasant six, but we were welcomed by our old friends, George and Lil Goodman. Luckily we gave them some good ringing with a touch of Cambridge as well as a course of Durham, before we descended upon them for coffee.

Our thanks to the Goodmans, our secretary, the incumbents and those who welcomed us so warmly. V. R.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The Bingham District had an excellent meeting at East Bridford on May 8th, when five teams met for the District round of the Crawford Cup Contest. The judges—Messrs. P. Humphrey and N. Poplestone—agreed that ringing was better than in previous years. Placings: 1 Shelford (45 faults), 2 Whetton (75½), 3 Holme Pierrepont (105½ + 10 penalty), 4 Gedling (141½), 5 Radcliffe (151). First two meet in final at Burnby-in-the-Willows. The Rev. F. Stephani conducted the service, and Dr. D. Paterson gave the address.

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BIRTHS

BEVIS.—At 150, Burrowmoor Road, March, on Thursday, May 27th, 1965, to June (née Peel) and Trevor, God's gift of a daughter, Andrea, a sister for Denise. 7000

GREEN.—To Jennifer (née Firth) and Vernon, of 11, Manor Drive, Watford Road, St. Albans, a daughter, Jeanette Anne, on May 28th, 1965. 7004

MARRIAGE

WHITE—BOCK.—On May 22nd, 1965, at St. Sylvester's Church, Quakenbruck, W. Germany, between Derek, only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. White, of West Meon, Hants, and Ingrid, only daughter of Dr. and Frau Bock, of 457, Quakenbruck. 6985

PERSONAL

Let not then your good be evil spoken of.—Romans xix, 15.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

EVENDEN.—The address of Janet and George Evenden is now The Tenors, 78, Parkway, Coxheath, Maidstone, Kent. 6962

FINCH.—As from June 4th, the address of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Finch will be 2, Chestfield Close, Rainham, Kent. 6958

PHIPPS.—The new address of Malcolm Phipps (Chesterfield District secretary) is now 23, Walton Drive, Boythorpe Chesterfield. Members please note. 6995

TELEPHONE NUMBER

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MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Corporate Communion at Worle Sunday, June 13th 8 a.m. Bells (6) 7.15 a.m.—M. Legg, Hon. Branch Sec. 6963

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY
THE ANNUAL SHIELD CONTEST
will be held on July 10th. The Contest is OPEN to any members of the Society. Seven days written notice of entry must be given to the Secretary. Copies of revised Contest Rules are obtainable from Mr. C. A. Moxon. Tivy Dale Cawthorne, Barnsley. Telephone Silkstone 343. Fuller details will be advertised later.

Will members please note that there is no meeting in June, but we hope to give full support to the J.C.Y.R.S. Annual Festival at Wakefield on June 12th. The Society's Outing will be on June 26th. For fuller details of both events, please contact the undersigned.

C. A. MOXON.
6956

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Preliminary Notice

THE ANNUAL DINNER - DANCE
will be held on Saturday, October 9th, 1965 at Mollington Banastre Hotel, Parkgate Road, Chester. Meet 5.45 for 6.15 p.m. Tickets 23/-. Ringing arrangements later.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec.

RINGERS' SERVICE

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, PENN.
WOLVERHAMPTON

Special Service 6.30 p.m.
June 20th, 1965.

Preacher: The Rev. John Raby.
Ringing 5.15 p.m. and after service.
All welcome. Refreshments.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Corporate Communion at Backwell on Sunday June 13th. Bells (8) available at 7 a.m. Regret no breakfast available on this occasion.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 6989

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL.—No practice on June 11th owing to a service. The practice on the following Friday, June 18th, will be Surprise Royal. Weekly practices begin at 7.30 p.m. on Fridays, and doors are usually locked at 7.45 p.m. Surprise Royal normally second Friday of each month. 7003

ELSTOW ABBEY, BFDS.—No more ringing until further notice.—M. F. Pettit. 6983

FILTON, GLOS.—There will be no ringing on Sunday mornings during June and July. 6969

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—Club Day, Monday, June 14th. All the fun of the fair. Bells (6) 7 p.m.-9 p.m. All welcome. 6997

SALTLEY CARILLON, BIRMINGHAM.—A recital by Clive M. Smith can be heard on the 23-bell instrument at Parkfield Road, Birmingham 8, on Sunday evening next, June 6th. Tower open 7-7.45 p.m. 6871

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting on Sat., June 5th, St. Michael's (12). Bells 3 p.m. Meeting 6 in the vestry. Bells afterwards. Nearby cafes for tea. 6868

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ringing Day at Walpole St. Andrew on Whit Monday, June 7th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7001

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Next meeting at Tredington, June 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Honington bells 6-8. The tea is in a cafe, so names are most important. Please send names to me. Special method: Double Court.—P. S. Bennett, College Farm, Bearley, Stratford-upon-Avon.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at St. Thomas', Stourbridge, June 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to me please.—M. D. Fellows, Hon. Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 6893

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Burwell, Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Special methods: Double Norwich and Oxford Treble Bob. 6947

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Cuxton (6) on June 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 for those who notify Mrs. R. Smith, The Rectory, Cuxton, Rochester.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6948

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Evening meeting only at Cranford on Sat., June 5th. Bells available from 6 p.m.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6888

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Meeting on Sat., June 5th on Brownsea Island. Bells 3-5 p.m., followed by service. Poole bells 6.30-8. Own tea arrangements. Regular ferry service to island from either Poole Quay or Sandbanks, landing fee of 2s. 6d., plus boat fare. 6922

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting at West Grinstead on Sat., June 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.45. Names for tea to C. Longhurst, Waterloo Cottage, Worthing Road, West Grinstead.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 6857

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 86th annual general meeting will be held on Whit Monday, June 7th, at Chelmsford. Service at 11 a.m. Annual meeting immediately after in Chapter House. Coffee available in Cathedral Hall from 10.15-10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m., cost 5s. 6d. Tea (poached egg, etc.) as a running buffet, 5-6.15 p.m., cost 2s. 6d. Ringing: Cathedral, 10-10.45 a.m. and from 6-8.30 p.m. From 3-6, Great Baddow, Writtle, Galleywood, Springfield. From 6-9: Great Waltham, Boreham, Broomfield, Lt. Waltham, Lt. Baddow. Lunch and tea cannot be guaranteed without tickets, obtainable from Gen. Treasurer. S.A.E. to: P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle.—P. W. Saltmarsh, Gen. Secretary. 6840

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Great Barford (ringing 3-5 p.m.) and Roxton (6.30 to 8.30) on Saturday, June 12th. Tea (at Great Barford) 5 p.m. Names by 10th, please.—Fleming, 106, Dunstable Street, Amphil. Tel. 3131.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Joint meeting with Shropshire Association at Market Drayton June 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 9th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 6993

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gravenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. Raddon. 6977

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting at North Wingfield on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Special methods: Lincolnshire Surprise and Reverse Bob. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—please bring own food.—Malcolm Phipps T. H. Radford, Dis. Secs. 6996

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting on Sat., June 12th at Warnham (8) Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Evening ringing 6.15-8.30. Please bring picnic tea. 6911

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 12th, at Guilden Morden and Litlington. Guilden Morden (6) 3 p.m. Service at Guilden Morden 4.30 n.m. Tea at Litlington Vicarage 5 n.m. Litlington (6) after meeting.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 6978

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Bobbingworth (Boving) on June 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 n.m. Names for tea to W. Neville, Blakehall Cottage, Bobbingworth. (Ongar 2291.) 6935

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting, June 12th. Bishopstone (8). Names for tea essential. — Luton, 169, Cheney Manor Road, Swindon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District. — Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 12th, at Dunsfold. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Hascombe bells available after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Freeston, 61 Furze Lane, Farncombe, by previous Tuesday. 6927

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South-West Branch.—Practice meeting Saturday, June 12th, at Shaugh Prior from 6.30-9 p.m. Amongst methods: Plain Bob and Cambridge. Beginners especially welcome.—M. A. Bould, Branch Sec. 6981

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—June 12th, Tring (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Collings, 16, Christchurch Road, Tring. 7007

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at West Malling on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. Carter, The Ringers, West Malling.—M. L. Howe, Dis. Sec. 6629

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Dunkerton, June 12th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 10th, please, to Mrs. de Jong, 6, Beresford Close, Saltford. 6973

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, June 12th, at Ulverston. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to me by June 9th.—T. F. Metcalfe, Branch Sec., 49, Station Road, Flookburgh, Grange-over-Sands. 6953

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Walsden and Tordmorden Unitarian Church on Saturday, June 12th. Ringing: Walsden (8) 3-5 p.m.; Unitarian Church (8) 6.30-9 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mr. J. M. D. Bateman, 7, Ashdene, Walsden, Tordmorden, by previous Thursday.—G. Cheetham. 6972

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Prescott, June 12th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Further ringing to 8 p.m. Names to E. Mawdsley, 35, Alden Road, Prescott, Lincs. 6987

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Humberstone on Saturday, June 12th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. Kent 96, Havencrest Drive, Humberstone, Leicester.—M. D. Barsby, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6965

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Annual Striking Competition will be held at Uffington, Lincs. Saturday, June 12th. Opening service 2.45 p.m. Competition 3.15 p.m. until tea 5.30 p.m., followed by judges' report and presentation of trophy. General ringing until 9 p.m. Names for tea essential by Tuesday previous to Mr. J. W. Haw, 53, Horsegate, Deeping St. James, near Peterborough. 6926

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Barton-on-Humber, Saturday, June 12th. Ringing at St. Mary's (8) only from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring own food.—C. A. H. 6942

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting at Cadoston-j-Neath on Sat., June 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.4. Names for tea by June 7th, please.—D. J. Llewellyn, 38, Porthkerry Road, Rhose, Barry, Glam. 6816

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Saturday, June 12th, St. John's, Waterloo Road 3-4.30. St. Giles', Camberwell, Tea, Church Hall (in street opposite church), 5.15. Meeting. Ringing after. Names for tea, by June 10th, to Miss V. F. Dunne, Hon. Sec., 63, Woodlawn Road S.W.6. REN 4473. 6933

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Striking Competition, (tower- and handbells) at Yaxham (6). Saturday, June 12th 5.30 p.m. Ringing at Barnham Broom (5). Garveston (6). Reymerton (5) 2 p.m. to 4.15. Dereham (8) 3.45 to 4.45.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 6960

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kirtlington on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea as soon as possible to Mr. C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 6979

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Garsington on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Godfrey, Hill Top, Garsington, by Wednesday, June 9th. 6976

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Summer meeting at Mortimer on Saturday, June 12th. Bells: St. Mary's 2-3.30 and 6.15-9, St. John's 2-3.30 and 6.15-7.30. Service 3.45, St. John's. Tea 4.30 and meeting 5.15 at St. John's Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. Rumsey, The Vicarage, Mortimer Common, by Wednesday, June 9th. 6968

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—A.G.M. at Carmarthen on Saturday June 12th, at 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. W. L. Williams, Derbryn College, Alltwallis Carmarthen. 6932

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday June 12th, at Stourton. Ringing 3 p.m. Office 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. All welcome, but names for tea essential by Wednesday, June 9th.—Richard Longridge, Okeford Fitzpaine Rectory. Tel. Childe Okeford 311. 6965

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting with the Crews Branch of the Chester Guild at Market Drayton on Saturday June 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, by June 9th, to Mr. F. Price, The Grove, Benthleys Road, Market Drayton, Salop.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6992

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham and Nottingham District.—Joint meeting on June 12th at Willoughby-on-the-Wolds. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Upper Broughton (4) 3 till 4. Names for tea, by Wednesday previous, to W. L. Exton, St. Owen's, Wharton.—R. Blackshaw. 6966

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts.—Meeting at Everton, Saturday, June 12th. No Cup Contest (E. Retford have a walkover). Names for tea to Mrs. Usher. The Vicarage, Everton, Doncaster. 6959

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.E. District.—Quarterly meeting at Blaxhall, on Sat., June 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing in the evening at Tunstall (6). Names for tea by Wed., June 9th, to Mr. F. Shaw, Stone Common, nr. Woodbridge.—W. Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 6923

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Milland and Rogate on Saturday, June 12th. Milland (6) 3 o'clock followed by tea at the Vicarage. Evensong at Rogate 6 o'clock. Rogate bells (6) afterwards. Please notify for tea, by Wednesday previous, to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham. Chichester. Telephone Sidlesham 325. 6998

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Studley, June 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify J. Perkins, 46, Tom's Town Lane, Studley, of names for tea by previous Tuesday. 7005

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wilton, Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 6988

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter, June 19th. Service, St. Mark's, 4 p.m., preacher Rev. J. Shepherd-Walwyn, Vicar of Westleigh. Tea and meeting St. Mark's Hall. Numbers for tea to Mr. C. Densham, 27, Monkswell Road, Exeter. Ringing: Cathedral, 1.30-3 and 6-8; Heavitree, 2-3.30; St. Mark's, 3-4; St. Petrock's 6-7; St. Thomas's, 7-8 p.m.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Wrexham, June 19th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting in Church House, Regent Street. Names for tea, not later than June 5th, to W. Cathrall 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham. 6928

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Lichfield, Saturday, June 19th. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 3-4.45 and 6.30-7.30; St. Mary's (8) 2.30-3.15 and 7-8.30; St. Chad's (4) 2.45-3.15 and 6.30-7.15 p.m.; St. Michael's (6) 3-4.45 and 6-7.30 p.m.; Longdon (5) 3-4.45 p.m.; Shenstone (5) 7-7.45 p.m. Service in Cathedral Choirstalls 4 p.m., followed by tea in St. Michael's Parish Hall. Seating limited, so names for tea earliest possible, please (June 16th latest) to C. M. Smith, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs. Tel. Lichfield 4539.—C. M. S. Hon. Sec. 6940

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Godstone (8) June 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. K. Wood, 45 Warren Lane, Oxted, by Wednesday, 16th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 6974

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Brecon, Saturday, June 19th. Bells available: Glasbury and Talgarth 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Llanfeigan 12 noon to 2 p.m.; St. Mary's, Brecon, 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, by June 12th. 1965.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec., 3, Lon Derw, Tycnoch, Swansea. 6950

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Cookley 3 p.m., Saturday, June 19th. Service 4.15 p.m. followed by tea and business. Names for tea by 24th, please, or you may be unlucky.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane Pedmore, Stourbridge. Phone 3470. 6994

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Goole on June 19th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5 o'clock. Names to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole, by Thursday, June 17th. Business meeting for election of officers, etc. Annual subscriptions now due and reports available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec. 6889

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will be held in Oxford on Saturday, July 3rd. 10 a.m., ringing at Christ Church; 11 a.m., service in the Cathedral; 12 noon, annual meeting in the Chapter House. All ringer-choristers (both men and women) are asked to notify the Deputy Master if they wish to join the choir for the service. Luncheon tickets (price 8s.) available from Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, on receipt of remittance. Application before June 29th. Members are asked to check ringing arrangements with the honorary secretary at the Festival or by post (s.a.e.) not by telephone! There have already been cancellations and alterations.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6999

LATE NOTICE

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual general meeting, June 19th. St. Chad's, Headingley. Business: Election of District secretary and Ringing Master. Bells available: St. Matthew's, Chapel Allerton (6) 3-4.30 p.m.; St. Chad's, Headingley after business. Names for tea (at Headingley) to Mr. A. I. Johnson, 80, Castle Grove Avenue, Leeds 6, by Wednesday, June 16th.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7006

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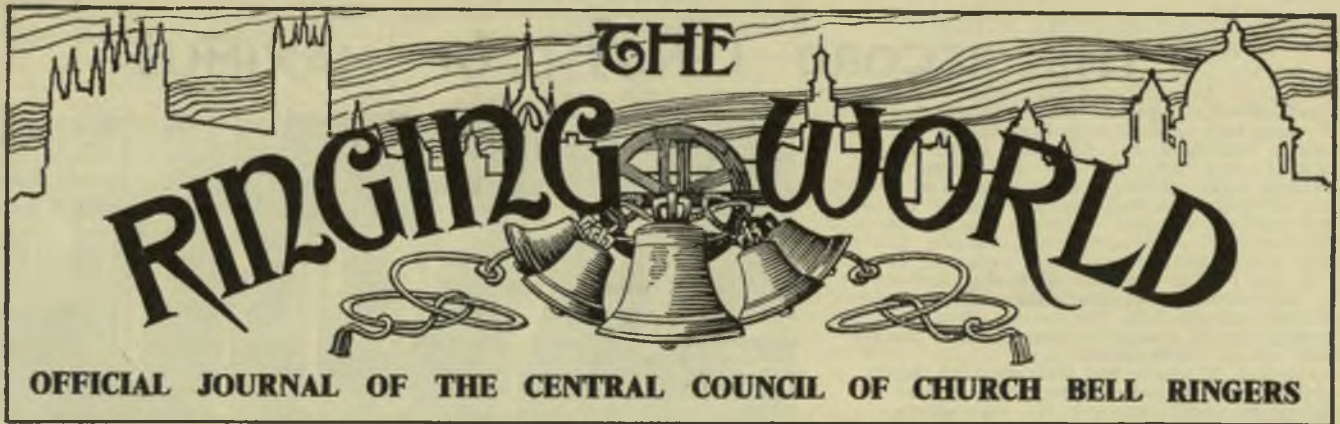
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THE GREATEST OF THESE

"I SEE," said the Professor, "that the subject of the finances of 'The Ringing World' has arisen again. To pay or not to pay!

"And what is your opinion?" I asked, carefully waiting to see which way the cat would jump.

"That," he replied, "I have expressed before. The answer to this problem, if approached with a logical and alert mind, is really quite simple, and can be reduced to a straightforward mathematical formula. Look at it this way: any newspaper or journal depends for its existence on its circulation. Right?"

"Right!"

"If this continues to dwindle then the paper itself is doomed to extinction. Anything that tends to reduce its circulation is, therefore, another nail in the coffin. Now, nothing is calculated to reduce the circulation (i.e. the number of copies sold) more effectively than an increase in price; that is why any newspaper, national or otherwise, regards this step as a last resort. Correct?"

"Correct!"

"Ergo, the number of copies sold is in inverse proportion to the price of the paper once this passes beyond certain prescribed limits. From this it is a comparatively simple matter to obtain an equation, which, in fact, I have done."

And he produced a paper upon which he had inscribed the following hieroglyphics:

$$C = K \times 10^{\frac{1}{P}}$$

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Where P = Price of "The Ringing World" in pence.

C = Circulation in number of copies.

K = Constant, which varies according to Professor Dodge's tables but is, at present, about 4.95.

"All this may be true," I said, "but I have heard it said that 'The Ringing World' should be placed on a proper commercial footing, and be made to pay for itself."

"There are always people ready to stand on the side lines and offer instructions to the players; people who know more about editing than editors, or about finance than financiers. What is often overlooked is that commercial advertisements in papers and periodicals, a source of income denied to 'The Ringing World,' often bear a large burden of the production costs without which the paper could not function. If we remove all voluntary effort from the running of our paper I should imagine that it would have to cost about 2s. 6d. per copy. We could begin putting the paper on a commercial footing, as you call it, by raising the editor's salary and continue by paying all contributors for articles received and published."

"I would have done very nicely out of that," I remarked smugly.

"On the contrary, I doubt whether any of your articles would have been accepted if they had had to be paid for!"

This was a sobering thought.

"Anyway," he went on, "what is wrong with labour of love? I have noticed that those who contribute least in this direction often make the loudest song about the little they do contribute or the most vociferous complaints about the contributions of others. How many times have I pointed out (and been attacked for doing so) that bellringing is a most privileged hobby, with ringers using the most expensive instruments for their own pleasure, often at less cost to themselves, than in any other pastime of a comparable nature. It is a pity that so many are indifferent to, or fail to acknowledge the existence of, their own paper, but the loyal and faithful remainder realising, as I have demonstrated, that the raising of the price should be adopted only as a last resort, should be prepared to render what assistance they can in other directions, financially or otherwise, and should, moreover, regard their contribution as a great privilege."

"So you would rely on charity after all?"

"Mr. H. L. Roper, at a meeting recently, pointed out that charity is still a Christian virtue. I'm afraid that, in an age when, and a country where, more people are receiving charity than ever before, this is a fact often forgotten."

THE RECORD LENGTH OF MAXIMUS

SATURDAY, May 15th, was a day that had long been anticipated in Birmingham, and now it was upon us. For most people the bright, sunny morning must have been a welcome sight, offering the opportunity of a day at Edgbaston watching the cricket, the first swim of the year or simply relaxing in the sunshine. Not so, however, for the 12 who met outside St. Philip's Cathedral at 8.30 a.m.! The prospect of a day similar to the previous one, when the temperature climbed into the high 70's, was to them disturbing, for it would definitely increase the odds against their success.

However, if anyone had these thoughts they certainly did not show it, for it was a cheerful group that assembled for photographs. Even the appearance of two nurses, which might have been a bad omen, did not dampen their spirits!

At 8.45, after receiving the good wishes of the Master of the Guild, Mr. Richard Ingram, the band ascended the tower accompanied by the three umpires, John Anderson, George Fearn and myself. Up until a week ago George had intended to ring in the peal, but then, unfortunately, he had been forced to withdraw owing to a strained back. Stephen Ivins had kindly agreed to stand in his place.

All reasonable precautions had been taken in the preparation of the bells for the peal, but these could not possibly compare with the precautions taken for the 29 courses at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1929. For that peal the bellfounders had been called in, a new set of ropes, well stretched, had been put on, and "everything done that Mr. Ben Thorpe, the towerkeeper, could think of." For this peal we trusted (not without some confidence) that the bells were in peal-ringing condition, and relied on ropes that had already proved their worth in peals.

The adjustment of the ropes took rather longer than expected, but at 9.5 they pulled off, and one minute later were in changes. The band stood as follows: Bob Smith treble, Martin Fellows 2, Norman Goodman 3, Michael Fellows 4, John Eisel 5, Basil Jones 6, David Purnell 7, Clifford Barron 8, Stephen Ivins 9, Ricky Shallcross 10, Alan Ainsworth 11, and Peter Border tenor.

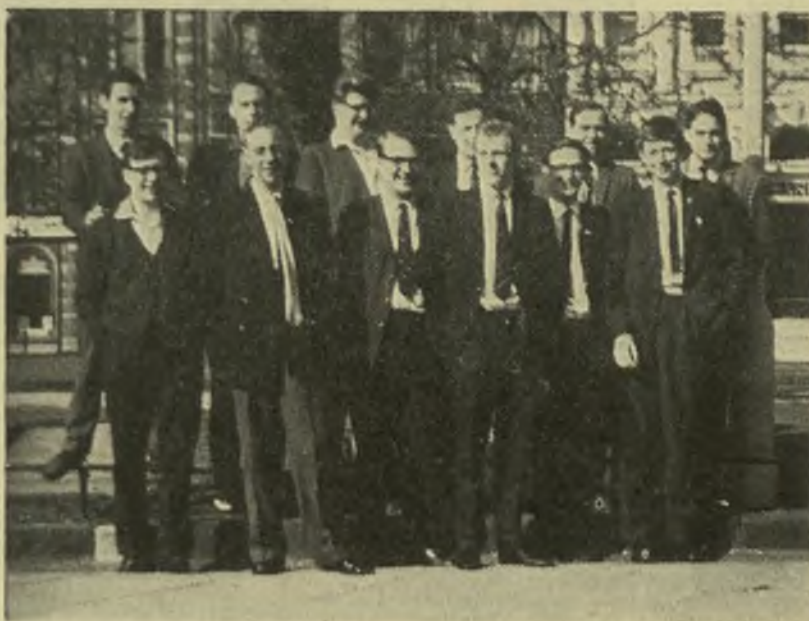
TENOR RINGER IN TRAINING

No one underestimated the task that lay ahead, but at least they must have had some confidence in their ability to succeed. Nine of the band were regular Cathedral ringers, and the other three all had experience in long peals. Probably the biggest task was Peter's, but he had kept his hand in with a peal of Londinium on his bell just 36 hours before, having first "warmed up" for 44 hours the previous week-end on Exeter tenor, so one could hardly say that he was not in training!

The ringing soon settled down into quite a good beat, and the first course-end came up in the slightly slow time of 22 minutes and 30 seconds. From then until the eighth course the ringing was maintained at a very high standard, and as a consequence the speed increased gradually. Two "65" courses (a favourite in Birmingham) came during this spell, their arrival being heralded by a perfect "1234657890ET" change.

From the 9th course until about the 14th course the striking became a shade unsettled, due mainly to spacing out by the little bells. The graph shows clearly how the time per course increased during this period. It was probably at about this time that the band began to realise the length that lay ahead, even though three hours had been completed; also it was warm; and it was lunch time!

By mid-afternoon the ringing had returned to the good rhythm of the morning, and it may be seen that, as before, the effect on the speed was that it increased and eventually settled to a steady level. The occasional mistake had begun to creep in after mid-day, but usually it was of a minor nature, and did not affect the evenness of the ringing in the afternoon.



Back row (left to right): John Eisel, Basil Jones, Peter Border, Alan Ainsworth, David Purnell and Clifford Barron. Front row: Robert Smith, Norman Goodman, Stephen Ivins, Frederick Shallcross, Martin Fellows, Michael Fellows.

The weather by this time was quite warm, though fortunately a fresh wind and the odd cloud helped to keep the temperature down from the level of the previous day. The band did not appear to be unduly troubled at this point, and generally spirits were good. A trip by one of the back-enders still managed to evoke a wink and a smile!

A SHORTENED VERSION

At 6.10 a bob at Middle brought the bells into the Plain Course, and it says much for the band that after nine hours' ringing they were still able to produce some excellent roll-ups. However, fatigue was now beginning to take effect, and for a time mistakes became more numerous. It was probably this as much as anything that prompted Alan to call the shortened version, by omitting the last block of three Homes. At any rate, his announcement "Only three more courses" had an immediate effect on the ringers and the ringing, as the graph plainly shows. It was as if they had taken on a new lease of life; the ringing brightened up considerably, and mistakes all but vanished. Chief instigator of this improvement was Alan himself, who was ringing strongly and with much enthusiasm at this point. Even in the last course he was heard to tell one member of the band to listen to his striking!

At 7.52 p.m., after 10 hours and 46 minutes' ringing, the Ashton record was passed, and at 8.35 p.m. the bells came triumphantly into rounds. The time was 11 hours and 29 minutes—four minutes shorter than the previous record, although two more courses had been rung.

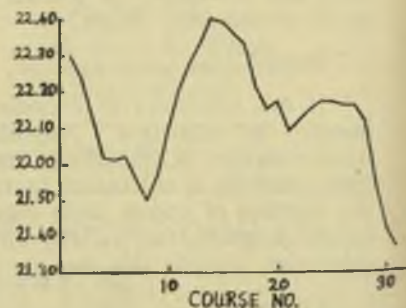
Almost immediately after the bells had stood, the Provost, at whose request the peal had been arranged, came into the belfry to congratulate the ringers and to express his thanks to them. Outside there was a crowd of ringers who had gathered to hear the final stages. Frank Haynes had journeyed up from Cambridge; Ralph Edwards and Roger Fry from Bristol; and there were several from Hertfordshire and neighbouring counties, in addition to a number of local ringers.

Congratulations were showered on the band as they emerged, but whilst these congratulations were duly and gratefully acknowledged, the chief thought in the minds of the 12 was to counter the effects of dehydration which had set in as a result of their labours during the heat of the day.

VARIATION OF SPEED THROUGH PEAL

TIME PER COURSE

MIN. SECS.



A FINE ACHIEVEMENT

Looking back on the peal, I have no hesitation in stating that it was of the standard required for a record length. It was a very fine achievement indeed, particularly when one bears in mind that these bells are not easy to ring.

Essentially, of course, it was a team effort, but the ringers of 10, 11 and 12 deserve special mention. These three maintained an unwavering beat throughout the peal and must have been a constant source of inspiration to the rest of the band. Peter, in particular, should be singled out for his handling of the tenor. Added to his turning-in of Exeter tenor the previous week, it completed a truly tremendous "double" in the field of heavy-bell ringing, the like of which will surely not be equalled, let alone surpassed, in the foreseeable future.

Worthy of comment, too, are the performances of Michael Fellows, at 174 the youngest member of the band; Norman Goodman, the oldest member (45), whose previous longest length was 5,280; and Basil Jones, who rang better with one hand than most ringers do with two. For Bob Smith it was also a personal achievement, since he has now rung in the record lengths of Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus.

In conclusion, I should like to thank Messrs. George Fearn and John Anderson for their much-welcomed assistance to me in umpiring the peal.

RODERICK W. PIPE.

THE RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

THE ninth annual general meeting of the Guild was held in London on May 15th, and the record attendance made it very reassuring as to the future of the Guild. Our guest was Mr. Scholefield Allen, M.P., who apologised for arriving late, as no one could tell him where St. Botolph's Hall was.

The ringing programme for the day started at St. Giles', Cripplegate, and then at St. Vedast's. After lunch St. Leonard's, Shore-ditch, St. Botolph's and Southwark Cathedral were visited, and those who arrived on Friday evening rang at St. Luke's, Chelsea. High tea was served in St. Botolph's Hall, and Mrs. Davis and her helpers were thanked for the excellent meal.

The secretary presented the statement of accounts, which showed a loss on the year's workings due to extra stationery. A suggestion in the secretary's report, that the regional Masters should meet annually, between the autumn and the annual general meetings, was approved.

Mr. Charles A. Bassett was elected Master. The officers re-elected were Mr. J. Arthur Hoare, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. W. Bertram Kynaston, Western Region; Mr. Charles A. Bassett, Southern; Mr. Sidney Foskett, London Midland; Mr. Harold Walker, North Eastern; Mr. Rodney Meadows Eastern; Mr. Jack E. Brough and Mr. Frank R. Merton, Guild auditors.

Mr. S. Foskett's proposal of Newcastle on Tyne for the 1966 annual general meeting on April 30th was carried. The autumn meeting is to be at Nottingham on September 25th.

Two new members were elected—Mr. C. Norris an associate member, and Mr. P. Bassett a ringing member.

Increase in subscriptions was discussed after Mr. Jack Thomas moved an increase to 3s. per member per annum. Extra cost of postage, he said, was one reason for the increase. Mr. Vaughan supported the motion. On a show of hands, it was agreed that subscriptions will be 3s. as on and from January 1st, 1966. The increase to apply also to all associate members.

The secretary was asked to obtain particulars of a badge of office and report back at the next meeting. Mr. J. Thomas again brought up the question of an annual dinner, but the matter was not supported.

Mr. Rawlings was thanked for the excellent ringing programme, and also incumbents for the use of the bells. J. A. H.

M.U.G.S. AT THE FAIR

It was raining—the usual Guild weather—when ten members of Manchester University Guild had a day's outing to Cheshire. First ringing was at Great Budworth, where a course of Yorkshire went especially well.

The 30ft. vertical ladder, the means of access to the ringing chamber, caused some trouble at St. Mary-on-the-Hill, but the ringing on this light eight was enjoyed. Not so at St. Mary's Without, where we rang after lunch.

During the few hours free time some made a bee-line for a fair. The Master, having shown his prowess by winning a coconut, one of the girls decided she would like a goldfish, which were also offered as prizes. However, she did not look quite so happy when, a few minutes later, John won one and presented it to her. The goldfish, which was named Gregory, proved to be quite hardy and survived the journey home, and now resides in a bowl in a Manchester landlady's front room!

Evening ringing was at Eccleston (best ring of the day) and Frodsham. Organiser Stephen Taylor and incumbents are thanked. D. J. B.

ADELAIDE'S BELLS

From Adelaide, South Australia, comes news from Ron Russ of a lively controversy which has been raging in the local Press for and against the ringing of St. Peter's Cathedral bells. A finer ring no one could ever wish to listen to, but the area has more than its fair share of antagonists, and severe methods of sound control have to be applied. From a local Press columnist comes the following poem, which has effectively closed the correspondence, and which holds a lesson for the antagonists of bells. To appreciate it, one needs to be aware of the proximity of the River Torrens, flowing between the Cathedral and the city, the municipal golf course and the statue of Adelaide's founder Colonel Light, standing on a hill only a hundred yards from St. Peter's. The author's name is Max Fachen, a non-ringer.

Out across North Adelaide rooftops ring the bells with merry stroke,
Tolling with a strong insistence, tugged by each bellingring bloke.
Spreading outwards through the morning like the ripples of a pool,
Some will smile to hear their music, others run for cottonwool.

Some will lift their heads and listen to the old majestic chimes,
Others write a scolding letter. Poets pen their meagre rhymes.
Swans within their reedbeds fluting, answer to the distant sound,
Rowboats on the River Torrens, disconcerted, run aground.

Still the bells will swing and clamour over boating shed and hut,
Here a scowling golfer mutters. Bells have made him miss his putt.
Babies in their baskets stirring to the sound of iron tongues,
Add their tiny mite of tumult from their new and wondrous lungs.

Housewives close or open windows. Fellows mutter in their beds—
Sleeping in on Sunday mornings, place a pillow on their heads.
Riding high above the treetops comes the ringing loud and clear,
Colonel Light upon his hillside cocks a grave impartial ear.

Can you hear the loud transistor, with its electronic beat,
While the passers-by will scurry on their eager harried feet?
Here a heavy bus is rumbling down the motorridden scene,
Skyward there a jet is shrieking, trailing plumes of kerosene.

While the sounds will mix and thunder, there's a flat, uneasy tone.
Is it time we changed the needle on life's jazzy gramophone?
Tender though our earthly eardrums, brittle are our earthly shells,
I confess I find some comfort when I hear the sound of bells!

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT CUP CONTEST

Five teams competed in this year's contest held at Beighton on May 29th, and judged by Mr. H. Chant, assisted by Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert. Warsop were the winners, with Whittington second and Rotherham third.

It was a most enjoyable meeting and tea, some 50 people being present. Five new members were elected and details given of the outing in the Loughborough district on July 3rd. N.C.

WHEN THINGS WENT "BANG" IN VICTORIA

THOSE Calgary ringers have been at it again! Disturbing the peace in Vancouver and Victoria. Easter Sunday night saw the departure from Calgary of Mike Simpson and the writer for a visit to our Western neighbours. Our route this time took us through the Okanagan Valley, the fruit growing district of British Columbia, where the early blossom looked beautiful in the morning light as we pulled into Penticton for breakfast. Vancouver was reached about mid-day, after some 16 hours travelling.

Our arrival coincided with the visit of Mr. Philip M. Gray, of England, who was in Vancouver on a business trip, and for whom special ringing had been laid on for that evening. We duly met with the other ringers at the appointed hour, and the bells were soon in use. Owing to a rather small turn out, ringing was limited to Grandsire and Plain Bob, with one extent of Stedman Doubles. The proceedings were not helped by the Calgary contingent turning on bright lights and insisting on photographing the ringing, and also making a tape recording. Being no other refreshment house available, we had no alternative but to adjourn the proceedings at 9 p.m., for of all things coffee.

Next afternoon we embarked on the ferry at Tsawwassen for Vancouver Island and Victoria. After supper we met Mr. Izard and the other ringers at Christ Church Cathedral, and this is when things started to go "Bang." Once again the lights were turned on, and the tape recorder was produced, and attempts were made to photograph the bells, but these were short lived as the lights fell over, exploded and set fire to the carpet. This did at least enable us to get on with the business in hand, namely, ringing. Here we made several attempts, and finally brought round a touch of Stedman Triples. Unfortunately, our time here was not long enough to enable us fully to appreciate this very fine ring of eight (tenor 29 cwt.). Next morning, after inspecting the collection of ships bells at the Maritime Museum in Victoria, we returned to Vancouver, and yet more ringing.

Wednesday night is the regular practice night at Vancouver, so once again we spent the evening ringing, but again we were limited to Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples.

That concluded the ringing for the week. Thursday was spent out in a small boat salmon fishing, but without any noticeable success, and on Friday we started on the long trip home to Calgary, taking the opportunity to relax our tired muscles with a couple of swims in the various hot springs en route. J. A. M.

SIX BELLS + SIX TEAMS = SANDHURST

With the precision usually associated with its Military Academy, Sandhurst "passed out" a clear winner in this year's Sonning Deanery Striking Competition held at Arborfield on May 15th.

Six teams in all were able to laze in the sun and in turn enter the cool tower to "do their bit" whilst the two adjudicators, Major Bragg and Mr. W. Viggers, were confined to the vestry to count the faults.

After an excellent tea, Mr. Viggers opened with his opinion of the afternoon's ringing, dwelling briefly but convincingly on two types of ringers—the one who listens and hears and the one who hears but does not listen!

The positions of the "placed" teams were: 1 Sandhurst, 2 Hurst "A," and 3 Easthampstead with 18, 28 and 29 faults respectively.

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Letters to the Editor

AN EARLIER COMPOSER

Dear Sir,—The composition of 5,000 London Surprise Royal published on page 372 and attributed to Mr. W. E. Critchley has been in my possession for some years and is attributed to Mr. Frank E. Darby. I feel sure that the composition was rung several years ago at St. Michael's, Southampton, since I obtained it from that exponent of London Royal, Mr. C. H. Kippin.

The peal can be varied in the first three courses and I give below the alternative callings of Mr. Darby's peal.

5,000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
By Frank E. Darby.

23456	M	W	H
24536	—	—	2
43265	—	I/V	3

62534	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—
42356	—	—	1
54326	—	—	—
25346	—	—	3
23456	—	—	2

OR			
23456	M	W	H
52436	—	—	—
64235	—	—	1
43265	—	I/V	3
23456	—	A	—

Yours sincerely,

R. ROGER SAVORY.

Marchwood. Hants.

RECORD OF RECORD PEAL

Dear Sir,—A tape recording was made of portions of the record peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus recently rung at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham.

I am making arrangements to have a 12in. L.P. (33 1/3rd r.p.m.) record made from the tape recording, which will include the first and last half courses of the peal and part of the middle of the peal. The total playing time will be approximately 40 minutes.

If any are interested in purchasing a copy they should forward £2 6s. (including postage and packing) to me within the next two weeks so that I may place a firm order.—Yours faithfully,

J. A. AINSWORTH.

54, Royal Oak Road,
Halesowen,
Birmingham.

EARLIEST OCTAVE IN ENGLAND

Dear Sir,—I very much doubt if Robert Mot cast the octave at St. Andrew's, Holborn, in 1578, for Mr. Trollope puts in a proviso: "if we can trust the evidence." Mot established the foundry in 1570 and his earliest known bell was one bearing his name and date 1575, formerly at Danbury in Essex. When I used to ring at St. Andrew's in 1901/2 there was a lot of boasting about the date of the bells, and it was claimed they rang after the victory of Henry V at Agincourt in 1415! I prefer to rely on the 1911 Victoria History of Middlesex (Bell Founders), Vol. 2, pages 165-168, which states that: "In London Mot cast the Sanctus bells at St. Andrew's, Holborn."—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

RINGING IN HOLY WEEK

Dear Sir,—In the six bell tower of All Saints', Hastings, the bells were never rung through the whole of Lent. They were lowered and chimed for all Sunday services, being rung up for early Communion on Easter Day.

This custom was dropped when two trebles were added and change ringing introduced in 1922.—Yours, etc.,
C. A. LEVETT.

Hastings.

A PLEA FOR CALL CHANGE RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I am a regular reader of "The Ringing World" and although not a method ringer I do find many things of interest in the paper. I do feel though that if more space were given to call change ringing a far greater circulation of "The Ringing World" would ensue.

Could there not be some of the best known call changes printed, such as "Queens" or "Royal Occasion" or the many others that are known to some ringers. It would help to create a greater interest in our art.

It is a known fact that method ringers are far and away outnumbered by call change and round ringers. So let's revolutionise "The Ringing World" so that it will appeal to all ringers.

J. R. MICHELL.

Callington, Cornwall.

CORRECTIONS TO GRANDSIRE VARIATION PEALS

Dear Sir,—I am advised by Mr. R. H. Jones that the names are incorrect for some of the variations in the peal at Cropwell Bishop (page 367). It should read:

Forty-two extents (9 bob and single variations), being five extents each of New Grandsire, Ryllsun, Fulmer, Cropwell Bishop, Ferncliffe, Mitre, Donningleigh and Gonalston and two of Lambey.

The peal at South Wilford (page 317) should read:

Forty-two extents (9 bob and single variations), being five extents each Antelope, St. Swithin, Northleigh, Ray, Beckley, Isis, St. Margaret and Oxford and two extents of St. Valentine.

Also that at South Wilford (on page 383) as follows:

Forty-two extents in 16 bob and single variations, being two extents each of Bucknell, S. Collen, Ardley and Snowe; three each of New Antelope, Upton, Gunthorpe, Caythorpe, Netherfield, S. Aldgate, Westleigh, Bulcote, Wheatley and Woodborough; and two each of Uppingham and Woodthorpe.

The errors are regretted.—Yours sincerely,
GEORGE A. DAWSON.

MARCH SAINT WENDREDA

A party of bellringers from March Saint Wendreda held an enjoyable half-day's outing on May 15th. The party, including several learners, revisited churches in Ely district, about an hour being spent at each. Quite good ringing ensued at Sutton, despite the "lumpiness" of the bells, but at Wilburton, although helped by Mr. Markwell and Mr. Yarrow, the party could achieve little.

Excellent touches were brought round on the pleasant, easy-going six at Stretham Church and a rock-garden approach to the fane was much admired.

Tea was obtained at Ely after which the Cathedral was inspected, followed by a visit to St. Mary's Church, where more good ringing was enjoyed in the company of Mr. Pickett (tower captain).

OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE H. CROSS

An Appreciation

The members of the Norwich Diocesan Association offer their condolences to Mrs. Margery Cross and her family and gratefully acknowledge their indebtedness to George Herbert Cross for his contribution to the prosperity of the Association.

Although it is some 38 years since he left the county, he is remembered with great affection and admiration. He was, indeed, a complete ringer, a fine striker, a brilliant conductor and an accomplished composer. He was, too, a splendid companion with a tremendous, kindly sense of humour.

Mr. Cross was born in Norwich on November 9th, 1893, and became interested in ringing when a schoolboy. At the age of 16 he rang his first peal at St. John de Sepulchre, Norwich, on September 30th, 1909, and conducted his first at the same church, a half-muffled peal in memory of King Edward VII on May 20th, 1910. A few months later, the first of many of his compositions was published. On June 18th, 1914, he conducted a peal of Oxford T.B. Major by a band whose average age was 18½. This was the youngest band to ring a peal of Major on tower bells. By the outbreak of the First World War Mr. Cross's peal total had risen to 87, a high proportion of which he had conducted.

It was after the war, having been wounded while serving with the Norfolk Regiment, that Mr. Cross made his capabilities felt. Not only did he revive the fortunes of the famous tower of St. Peter Mancroft, where he became Master, but he put new life into the Diocesan Association as secretary of the Norwich District. His peal-ringing bands vied with those of Pulham and Diss, many young ringers were encouraged and new records made. A 7,136 of Double Norwich—his own composition—was rung at St. Miles', Norwich, on November 24th, 1920, and in 1923 at Aylsham on July 28th the first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal since the historic peal at Mancroft in 1769 was rung, and this was also his 150th peal as conductor.

The next four years were fruitful ones and the Association continued to flourish virtually under his leadership. In grateful appreciation of all he had done for ringing in Norfolk a gold albert medallion, suitably inscribed, was presented to Mr. Cross on August 30th, 1927. This was, regrettably, a farewell gift, but the donors congratulated him on his promotion. For many years, holidays brought Mr. Cross back "home" and peals were usually rung, including the first peals of Superlative Surprise Maximus and Cambridge Surprise Maximus in the county of Norfolk. Altogether he had taken part in 298 peals for the Norwich Association, 35 of which were handbell peals.

What was Norfolk's loss was certainly the gain of the Kent County Association and the Society of Cumberland's Youths and many. I am sure, connected with these Societies will speak of the sterling worth of George Herbert Cross.

NOLAN GOLDEN.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The Hinckley District held its annual striking competition on the six bells at Sharnford on May 1st. Five teams entered this year—Thurlaston, Higham-on-the-Hill, Leire, Sapcote and Earl Shilton. Sapcote were adjudged the winners, with Earl Shilton coming a close second. The District's thanks are extended to Mr. R. Beniston, Mr. L. Stevens and Mr. B. Warwick, who acted as judges.

V. W.

JOHN NICOLL
BELL ROPES

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WEEK-END TOUR OF NORTH DEVON

FOR their tour this year 17 members of the "Avon Amateurs" set out to enjoy the delightful scenery of North Devon.

The rendezvous was Milverton (8, 18 cwt.), from where we crossed the border and in spite of nearly floundering on the gentle curves of Devon lanes arrived safely at our base for the week-end, Combe Martin.

After a good night's rest and a hearty breakfast we arrived at R. J. P.'s well fought for six, Berrynarbor (10 cwt.). We then plunged into the heart of the holiday country at Ilfracombe (8, 11 cwt. and 8, 12 cwt.), where having cleaned up the town, a brief battle with holiday traffic brought us to the White Horse at Braunton (8, 16 cwt.), where we entertained the company with handbells.

Lunch was at Barnstaple. In spite of D. J. O.'s navigation we eventually found the Parish Church (8, 22 cwt.). The bells are not often rung and the handling reflected this. Bideford (8, 17 cwt.) produced the best ringing on the best ring of bells of the tour.

We sat outside Great Torrington Church for 20 minutes before moving on to the famous eight at Chittlehampton (8, 13 cwt.), where we were impressed by the tower and awed by the prize certificates. The last tower was Chulmleigh (8, 24 cwt.); we were fed at Ilfracombe and watered at Combe Martin, ending the evening with a concert on "Little Hangman."

Sunday morning service at Combe Martin (8, 14 cwt.) was followed by enjoying the glorious views of Exmoor, and later a Devon tea at Watersmeet before a final ring at Lynton (6, 11 cwt.). BOPP.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch

THE Monmouth Branch meeting, held at Nash on May 8th, proved to be a well-attended and enjoyable occasion. Many ringers present were old friends of the Vicar.

Canon Oliver Davies, who was, for a long period, Vicar of Christ Church, Ebbw Vale.

The service was conducted by Canon Davies, who in his welcome recalled the many happy meetings he had enjoyed at Ebbw Vale. The Rev. Ivor J. Richards read the lesson.

A delightful buffet tea was waiting at the nearby Waterloo Hotel, and a very pleasant social hour was enjoyed by all. Mr. Reuben Clench, on behalf of the company, sincerely thanked Canon Davies for his warm hospitality. Before the business meeting, members stood in silence to remember Mr. J. Jeynes, of Ebbw Vale. A record number of 28 new members were elected from Bedwellty, Monmouth, Caerleon, Ebbw Vale, All Saints' and St. Woolos', Newport.

The Branch Master, Mr. Lionel Jones, was prevented from attending earlier, but fortunately arrived in time to close the business, and ringing on the six bells continued under his able direction until late in the evening.

The next Monmouth Branch meeting: Bedwellty, July 10th.

"LUMLEY," 1965

NOTHING quite succeeds like success, we are told, but it was success which almost caused the undoing of the fourth annual one-day ringing course held by the Durham and Newcastle Association at Lumley Castle, Chester-le-Street, on March 20th. Since its inception, each year has seen an ever increasing number of students attending, and this year a record number of 102 members was registered but disaster loomed when at the last moment it was learned that the castle could cater for only 68 persons owing to staffing difficulties. Some prompt action by the man on the spot, Mr. D. A. Bayles, saved the day, however, and the surplus was found accommodation in a local hostelry.

The policy of a developing curriculum was continued this year and three streams of students were provided for. An Elementary grade was presented in three separate stages covering rope handling and bell control for the raw recruit; first steps in change ringing for the rounds ringer; and elementary method ringing for those at the plain hunt stage. An Intermediate stage was also divided into three stages and covered progressive ringing from Plain Bob to Kent T.B. Minor, Kent T.B. Minor to Cambridge Surprise Minor, and Elementary Conducting. An Advanced grade commenced with a discussion group considering certain topics of interest to local ringing, followed by practical assistance with the Elementary grade and an attempt for a quarter peal of Stedman Triples, the composition of which had been previously studied by all the band.

A new "look" was given to the course by the appearance of new faces on the list of instructors. The "resident" panel of Messrs. D. A. Bayles, E. P. Rock, F. Hodgson and K. Arthur was augmented by the addition of Messrs. T. Cooke, G. S. Deas and E. Hudson to the Elementary grade and K. W. Cheeseman to the Intermediate grade, and their contributions proved most welcome and beneficial.

Introductory sessions for all grades were held at the castle and/or Chester-le-Street belfry and after lunch Elementary grades II and III and the Advanced grade left by special bus for Sunderland, where further lectures were given at Bishopwearmouth Church Annexe and practical sessions took place at Holy Trinity, St. Ignatius' and Bishopwearmouth belfries. Meanwhile the Elementary grade I and Intermediate classes divided their time between the castle and Lanchester, Houghton-le-Spring and Chester-le-Street belfries.

This "schism" continued until after dinner, when a reunion took place in the Pillared Hall of the castle and after a brief discussion of the day's events, including the report of the discussion group, an informal social evening was enjoyed until the calling of "Time." K. A.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

Although within the postal district of the city of Birmingham, members were in the heart of the country on May 8th, when a most enjoyable meeting was held at St. Margaret's, Great Barr. The six bells were put to good use prior to the service, a notable point being that the choir were made up from choirboys and members of the Society who are also choristers.

Notice was given that at the forthcoming annual general meeting, to be held at Lichfield on June 19th next, a proposal would be made to raise annual subscriptions to 5s. each, and 10s. 6d. for non-resident life members. The next striking competition would be at Shreshill on July 3rd, draw at 3 p.m. Committee members were asked to see, if they could not attend any future meeting, that their tower was still represented by other members of their band. Committee meetings would in future start at 3 p.m. and last for one hour only.

New resident members elected were: Miss M. L. Ellwood, Miss A. Bagnall, Miss J. M. Sanders, Miss C. Hadley (Lichfield Cathedral), Miss C. A. Fountain (St. Michael's, Lichfield), Miss M. Smith (Cannock), A. Maiden and R. Lyons (Codsall), together with 14 life members.

To all who worked so hard to make this meeting an undoubted success we extend our sincere thanks. C. M. S.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

West Lindsey Branch

The heavy ring of six in the lofty 500-year-old tower at Haxey were put to good use on the lovely warm afternoon of May 15th during the meeting of the West Lindsey Branch. The special method for the meeting was Old Oxford. The Vicar, the Rev. J. Sims, conducted the service, with a ringer, Mr. T. A. Gilbert, acting as organist.

Mr. C. H. Baker presided at the business meeting. The secretary (Mr. G. L. A. Lunn) reported receipt of a letter from the Bishop's chaplain, stating that Dr. K. Riches would meet the ringers and preach at the Guild's annual service in January. Names were asked for the Branch outing to Loughborough on June 26th. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. E. Feirn who mentioned the Vicar, Mr. J. Underwood and local ringers and the ladies responsible for the excellent tea.

Numbers were swelled on returning to the tower by visiting ringers, who added to the enjoyment of the ringing.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Birds singing and trees bursting with new leaf are recollections of the Kingswood meeting on May 15th. The recently inducted Vicar, the Rev. E. Ashford, conducted the service and local lady ringers provided tea. Methods varied from Plain to Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles with some Reverse Canterbury for good measure.

Next quarterly meeting: Godstone, June 19th.

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WOLVERCOTE (OXFORD) WEEK-END TOUR

AT 5.30 a.m. on May 8th, Wolvercote ringers with their wives and friends left Oxford by coach for Devon, their eighth annual tour and so far the best.

On the long journey to Cullompton, everyone was wondering whether this tower would be reached on time. Peter's new portable radio was switched on within minutes of leaving Oxford, thus providing the company with music and amusement. Unfortunately, Cullompton was reached 45 minutes late, and only half an hour could be spared to ring Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Royal on the lovely ten.

Tiverton was the next tower, and good use was made of the excellent bells before adjourning for lunch at a nearby cafe. The first courses of Surprise were rung at Heavitree, as well as a very good touch of Stedman. Here some of the company met part of the band who were to attempt a peal of Maximus at Exeter Cathedral that afternoon.

A journey through misty countryside brought us to Buckfast Abbey and Bill Symmonds. Tea was taken prior to ringing the 12 bells to Grandsire Cinques and Plain Bob Royal. Totnes, the last tower of the day, was declared by all to have a good old-fashioned ring. It was a short ride to Brixham, where the night was spent.

Sunday morning dawned bright and sunny, and after ringing for morning service at Brixham, advantage was taken of the warm weather by some of the party to walk over Berry Head.

Lunch over, the company journeyed to Paignton, where Bill Symmonds was again welcomed. Babbacombe followed with Bill scoring his first course of Surprise Major at his home tower. Leaving Bill, the company arrived at Clyst Honiton, the last scheduled tower, where the general standard of ringing was low compared with the previous towers. After tea at Ottery St. Mary the local ringers allowed the company to ring on their glorious octave.

The long ride back to Oxford was relieved with a short break for refreshments at Frome, and radio Peter was still broadcasting when Oxford was finally reached early Monday morning.

Thanks are due to the organiser, Mr. Norman Chamberlain, for the excellent tour, and to Bill Symmonds for helping with the arrangements. Local incumbents and tower captains are also thanked. Lastly and most important of all, thanks go to Nobby for his safe driving.

E. R. V.

FROM YORKSHIRE INTO DERBYSHIRE

There is no doubt that a sunny day and good fellowship creates wonderful results and encourages high ideals. This was the case when combined forces of Horbury, Ossett and Rothwell ringers made up a coach party on May 15th and visited other towers amongst the lovely scenery of North Derbyshire.

The first halt was at Tideswell, with a stately 14th century church with a well-toned ring of eight. After lunch at Buxton another pleasant hour was spent at nearby Fairfield.

The next call was still in mediæval country at Darley Dale. Here one can quietly stand by the steeple and read the inscription on the largest and oldest yew tree to be known (in a churchyard)—2,000 years. Seeing this tree make one feel small and humble and in turn appreciate our heritage, and at least handle the bells of St. Helen's, Darley Dale, with well-struck touches which fortunately is not hard here to accomplish.

The fourth and final call was at All Saints', Ashover, 12th century church, where the hum of the overtone was pleasant.

Our organiser, Mr. Irvin Slack, is to be commended on a job well done, on what was agreed to be the best ever of our annual combined outings.

F. B.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Southern District

THE annual meeting of the Southern District on May 15th commenced with ringing on the eight bells of St. Leonard's, Wortley, the picturesque village on the Sheffield-Penistone road and the seat of the Earl of Wharncliffe. Some enjoyable ringing was abruptly concluded after an hour by a broken rope, and a move was made for Bolsterstone, another delightful village high above the reservoirs, and ringing continued here on the bells of St. Mary's. This tower has, for many years, been famous for its generations of the Brearley family and it was a great pleasure to meet three members of this highly respected family.

After an enjoyable tea, the District vice-president, Mr. Norman Chaddock, took the chair for the business meeting. The retiring District secretary, Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, did not wish to seek re-election this year, and Mr. Michael King, of Wentworth, was unanimously elected in his place. Messrs. J. Seager and T. Tarbatt were re-elected and Mr. N. Donovan was elected to the District Committee, Mr. Tarbatt to continue to serve on the General Committee. Mr. W. F. Moreton paid tribute to Mr. Gilbert for the work he had done for the District during his 27 years in office.

Messrs. R. Plant, of Bradford, and A. Howland, of Rotherham Parish Church, were elected members of the Association. It was decided that the next meeting be held jointly with the Barnsley District Society in Rotherham on August 14th, with ringing at Thrybergh, Eastwood and the Parish Church. A collection for the Bell Repair Fund realised the sum of £1 1s. 6d.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. F. Moreton and seconded by Mr. N. F. Moxon.

J. J. L. G.

SILSOE RINGERS' OUTING

THE ringers of Silsoe, Bedfordshire, accompanied by a large number of non-ringing friends, had their annual outing on May 29th, and a most enjoyable day it was.

The area visited was the more remote part of Suffolk, when everyone was surprised and delighted to find such "unspoiled" beauty within comparatively easy reach of the busy and populous London area.

The first tower of the day was Horringer (or Horningsheath), a peaceful spot with a handy light eight. Next came the highlight of the day, for at Leiston there stands an ancient Abbey church for wonderful proportions and almost indescribable beauty, the ingenious construction of the roof being reminiscent of the famous lantern at Ely. This architectural treasure stands in the most beautiful surroundings, and, more important from the ringers' point of view, it houses a magnificent ring of eight bells.

Reluctantly we departed from this magic spot and proceeded to the historic town of Aldeburgh, where lunch was taken within sight and sound of the North Sea breakers, after which ringing was enjoyed on the recently augmented eight bells. Leaving Aldeburgh, some 50 good English miles stood between us and our tea, but the journey was broken by a call at Hintlesham, where some good ringing was enjoyed on the light six.

Last stop (almost!) was Stapleford, near Cambridge, where, after ringing, a liberal supply of refreshment, both solid and liquid, was taken aboard.

The hearty thanks of all are extended to incumbents, to friends, both old and new, who met us, to Desmond Brazier for his most competent organisation, and to members of the Silsoe Church choir, whose rendering of the usual variety of songs on the long journey was quite outstanding.

A. E. R.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE SOCIETY IN DERBYSHIRE

THE Bellringers' Society of St. John's College, York, now approaching the end of its second full year, held its first ringing tour during the Easter vacation. Twenty-six towers were visited, spread leisurely over five days. The area chosen was Derbyshire, and although the weather was generally poor, excellent scenery and fine bells ensured an enjoyable and successful tour.

The core of ringers consisted of eight past, present and future members of the Society—R. Aldington, P. Dilks, I. Johnson, M. King, A. Miles, G. Pluckrose, R. Smith and R. Joy Watkin. These were joined at various times by other members of the Society, ringing friends and local ringers.

The tour began with the two good eights at Dore and Norton, just outside Sheffield. The pleasant six at Great Longstone and the fine eight at Bakewell followed, and the first day ended at Edensor in Chatsworth Park, where a quarter peal of Doubles was rung.

A highlight of the second day was the well-kept bells at Darley Dale, where, joined by the Rector (the Rev. R. St. J. Smith) and his daughter, we were able to ring our first Kent and Stedman. A quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles at Bradbourne ended the day.

Moving into the Buxton area on the third day, we began with the noisy five at Chelmorton, recently augmented by Taylors, and also rang at Burbage, Fairfield, Taxal and Wormhill. A quarter peal was rung on the Rudhall six at Chapel-en-le-Frith.

On the fourth day, after some enjoyable ringing on the eight at Tideswell, we pressed on to the long-draughted light six at Eyam. On the easy-going six at Old Brampton a quarter peal of Bob Minor folded up about three-quarters of the way through. The two eights at Hope and Castleton provided us with a big contrast. On the pleasant, fast-turning bells at Hope some good Bob Major and Kent and Oxford Spliced were rung. At Castleton the bells were slower turning. Bob Major was going well before the rope on the seventh snapped.

The last day saw us back in Yorkshire. We began at the long-draughted six at Bradfield, where a quarter peal of Doubles in ten methods was rung, followed by a course of Cambridge before ringing down. The next two towers were the eights at Ecclesfield and St. Marie's R.C. Church in Sheffield, the latter being voted the best bells of the tour. Here we rang our best Grandsire Triples and Bob Major and finished with a good touch of Kent. To mark the end of the tour a peal of Minor in four methods (St. Clement's, Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob) was rung at Wentworth.

The Society expresses its thanks to incumbents and people who met the party. After this initial success it is hoped the tour will become an annual event in the calendar of the Society.

R. A.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT

Mr. John K. Smith organised a wonderful day for the 40 people who participated in the St. Paul's, Burton-upon-Trent, annual outing on May 29th.

Leaving Burton at 7.15 a.m., the first call was Chesterfield, where some very pleasant ringing took place, which was in fact to set the example for ringing at Eckington, Sheffield (Ranmoor), Rotherham (All Saints'), Doncaster and Gainsborough.

The lunch at Rotherham Co-operative Society Restaurant was very well served with the well-known Yorkshire hospitality and the tea at the Doncaster Co-op was also of ample proportions.

This outing will be remembered for the excellent timetable, which necessitated no rushing or any standing about. The day came to a very happy end at 11.30 p.m. back at our starting point. When May 21st, 1966, comes round there will be no shortage of applicants for seats on the coach. Thank you.

R. A. W.

ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF MINOR METHODS

Compiled by H. CHANT

(Continued from page 379)

"I"

ILSTON COLLEGE BOB

Recently rung on handbells. Is really **Grandsire Double Bob**.

IMMANUEL SURPRISE

See **Rosendale Surprise**.

IMPERIAL

x 56 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 34 x 5. 2nds 35264.
In Shipway's book, 1816. Appeared in William Woodcock's notebook.

IPSWICH SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 1. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1907.

ISHAM ALLIANCE

36.14 x 16 x 12 x 3. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

ISLINGTON DOUBLE

x 14 x 36 x 16 x 16 x 16 x 16. 2nds 56342.
Asymmetrical. In Annable's notebook.

ISLINGTON TREBLE BOB

See **College Exercise**.

IVER ALLIANCE

x 16 x 36.12 x 12.3. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

"J"

JERVAULX COLLEGE BOB

x 16 x 36.12.5. 6ths 34625.

"K"

KELLY ALLIANCE

34.16 x 36 x 34 x 3. 2nds 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

KELSO SURPRISE

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.5. 2nds 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

KENILWORTH DELIGHT

See **Kentish Delight**.

KENNET ALLIANCE

x 14 x 36 x 12 x 3. 2nds 42563.

KENT DELIGHT

See **Barham Delight**.

KENT EXERCISE

See **Barham Delight**.

KENT LITTLE COURT

34.12.34. 6ths 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1961. Supplies missing changes in certain special Alliance methods.

KENT NEW TREBLE BOB

See **Kent Treble Bob**.

KENT TREBLE BOB

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 1. 6ths 42635.
First appeared as **New Treble Bob** in "Clavis," 1788. Also called **Kent New Treble** (or, as in Addy's notebook, "Treble"). In C.C. Collection, 1907.

KENTISH DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.14 x 12.5. 6ths 35264.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907
Also called **Kenilworth**.

KETTERING DELIGHT (I)

See **Balmoral**.

KETTERING DELIGHT (II)

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 1. 4ths 62534.
In A. Gill's notebook. See also **Windsor Bob**.

KILLMARSH SURPRISE

A false method attributed to C. Severn by A. Nash.

KILLMARSH TREBLE BOB

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 3. 6ths 56342.
In Addy's notebook without name, 1865.
Named by Charles Severn of Killamarsh in "Bell News," July 1st, 1891.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.

KILLARNEY BOB

34.16 x 16 x 3. 6ths 64523.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907. Also called **St. Guthlac** and **Market Deeping**.

KILLARNEY DELIGHT

See **Berkeley (Castle) Delight**.

KILNDOWN ALLIANCE

34.16 x 16 x 14 x 3. 6ths 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

KIMBERLEY ALLIANCE

x 16 x 36.14 x 14.3. 6ths 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

KIMBERWORTH DELIGHT

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.3. 2nds 54632.

KING EDWARD'S SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 3. 2nds 54632.
"Bell News," February 9th, 1907.
Also called **Crown Bob**.

KINGS COLLEGE BOB

x 16 x 123 x 5. 6ths 34625.
Single change method.

KINGSTON SINGLE

x 16 x 16.34.16.34.16 x 14 x. 2nds 42635.
Asymmetrical. In Annable's notebook.

KINGSTON TREBLE BOB

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.5. 6ths 56342.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

KIPPAX SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.5. 6ths 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

KIRKBURTON DELIGHT

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 1. 2nds 65324.

KIRKHEATON DELIGHT

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 3. 2nds 54632.

KIRKSTALL DELIGHT

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 1. 2nds 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.
Also called **Middlewood**.

KIRKTORPE DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 3. 2nds 42563.
Rung and named at Cawthorne.

KIRKTORPE SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.5. 2nds 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

KNUTSFORD DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.5. 2nds 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The London County Association has dropped from its title North Southwark Diocesan Guild.

From Cuddesdon, even ordinands who ring are due for ordination this Trinity.

We regret that the peal at North Collingham on page 352 was duplicated on page 367.

The Carillon Hotel, Oceanfront, Miami Beach, Florida, publishes a daily feature sheet about the hotel and guests called "The Bell Ringer."

Miss M. Chilton rang her 75th and not her 15th peal at Cropwell Bishop (page 367). This was the first peal in the method for the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

Brentwood, Essex, honoured the birthdays of two of their veterans with a quarter peal on May 9th. They were E. C. Sharplin (81), who rang the treble, and Ernest W. Furbank (78), who was on the fourth.

The ringers of the peal at Long Sutton on May 15th wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Townsend for the excellent tea and the kind hospitality they both afforded the band.

The attempt for the first peal (Grandsire Caters) on the bells of Guildford Cathedral on May 30th failed after 1½ hours' ringing owing to a shift course and the bells running round. A quarter peal was later rung for Evensong. The next peal attempt will be on Sunday, July 18th.

In 1913 a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Harpenden by an "all local" band, the first time this had been possible. The second "all local" peal took place recently, on May 29th, to mark the consecration of the new daughter church in the parish. Taking part in both peals was Mr. Arthur Day. Mr. Leslie Coburn, whose father and uncle took part in the peal in 1913, was also in the band.

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HERE'S TO THE MAIDEN

Here's to the maiden whose peals are fifteen;
And here's to the man who's called fifty.
Here's to the flaunting who like to be seen,
But seek, with their subs, to be thrifty.

Toast them with glee!

Between you and me

I'll warrant they'll prove an excuse for a fee.
Down with the furtive, who shrink from our eyes

And would, of statistics, have none, sir.
Down with the expert, replete with Surprise,
Too blasé to publicise one, sir.

This must be checked—

Let them object!

I warrant we'll find an excuse to collect.

So let 'em seek silence or let 'em seek fame;
Royal or Ancient, I care not a feather.

Let us reckon them all at a shilling a name,
And let us e'en roast them together.

Down with the lot!

They can pay on the spot—

I'll warrant they'll never go free from a scot.
With apologies to Sheridan's "School for Scandal."

OVER 25 YEARS AS MASTER

The highlight of the meeting of the N. and E. District at Edmonton on May 15th was a presentation made to Mr. Alick Cutler by his many friends in recognition of his services to the District as Master for over 25 years. The presentation, which took the form of an electric shaver, was made by the Rev. Stanley G. W. Knight, Vicar of Edmonton, and Mr. Cutler suitably replied.

May is a popular month for ringing outings and due no doubt to this fact the attendance was not up to the usual standard, but those who did make the journey were recompensed by being able to participate in more touches than is usual at meetings.

Following the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, with Mr. Platt accompanying at the organ, a splendid tea was enjoyed, provided by Mrs. Trudy Newcombe and her helpers. The provisional election of Miss Vanessa Rodrigues as a non-resident life member prior to a peal attempt was confirmed.

E. H. K.

AN ESSEX FIRST PEAL

The peal at South Benfleet, the first on the bells, was rung by members of the Southend and District Guild at the express wish of the local captain, Mr. C. L. Matson. The band were entertained by him after the peal in the local tavern, where it was very pleasing to see the company joined by the two churchwardens and other friends, all of whom took an interest in this first peal on the bells.

WOMEN CHORISTERS AT OXFORD

A feature of the annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild is the big muster of robed choristers that walk in procession behind the Guild's banner. The Dean and Chapter of Christ Church have made a special concession this year to allow robed women choristers to be in the choir. Mr. Frederick Sharpe is hoping for a good response from our chorister-lady ringers so as to fully justify the Dean and Chapter's latest step in the emancipation of women.

FIRST PEAL AT SOUTH BENFLEET

It sounds hardly credible that the first peal has been rung at South Benfleet, as is reported in this issue, as the bells there are very old. According to notes by C. L. Matson, the local captain, in 1949 Messrs. Mears and Stainbank strengthened the frame and restored the bells and cast a new tenor, which has a flat crown and is inscribed "a thanksgiving for victory, 1939-45."

The other five bells are all odd, the fourth being over 500 years old and was cast in the early 15th century by John Walgrave, of London. The tenor, 11 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb., was cast in 1636 by John and Henry Wilner, of Borden, Kent, and the fifth is of the same century, being inscribed "Miles Graye made me, 1676." The present second is dated 1664 and is by John Hodson, of London. The third is a product of the Whitechapel Foundry and inscribed "Mr. Henry Blewett. Thos. Meers late Lester Pack and Chapman of London, Fecit 1790."

Mr. Matson quotes from Benton's "History of Rochford Hundred" (about 1870), giving the following record: "Upon a board in the belfry is the following: These compleat peals were rung in the year 1794 by us, Wm. Bau-brooke, Jno. Brooks, Jno. Cooper, Wm. Potter and Jasr. Lane or Jno. Pickering. Old Doubles Kents 12, Old Grandsire 15, New Grandsire 25, Dream 12, Antelope 15, Four Cambridge Delights 14, 15, 24 and 25, New Doubles 12, Fortune 12, Gogmagog 15, St. Dunstan's 12, Hudibrass 12, London Doubles 132, Chase 15, Cambridge Journey 15, Two Westminsters 12 and 15."

No trace now remains of this board and Mr. Matson adds that the numbers following the names of the method do not represent the number of "peals" or "extents" rung in the method, but indicate the bells in "the hunt" and "half hunt" and the work done by these bells and the method used.

A HOLLOWAY GOLDEN WEDDING

London ringers will join with us in offering our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Turner, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on May 22nd. The following day a well struck quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells of St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Holloway, a church to which "Bert" has given over 50 years' service as a ringer, including nearly 40 years as tower captain.

"Bert" took part in the first peal on these bells in 1909, conducted by the late Richard Deal. He has "circled the tower" to peals three times and assisted many learners, including R. N., our correspondent, in eight-bell ringing. A member of the Ancient Society of College Youths for half a century, he was frequently at Society practices in years gone by, including those at St. Paul's Cathedral.

His ringing activities are now curtailed on account of his 77 years and his health not being of the best, but he will still go along to St. Mary Magdalene's for a special occasion if possible. Old ringing chums, we are sure, wish him and Mrs. Turner a happy and prosperous continuation of their married life.

ONLY CLOUD ON AUSTRALIAN RINGING HORIZON

Headed "The Representative Calls," Mr. Philip Gray, the representative of A.N.Z.A.B. on the Central Council, writes in the May issue of "Ringing Towers" his impressions of Australian ringing today, arising from his recent visit.

"There is only one cloud that I can see on the Australian ringing horizon," he writes. "A lot of the Australian rings of bells are now around 100 years old and are, as a consequence, very difficult, if not impossible, to ring well. You are really handicapped badly by this fact, perhaps more than many of you realise. I know full well that the situation would be far worse than it is if many of you had not put in countless hours already 'up aloft.' Nevertheless, this cannot be a substitute for the major overhauls that are needed. This means money, and a lot of it, and neither churches nor city halls are normally well supplied with that. I would suggest that this is a matter that A.N.Z.A.B. might take up officially and do what they can to bring home the following points to the respective authorities:—

(1) The bells in their towers are valuable. One hundred years hanging in the tower without major attention must inevitably bring the bells to a state of disrepair and perilously close in some cases to a dangerous state. Probably no other part of the fabric of the building has had less spent on it during the last 10 years.

(2) Australian ringing is in a much healthier state than it has been and there is very little likelihood now of rehung bells not being used for lack of ringers. The existence of the A.N.Z.A.B. needs to be stressed, what it stands for and its current strength. This is a relatively new situation in Australia, but it is probably not generally realised."

He also suggests that A.N.Z.A.B. appoints a towers and belfries adviser in each State to give practical advice.

CATHEDRAL SOCIETIES MEET

On May 15th members of the Hereford Cathedral School Society and the Worcester King's School Society of Ringers met at Worcester for an afternoon's ringing. The ten bells of St. John's Church, Claines, were rung to methods including Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal and Cambridge Major. The Societies then attended Evensong at Worcester Cathedral. Tea, preceded by the singing of Grace by Cathedral choristers, was taken at King's School. In the evening the ten bells at All Saints' Church were rung to a variety of methods.

P. C.

Only six peals have been rung on the rehung bells at Uffington but it is just sufficient for Mr. Charles E. Black to "circle the tower" to peals.

Adelaide Cathedral ringers are making progress with Double Norwich Court Bob Major and have rung touches with their own resources. Among those recently ringing their first touches in the method was Mr. Herbert Greenhalgh, formerly of Pendleton, near Manchester, who is now 61. He took up ringing again after coming to Australia about ten years ago.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 34 cwt.

William Hibbert Treble	Antony R. Kench 7
David P. Hilling 2	Roland Park 8
Raymond Cousins 3	Alan J. Frost 9
John Phillips 4	Michael V. Chilcott 10
William T. Cook 5	Michael P. Moreton 11
W. Norman Park 6	Dennis Randall Tenor

Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WIVELISCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., May 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part Tenor 16 cwt.	
Archie Gale Treble	Harry Purchase 5
Fred Casley 2	Henry W. Lloyd 6
Arthur R. Tudball 3	William A. J. Knight 7
George Sparks 4	*William Middleton Tenor

Conducted by William A. J. Knight.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the rededicated bells.

Rung by members of the Dunster Branch for the 75th anniversary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, founded May 31st, 1890.

ASHWICK, Somerset.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being a 240 Morris' arrangement, and 24 extents of Grandsire and 16 extents of Plain Bob.

Sheila Y. Hallett Treble	†Jonathan G. Rose 4
*John Sheppard 2	*Christopher R. Jenkins 5
*Richard C. Taylor 3	*Fred C. Chaytors Tenor

Conducted by Sheila Y. Hallett.

* First peal. † First in two methods. First as conductor.

Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Association. Also birthday compliments to ringers of the 4th and 5th, and Brenda H. Boyce, also a ringer.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, Som.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., May 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge, two of Kent T.B., three of Plain Bob.

Ronald White Treble	Sidney W. White 4
Gilbert W. Rendell 2	Trevor A. Cross 5
Derek S. Beaufoy 3	William E. Turner Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Ernest L. Hawkins, churchwarden.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

Norman Sherratt Treble	Barry Corbishley 5
*Harold Dowler 2	Roy Worrall 6
Walter Sherratt 3	Dennis Latham 7
*Raymond J. Ballard 4	Ivor R. Nichols Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

DAVENHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Tues., May 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents.

*Olwen Evans (14) Treble	Christopher Jones 4
Victor Neal 2	Harold Worrall 5
David A. Godfrey 3	†Harry W. Howard Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

* First attempt for a peal. † 400th peal.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. E. Richardson, who was inducted as Rector of Davenham the previous evening.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas.

On Wed., May 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in G flat.

George S. Deas Treble	Eric N. Harrison 5
M. Elaine Murcott 2	Rodney A. Yeates 6
Andrew G. Craddock 3	William Davidson 7
James Crowther 4	Michael Maughan Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipples (B.74).

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. John.

On Wed., May 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnston's Variation. Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

*Christopher Ottaway .. Treble	James Crowther 5
Jennifer Sceny 2	William Davidson 6
Michael Maughan 3	Eric N. Harrison 7
†Rodney A. Yeats 4	George S. Deas Tenor

Conducted by Eric N. Harrison.

* First peal. † 50th peal.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. V. Carefull, who was inducted Vicar of this church the previous Saturday.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Ipswich, (2) Bourne, (3) Durham, (4) York, (5) Surfleet, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

*William A. Thow Treble	Rodney A. Yeates 4
William Davidson 2	James Crowther 5
Andrew G. Craddock 3	Michael Maughan Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.

On Fri., May 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) London, Wells, (2) York, Durham, (3) Ipswich, (4) Bourne, (5) Surfleet, (6) Cambridge, (7) Beverley.

Tenor 6 cwt. 27 lb. in B.

William A. Thow Treble	Andrew G. Craddock 4
Rodney A. Yeates 2	James Crowther 5
William Davidson 3	Michael Maughan Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

Most methods to a peal by all the band.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

PRITTEWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sun., May 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*Stephan G. Halliwell .. Treble	Frank B. Lufkin 6
†Allen W. Cansdale 2	Jack Belcham 7
Lawrence J. Beal 3	Michael J. Hallett 8
*David Sloman 4	Alfred J. House 9
Philip Sadler 5	Bernard C. Sadler Tenor

Conducted by George E. Symonds.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters. First of Bob Caters by all and for the Association.

(The Southend and District Guild)

SOUTH BENFLEET, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Mon., May 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's, as follows: 1 Cambridge Surprise, 2 Oxford and Kent T.B., 3 St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, 4 Oxford and Plain Bob, 5, 6 and 7 Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

Bernard C. Sadler Treble	*Michael J. Hallett 4
Allen W. Cansdale 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
David E. Belcham 3	Alfred J. House Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* 50th peal for Association. First peal on the bells.

BLACK NOTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Fri., May 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings).

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

Joe E. G. Roast Treble	*Dennis A. S. Symonds 3
*James L. Towler 2	Peter J. Eves 4
*Ian R. Panton Tenor	

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. The ringer of the 3rd has now completed Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WARMLEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents of Grandsire and 21 extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*Christopher Gibbs Treble	*William Lampard 4
Anthony W. Gibbs 2	Alan F. Lee 5
Henry Taysom 3	*Derek M. Smith Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee

* First peal in two methods.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Vera Wilkins.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
GREAT BARRINGTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., May 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of London, York, Surfleet, and Beverley, and three of Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt.
 James F. List Treble Brian W. Hall 4
 Peter G. Holden 2 D. Kay Adkins 5
 Frederick W. Soden 3 Bertram J. Coggins Tenor
 Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 7 lb.
 Christopher D. J. Webb .. Treble .. David J. Herschell 5
 John F. M. Maybrey 2 Roy Collins 6
 Alan D. Elsmore 3 Dennis G. Blows 7
 G. Kenneth Williamson 4 E. John Wells Tenor
 Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by E. John Wells.
 For the wedding of Richard North and Elizabeth Tosswill.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

KNEBWORTH, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary-the-Virgin and Thomas-a-Becket.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.
 G. William Critchley .. Treble .. George H. Austin 5
 *Rosemary A. Spicer 2 Eric Edmondson 6
 Claudia A. Critchley 3 Jack S. Dear 7
 J. Stuart Hutton 4 J. Richard Castledine .. Tenor
 Composed by G. H. Cross. Conducted by G. William Critchley.
 * First peal of Major.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, containing 1,088 Cambridge, 928 Rutland, 896 Superlative, 800 London, 672 Brighton and 640 Bristol, with 139 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.
 David S. Osenton .. Treble .. *Monty W. Gilbert 5
 Christopher T. Osenton 2 Robert W. Hinde 6
 Andrew J. Corby 3 Bernard F. L. Groves 7
 Cyril S. Jarrett 4 Martin L. Howe Tenor
 Composed by Richard G. Crosland.
 Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of six spiced.

DARTFORD, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Mon., May 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in E flat.
 Lucile M. Corby .. Treble .. Herbert E. Audesley 5
 Christopher T. Osenton 2 Frederick J. Cullum 6
 Arthur G. Mason 3 Martin L. Howe 7
 Olive D. Tester 4 Bernard F. L. Groves .. Tenor
 Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,280 each of Cambridge, Superlative and London, and 1,312 Bristol, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Peter S. Muchlinski .. Treble .. Martin L. Howe 5
 *Thomas E. Sone 2 David S. Osenton 6
 †Alexander Waddington 3 Bernard F. L. Groves 7
 Monty W. Gilbert 4 Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor
 Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
 * First peal of four spiced on this plan. † First peal of spiced.

MILTON REGIS, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Wed., May 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.
 Cyril S. Jarrett .. Treble .. David S. Osenton 4
 Charles T. Davidson 2 Leonard Crouch 5
 Peter S. Muchlinski 3 Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor
 Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
 Rung as a 101st birthday compliment to Mrs. Mary Dobbie, of Milton Regis.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MIDDLETON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

J. W. Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 12½ cwt.
 Edward Jenkins .. Treble .. Jeffrey Kershaw 5
 J. Colin Ashworth 2 Ivan Kay 6
 Margaret E. Fort 3 Derek Butterworth 7
 *David Howarth 4 Donald Bateman Tenor
 Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for 250th anniversary of the bells.

EAST CROMPTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sun., May 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.
 Derek Butterworth .. Treble .. Richard Starkie 5
 Margaret E. Fort 2 Cyril Crossthwaite 6
 Philip Crossthwaite 3 Tudor P. Edwards 7
 Edward Jenkins 4 Neil Bennett Tenor
 Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., May 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In nine methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (2) London, (3) Ipswich, (4) York, (5) Bourne, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.
 William Johnson .. Treble .. P. George Golder 4
 Christine J. Stratford 2 Michael E. Brown 5
 Laurence Watkins 3 Michael W. Fairley Tenor
 Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

DONINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary and the Holy Rood.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F.
 Norah M. Randles .. Treble .. George H. Randles 5
 Joyce M. Gurnhill 2 John Walden 6
 Jack L. Millhouse 3 Geoffrey Paul 7
 Peter A. Sharp 4 Geoffrey R. Parker Tenor
 Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Parker.
 First peal of London Surprise Major as conductor.
 Rung to welcome Rev. F. A. H. Tompkins, the new Vicar of Donington.

LONG SUTTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, (1) Cambridge S., (2) Single Oxford, (3) Double Oxford, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) St. Clement's College, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.
 Janet Hubbard .. Treble .. Alan G. Payne 4
 Frank Taylor 2 Keith R. Davey 5
 Derek J. Jones 3 Maurice Bennett Treble
 Conducted by Keith R. Davey.

Conductor's 100th peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. W. Townsend (local captain).

(North Lindsey Branch)

GRIMSBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt.
 *Muriel A. Pashley .. Treble .. Joseph J. Willows 4
 *Maureen P. Bee 2 †Frank Kennington 5
 John H. Parker 3 Arthur Pashley Tenor
 Conducted by Arthur Pashley.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

Rung as a compliment to Eric Hotine and Pamela Hodgkiss, married earlier this day at North Cotes.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. in F.
 Mrs. Jean Anderson .. Treble .. *Giles B. Thompson 5
 Charles W. Ottley 2 D. Paul Smith 6
 Dennis A. Hewitt 3 Wilfrid G. Wilson 7
 Michael T. Sprackling 4 Harold W. Rogers Tenor
 Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Wilfrid G. Wilson.
 * 150th peal.

A compliment to Mr. C. W. Ottley, the new Master of the L.C.A.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

BIRCHINGTON, Kent.—At the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

Pauline Fennell Treble	Timothy G. Pett 6
Yvonne Edwards 2	Richard O. Humphries .. 7
Roger D. Bailey 3	Robert E. J. Dennis .. 8
Anthony H. Smith 4	Roger W. Powell 9
Edward F. P. Bryant .. 5	Nicholas J. Davies Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.
First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal by all the band except the conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SLOUGH, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORK SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Ivor Goulter Treble	Cyril A. Wratten 6
Gillian M. Hussey 2	W. Bertram Kynaston .. 7
*D. John Hunt 3	James R. Taylor 8
Michael J. Hobbs 4	Anthony R. Peake 9
Rev. Roger Keeley 5	Brian Bladon Tenor

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
* 200th tower for a peal. The first peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild and for all the band except the ringer of the 5th.

STOKE POGES, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Wed., May 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Robert Lister Treble	John Young 5
Mrs. Arthur D. Barker .. 2	Brian T. Lister 6
Arthur D. Barker 3	Sydney M. Bailey 7
Joyce I. Barton 4	Wilfrid G. Wilson Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Arthur D. Barker.
* First peal and first attempt.

ISLIP, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Thurs., May 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

Peter J. Heritage Treble	Sydney M. Bailey 5
Edward R. Venn 2	Noel J. Diserens 6
Walter F. Judge 3	*Christopher C. Clarke .. 7
Alice E. J. Lester 4	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

Rung for Ascension Day.

STANTON HARCOURT, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

Edward D. Patching .. Treble	James F. List 4
John A. H. Betts 2	†Michael J. Church 5
*Peter G. Holden 3	David Floyd Tenor

Conducted by David Floyd.

* 25th peal. † First peal.

Rung to congratulate the ringers of the 5th and 6th on their recent examination success in Accountancy.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

HAZELBECH, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sun., May 30, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

*Susan E. Ferguson .. Treble	Frank E. Coales 5
Mary R. Bloxam 2	Ian W. Hall 6
Jean Marlow 3	Denis G. Pearson 7
*Philip Bosworth 4	Murray A. Coleman .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First peal of Major.

A 76th birthday compliment to the composer.

FLOORE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., April 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, five callings.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

Katharina M. T. Newman Treble	William H. Collins 4
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	Richard J. Danby 5
*Judith A. Ashby 3	Barrie Hendry Tenor

Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

* First peal. First peal on the bells for approximately 50 years.

BRAFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Thurs., May 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eleven methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (2) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Thelwall and Childwall, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Single Oxford, (6) and (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Katharina M. T. Newman Treble	Geoffrey E. Watson 4
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	Alan A. Paul 5
Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 3	Barrie Hendry Tenor

Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

First peal in eleven methods by all.

RECORD PEAL

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 11 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 16368 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Robert B. Smith Treble	David J. Purnell 7
Martin D. Fellows 2	Clifford A. Barron 8
Norman J. Goodman 3	Stephen J. Ivin 9
Michael J. Fellows 4	Frederick Shallcross .. 10
John C. Eisel 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
Basil Jones 6	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.
Umpires: Roderick W. Pipe, George E. Fearn and John A. Anderson.
The longest peal to be rung on twelve bells, and also the longest peal of Cambridge Surprise.

Rung as part of the celebrations to mark the 250th anniversary of St. Philip's Church, and the 60th anniversary of St. Philip's being made the Cathedral of the Diocese.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., May 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Norman J. Goodman .. Treble	Ronald H. Bullen 7
Martin D. Fellows 2	John C. Eisel 8
Susan Funnell 3	Michael J. Fellows 9
John R. Inley 4	David J. Purnell 10
Roderick W. Pipe 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
George E. Fearn 6	Peter Border Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., May 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDONIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Robert E. Hardy Treble	David J. Purnell 7
Susan Funnell 2	Michael J. Fellows 8
Norman J. Goodman 3	George E. Fearn 9
John C. Eisel 4	Clifford A. Barron 10
Roderick W. Pipe 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
Frederick Shallcross .. 6	Peter Border Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., May 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDONIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

J. Alan Ainsworth .. Treble	David J. Purnell 7
Susan Funnell 2	Martin D. Fellows 8
Norman J. Goodman 3	George E. Fearn 9
Michael J. Fellows 4	Frederick Shallcross .. 10
John C. Eisel 5	Clifford A. Barron 11
Roderick W. Pipe 6	Peter Border Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., May 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Robert E. Hardy Treble	Frederick R. Shallcross .. 7
Susan Funnell 2	Martin D. Fellows 8
Norman J. Goodman .. 3	George E. Fearn 9
Michael J. Fellows .. 4	Clifford A. Barron 10
John C. Eisel 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
Roderick W. Pipe 6	Peter Border Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border.

EDGBASTON, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Wed., May 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt.

John N. Lindon Treble	Martin D. Fellows 5
George E. Fearn 2	David J. Purnell 6
Michael J. Fellows .. 3	Norman J. Goodman .. 7
John C. Eisel 4	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

Rung to welcome the Rev. Canon Greville Norburn, whose induction as Vicar of Edgbaston took place the previous day.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EDMOND, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

Being seven different extents.	
*Ruth A. E. Fairbrother Treble	Edward R. Fairbrother .. 4
†Jennifer M. Beech 2	Richard J. Warrilow .. 5
George E. Morrall 3	Frank Beech, jun. Tenor

Conducted by Frank Beech, jun.

* First peal. † First "inside."

Rung as a wedding compliment to Marion Cotton and Dennis Owen, ringers at this church, also the first wedding anniversary of the ringers of 2 and 6.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BULWELL, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin and All Saints.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Margaret E. Chilton .. Treble	John Hallett 5
Elisabeth J. Foster .. 2	David Stainsby 6
C. Richard Daft 3	Simon Humphrey 7
Susanna Poppleston .. 4	George A. Dawson Tenor

Composed by S. Humphrey.

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

First of Major as conductor. A belated welcome to the new Vicar.

LAXTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 11 extents, being one extent each of Double Court and Single Court, Thelwall and Childwall, St. Clement's and Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., and Cambridge Surprise.

Christine L. J. Mills .. Treble	*Harry Poyner 4
Mary C. Poyner 2	R. Brian Mills 5
Brian M. Buswell 3	*William L. Exton Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* First peal in 11 Minor methods. First in 11 methods on the bells.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

SHIFNAL, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Gillian Griffiths Treble	Charles Eyre 5
E. Marion Key 2	Roger L. Hawksworth .. 6
Margaret A. Swain .. 3	Ian Friend 7
Barnabas G. Key 4	George Hemming Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker.

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

A compliment to the Rev. Tony Villiers and Miss Jean Tomlinson, who were married prior to the peal.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

GODSTONE, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 5 lb. in G.

Keith G. Game Treble	*Rev. Kenneth G. Hoare .. 5
*Thomas H. Bird 2	Alan Streeter 6
George Olliver 3	A. Patrick Cannon 7
*Wilfred F. Dunn 4	†Albert K. Wood Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker.

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the recasting of the bells by Gillett and Johnston—an excellent ring.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ARUNDEL, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Patricia Diserens Treble	Malcolm M. Powell 5
*Marilyn C. Smith 2	Raymond P. Wood 6
Ronald F. Diserens .. 3	Brian J. Luff 7
Robert W. Wake 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. Tenor 13 cwt. 88 lb. in E.

EASTBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.
Paul Fox Treble	Alan R. Baldock 5
Harold G. F. Reynolds .. 2	Ian V. J. Smith 6
Janet M. Percy 3	Robert W. R. Percy 7
*Rev. Michael A. Northwood 4	Ian P. White Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* First peal attempt.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 ASHBOURNE COLLEGE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

John R. Faithfull Treble	William Butler 6
Carolyn Vibert 2	Derek C. Jackson 7
Reginald W. Rex 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 8
Michael Hatchett 4	Michael J. Thomas 9
D. Kay Adkins 5	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by J. E. Cawser.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

The first peal in the method.

HAWKLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sun., May 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Michael J. Thomas Treble	*Malcolm M. Powell .. 5
Patricia Diserens 2	†Brian J. Luff 6
*Marilyn C. Smith .. 3	Ronald F. Diserens .. 7
Carolyn Vibert 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by F. Warrington.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. First in the method on the bells.

A birthday compliment to Frances M. Rickard, of Penryn, Cornwall, and Brian J. Luff. Tenor 7 cwt. 95 lb. in A.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FYLINGDALES, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Stephen.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Christopher A. Moxon .. Treble	Richard D. Gibson 5
Ronald Ducker 2	Michael W. Crowder .. 6
Howard C. Palmer 3	Rev. Fred Ross 7
David S. Johnson 4	Wilfrid F. Moreton Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

First peal in the method by all the band.

ASHBOURNE COLLEGE BOB

x 10 x 10 x 10 x 70.
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HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At All Saints' Bell Tower.

On Sun., May 9, 1965, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor size 11 in G.
*David Wilcox 1—2	Robert B. Smith 3—4
	Alan McFall (cond.) .. 5—6

* First peal "in hand."

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

BUSHEY HEATH, Hertfordshire.—At 39, Titian Avenue.

On Tues., May 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 1—2	Roger Baldwin 5—6
Christopher W. Woolley 3—4	John R. Mayne 7—8

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(and The Gresham's School Society).

HOLT, Norfolk.—At Gresham's School.

On Ascension Day, Thurs., May 27, 1965, in 1 Hour and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 ASCENSION BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in four variations of calling.	Tenor size 15 in C.
Peter N. Mackley 1—2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3—4
Paul Roys-Jones 5—6	

Rung in commemoration of our Lord's Ascension.

LONG LENGTH

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On May 1st, 3,520 Primrose Surprise Major: R. Farnsworth 1, C. J. Hughes 2, Eileen Osborne 3, J. Seager 4, M. Phipps 5, G. Goodall 6, J. J. L. Gilbert 7, L. Goodall (cond.) 8.

HALF PEALS

BENTLEY, YORKS.—On May 30th, 2,520 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, St. Blaise and Grandsire): Mrs. E. Anderson 1, R. J. Sanderson 2, Mrs. E. Wylie 3, A. Mullinger 4, J. Whitham (cond.) 5. Rung for civic service.

MARKET WEIGHTON, E. YORKS.—On May 29th, 2,880 Plain Bob Minor (being four different extents): R. Smith 1, Margaret E. Wilkinson 2, Jennifer Pearce 3, R. Aldington 4, M. King 5, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 6. Rung by members of the St. John's College Bell Ringers Society.

ASH, SURREY.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. E. Denyer 1, Miss A. Hawes 2, Mrs. A. J. Smart 3, A. D. Sayer 4, P. G. Smart 5, J. A. Collier (first of Minor as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Thomas 1, H. Sealey 2, F. Branchflower (cond.) 3, F. Pike and C. Hancock 4, L. T. Hancock 5, H. Taylor 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Branchflower, father of conductor and captain of this tower for nearly 50 years.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): Miss M. Bullard (first quarter) 1, W. White 2, R. Hayden 3, F. Bird 4, A. Richardson 5, K. Westwood 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, D. Hutley 8. Also on May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hutley 1, W. White 2, Miss A. Goddard 3, F. Bird 4, R. Walker 5, R. Hayden 6, D. Kingston 7, K. Westwood 8. First of Triples 1 and 8. A 76th birthday compliment to F. Bird, who has served this tower with devotion for many years.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On May 16th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Hore (first quarter) 1, M. H. Whittell 2, Mrs. E. Jackson 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also on May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. R. Walters 1, R. Lockwood (first "inside") 2, M. J. Howes 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

BRAY, BERKS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (1, 2 leading): D. Russell 1, C. Burridge 2, Janice M. Penning 3, Wenda R. Harris 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, R. A. Blewitt 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. Rung as farewell to Rev. J. and Mrs. Coppington, upon their departure to the Vicarage, Langley Mill, Derbyshire.

BREDON'S NORTON, WORCS.—At the Chapel of Ease, on May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. H. W. Firkins 1, J. Attwood, jun. 2, M. J. Uphill 3, A. C. Berry 4, J. E. Whittall 5, A. R. Patterson 6. Rung silent and non-conducted. Also on May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Warner (first quarter, aged 13) 1, P. S. Robertson 2, R. M. Loxley 3, D. A. Trenfield (first as cond.) 4, M. Boskett 5, K. O'Beirne (first quarter, aged 14) 6. Average age of the band 14 years. First quarter peal on the bells after rehanging.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. J. Sheahan (first quarter) 1, Rosemarie Frith 2, P. Gibson 3, A. R. Groves 4, M. J. Cowling 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rachael Sinden 1, Mrs. Betty Chapman 2, G. Nielson 3, Elaine Dixon 4, B. J. Luck 5, D. Chatfield 6, T. H. Holmes (cond.) 7, A. E. Davies 8. For Ascension Day.

CARIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Linington 1, G. W. Reed 2, D. Stephens 3, E. H. Langley 4, Rev. A. S. Roberts (cond.) 5, S. Pryor 6.

CHEPSTOW, MON.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Owen 1, Mrs. D. J. King 2, J. J. Sims 3, R. Howard (first quarter) 4, D. J. King (cond.) 5, Hilary Sims 6. Rung after Confirmation.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jacqueline S. Young (first quarter) 1, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 2, A. J. Slade 3, E. Pickett 4, E. T. Newnham 5, R. Durrant 6, M. C. Austin 7, D. S. Billimore 8. For Ascension Day service.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Eve Rimer 1, Mrs. Jennifer Pybus 2, Mrs. R. Page-Jones 3, R. D. Gibson (cond.) 4, C. L. D. Munday 5, G. W. Pybus 6, P. Scowston 7, R. Page-Jones 8. A wedding compliment to Ian Booth and Jean Woodbridge, both ringers of this church, who were married here the previous day.

QUARTER PEALS

CHUBHAM, SURREY.—On May 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. G. Blows 1, Miss G. Mooring 2, C. D. J. Webb 3, J. W. Priest 4, J. King 5, P. J. Privett 6, Roy Collins (cond.) 7, Ron Collins 8. First of Stedman 6 and 8. For Ascension Day Eucharist. Also on May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Hudson 1, Roy Collins 2, P. J. Privett 3, Miss A. Pickering 4, J. W. Priest 5, F. Godsmark 6, D. G. Blows (cond.) 7, Ron Collins 8. For Evensong.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.—On May 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 1 leading and 8 covering): P. Morgan 1, J. Alexander 2, I. Davies 3, R. Macpherson 4, D. Barrington 5, C. Ricketts 6, E. N. Thomas (cond.) 7, D. M. G. Thomas 8. Rung by the Cowbridge Grammar School Society, for the annual schools' Ascension Day service at Holy Cross Church.

CRUDDEN, SURREY.—On May 27th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. F. E. Collins 1, Miss H. Maltman (first of Stedman) 2, G. H. Humphries 3, K. Taber 4, N. D. Brown 5, R. C. Stevens 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, M. Parry 8.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Baines (first on working bell) 1, D. Slater 2, Betty Butler (first as cond. and 25th quarter) 3, A. Fuller 4, A. Butcher 5, Peggy Butcher 6. Tenor ringer has now "circled the tower" to quarter peals. For family service.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. C. May (first quarter) 1, H. W. Evans 2, E. C. Leigh 3, E. J. Jenner 4, C. H. Cook 5, D. J. M. Cox 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, J. M. Hollyman 8. For the Festival of the Ascension.

EDMOND, SALOP.—On May 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. M. Burgess (first quarter) 1, I. Friend 2, F. Beech, jun. 3, E. C. Morrall 4, J. A. Morrey 5, G. E. Morrall (cond.) 6.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Rogation Sunday, May 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Ivings 1, Mrs. Ivings 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, R. Rose 4, J. Paul 5, M. Rose (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd, and also a compliment to Derek Rose, on his 12th birthday.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Jupp 1, A. Flood 2, J. King 3, Miss A. Pickering 4, Roy Collins 5, P. J. Privett 6, D. G. Blows (cond.) 7, Ron Collins 8. For Farnham Music Festival.

FILTON, GLOS.—On May 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Rachel Morse 1, Ruth Sheldon 2, Mary Haslum 3, D. Haslum 4, D. Voss 5, A. Howard (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2, 3, 4. An Ascension Day observance.

FULHAM, LONDON.—At All Saints', on May 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. G. Meyer 1, Miss M. E. Powell 2, C. W. Oxtley 3, M. P. Thomas 4, A. J. Hampton 5, L. C. Way 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, J. A. G. Harvey 8. For Evensong.

GREAT COMBERTON, WORCS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): A. C. Berry 1, M. J. Uphill (50th as cond.) 2, Ann Collett 3, R. Bateman 4, I. Lloyd 5, F. E. Carter (first quarter) 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, on May 30th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: E. J. Braga 1, Jill M. May 2, W. H. Viggers 3, Jessie M. Kippin 4, C. W. Munday 5, S. G. Ponting 6, D. A. R. May (cond.) 7, T. Page 8, A. P. Cannon 9, J. F. M. Maybrey 10.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Drury 1, Rita Peck 2, A. Honeywood 3, F. Smith 4, J. Felgate (cond.) 5, W. Felgate 6. A wedding compliment to Miss G. Brown, a ringer from Harwich, and Mr. U. W. Wildney, tower captain from Kirby-le-Soken, married at Harwich earlier this day.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, on May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Elizabeth Taylor 1, Gillian Sims 2, D. M. Morton 3, R. Godsall 4, T. Wood 5, A. T. Wingate 6, J. F. I. Turney 7, K. S. W. Morton 8, M. C. W. Sherwood 9, G. T. Cousins (cond.) 10.

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Warren 1, Miss D. A. Deverell 2, A. Turner 3, K. Begrie 4, R. Newman 5, G. A. Parsons 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, F. Begrie 8. For Evensong, and the 50th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Turner.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On May 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Grainger 1, F. G. Richardson 2, J. Fowler 3, J. McDonald 4, C. E. Wright 5, A. J. Salisbury 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, R. Mallett 8. Rung to mark the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Carrott.

ILTON, SOMERSET.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Welch (first quarter) 1, R. Beale (cond.) 2, D. J. Beale 3, G. T. W. Norcliffe 4, D. E. Uphill 5, R. J. Dean 6. Rung for church fete.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICS.—On May 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hinman 1, W. Clamp 2, H. Clayton (cond.) 3, R. Looker 4, O. Homewood 5.

LEIGH, SURREY.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan Hanning 1, W. Dunn 2, C. Dalton 3, R. J. Cooles 4, A. T. Shelton 5, K. G. Game (cond.) 6. Rung on the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the bells (May 26th, 1890).

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On May 26th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Selway 1, K. Pinney 2, D. Beaufoy 3, Rev. C. Marshall 4, W. E. Turner 5, T. A. Cross (cond.) 6. To mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers.

LUDGVAN, CORNWALL.—On May 29th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: M. Bowers (cond.) 1, J. Waters 2, G. H. Lane 3, J. George 4, R. Curtis 5, J. J. Harris (first quarter) 6. First of Stedman Doubles 4 and 5.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Honeywood 1, F. C. Southgate 2, F. H. Erith 3, G. Waterman 4, N. J. Osborne 5, A. E. Honeywood (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Charles A. Andrews, 30 years in local band, interred at Thorington earlier this day.

NORTHAW, HERTS.—On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Warner 1, Miss T. Langdon 2, D. Wright 3, A. Slade 4, C. Wright 5, I. Dear (first as cond.) 6.

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On May 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): W. C. Dredge 1, M. B. Jefferies (first "inside") 2, E. G. Coombes 3, G. G. Salmon 4, Sheila Y. Hallett (cond.) 5, F. C. Chaylors (first quarter) 6.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At the Church of St. Thomas, on Ascension Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. A. Roles 1, A. G. Bennett 2, H. Rumens 3, N. O. Skelton (first "inside" in method) 4, L. A. Page 5, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 6, E. C. Read 7, A. J. Lucas 8. For Evensong.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. G. Collins 1, C. W. Barlow 2, D. A. S. Hawkins (cond.) 3, C. J. Final 4, W. J. H. Parker 5, H. Goodey 6. For Evensong, and to celebrate the birth of a daughter, Felicity Jane, to the Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Good on May 11th.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Sheppard 1, R. C. Taylor 2, J. G. Rose 3, Sheila Y. Hallett 4, G. Salmon 5, C. R. Jenkins 6, H. Smith (cond.) 7, W. C. Dredge 8. First of Triples 1, 2, 6 and 8.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on May 30th, 1,374 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. F. Wooldridge 1, G. Westwood 2, D. H. Watson 3, J. Warr 4, M. D. Fellows 5, R. Smith 6, M. J. Fellows (cond.) 7, J. C. Eisel 8. First of Yorkshire 1 and 4. By the local band for Evensong.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On May 16th, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. W. Hancock 1, J. C. Carpenter (first in method) 2, Ann Jenner 3, Sheila M. Dobbie 4, L. T. Pope 5, P. J. Dye 6, S. Jenner 7, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 8. For evening service.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Johnston (first of Triples) 1, G. H. Harding 2, Mrs. F. A. Penn 3, N. P. Spencer 4, R. D. Quartley 5, F. A. Penn 6, C. P. Quartley (first as cond.) 7, R. Gardiner (first of Triples) 8. For Confirmation by Bishop of Salisbury.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On May 27th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Rosemary Everex (first quarter) 1, G. K. Cooke 2, J. O. Berry 3, E. Griffiths 4, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 5, E. Garrard 6. For Ascension Day.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On May 26th, 1,342 Grandsire Cinques: C. Willmington 1, D. E. Cobb 2, K. Warner 3, June Whitcher 4, C. G. Wright 5, I. L. Dear 6, M. C. Austin 7, D. Hawkins 8, F. V. Gant 9, H. Duncan 10, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 11, D. A. Hewitt 12. First of Cinques 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10. Rung to mark the 21st birthday of D. Hawkins.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. G. Weeks 1, R. J. Moore 2, D. M. Smith (first "inside") 3, W. Lampard 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5.

WOLVERLEY, WORCS.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Davie 1, J. Ranford 2, M. Smele 3, J. Cale 4, J. Gwilliam (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On May 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: G. Gaylard 1, D. Beaufoy 2, Mrs. P. Cross 3, T. Cross 4, T. E. Marks 5, T. Look 6, R. J. Fox 7, H. J. Gaylard 8, T. J. Setter (cond.) 9, A. Dyer 10. Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association (May 31st, 1890).

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DEATH

BRAGG.—On May 28th, 1965, John A. Bragg, ringer at St. Alphege's, Solihull, for nearly 70 years, also tower keeper for many years, aged 87. 7019

PERSONAL

H. H. F., W. E. B., J. N. L. June 10th. 1945. Happy anniversary. 7014
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Ringing 5.15 p.m. and after service.
All welcome. Refreshments.

CHUTE FOREST, WILTSHIRE. — Open Day, Sunday, June 27th. Bells 2 to 3.15. Thanksgiving service 3.15 to 4. Bells available afterwards until 5. Tangle (5) also available 4.15 until 6. All welcome.—G. Dodd. 7032

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Surprise Major practice at Epsom Common, 8 p.m., on Wednesday, June 16th. Also, on Friday, June 18th, a ten-bell practice at Leatherhead at 7.45 p.m. 7013

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—St. Mary's Parish Church (8). Bells unringable as from June 14th for about four months during repairs to the tower walls.—A. R. Kench, Tower Captain. 7018

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Branch practice, Tuesday, June 22nd, 7 to 9 p.m. Ringing will include Plain Bob Doubles. — Ted Patching, Hon. Sec.

SURPRISE MAJOR practice at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on Thursday, June 17th, at 7.30 p.m. Methods: Painswick, Watford, Spliced and as requested. 7025

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MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and **EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.** — Joint meeting at North Wingfield on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Special methods: Lincolnshire Surprise and Reverse Bob. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—please bring own food.—Malcolm Phipps, T. H. Radford, Dis. Secs. 6996

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 12th, at Guilden Morden and Litlington. Guilden Morden (6) 3 p.m. Service at Guilden Morden 4.30 p.m. Tea at Litlington Vicarage 5 p.m. Litlington (6) after meeting.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 6978

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District: — Meeting at Bobbingworth (Boving) on June 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Neville, Blakehall Cottage, Bobbingworth. (Ongar 2291.) 6935

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District. — Quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 12th, at Dunsfold. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Hascombe bells available after tea. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Freeston, 61 Furze Lane, Farncombe. 6927

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — South-West Branch.—Practice meeting Saturday, June 12th, at Shaugh Prior from 6.30-9 p.m. Amongst methods: Plain Bob and Cambridge. Beginners especially welcome.—M. A. Bould, Branch Sec. 6981

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—June 12th, Tring (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Collings, 16, Christchurch Road, Tring. 7007

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at West Malling on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. P. Carter, The Ringers, West Malling.—M. L. Howe, Dis. Sec. 6629

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Saturday, June 12th, St. John's, Waterloo Road, 3-4.30. St. Giles', Camberwell. Tea, Church Hall (in street opposite church). 5.15. Meeting. Ringing after. Names for tea to Miss F. V. Dupré, Hon. Sec., 63, Woodlawn Road, S.W. 6. REN 4423. 6933

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kirtlington on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea as soon as possible to Mr. C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon. 6979

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — Summer meeting at Mortimer on Saturday, June 12th. Bells: St. Mary's 2-3.30 and 6.15-9. St. John's 2-3.30 and 6.15-7.30. Service 3.45. St. John's. Tea 4.30 and meeting 5.15 at St. John's Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. Rumsey, The Vicarage, Mortimer Common. 6968

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch.—Monthly meeting on Saturday, June 12th. Chirton (6), Marden and All Cannings (5). Usual arrangements. 7021

SUFFOLK GUILD. — S.E. District. — Quarterly meeting at Blaxhall, on Sat., June 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Ringing in the evening at Tunstall (6). Names for tea to Mr. F. Shaw, Stone Common, nr. Woodbridge.—W. Lockwood, Dis. Sec. 6923

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Milland and Rogate on Saturday, June 12th. Milland (6) 3 o'clock followed by tea at the Vicarage. Evensong at Rogate 6 o'clock. Rogate bells (6) afterwards. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester. Telephone Sidlesham 325. 6998

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Studley, June 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify J. Perkins, 46, Tom's Town Lane, Studley, of names for tea. 7005

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Wraxall (8) on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available at 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 6990

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Shepton Beauchamp, Saturday, June 19th. Service 4.30. 8 bells. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea.—J. T. Locke, Local Hon. Sec. 7042

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wilton, Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 6988

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Heswall, June 19th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtion, Birkenhead. 7040

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Lower Peover on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Special method: Norwich Surprise Minor.—A. C. P. Pugh, Hon. Sec. 7030

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Coventry District. — Meeting, June 19th, Brinklow (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. French, Malabar, Heath Lane, Brinklow, near Rugby. No names, no tea. 7029

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Peak District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 19th. Towers available: Wormhill (6), Taddington (4) 2.30 till 5 p.m., Chelmorton 6 p.m. till 9 p.m. Own tea arrangements. — G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 7027

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter, June 19th. Service, St. Mark's, 4 p.m., preacher Rev. J. Shephard-Walwyn, Vicar of Westleigh. Tea and meeting St. Mark's Hall. Numbers for tea to Mr. C. Densham, 27, Monkswell Road, Exeter. Ringing: Cathedral, 1.30-3 and 6-8; Heavitree, 2-3.30; St. Mark's, 3-4; St. Petrock's 6-7; St. Thomas', 7-8 p.m.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Newton Hall on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—H. P. Thompson. 7026

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District. — Meeting at Woodston, Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7039

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Meeting at Randwick (4), Saturday, June 19th. Usual arrangements. **Handbell tune recital** after tea. Send names for tea.—E. Cribbley, France Lynch, Stroud. 6971

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting at Cradley, Saturday, June 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woodfields, Coddington, Ledbury. 7020

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, June 19th, at St. James', Waterfoot. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea from 5 p.m.—P. A. Mason, Branch Sec. 7035

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Harrow Weald, Saturday, June 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by usual business meeting. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 6986

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery and East Berks and South Bucks Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence on June 19th. Ringing at Waltham 3 p.m. and after tea. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45. Ringing at All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, from 7 p.m. till 8.30. Please notify for tea by June 12th to Mr. J. Bolter, 10, Downfield Road, Waltham St. Lawrence, Twyford, Reading.—Miss D. Hague, B. C. Castle, Branch Secs. 7017

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Aldbourne, Saturday, June 19th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 7036

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD and LADIES' GUILD (Central District).—Joint Ringing Day, June 19th. Bells: Stanford-le-Hope 10-11.30; South Benfleet 11-12.30; Rayleigh 11.30-1; Great Wakering 2.30-3.30; Prittlewell 3-4.30. Service, Prittlewell, 4.30, preacher, Provost of Chelmsford. Tea, St. Mary's Hall. Names early to Mrs. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell, Essex. (Southend 66147.) Evening ringing: Leigh 6.30-7.30; Thorpe Bay 7-8.30; Prittlewell 8-9.15. 7016

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. Annual meeting, Lichfield, Saturday, June 19th. Bells available: Cathedral (10) 3-3.45 and 6.30-7.30; St. Mary's (8) 2.30-3.15 and 7-8.30; St. Chad's (4) 2.45-3.15 and 6.30-7.15 p.m.; St. Michael's (6) 3-3.45 and 6-7.30 p.m.; Longdon (5) 3-3.45 p.m.; Shenstone (5) 7-7.45 p.m. Service in Cathedral Choirstalls 4 p.m., followed by tea in St. Michael's Parish Hall. Seating limited, so names for tea earliest possible, please (June 16th latest) to C. M. Smith, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs. Tel. Lichfield 4539.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 6940

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—A practice meeting will be held on June 19th at Rickingham Superior (6) from 6.30 to 9 p.m. Methods: College Exercise and Ipswich Surprise.—L. E. Last. 6961

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting Godstone (8) June 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. K. Wood, 45 Warren Lane, Oxed, by Wednesday, 16th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 6974

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Keymer (6), not Burgess Hill, Saturday, June 19th. Bells 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. G. Rice, 40, Fairfield Gardens, Portslade, by previous Wednesday, please. 7037

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Brecon, Saturday, June 19th. Bells available: Glasbury and Talgarth 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Llanfeigan 12 noon to 2 p.m.; St. Mary's, Brecon, 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, by June 12th 1965.—J. A. Hoare, Hon. Sec., 3, Lon Derw, Tycloch, Swansea. 6950

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Burghclere (6), June 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to P. Watts, The Grange, Burghclere, by previous Tuesday. Woolton Hill (6) after tea. 7031

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Cookley 3 p.m., Saturday, June 19th. Service 4.15 p.m. followed by tea and business. Names for tea by 24th, please, or you may be unlucky.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane Pedmore, Stourbridge. Phone 3470. 6994

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Goole on June 19th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in Church Hall 5 o'clock. Names to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole, by Thursday, June 17th. Business meeting for election of officers etc. Annual subscriptions now due and reports available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec. 6889

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Annual general meeting, June 19th, St. Chad's, Headingley. Business: Election of District secretary and Ringing Master. Bells available: St. Matthew's, Chapel Allerton (6) 3-4.30 p.m.; St. Chad's, Headingley after business. Names for tea (at Headingley) to Mr. A. I. Johnson, 80, Castle Grove Avenue, Leeds 6, by Wednesday, June 16th.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7006

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Evening practice, Colerne, on Wednesday, June 23rd. Bells 7 to 9 p.m. Come and enjoy a ring on these good-toned bells in this noble tower.—H. Heath. 7028

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, June 26th, at Bradbourne, (3 to 5 p.m.) and Brassington (6 to 8 p.m.). Names for tea to Mr. A. Willis, 33, Gisborne Close, Mickleover, Derby, by Monday, June 21st. 7034

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Seal Chart on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Seal bells will be available after the meeting. Names for tea essential to Mr. G. F. Acott, 3, Main Road, Seal, Sevenoaks.—W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Sec. 7009

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Rothamptor on Saturday, June 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton, by Tuesday previous. 7041

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Dallington, Saturday, June 26th. Ringing 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. M. Fitzhugh, 36, London Road, Hailsham, Sussex, not later than Wednesday, June 23rd, please.—G. Fitzhugh, Hon. Dis. Sec.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, July 3rd, at Eastbourne, Sussex. Bells available: 10 a.m.-11 a.m., Bexhill (8) and Southover (10); 10.45 a.m.-11.30 a.m., Hooe (5) and Laughton (6); 11.15 a.m.-12 noon, Westham (6) and Alfriston (6); 12-12.45 p.m., Hailsham (8); 1 p.m.-2 p.m., Willingdon (6); 2 p.m.-3 p.m., St. Saviour's, Eastbourne (8); 2 p.m.-3.30 p.m., St. Mary's, Eastbourne (8). Committee meeting 1 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. at St. Mary's. Tea 4/6 4.15 p.m. Names, please, with cash and s.a.e. to Miss R. Earl, Earl's Corner Stores, Horsebridge, Hailsham, by June 30th. St. Mary's and All Saints' available after business meeting. 7038

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will be held in Oxford on Saturday, July 3rd. 10 a.m., ringing at Christ Church; 11 a.m., service in the Cathedral; 12 noon, annual meeting in the Chapter House. All ringer-choristers (both men and women) are asked to notify the Deputy Master if they wish to join the choir for the service. Luncheon tickets (price 8s.) available from Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, on receipt of remittance. Application before June 29th. Members are asked to check ringing arrangements with the honorary secretary at the Festival or by post (s.a.e.) not by telephone! There have already been cancellations and alterations.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6999

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Will those wishing to attend please notify Mr. E. J. Rowe, 3, Avenue Road, Tottenham, N.15, as soon as possible, but not later than June 24th.

JOHN CHILCOTT,

Hon. Secretary.
6842

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 30th, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford, Plain Bob): R. Rayfield 1, Margaret C. Godfrey 2, Wendy J. Wallace 3, Carol E. Cousins 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. For Commonwealth Youth service.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—At Quex Park, on May 27th, 1,260 Grandire Doubles: Janet Gordon 1, D. Barwick 2, P. Austen (first as cond.) 3, R. Ratcliffe 4, R. Deveson (first "inside") 5, T. Goodman 6. First quarter 1, 3, 4 and 6. Rung in memory of Frank C. W. Knight and Reg Deveson.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.—On May 29th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. Jewell 1, Mrs. D. R. Bould 2, C. Reeves 3, F. Wreford 4, M. Lock 5, F. Mack 6, D. R. Bould 7, N. Mallett (cond.) 8.

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.—On May 6th, 1,296 Little Bob Major: F. Cooper 1, G. Goodall 2, Mrs. J. E. Turley 3, A. Wilson 4, J. G. Brothwell 5, H. Taylor 6, J. J. L. Gilbert (cond.) 7, J. E. Turley 8. To celebrate the 21st anniversary of the ordination of the Rector, Canon H. Ferraby.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Lillian Sumerlin 1, A. Day (first of Minor as cond.) 2, Diana Parrott 3, Mary A. Coburn 4, L. G. Coburn 5, A. W. R. Wilby 6, F. C. Jacklin 7, J. D. Painter 8. Rung prior to the service of consecration of the new Church of All Saints, Harpenden.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Smith 1, M. Lock 2, N. Mallett 3, F. Willis 4, C. Bryant 5, G. Skinner 6, F. Wreford (cond.) 7, P. Colton 8. Rung in memory of F. Rogers, who died on May 17th and had been a ringer at this church for 40 years.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Mary I. Hildred 1, Susan E. Thompson 2, A. C. Banton (25th as cond.) 3, Jennifer E. Pearce 4, C. J. Groome (25th quarter) 5. First in the method for all the band.

KINGSTON, DORSET.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Fooks 1, Miss R. A. Elmes 2, P. R. Keough 3, C. M. Heawood 4, J. W. Blackwood (cond.) 5, G. W. Elmes 6. For Sung Eucharist.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on May 23rd, 1,296 Surprise Minor (Norwich and Cambridge): J. Susan Smith 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, R. O. Humphries (cond.) 3, R. E. J. Dennis 4, T. G. Pett 5, R. W. Powell 6. For morning service by U.L.S.C.R.

NORTHLEIGH, OXON.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: V. Smith (first quarter) 1, J. F. List (cond.) 2, E. D. Patching 3, T. G. Holden 4, P. G. Holden 5, T. Smith 6. To mark the launching of the Christian Stewardship Campaign.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandire Triples: Miss F. J. N. Brown (aged 13, first quarter) 1, Miss R. A. Elmes 2, Mrs. J. A. Robertson 3, P. R. Keough 4, G. W. Elmes 5, R. G. W. Robertson 6, J. W. Blackwood (cond.) 7, M. J. Young 8. For Evensong.

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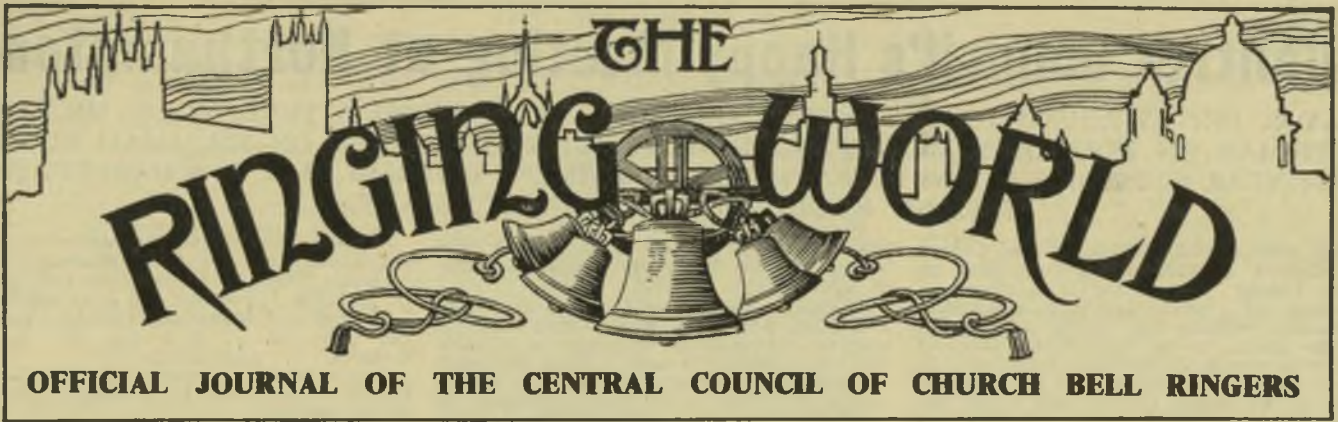
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REFLECTIONS ON NORTHAMPTON

MOST people left Northampton feeling well-pleased with themselves after the Central Council meeting this Whitsun. Fellowship and ringing abounded and the proceedings at the Council meeting were not too onerous and were enlivened by a witty president. The social side was also well planned. The spaciousness of the town hall enabled the civic reception to be held in comfort and the film and screen entertainment at the social was of a high order.

While the Standing Committee was holding a meeting of inordinant length on Monday, discussing among other things whether the recent appeal of Mr. Tom Lock for providing mementoes for host towers in Australia—the subject of a letter to "The Ringing World" and support from the Middlesex Association—Mr. Philip Gray was showing wonderful colour slides of Australian churches and ringers, and telling a story with the practised art of a born raconteur. Had the Standing Committee seen the film, they might have felt more kindly disposed towards Mr. Lock. He had hoped that additional volunteers would have been forthcoming to enable the financial advantages of a chartered flight to be available, but it was not to be. It is not, however, too late to join his party and secure the benefits of these substantial reductions. Similarly, any hopes of help for his memento fund were not forthcoming. He could have made an interesting five minutes of any other business at the Council meeting, when the president was itching to find something to expand the agenda.

The film that followed was of Washington Cathedral festival at Ascensiontide, 1964. It was made with professional skill with background music by the choir and at appropriate intervals bell music. Furthermore, the ten ringers were seen in all their glory; and to Harry Parkes, the only non-College Youth in the party, there was a special cheer, as he was snapped giving a lesson in handling. This film is on loan for a very limited period. No difficulty was experienced in persuading the Council to buy a copy of the film for £40 and recoup themselves by charging an exhibition fee. While not of the type of "Ringers Required," which is one of the best mediums of ringing propaganda to be presented to the Exercise, this is of more general interest. Ecclesiastic pageantry is seen in many facets, of which the bells are one. Another feature of the social was a recording of Exeter Cathedral bells during the recent peal when Mr. Peter Border turned in the tenor single-handed. Many can now testify to the excellence of that ringing. This unique performance was very impressive.

There was one surprise that came at the end of the Standing Committee's ordinary agenda which was reported

to the Council: "The committee took note that the honorary secretary would not be seeking re-election next year." Mr. Barnett has served with distinction for 14 years. His surrender of the reins of office marks the end of an epoch which has witnessed the fashioning of the Central Council not as a dictatorial body but as a conciliatory organisation stimulating interest in ringing and ever ready to help affiliated bodies. This latitude was completely foreign to the principles that held sway in the earlier days, but it has given birth to happier relationships between constituent members. A painstaking efficiency and a willingness to travel to bring the Council to the rank and file are valued characteristics of his high regard for the responsibilities of his office.

A small sub-committee has been formed to search for a successor, but the president made it quite clear that there would be no dictatorship. Their recommendation would be subject to the approval of the full Council. Why this suggestion of avoiding dictatorship? When Mr. Barnett was appointed he was not the choice of the Standing Committee. Canon Felstead was favoured by them and, good candidate as he was, Mr. Barnett was the choice of the floor. Not always is the multitude right, but this election quickly carried complete confidence. Because of Mr. Barnett's decision, not everybody left Northampton happy.

Another personal note—this time of a happy strain—should be mentioned. This was the conferring of the Council's highest honour, that of life membership, on Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. His long service on the Council has included the post of convener of "The Ringing World" Committee. There are two special traits in his character—one is that he leaves those he deals with in no uncertainty as to his viewpoint; the other is his courage and determination to carry through what he regards as his right course to adopt. More often than not he is right, and this adds distinction to his service. We feel that his appeal to the Exercise for a larger measure of support for "The Ringing World" is timely. Perhaps, when ill-health forced him to take things easier in regard to "The Ringing World," this marked the end of an epoch. The printing industry has been badly hit by the inflationary process, and loyal and continued support is the best method of obtaining stability. But "The Ringing World" will never succeed in pleasing everyone. The very nature of its contents precludes this. It has its responsibilities as a technical journal; often things are published that appeal to only ten per cent. of its readers. The penalty of being dubbed "dull" has to be faced, but the journal cannot ignore its responsibility of publishing such information.

Central Council's Happy Meeting at Northampton

MAYOR DRIVES ROUND TOWN TO HEAR THE BELLS. — A RECORD ATTENDANCE. — MR. JOHN BETJEMAN AN HONORARY MEMBER. — LIFE MEMBERSHIP CONFERRED ON MR. SMALLWOOD. — BUSY YEAR FOR PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT. — INVESTMENT INTEREST. — MR. E. A. BARNETT NOT SEEKING RE-ELECTION AS HON. SECRETARY.

THE 68th annual meeting of the Central Council, at Northampton Town Hall on Whit Tuesday, was marked by a record attendance and a cordial and happy atmosphere prevailed. Nothing was lacking on the part of the officials of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild to provide an adequate programme of social and ringing activities. At 6.45 a.m. the bells of All Saints' Church were raised and a half-hour of good ringing preceded the celebration of Holy Communion, at which the Bishop of Peterborough (Dr. Cyril Eastaugh) was the celebrant.

Later came the formal opening, with three welcomes—from the Municipality, the Church and the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, with the president of the Central Council (Canon Gilbert Thurlow) making the introductions.

The Mayor (Ald. Donald Wilson), in his welcome, said it was some 45 years since the last meeting of the Central Council in Northampton, and in that time many changes had taken place. Northampton was a town steeped in history. At the then Castle the trial of Thomas à Becket took place. In 1675 there was a disastrous fire and practically the whole of the town was destroyed and All Saints' Church was almost demolished. Charles II gave 1,000 tons of timber for the rebuilding of the church, and on every May 29th his statue was crowned with a garland of oak leaves.

MAYOR'S TOUR TO HEAR THE BELLS

The Mayor said on Sunday evening he drove round the town to hear the bells of the borough's churches. He wanted to say that he visited them all and thoroughly enjoyed the bells. He was certain that they, too, enjoyed their ringing. As to the local arrangements, he was sure they were all very grateful to Mr. Eric Billings for the work he had done.

The Bishop welcomed the Council on behalf of the Diocese of Peterborough and said he felt certain that they knew that Northampton was one of the great jewels in the crown of the Diocese. Unfortunately at their Cathedral at Peterborough they could not ring the bells. As he went round the diocese the bells rang out to welcome him and they were always a source of great happiness, and sometimes they were the means of his finding the way to the church, as it was not always easy.

Mentioning that it was a great pleasure to welcome Canon Thurlow, their president, the Bishop said that Gilbert Thurlow was once a pupil of his; that was some 30 or 40 years ago. He remembered he went to Cberamergau and the thing that impressed the Bishop was that he would rush round to see the bells. Canon Thurlow had continued ever since to be an accomplished enthusiast in this unique field of English accomplishment.

UNIVERSAL MESSAGE OF BELLS

What a good thing it was to have their meetings at Whitsuntide. At this time he always thought of the first Whitsun and the apostolic band; of the people hearing them speak in various languages the truth of the Gospel and the full joy of God's goodness to man. Like them, the bells had a universal message and it was understood by all people. It was a privilege to hold their festival at Whitsun. He wished them every happiness in their work and especially in their conference that day.

Canon G. F. Turner, the president of the Peterborough Guild, said he came over 12 months ago with Mr. Eric Billings to see the Mayor and discuss the arrangements. He would like to thank Mr. Billings for his work. Speaking on behalf of the clergy of the diocese and the whole Church of England, he would like to say how grateful they were for the work which was done by the ringers so

far as his Guild was concerned; he felt they were a very live body. He wished the Council a very happy meeting.

Another welcome came from the Master of the Guild, Mr. J. H. Bluff. Their aim, he said, was to encourage bellringing as a scientific aspect of Church work. When they went to church for either a practice or service ringing or a peal they were all dependent on each other. In doing the same things at the same time they all expected to be in complete harmony and rhythm with each other. He hoped they all had had good ringing and good fellowship during the week-end.

The president thanked the ecclesiastical and civic leaders for their kind welcome. They were all very grateful, he said.

THE ATTENDANCE

Life Members.—Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. F. W. Perrens, Mr. F. Sharpe.

Honorary members.—Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, Messrs. J. P. Fidler, F. I. Hairs, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, A. J. Pitman, H. N. Pitstow, G. W. Pipe, H. L. Roper, E. C. Shepherd, R. F. B. Speed, L. Stilwell, P. L. Taylor, F. A. White, T. W. White and J. Willis.

Ancient Society of College Youths.—Messrs. W. T. Cook, J. F. Smallwood and W. Williams.

Australia and New Zealand Association.—Mr. P. M. J. Gray.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—Messrs. J. H. Gilbert, A. H. Reed and H. J. Sanger.

Bedfordshire Association.—Messrs. J. H. Edwards and A. E. Rushton.

Cambridge University Guild.—Dr. C. M. P. Johnson and Mr. B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. H. O. Baker, Mr. J. Worth and Miss A. D. Edwards.

Coventry Diocesan Guild.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish and Mr. H. Windsor.

Derbyshire Association.—Messrs. G. A. Halls and M. Phipps.

Devon Association.—Mr. B. E. Bartlett.

Dudley and District Guild.—Mr. H. J. Shuck.

Durham and Newcastle Association.—Messrs. K. Arthur and D. A. Bayles.

East Grinstead and District Guild.—Mr. E. J. Ladd.

Ely Diocesan Association.—Messrs. D. F. Muflet, J. G. Gipson, E. H. Mastin and H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association.—Messrs. P. J. Eves, F. B. Lufkin and J. E. G. Roast.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Messrs. A. L. Barry, W. B. Kynaston and C. A. Wratten.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. D. A. R. May, J. F. M. Maybrey, S. G. Ponting and W. H. Viggers.

Guild of Devonshire Ringers.—Miss B. M. Boyle, Mr. N. Mallett and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. T. Cousins and Mr. A. T. Wingate.

Hertford County Association.—Messrs. W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, G. W. Critchley and G. Dods.

Irish Association.—Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Dukes and Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

Kent County Association.—Messrs. J. R. Cooper, P. A. Corby, T. Cullingworth and I. H. Oram.

Ladies' Guild.—Miss J. Beresford and Miss D. E. Colgate.

Lancashire Association.—Messrs. J. E. Burles, C. Crossthwaite, R. Leigh and J. P. Partington.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. S. Burton, J. M. Jelley and B. G. Warwick.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman and J. L. Millhouse.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Messrs. D. J. King and Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—Mr. C. W. Ottley, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers and Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow, T. J. Lock and J. R. Mayne.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

North Staffordshire Association.—Mr. R. S. Anderson.

North Wales Association.—Dr. E. V. Woodcock.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Messrs. H. W. Barrett, F. N. Golden and N. V. Harding.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Messrs. D. J. Smith and P. Walker.

Oxford Society.—Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society.—Messrs. S. J. Ivin and D. J. Roaf.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. B. Austin, E. Billings, P. I. Chapman and Miss S. R. Collins.

St. David's Diocesan Guild.—Mr. R. C. Warburton.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Messrs. G. E. Fearn and F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. J. T. Barrett and G. H. Harding.

Sheffield and District Society.—Mr. N. Chaddock.

Shropshire Association.—Messrs. R. B. Morris and R. H. Newton.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Messrs. D. Beresford and W. H. Dobbie.

South Derbyshire and North Leicestershire Association.—Mr. J. Collins.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. B. M. Buswell, J. D. Clarke and W. L. Exton.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Messrs. G. W. Hughes and B. G. Key.

Suffolk Guild.—Miss A. E. J. Lester and Mr. C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association.—Messrs. N. S. Bagworth, F. E. Collins and W. Parrott.

Sussex County Association.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Messrs. R. W. R. Percy, A. V. Sheppard and W. L. Weller.

Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.—Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Messrs. W. C. Boucher, D. Burnett, A. J. Davidson and A. Locke.

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

University of Bristol Society.—Dr. T. P. Edwards.

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.—Canon K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. A. V. Davis, J. Hartless and R. R. Savory.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Messrs. B. C. Ashford, D. Beacham and W. B. Cartwright.

APOLOGIES

Messrs. J. Betjeman, C. Birkett (National Police Guild), F. T. Blagrove (Middlesex County Association), J. T. Dyke (life), G. W. Fletcher (life), Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (life), Mr. F. E. Hawthorne (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Dr. D. N. Layton (University of London Society), Messrs. G. S. Morris (Salisbury Diocesan Guild), T. G. Myers (Guild of Devonshire Ringers), W. A. Osborn (honorary member), T. H. Radford (East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association), G. Salmon (Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), J. Scott (Chester Guild), Dr. D. E. Sibson (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths), Miss H. G. Snowden (Essex Association), Mrs. P. J. Stanforth (Ladies' Guild), Messrs. P. J. Stanforth

(Leicester Diocesan Guild), C. G. J. Watts (Ancient Society of College Youths), J. J. Webb (Hereford Diocesan Guild) and W. C. West (Salisbury Diocesan Guild).

Mrs. Hairs said the Council would be sorry to learn that Mrs. Fletcner was far from well. They all hoped that she would soon recover. Edith had been a member of the Council for 50 years and George was hon. secretary for 20 years. She proposed that a letter of sympathy should be sent to her wishing her a speedy recovery. This was agreed to.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were presented to the president: Messrs. J. Worth (Chester Guild), D. F. Muret (Ely Diocesan Association), Dr. E. V. Woodcock (North Wales), F. A. White (honorary member), R. Roger Savory (Winchester and Portsmouth).

MR. J. F. SMALLWOOD HONOURED

Honorary life membership for his distinguished services to the Exercise was conferred on Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. The proposal was moved by Mr. F. W. Perrens, who said that by next April it would be 50 years since they rang their first peal together. It was a sad occasion as it was one of those rung for the first president and founder of the Council, who was in office at the time of his death—Sir Arthur Perceval Heywood.

No words of his were necessary to prove that Mr. Smallwood richly deserved the honour he was proposing. He was elected a member of the Council in 1939 and had served the Council faithfully ever since. In 1951 he was brave enough to take on the most thankless job of convener of "The Ringing World" Committee. At that time the finances of "The Ringing World" were practically nil; in fact it was touch and go whether the paper would continue. They had only to refer to the accounts to see the tremendous work he and the members of his committee had done in the past 14 years.

Mr. E. A. Barnett seconded and said: "There is no one in the Exercise today who more richly deserves the highest honour the Council is able to confer on him."

The resolution was put to the meeting and the president announced: "It gives me tremendous pleasure to tell you that by a unanimous vote you have been elected a life member, and I trust you will grace our meetings for many years to come."

Mr. Smallwood, in thanking the Council for a "totally undeserved honour," said he had done what he could to help forward "The Ringing World." "I am afraid we have some difficult times ahead for 'The Ringing World' and it behoves everyone to support the paper. Don't be too critical; remember you are being served by an excellent committee who are putting everything they have got into it and it is a very hard task."

Mr. Smallwood paid tribute to the services in past years of Mr. J. Dyke and the late Mr. Harold J. Poole and asked for full support for the committee in the days ahead. He was still convinced that 5,500 readers was a disgrace to the Exercise; it ought to be 10,000.



MR. J. FRANK SMALLWOOD,
who received the Council's highest honour
—life honorary membership.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The hon. secretary said the Standing Committee recommended that the retiring members (Mrs. O. D. Barnett, Messrs. F. I. Hairs, C. K. Lewis, W. A. Osborn, A. J. Pitman and H. L. Roper) be re-elected. It had come to light that one well-known member of the Towers and Belfries Committee (Mr. F. E. Collins) would after next year be no longer a member of the Council and also that Mr. Brian Austin was in a similar position. It was the wish of the committee that their names should go forward for honorary membership.

Mr. F. E. Sharpe proposed this and said the Towers and Belfries Committee were losing Mr. Clarke, who was retiring, and Mr. Osborn was unable to continue. Mr. Collins had done a tremendous amount of work—he did 18 inspections last year in eight different counties, and he never hesitated to go on long journeys. Mr. Austin was writing a chapter for the new handbook and was a qualified architect.

Mr. John Freeman seconded and the recommendation was confirmed.

MR. JOHN BETJEMAN ELECTED

The hon. secretary said, as instructed at the last meeting, he wrote to Mr. John Betjeman, who replied that he was honoured that his name should be considered for honorary membership. It was some years since he handled a bell and he was then only a call change ringer. Mr. Barnett proposed and Mr. T. J. Lock seconded his election, which was unanimous.

OUTSTANDING MEN IN THE OBITUARY LIST

The Council stood while the following members who had died during the year were remembered: S. E. Bennett, E. C. Turner, F. W. Rogers, Rev. W. M. K. Warren, T. G. Darch, A. A. Hughes, C. Sharples, E. M. Atkins, L. J. Williams, Canon C. C. Cox, G. E. Cross, Frank C. W. Knight, J. R. Newman and G. C. Woodley.

The president paid a tribute to Mr. Hughes. They could remember him, he suggested, under seven headings. First as a bell founder, and the head of a very great bell foundry by which he inherited a very long and honourable tradition. Splendidly he carried on and built on the work of his predecessors. He was also most helpful to clergy and church councils who had little money available to get their bells ringing. Then there was his outstanding work with the Ancient Society of College Youths, in which he held high office. Another was in connection with "The Ringing World." When Mr. Goldsmith died he, with others, took full responsibility and served as treasurer.

Canon Thurlow also mentioned Mr. Hughes' work for education as a governor of the Sir John Cass Institute, as a churchwarden and his hospitality. He was a very great gentleman and it must be a joy to him that his family was carrying on the work to which he had devoted his life.

The Rev. John Scott paid tribute to Mr. Tom Darch of the Devon Association. He was a man of authority who loved bell music, his home and his church. It was his decision that made the Devon Association join the Central Council.

Mr. J. Bray in a tribute to Mr. Stanley Bennett said he was an excellent ringer and a great churchman.

Canon K. W. H. Felstead referred to the passing of Mr. Fred Rogers, a member of the Council for over 30 years and who was an officer of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild for 40 years. In a reference to Canon C. C. Cox, he was known to a large number of ringers and would also be remembered for the excellent articles he wrote for "The Ringing World" at Christmas and Easter.

Mr. Frank Haynes recalled a long association with Mr. E. M. Atkins through Cambridge University Guild, St. Augustine's, Kilburn, and Teignmouth, where he served with distinction as general secretary to the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

The recent death of Mr. George E. Cross was mentioned by Mr. E. A. Barnett. From his own point of view his greatest achievement was as Master of the Society of Cumberland Youths over a difficult period in keeping the Society together and a band at St. Martin's.

Mr. J. P. Fidler made brief references to the deaths of Mr. E. C. Turner, a policeman pupil of Mr. Harold Poole; Mr. Charles Sharples, who went on the Australian tour; Mr. L. Williams, a well-known Lancashire ringer; and Mr. Tommy Darch, of Torrington, whose ringing was ringing.

Mr. I. H. Oram in a reference to Mr. Frank C. W. Knight said few had a greater knack in upsetting people, but only those who knew him realised how sincere and helpful he really was. He was particularly grateful to him; he always tried to train ringers wherever he went.

Mr. J. T. Barrett, on behalf of the Salisbury Guild, referred to the great work Canon Cox did for the Guild and his knowledge and love of gardening.

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MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes, as published in "The Ringing World" of March 16th, 1965, were adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. Sharpe.

Arising from the minutes, the hon. secretary said it would be recalled that the Southwell Diocesan Guild were requested to change the name (Burslem Delight Major), as it was not the correct extension of the Minor. He had received a letter stating that this had been done.

REPORTS

THE HONORARY SECRETARY AND TREASURER

PERUSAL of copies of the more significant letters sent out during 1964 reveals little of outstanding importance. Possibly the correspondence arising from an inquiry I made about participation in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award was the most interesting and probably the most rewarding. That concerning the loss of the account books of "The Ringing World" for several weeks because of a mailbag theft was the most alarming! The rest seems mainly to be internal correspondence, Council meeting matters and answers (sometimes soothing ones) to the usual variety of inquiries from all kinds of sources: Has the . . . Association ever employed paid instructors? Can you organise an exhibit for our Christian Stewardship Campaign? (The Salisbury Guild kindly did so.) Can you tell me about your Council, its aims and objects, for a thesis I am writing? Have you any instructional books to help us ring our bells? (This from Ceylon.) Who is the Patron Saint of bellringers?

The Barron Bell Trust continues to be much sought after and I hope that some at least of those who ask for help from the Trust are able to obtain it.

I am grateful to Mr. Douglas Hughes, the new treasurer of "The Ringing World," for taking over the task of dealing with the Editor's pay and tax matters.

I am very glad to have been associated with Mr. Edgar Shepherd's book "The Sound of Bells," which appeared at the end of the year.

Mr. Wilson and Miss Groves have as usual saved the Council considerable expense by typing and duplicating these papers, and our thanks are once again due to them.

E. A. BARNETT.

The hon. secretary moved and Canon Feltstead seconded and the report was adopted.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

THE machine was run on four days during the year and was seen by 67 visitors. Methods rung included Cambridge Surprise Major, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Cinques, but attempts to bring round touches of London Surprise Major, previously successful, failed. The settings have been carefully checked but the time available at the Museum for a thorough check is limited, and some time will be required to trace what is undoubtedly only a slight maladjustment.

It is therefore proposed to withdraw the machine from the Museum during this year for a period of two or three weeks during which time it will be possible to spend time on it during hours when the Museum would not be open for such operations.

DOUGLAS HUGHES,

FRANK E. HAYNES,

Trustees.

Moving the adoption. Mr. Douglas Hughes said that since the report was submitted Mr. Haynes spent a day with him and they traced the fault that had given them trouble so it would not be necessary to take the machine away from the Museum.

Seconding. Mr. Haynes said Mr. Hughes would like to hear of any young man living in the London area interested in the machine.

Record Demand for Central Council Publications

The report of the hon. librarian stated that sales of publications are still increasing and the income therefrom this year is over £40 more than in any previous year. The demand for "Beginners' Handbook" again shows a marked increase, as does also that for "On Conducting"—surely good signs for the future. An added interest in handbell ringing seems to be indicated by an increase this year in the sales of "Change Ringing on Handbells" of over 60 per cent. on the average for the past five years.

1964 has been quite an active year for new publications and reprints, the following having been dealt with: "Beginners' Handbook," "On Conducting," "Four-way Table Minor Methods," "Recruiting Leaflet," "Prayer Sheet," "Change Ringing on Handbells" and "Grandsire Caters." In addition, all the hard work on "A Collection of Surprise Methods" was completed this year and the issue is dated 1964, although it was not on sale until early 1965. Mr. J. R. Mayne and his colleagues on the Methods Committee are to be congratulated on this most comprehensive and valuable work and the thanks of the whole Exercise is due to them. We also thank Mr. J. Segar for presenting us with a further supply of "Blue Line Proof."

I would like to pay a special tribute to Mr. Edward Jenkins, of Oldham, who has spent a tremendous amount of time during the past few years in writing, together with sketches, duplicates of J. A. Trollone's "London Ringers and Ringing." He has already completed eight of the ten volumes, each consisting of 500 to 600 pages. We are grateful also to Mr. Fred Dunkerley for supplying all the necessary material for the job. Mr. Speed has agreed to house the duplicates.

Thanks to the generosity of the late Mr. E. H. Lewis, who left any of his books of interest to ringers, copies of which we had not got in our library, to the Central Council, the library has been enriched by quite a number of books. By the kindness of Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Hooton (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis) I was invited to visit Tring and choose the books from the collection Mr. Lewis left there. We are indeed most grateful to them. We also tender our sincere thanks for the following additions to the library:

"The Sport of Gentlemen" (ringing included) per Mr. A. Warren; "Friends of Exeter Cathedral" (including an article on "The Bells of the Cathedral" per Rev. J. G. M. Scott; "Incidence of Falseness in Right-Place Surprise Major Methods" by A. S. Hudson, J. W. McClenahan and M. E.

Bishop per the authors; "Church Bells of Guernsey, Alderney and Sark" per the author, Mr. F. Sharpe; "Church Bells of Berkshire" (Part XVIII, per the author, Mr. F. Sharpe; Copies of "Irish Bell News" per Mr. F. E. Dukes.

Each year seems to bring an added burden to the shoulders of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. B. Speed, for our stock of publications, the sales thereof and the financial turnover are all increasing. Added to their difficulties this year has been the work of moving house. We are most grateful to them for doing an important job, one which is most essential for the welfare of the Exercise, and one which must take up a very considerable amount of their time.

FRANK W. PERRENS,
Hon. Librarian.

The Publications Account showed a profit of £94 16s. The stock at the end of the year was £820 2s. 8d. (against £657 8s. 3d.). Sales less discounts were £345 11s. 5d. Purchases during the year were 5,000 "Beginners' Handbooks," £185 8s.; 1,000 "Change Ringing on Handbells," £82 18s.; 1,000 "On Conducting," £59 15s.; 1,000 Four-way Minor Table," £16 15s.; 1,000 "Grandsire Caters," £377 4s.

Interest on the Clement Glenn bequest of £23 2s. 2d. had been spent on 3,000 copies of "What is This?" £17 4s., binding books for Theological Colleges. £5 15s. The fund of investment at cost was £762 18s. 4d. and cash at bank £136 13s. 8d.

SALES OF PUBLICATIONS

Method Sheets—D.N.C.B.M. 29: Method Sheets—Stedman 35: Preservation of Bells 181: Four-way Minor Table 34: Handbell Ringing 250: Major Compositions 4: Collection of Peals. Sect. III 12: Report of Conference S.P.A.B. 10: Doubles Methods 171: Model Rules 45: Village Bells 72: Card—"Care of Bells" 31: Plain Major Methods 100: Methods Committee Report 4: "On Conducting" 290: Handbook 74: Electrical Switchgear Card 6: Grandsire Caters 11: Beginners' Handbook 2,610: "Ringing for Service" 215: Stedman Compositions 21: Minor Methods 283: False Course Heads 71: Recruiting Leaflet 1,267.

The total value of stock was £820 2s. 8d.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. F. W. Perrens (hon. librarian) said the profit this year was over 50 per cent. more than in any previous year.

Mr. C. K. Lewis seconded and the report was adopted.

Sum of £8,262 Invested

THE ACCOUNTS

The Income and Expenditure Account of the Council showed an excess of income over expenditure of £111 14s. 8d. Affiliation fees were £82 10s. 6d., and Profit on Publications £94 16s. Expenses were £65 11s. 10d., the main items being committee expenses £8 18s. 1d., officers' expenses £11 8s. 5d., stationery and printing £11 8s. 5d., postage and telephone £17 4s. 9d.

The Consolidated Balance Sheet showed capital accounts of £8,692 5s. 10d. ("Ringing World"), £845 5s. 7d. (General Fund) and £899 12s. Clement Glenn Fund. At the end of the year cash at bank and in hand was £2,665 17s. Investments at cost were £8,262 18s. 4d.

Moving the accounts except "The Ringing World," which was presented with its committee's report, Mr. E. A. Barnett said these had been audited by Mr. Harold Pitstow. The General Fund Income and Expenditure Account for the first time for some years showed a profit without the surplus from the Publications Account. The value of the office and

library equipment had been reduced to £1 and he proposed to leave it at that figure.

As the librarian had said, in regard to the Publications Account they had made a record profit. Since 1959 some 20,027 copies had been printed. With each reprint the price went up and he supposed that cost would eventually overtake the selling price, but as the original idea was to sell at a low price they need not worry too much about this. They had this year the Surprise Methods book. One snag about this was that the General Fund had not the waiting money to meet the cost, but by a certain amount of juggling they met the balance.

In regard to investments and in view of Mr. Vernon Bottomley's comments at the Yorkshire annual meeting on April 20th, he had a letter from "The Ringing World" auditor stating that Defence Bonds were losing their attraction and suggesting that as the Bonds came up for redemption the Council consider placing the money with a building society.

The accounts were seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes and adopted.

"THE RINGING WORLD" CRITICS GET BUSY

The reception of the report of "The Ringing World" Committee provoked considerable discussion. Among the complaints were the poor return from investment, the need of a brighter paper, delays in deliveries of postal copies and the suggestion that the Editor's choice of publication was influenced by the "Gratefully Acknowledged" column.

The report, signed by Mr. R. S. Anderson (convener) stated: In presenting its report for 1964 your committee first records a change in its convener. After serving "The Ringing World" and the Exercise generally for many years, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood felt the work was becoming rather too much for him and it was to the regret of all that at Truro he announced to the committee that he could no longer continue in the position. It was with great reluctance that his resignation was accepted. Your committee feels sure that the Council will join with it in offering to Mr. Smallwood sincere thanks for all his work, for it is due to his guidance and leadership that the paper not only survives today but that its finances are so well founded. We wish him well and look forward to his valued guidance and counsel for some years to come. Appointed to succeed Mr. Smallwood was Mr. R. S. Anderson, who asks for your support and help in the conduct of your paper's affairs.

This year has been notable in that "The Ringing World" published its first supplement, reporting the successful opening of the Washington Cathedral bells by a band from the "Old Country." The innovation was an outstanding success and the committee's thanks are extended to all who contributed to this noteworthy publication and hope that future special occasions can be suitably commemorated.

BELLFOUNDERS' GENEROSITY

The committee also records with thanks the generous gesture of the bellfounders, Mears and Stainbank and John Taylor and Co., in donating their advertising space for the provision of more news items whilst continuing to pay the charges. Their offer was quite unsolicited and is thus the more admirable. The extra page made available has been of great use to the Editor in providing additional "Belfry Gossip."

The accounts for the year now before you showing a surplus of £444 is an increase of £75 on that for 1963. Whilst income shows a net increase (including investment increase) of £358, expenditure has risen by net £106. Members are however reminded that costs in the current year will be greater on two items, printing and postage. Printing charges were increased as from the first issue in January, 1965, and extra postal charges come into force on May 17th, 1965. After careful consideration and taking into account the loss of sales when last the price was raised, your committee decided to add only 1d. to the charge, making the new figure 9d. per week with appropriate alterations in the postal subscriptions.

Whilst appreciating that it will be necessary to review costs and charges at the end of 1965, your committee hopes that any further upward adjustment can be avoided by additional support resulting in greater income, especially through more postal subscribers. Of our publishing income, 37.4 per cent. is from the publishers and 62.6 per cent. from postal subscribers. This is a worthy achievement and the Exercise is urged to consider that 500 more postal subscribers will materially help in maintaining the present charges.

In conclusion, your committee gives its thanks to the Editor and his assistant at Guildford, to Mr. J. E. Jeater for the accounting, to Mr. Roper for compiling the index and all who in any and every way contribute to "The Ringing World."

Mr. R. A. Anderson, in moving the adoption of the report, said on behalf of his colleagues he would like to be the first to congratulate Mr. Frank Smallwood on his election as a life member. They were more than grateful for the time, work and energy Mr. Smallwood had given to "The Ringing World," and they hoped they would have the benefit of his guidance and counsel for some years to come.

The increase in the price of "The Ringing World" on January 1st was the minimum they felt was necessary, due to the recent price increase in the printing trade, the extra postage to be met from May 17th and the extra National Health Insurance contributions for which they were subject for Mrs. Lucas. The position would have to be reviewed at the end of the year in the light of the year's working. They were basing that on the prospect of a second reduction on the return of their publishers. "The Ringing World," as they knew, was a minor publication and must be a lot of trouble to publishers, and if they want to continue for them to buy at their terms the only answer was for more postal subscribers. They had appealed for years for more postal subscribers; they got 1½d. a copy more from this source. The crux was that 5,500 was a very small proportion out of the 40,000 ringers in the country.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded.

MARKET RATE OF INTEREST

Mr. Vernon Bottomley said if he had known that a report of the Yorkshire Association was to appear in "The Ringing World" he would have taken the trouble to see that he was a bit more accurately reported. The answer the hon. secretary had made seemed to be like closing the stable door. If they must have taxable interest then they ought to have securities that paid the market rate of interest. For some months local authorities had been offering 6½ per cent. on fixed term investments. He had raised this question of surplus cash lying in banks before and he would be surprised if they could not find a few hundred pounds to place with local authorities on seven days' notice. He thought they should examine their Defence Bonds and see if it would not be more advantageous to sell and invest in other securities.

Mr. A. D. Barker complained about committee reports being handed out at the meeting and not sent in advance. He also complained about the state his "Ringing World" arrived through the post, the outside being covered with post-marks and the wrapper often torn. Could they not have larger wrapping paper? He also thought the committee should have somebody with a financial mind to advise them with their investments.

Dr. C. M. P. Johnson (Cambridge University) thought the Council could increase its income by £150 a year by changing its investments.

REPORTS LATE

The hon. secretary said on the question of reports, the resolution of the Council was that reports should be in the hands of the hon. secretary by March 31st. This year the majority of reports were not in by that date and that is why a number were not issued in advance.

In regard to investments, they acted on professional advice. So far as Defence Bonds were concerned they had some 4 per cent. maturing this year and there was no point in disposing of them as they would lose the capital bonus. The first £1,000 worth of five per cent. mature in July and again there was no point in disposing of them. The 4½ per cent. would mature in 1967 and that was something they might consider selling and re-investing. Mr. Barnett again emphasised that they acted on professional advice.

MORE ATTRACTIVE PAPER

Mr. Philip Gray said each year when "The Ringing World" report was presented the Central Council became like a shareholders' meeting. First of all he thought the committee were to be congratulated on making their books balance, but did they regard as part of their duties to discuss how "The Ringing World" could be made more attractive? The report mentioned the sales at 5,500 and the question was how to increase those sales. It was primarily a matter of salesmanship, the method of producing the paper and the news they gathered.

Mr. Anderson replied that the policy of the paper was set out by "The Ringing World" Committee, and it was the committee's responsibility to see that it was made attractive and appealed to the Exercise. Mr. Gray had said it was a matter of salesmanship. Unfortunately it was not quite the case as "The Ringing World" Committee had a certain optimum of income and must budget within that figure. That was why they were asking for increased support. They had only one editor and it was a tremendous job for one person with very little recompense. When the present editor retired the Council knew it would be an extremely difficult job to find a successor. "The Ringing World" employed no full-time or part-time reporters, and Mr. White depended on the material he received.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott: "I find this complaint of copies arriving damaged very strange. Mr. Barker's travels 30 miles, mine travels 212 miles and arrives in perfect condition. I find it difficult to understand how his copy gets messed up in such a short distance."

POSTAL DELAYS

Mr. G. Dodds thought there would be more postal subscribers if "The Ringing World" would arrive on a Thursday.

Mr. R. S. Anderson said any delay was not due to late posting. They were posted the same time every week; delay was due to postal authorities, over whom they had no control. He lived in Newcastle and worked in Stoke, two miles away. A letter was posted in Newcastle on a Tuesday at 7 p.m. and he did not receive it until 11 o'clock on Thursday morning.

Mr. J. R. Mayne said as far as postal subscribers were concerned they were of great value to the paper and he thought it was criminal in a body like that some did not take the paper through the post. He could not believe they arrived in a bad condition and he had never found it necessary to make a complaint about his.

There had been concern among readers about the economic price of the paper, and was it necessary to have voluntary donations to "The Ringing World"? There might be arguments on both sides. It might be good business to receive money and put in quarter peals, but it must be very difficult to receive a donation and refuse to publish. On the other hand, were they not in danger of establishing a system of bribery by "gratefully acknowledged"? It was quite possible that the selection of items for publication might be influenced by a donation. He thought there was a great danger in such a position. Mr. Mayne also expressed his disapproval of the format employed for peals and said there was an almost unanimous opinion of disapproval of the change.

Mr. Norman Chaddock felt that "The Ringing World" was in a cleft stick and it had been like it for years. The best thing the Council could do was to give full support to "The Ringing World" Committee, who had a big job to do.

Mr. Victor Shepherd thought the introduction of a coloured cover would be an advantage. They had to make it more attractive.

Mr. W. Viggers considered that a big responsibility for increasing the sales rested on the tower captains. He thought an attractive (Continued on next page)

"Ringing World" Debate—contd.

tively produced card should be circulated, giving details of how to become a subscriber. Mr. White replied to a number of points raised. Referring to mutilated copies received occasionally by a postal subscriber, he reaffirmed that all copies were despatched in good condition. However, he would of course be pleased to replace any mutilated copies with a fresh one on request.

In respect of the format of the peals as published in "The Ringing World," he pointed out that under the old format there were approximately five to six peals in one column, while under the new format there were approximately seven peals. This had resulted in a tremendous saving of space, which was his prime consideration.

As to peals not appearing in chronological order, he said that he first put the peals in order of Guilds or Associations, then in order of numbers of bells—12, 10, 8, 6 and 5—and then into date order. There were times when it was possible to save space by transferring a peal to another column. Before adopting this method he consulted peal secretaries and they approved of the arrangement.

Another complaint dealt with was the size of pages in this year's issues of "The Ringing World," and the Editor said that, like many other concerns, the printers had been the subject of a "take-over bid," and as a result different machines were now used for printing the paper. He hoped that the size of the pages would remain uniform from now on.

In conclusion, Mr. White affirmed his interest in the Exercise and in his work as Editor of "The Ringing World," and stated that it was his intention to carry on as Editor as long as he was able, provided the Central Council were prepared to retain him. The report was adopted.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

The new collection of compositions in Major methods is complete and should be in the hands of the printer during the course of the next few weeks. It will consist in the main of a revised edition of the previous collection, which is now almost out of print. Attention is being paid to quality rather than numbers of compositions.

W. E. CRITCHLEY (Convener),
38, Castle Hills Road,
Scawthorpe, Doncaster.

The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. Critchley and seconded by Mr. G. E. Feirn and carried.

**LATE NEWS
ANOTHER FATALITY**

Mr. John Parish, a 23-year-old Mancetter (near Hinckley, Leics) ringer, who received an award for bravery last year, died in a Birmingham hospital after being involved in a fatal accident near Nuneaton.

John was a keen mountaineer and was presented with a bravery award after helping to rescue a climber in the Welsh mountains. As an enthusiastic worker for his church, he was a founder member of the Youth Fellowship, a member of the P.C.C. and Assistant Scoutmaster of the local troop.

From an early age he had been a keen bellringer and was a familiar figure at the Hinckley District meetings.

A young man of this calibre will be sorely missed and we extend to his family and fellow members of his church our sincere condolences at this sad event. T. C. B.

LEADING PEAL RINGERS

Up to the issue of June 11th, 2,827 people have rung tower bell peals and 110 peals "in hand" this year. Heading the list are:—Tower (male): Michael J. Fellows 49 (conducted 5), J. Alan Ainsworth 47 (20), Martin D. Fellows 47 (4), George E. Feirn 45 (1). Eight of the first ten are Birmingham ringers—the nearest rival being Bernard F. L. Groves, Kent 36 (22). Tower (female): Gillian M. Hussey 31, Susan Funnell 26, Ruth M. Blackshaw 20 (5). Handbells: J. Arthur Hoare 29 (2).

**MR. BARNETT NOT SEEKING
RE-ELECTION**

The hon. secretary reported that the Standing Committee considered the agenda in detail and made a number of recommendations that would be placed before the Council. The committee took note that the hon. secretary would not be seeking re-election next year.

The president said everyone on the Council with any idea of administration must be profoundly aware of the work their secretary had been doing these last 14 years and would continue to do this year. He had carried out the work with indomitable courage and tremendous energy, and above all this he had a number of gifts and qualifications for this task. It was almost impossible to envisage such a Council as theirs continuing without Mr. Barnett as its secretary. They would not be surprised to learn that at the Standing Committee many people spoke most movingly and persuasively but he had thought it over very carefully with his dear wife and he would not be open to persuasion so the Council would elect a new hon. secretary this time next year.

They must do their best to elect a most worthy successor. Clearly they must be careful to avoid the dangers of dictatorship and the pitfalls of democracy which it would be unwise to comment on at this stage. What was suggested at the Standing Committee was that the matter of a possible successor be left to a small committee consisting of the vice-president, the secretary, the librarian and himself. It was sincerely hoped that as the result of their deliberations a suitable name would be submitted to them. They were not dictators. The Council was a democratic institution and it would be for the Council to elect its secretary heeding whatever the small committee might submit.

When they elected a new secretary they had to remember that the future of the Council as regarded its efficiency and functioning must depend on whom fell the honour of being the new secretary and treasurer.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded and the report was adopted without comment.

NORWICH.—At St. George Colegate, on May 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. M. Payne 1, Mrs. D. Cubitt 2, D. Cubitt 3, D. P. Mortlock 4, M. Cubitt (cond.) 5. For morning service, and a compliment to Jack and Miriam (nee Higdon) Clover, married the previous day.

**"THE RINGING WORLD" ACCOUNTS
BALANCE SHEET**

Sundry Creditors ..	£795 12 7	(£625)
Postal Subscriptions and notices in advance	£1,545 16 7	(£1,822)
Capital a/c bal. 1/1/64	£8,247 11 9	(£8,248)
Profit 1965	£444 14 1	
	£11,033 15 0	(£10,695)
Debtors	£1018 10 4	(£941)
Investments at cost:		
4% Defence Bonds ..	£800	
4% Defence Bonds ..	£800	
4% Defence Bonds ..	£1,000	
4% Defence Bonds ..	£700	
5% Defence Bonds ..	£2,000	
5% Defence Bonds ..	£1,200	
5% Nat. Development Bonds ..	£1,000	
Cash at bankers ..	£2,279 15 10	(£3,132)
In hand	9 8	(£2)
Amount due from Central Council ..	£234 19 2	(£120)

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Dr.
Woodbridge Press, printing, £5,522 (£5,346).
Ditto, blocks, £23-12-6 (£127). Total £5,545-17-6.

Editorial Office expenses.—Editor's fees and expenses, £774-1-8: (£759); clerical assistance, £260-5-0 (£195); postage and sundries, £33-15-0. Total, £1,068-1-8.

Postal Subscribers.—Despatch of copies, £1,413-3-6 (£1,287); addressing and wrappers £423-6-3 (£430). Total, £1,836-9-9.

Accounts Department.—Clerical assistance and expenses, £234 (£234); postage, £27-8-7 (£26); stationery and sundries, £50-1-3 (£41). Total, £311-9-10.

Miscellaneous expenses.—£24-12-6 (£29).
Audit and Accountancy Charge.—£36-15-0 (£37).

Income Tax.—On interest £121-18-3 less tax relief on publishing loss 15/6. Total, £121-2-9.

Profit carried forward to Balance Sheet. £44-14-1 (£369).

Total: £9,389-3-1 (£9,016).

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Rolls House Publishing Co., £2,685-10-7 (£2,734).

Postal Subscriptions, £4,491 (£4,348).

Donations, £561-6-0 (£477).

Advertisements, £531-7-4 (£515).

Notices, £679-0-3 (£623).

Sundry receipts, £83-16-7 (£43).

Interest, £339-1-4 (£276).

Total: £9,389-3-1 (£9,016).

PRICE'S 240 RECOGNISED

A motion to amend the Decisions of the Council Section D (2) page 20, was moved by Mr. C. K. Lewis. It will read: "Twelve-scores known as Morris', Pitman's and Price's." Mr. Lewis said in 1951 the Decisions were revised and at that time Mr. Price's 240 was not well known. This 240 was similar in build-up to the others and they thought it was only right and proper that it should be included in the Council's handbook.

Mr. E. A. Barnett seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

1/- PEAL LEVY WITHDRAWN

The motion on behalf of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers submitted by the Rev. J. G. M. Scott and seconded by Mr. N. Mallett: "That no report of any peal be published in the peal report columns of 'The Ringing World' unless such report be accompanied by a contribution to 'The Ringing World' funds of not less than a shilling for each person taking part in the peal," was withdrawn.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott, in making the request, said it would give Guilds an opportunity to discuss it.

A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO OUR PROBLEMS

AN examination and analysis of the collection of articles and news items reveals the interesting fact that emphasis in the past year has been on a practical approach to the problems facing churches, bells and bellringers, states the report of the Literature and Press Committee.

Three important matters have received attention: the care of bells, the importance of recruiting and the question of bells for new churches. The interest shown in these closely-related subjects has been heightened by the allusion to them in speeches and writings by some of the high dignitaries of the Church.

"Venture," the newspaper of the Diocese of Exeter, prints an article by the Rev. John Scott in which valuable practical advice is given for incumbent and ringer on the care of a tower and its precious contents; and other feature articles draw attention to the service that must be given to the bells. The Yorkshire Press showed concern at the lack of recruits for ringing at Sheffield comparing it with the flourishing state of Rotherham ringing. The "Hull Daily Mail" quoted at length the words of the Bishop of Hull, speaking at Beverley. He told members: "Keep up your bell-ringing because it is not only good for the parish and the people but good for you . . . It is part of the whole system of worship and evangelism in our church." The italics of the last sentence is our own, and we make no apology for emphasising this part of the Lord Bishop's speech. The Bishop of Lincoln, speaking at the Lincoln Diocesan Guild's Dinner, enlarged on the same theme, and urged with vigour the rejection of sham bells.

SENSIBLE APPROACH

The feature articles we have read have all had a pleasant and sensible approach to their subject. Ricky Ryan in "The Bicester Advertiser" writes thoughtfully on the young ringers at St. Edburgh's Church, Bicester; and an excellent essay on the ringers of All Saints', Childwall, combines ringing customs and the activities of the local band, and provides with it four instructive photographs. A scholarly article by Kenneth S. B. Croft on the golden jubilee of the bells of St. Mary's, Southampton, has been reprinted as a pamphlet and should assist both the church and the cause of ringing.

From Ireland come a number of interesting articles and features, and among them some reference to Robert B. Smith's tour and Cambridge Twelve at Dublin, an account by D. F. Moore in "The Evening News" of the bells of the Roman Catholic Church of SS. Augustine and John, and "Tatler" in "The Irish Independent" writing of the instructional work of Mr. F. E. Dukes. In addition these "The News of the World" for December 15th reminded us of the world-wide work of the Fountain Head Bell Foundry, Dublin, Ireland's only active bell foundry.

Back in England, "The Western Morning News" of July 3rd printed an attractive article by the Rev. Norman Edwards on some West of England bells, bell inscriptions and rhymes, and the opening words of the essay are significant: "... we have entered upon an era

of new churches being built without bells." Following the thoughtful and suggestive thesis on this theme by Mr. Geoffrey Dodds (quoted in our last report) we have, this year, Mr. Brian Austin advocating the provision of light rings of bells in towers of simple construction; and the subject was underlined by Mr. T. A. Bevis in "The Ringing World" of October 23rd. Mr. Austin's article written for the "Ely Diocesan Gazette" was quoted by "Urbanus" in "The Church Times." The writer says "I cannot recall seeing a single post-war church which possesses a bell tower as the term has hitherto been understood." And he goes on to support Mr. Austin and to urge the importance of preserving the art of ringing in churches. "Bat," writing in "Venture," suggests what he calls a Bell Employment Exchange to organise and facilitate the transfer of bells from churches where they will never be rung to towers in which they might be usefully employed.

COMPLAINTS

Among the complaints against bellringers, two in the early part of 1964 deserve attention. The first at Bradford-on-Avon resulted in a considerable correspondence in "The Wiltshire Times and Gazette," which, if inconclusive, resulted in the impression that the complainant had exaggerated the facts of the situation. Another complaint, at Honeybourne in Warwickshire, brought forth an article in "The Birmingham Post and Gazette" and aroused the villagers to a defence of their parish church bells.

A further thought on this matter is prompted by a letter in "The Daily Telegraph" deploring the cessation of the 8 a.m. church bell at Bromley on the grounds that people nearby could not sleep through its tolling. And to conclude this section we draw attention to the outspoken declaration of the Rector of Loughton, Essex, to the building speculators that whatever or wherever they build he will not allow his bells to be silenced. The passage in "The Evening News and Star" quotes the Rector as saying: "It is clearly understood by the developers that St. John's Church has one of the finest peals of bells in the county. I have no intention of silencing them."

Among the school and college activities we are pleased to note in "Tower and Town" continued progress at Marlborough College and "Outlook" reports fully on the good work at Edmonton Grammar School. This Summer issue of the School Magazine also contains an excellent article for the layman by M. V. White, accompanied by a fine reproduction of the membership certificate of The Ancient Society of College Youths.

GENERAL NEWS

Among the general news items the proposed ring of bells for Guildford Cathedral has aroused wide interest and the visit of the English ringers to Washington had great publicity in the Press on both sides of the Atlantic. The Convener's new book "The Sound of Bells" received notice in the Midland and Western papers, and the reviews included one in "The Church Times."

Ringers featured have included the Rev. Roger Keeley in "Town and Tower," David Manger, Ringing Master at Chelsfield, whose work was noted in the "Evening Standard" and in "Spanner," and a number of veterans receiving recognition of long service. Among these we found Messrs. G. E. Symonds and C. J. Sedgley, of Ipswich, Mr. Alec Weeks, of Devizes, and Mr. Tom Collins. The newspaper of the Parish Church of St. Martin, Ruislip, printed a very pleasant article on Mr. Collins and his sixty years as a ringer, accompanied by an equally pleasant photograph.

PUBLICATIONS

New books and publications of 1964 are given below: "Overtones"—this has a new editor and a fresh layout; "The Ringing Towers"; "The Belfry News"; "Irish Bell News"; "A Handbook of Grandsire Caters"; Edgar C. Shepherd, second edition (C.C. Publication); "Complete Collection of Right-Place Surprise Methods"; A. S. Hudson and J. W. McClenahan; "Learning and Teaching Bell Control"; Norman Chaddock; "The Church Bells of Guernsey, Alderney and Sark"; Frederick Sharpe (one of the most attractive little books that has come our way); "The Church Bells of Berkshire," Part 18: Frederick Sharpe; "The Sound of Bells"; Edgar C. Shepherd.

The "Ringers' Notebook and Diary" appears with such regularity that we now take it very much for granted. It is gratifying to see it in such general use, especially among the younger ringers.

It is with regret that we have to report the suspension of the publication of "The Belfry" and we trust ere long it will again go into circulation.

(Signed)

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD (Convener),
46, Manor Gardens, Warminster,
Wilts.

FRED. E. DUKES.


The adoption was moved by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd and seconded by Mr. F. E. Dukes and carried unanimously.

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE

At the end of the meeting the hon. secretary announced that the attendance was a record by a substantial margin. The total attendance was 154 and the previous record was 147 at Stoke-on-Trent in 1961. Details:

	Members	
	Societies	Present Absent
Wholly represented	34	80
Partly represented	21	53
Not represented	5	5
	60	133
Life members		4
Honorary members		17
		154
		35

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Letters to the Editor

BELFRY REPAIR FUND

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read Mr. C. W. Woolley's letter, with which I entirely agree, in your issue of June 4th, 1965, and should also like to praise the decision of the Derby Diocesan Association to set aside a proportion of annual subscriptions to its belfry repair fund.

It seems to me to be deplorable that when a tower appeals to an Association for a grant towards the cost of restoration, augmentation or other work on its bells, it receives a paltry gift of £10 or less when it has perhaps paid much more by way of affiliation fees to the Association in the past. One answer to this problem is to raise the subscription of the resident members of the Associations to such a level that reasonable donations could be made, and I would suggest a subscription in the region of 30s. (yes, thirty shillings) per year (except for old age pensioners and school-children perhaps).

It can be argued that the maintenance of the belfries of affiliated towers, though a laudable object, is not and ought not to be the main aim of a territorial association and I must agree. Their main aims ought to be similar to those of the Truro Diocesan Guild (set out in your issue of April 30th on page 293) and all cost, financially, precisely nothing. Hence most of subscriptions levied at the moment are absorbed in administrative expenses and the majority of non-peal ringers subscribe precious little to the funds of Associations, which, in my opinion, is a sufficient argument for the abolition of peal booking fees.

The majority of ringers will no doubt dislike the idea of paying 30s. per year in subscriptions, but, provided they are working for their living, should be able to afford it and should have more bells to ring.—Yours faithfully,

MALCOLM M. POWELL.

Muswell Hill, N.10.

CHRISTIAN SACHS

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. N. Davies ("The Ringing World," May 28th, 1965) may like to know that the manuscript in question was written by Christian Sachs, not Christopher; it comprises three sides of quarto paper, with a postscript overleaf, of very tightly packed hand scrawl. There are some rough section sketches of bells; the black ink has faded to brown. It can be found under the British Museum Library reference: Add.33206 f7, 14, 16, 20.—Yours sincerely,

VICTOR SHEPPARD.

Royal Pavilion, Brighton.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir,—The ringers at St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, would like to add their congratulations to the stream that must be reaching Peter Border on his magnificent effort in turning in the Exeter Cathedral tenor single-handed. Ringing in an eight-bell tower with a tenor just over two tons, we know a little of the problems involved, enough perhaps to appreciate what a superb performance it must have been.—Yours etc.,

W. B. PITCHER.

Adelaide, South Australia.

W.I. CHALLENGE

Dear Sir,—As one who keeps in touch with the everyday life of Ambridge I am subject from time to time to propaganda on the way of life in the English countryside. Although this is usually sound common sense and of good publicity value, the recent staging of the Women's Institute activities has hit the jackpot. This very careful scripting of the large range of activities, facts of membership and growth to this golden jubilee year must be the work of none less than a Madame President, in on the ground floor.

My mind immediately retraced the activities of the church of this village over recent years with particular reference to its bells, which would sound to be somewhat fluid, sometimes a light eight, at others a heavy six. Also the ringers themselves, Dan, Ned, Walter and the rest, do not appear to be at all convincing not knowing even how to handle a bell let alone the methods reputed to be theirs. However, the W.I. episode has opened up a new avenue and now it should be possible to discuss in very clear terms practically every aspect of ringing as carried on in the country. Now it will be possible to learn about selection of bands for special occasions, practice nights, the failures and achievements of quarters, the outings, visiting bands, etc., with accent on Guild meetings and even the activities of the Central Council.

We all know of the great shortage of ringers, with tower captains often at their wits end to maintain a Sunday service band, let alone achieve the masterly heights of Ambridge. Surely boys like Anthony William Daniel should be shown the ways of the bell rope. As a keen and successful candidate, much help could be given via the B.B.C. to make such a situation as this the nucleus of a recruiting drive throughout the country. This approach would be of very great assistance to the instructor who far too often spends his time and that of other loyal ringers encouraging pupils with no serious intent.

Surely the door is now open for the Central Council, through the Broadcasting Committee, to get a firm grip on the B.B.C. about this matter. There is now little doubt that unless the authors of this famous story are not shortly taken into the nearest six-bell tower, brainwashed and briefed regarding suitable conversations for a ringing chamber, the Bull and various other vantage points in Ambridge where ringers chance to meet, bell ringing and its skill will be yet another craft lost to the countryside.

D. J. GAY.

Weston-super-Mare.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL

An enjoyable half-day was spent in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire on May 29th by Lichfield Cathedral ringers, augmented by friends from Little Aston and Kingsbury.

The eight-bell towers of Belper, Ripley, Bulwell and Ilkeston together with the sixes at Swanwick and Selston were enjoyed, there being no "rough" bells among them.

KLEEWAY.

OBITUARY

MISS CAROLYN VIBERT

With very deep regret we report the death of Miss Carolyn Elizabeth Vibert, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Vibert, of 3, Nelson Road, Bishopstoke, Eastleigh.

Carolyn, who was 19 years of age, had been on a ringing tour in the Norwich Diocese and she was returning home on Whit Monday in a car driven by Mr. John R. Faithfull, the popular Ringing Master of St. Mary's, Southampton.

The accident happened on the dual carriageway of the A.30 at Water End, Basingstoke. There was heavy rain at the time and it was dark. Mr. Faithfull was driving an A.40 Austin and it was wrecked when struck by a Humber Sceptre which crossed the central reservation on a bend on the London-bound carriageway.

Miss Vibert died in the ambulance on her way to Lord Mayor Treloar's Hospital, Alton. Mr. Faithfull also received very severe chest injuries and is in a critical condition in the same hospital. Mr. Faithfull's daughter, travelling in the rear of her father's car, received only minor injuries and was allowed home after treatment. The 19-year-old Humber driver and his 20-year-old passenger were also treated for minor injuries. The Basingstoke police have issued an appeal for witnesses.

Carolyn was a chorister and bellringer at St. Mary's Church, Bishopstoke. She was a former pupil at Bishopstoke Primary School and Barton Peverell Grammar School, Eastleigh. She was employed in the work-study office of the Condor Engineering Co., Winchester. Her death is mourned by a large circle of friends; according to a correspondent she was the most promising young lady ringer in Hampshire.

The funeral service took place at Bishopstoke Parish Church last Monday afternoon.

MR. JOHN A. BRAGG

Mr. John A. Bragg ("J" as he was affectionately known), ringer at the Parish Church of St. Alphege, Solihull, for nearly 70 years, tower keeper for many years and originally a boy chorister, died on May 28th, aged 87 years.

As a ringer his name did not appear many times in peals, but he loved the bells at Solihull, and what he did not know about keeping them in good order was not worth knowing. He was an excellent ringer, preferring the heavy bells, and had a quick ear for bad striking. One cannot remember him ever being late for ringing, and this together with his regular attendances to ring for services, practices and the curfew, was an inspiration to all who knew him. He taught many to ring, and he made quite sure that they learned to handle correctly.

John Bragg was a carpenter by trade, one of the best craftsmen, and much of his work in oak in the church will be a lasting memorial to him.

On May 31st 1,277 Grandsire Caters was rung half-muffled by the following: W. Leeson 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, Christine McLaren 3, G. E. Fearn 4, V. W. Rigg 5, C. W. Bragg 6, T. J. Warner (conductor) 7, P. D. Warren 8, R. J. Cann 9, A. Crabtree 10.

At the funeral service at the crematorium the following day the Rector of Solihull (Canon Harry Hartley) paid tribute to his long service to the Church, his excellence as a craftsman, and added that his greatness lay in his humbleness. A short touch on handbells was rung before the committal, the ringers' last tribute to one who had been a great servant of the Church and of the Exercise. T. J. W.

JOHN NICOLL
BELL ROPES

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LAKESIDE PLEASURE

x 34 x 16 x 36 x 16 x 14 x 5. 2nds 36245.

LAMBERHURST ALLIANCE

x 14 x 36.14 x 14.5. 6ths 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

LAMBETH BOB (I)

See St. Clement's Bob (I).

LAMBETH BOB (II)

See Lawrence Double.

LAMMAS ALLIANCE

x 16 x 16 x 34 x 5. 2nds 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

LANCASHIRE DELIGHT

See Grandsire Double Bob.

LANCASHIRE SURPRISE

See Rossendale Surprise. As Lancashire
Surprise in "Bell News," June 15th, 1907,
by I. Whalley.

LANGLAND DELIGHT

See Fountains Delight

LANGLAND COURT BOB

Identical with Bridge's Pleasure.

LANGLEYBURY SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 123 x 12 x 1. 6ths 42635.
Single change method.

LANGSETT DELIGHT

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 5. 2nds 54632.

LANGTON SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.5. 6ths 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

LAUGHTON PLEASURE

x 16 x 36 x 1. 2nds 54632.
In Annable's notebook. Recently rung as
Mewslade Court.

LAVINGTON ALLIANCE

x 14 x 16.34 x 12.3 6ths 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

LAWRENCE DOUBLE

x 16 x 16 x 56 x 36 x 14 x. 2nds 64523.
Asymmetrical in Annable's notebook; also
called Lambeth Bob.

LEAKE SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 1. 6ths 56342.
C.C. Collection 1961.

LEASOWE DELIGHT

36 x 34.16 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 5. 2nds 56342.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.

LEDGBURY BOB

x 14 x 16 x 3. 4ths 45362.
"Campanologia," 1702. In Annable's
notebook called Ledbury Bob with a 6ths
place bob, but London Bob with a 2nds
place bob.

LEEDS SURPRISE

x 36 x 16 x 56 x 36 x 14 x 3. 2nds 36245.
Also called College Youths Treble Bob.

LEICESTER SURPRISE

x 36 x 14.36 x 14.36.14 x 14.3. 6ths 35264.
In Annable's notebook. Rendered false
by path of treble.

LEYLAND ALLIANCE

x 16 x 36.14 x 12.3 6ths 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

LEYTONSTONE DELIGHT

See Pevensey Delight.

LICHFIELD DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.1. 2nds 42563.
In "Clavis," 1788.

LIGHTFOOT SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.3. 2nds 56342.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

LILY

See Donottar Delight.

LIMPSFIELD SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.3. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

LINCOLN SURPRISE (I)

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 3. 2nds 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1907. Also called
Southwell Surprise.

LINCOLN SURPRISE (II)

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 1. 2nds 36245.
Misprinted in "Clavis," 1788. In Anna-
ble's notebook.
Also called Gainsborough Surprise.

LINDEN DELIGHT

See Skipton Delight.

LINDEN SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.5. 2nds 36245.

LINDLEY SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 3. 2nds 36245.

LITTLE BOB

16 x 14 x 16 x. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931. See, however,
Nottingham Single Bob.

LLANELLY SPECIAL ALLIANCE

34.16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 1. 6ths 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

LOCH LOMOND BOB

34.16 x 36.14.5. 6ths 56342.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

LOCKWOOD DELIGHT

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 5. 4ths 36524.
Rosewood in William Woodcock's note-
book.

LONDON BOB (I)

x 14 x 16 x 3. 4ths 45362.
"Campanologia," 1677.
See Ledbury, with which it is identical
apart from Bob.

LONDON BOB (II)

x 14 x 36 x 5. 6ths 64523.
London Double Bob in "Campanologia,"
1702, and in Annable's notebook.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

LONDON COLLEGE TREBLE BOB

See Netherseale Surprise.
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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. John R. Ketteringham writes thanking
all those who wrote to and visited him in
hospital.

We regret to learn that Mr. Joe Thornley
fractured a leg in Manchester recently. He
is in Barnes Hospital, Cheadle, Cheshire and
will be out of action for three months, but
will be pleased to hear from friends.

Mr. Harold Walker corrects us in our
reference to a window in York Minster. It
is the Bellfounders' Window given by Richard
Tunnoc, who died in 1330, and not the Bell-
ringers' as was erroneously stated on page 378.

Mr. Tom Grice, of Maidstone, has been
a College Youth for some 40 years and has
long cherished the ambition of ringing a peal
for the Society. He was thus delighted with
the success of a peal of Stedman Caters at
Maidstone on May 29th.

The peal of Kent T.B. Major at West-
boughton, Lancs, arranged by Mr. A. Green-
halgh, was the first by a local band for over
30 years. All the band, with the exception
of Mr. T. W. Smith, were taught to ring by
Mr. Greenhalgh.

Washington, D.C.—At Washington Cathed-
ral on June 1st, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire,
Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles: Quilla Roth
1, Betsey Proctor 2, Ann Gardner 3, Rhoda
Micocci 4, Sarah Irwin 5, Diana Wiggins 6,
Rick Dirk sen. (first quarter of spliced) 7,
Christine Kelsey 8. Rung on the light eight
with 4, 6 and 8 covering. First quarter for
all the girls from the National Cathedral
School.

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BATH AND WELLS CLERGY AT BUTLIN'S

Some 380 clergy from the Diocese of Bath and Wells were at Butlin's Camp, Minehead, recently for a conference with the Lord Bishop, lasting some four days. The Rector of Portishead arranged a quarter peal attempt at Selworthy one afternoon for six of the clerical ringers, and this was duly rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. The Master of the Association, the Rev. H. F. Warren, was invited by the Bishop to give a report on the event at the final meeting of the conference, and the news of the band's success was greeted with applause.

ORMESBY RINGER MARRIED

The marriage took place on June 5th of Mrs. Laura Warrior and Mr. Sam Yates. The bride is a ringer at Ormesby, Yorkshire, and is also treasurer of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. The Vicar, the Rev. H. Marshall, officiated.

The local ringers, assisted by ringers from St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, rang a quarter peal of Stedman Triples on the bells at Ormesby prior to the wedding and greeted the couple as they left the church with Queens and firing (intentional).

Sam was a ringer of no mean ability at one time but has not done any ringing for a considerable time. It is hoped that his new love will persuade him to return to his old love. Ringers and other friends join in wishing them many years of happiness. F. H.

RINGING ORDINANDS

The following ringing ordinands from Cud-desdon Theological College were ordained on Trinity Sunday. We are sure they will be welcomed where there is ringing: Mervyn Banting (Winchester College), David Barton (St. Luke's, Cowley, Oxford), Arthur Brown (St. John's, Princes Street, Edinburgh), James Makepeace (St. George's, Cullercoats), Newcastle), Christopher Richards (St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol). Mr. Banting is returning to the staff where he taught previously.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District were the hosts when Guildford Guild held their annual summer festival on June 5th. A warm, sunny day enabled the large number of visitors to enjoy the 14 towers which were open at different times from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Pirbright had to remain closed due to repairs to the tower.

Aldershot was the focal point for the service, conducted by the Rural Dean, the Rev. T. H. Dart, himself a bellringer, and the tea arranged by Miss Nancy Bragg and her helpers.

After the bells were lowered at Frensham, the wag who chimed "Now the day is over" was somewhat premature. Only a few heard it, as Grayshott still had another half-hour to go, but it did express the good humour that had prevailed throughout the day. R. B.

CORRECTION

5.069 Stedman Cinques (No. 16). S. Burton, page 388:

Turning Course C = S6. 13, 17, 31. This is the only single in the peal.

CORNISH BRIDE FOR SURREY RINGER



Miss Penelope Jean Stacey, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Stacey, of Stratton, Cornwall, was married at St. Andrew's Church, Stratton, on June 5th, to Mr. Brian G. D. Vince, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Vince, of Milton's Crescent, Godalming. The bridegroom, who is on the staff of Holy Trinity School, Guildford, rings at Chiddingfold.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length white gown of nylon and lace embroidered with rosebuds. Her full-length veil was held in place by a satin and organza rosebud headdress. She was attended by two cousins, Miss Jeanette Stacey and Peter Stacey (page). Mr. Peter Vince was best man to his brother, and Mr. Peter Middleton and Mr. Derek Pearce were groomsmen.

The reception was at the Tree Inn, Stratton, and the honeymoon was spent touring Cornwall.

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"OLD TED" 98 ON SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 20th, Mr. E. S. Ruck, of Willesborough, Kent, will reach the grand old age of 98. Since the death of Philip Hodgkin, of Headcorn, in 1941, "Old Ted" has remained the sole surviving foundation member of the Kent County Association, having actually been present at the inaugural meeting in the Chapter House in Canterbury on Whit Monday, May 18th, 1880.

Mr. Ruck, who is now permanently in Hothfield Hospital, had been taught to ring at Mersham by his father and the Rector, the Rev. R. B. Knatchbull-Hugessen, the founder and first secretary of the Association.

At their annual meeting on Easter Monday this year the members had another happy link with their founder, as his son, Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, the distinguished diplomat, now 79 and living in retirement at Barham, near Canterbury, was present with Lady Knatchbull-Hugessen. Sir Hughe and his wife have since become associate members of the Association and have shown great interest in its work, being particularly pleased at the obvious enthusiasm of the large numbers of young people they saw at the meeting.

BROWNSEA ISLAND VISITED

Visitors to Brownsea Island on the Saturday afternoon of the Whitsun week-end were probably surprised to hear the sound of church bells. Those inquiring the reason discovered that the Wimborne Branch was holding a meeting at the Church of St. Mary, Branksea. It is believed that this is the first time such a meeting has been held there, and 50 ringers from both near and far (including visitors from Bucks, Hants, Kent, Middlesex, Northants, Notts, Somerset, Surrey, Sussex, Wilts and Yorks) assembled to ring the delightful four bells. Unfortunately, due to years of neglect, the bells are not in the best of condition, and early on in the afternoon the wheel on one of the bells broke, and members had to be content to ring three bells only.

After the ringing there was time for a brief look around the island and a picnic tea before journeying back across the water to St. James' Church, Poole, where ringing continued until 7.30 p.m. on the ten bells (19 cwt.) Ringing during the day was carried out under the direction of the two Ringing Masters, Mr. H. I. Pitman (Canford Magna) and Mr. R. G. W. Robertson (Wareham).

Next meeting: Wimborne St. Giles and Cranborne on July 17th.

FAIRFIELD'S YOUNG BAND

In reply to Mr. J. Phillipson, of Ardingly, a correspondent from Fairfield, Buxton, informs us that they make no claims to records—that is left to experts. They have a team and a half (12), averaging 11 years 4 months, ranging between 8 years eight months to 13 years 5 months, apprenticeship served, between four and 17 months. Progress: Call changes, good (8); Plain hunt, fair (8); Bob Minor, fair (5); Bob Major, rough (5). One unable to ring rounds as yet, and one just returned from three weeks' courting! Attendance exceptionally good, approximately 80 per cent. for Sunday service ringing. Despite the hair styles, all males.

On the debit side about another dozen lost by the wayside, mostly after a week or two, about five cracked staves (not one sound one), three black eyes and a few grey hairs.

NEW TOWER LIKELY

During their recent outing St. George's, Jesmond, ringers rang at St. John's, Sheldon, where, according to the man who met them, the bells had only been rung about three times since the war. The visitors obliged with a quarter peal of Bob Minor and found the bells surprisingly good. The Vicar showed keen interest by watching the ringing for half an hour and providing cups of tea. Before leaving, he asked if the Jesmond ringers would be prepared to come and ring for special occasions. With the prospects of a peal or two we understand that assent was given.

A correspondent points out that the dedication of the church at Slough is St. Mary, and not as shown in the peal report on page 399.

Mr. R. Jones, of 118, Oxford Road, Marston, Oxford, has prepared a supplement to his collections of 'Doubles' methods which were published last year. We have promised that it will be published when convenient.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C.

William T. Grice Treble	† Andrew J. Corby 6
Leonard Mannering 2	Thomas Cullingworth 7
* David S. Osenton 3	Robert W. Hinde 8
Martin L. Howe 4	Philip A. Corby 9
† Monty W. Gilbert 5	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by John Chilcott (C.C.C. 32). Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First peal of Stedman Caters "inside." † First of Stedman Caters.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KIRTLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., May 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt.

Alice E. J. Lester Treble	Brian J. Luff 5
* Marilyn C. Smith 2	Christopher C. Clarke 6
Walter F. Judge 3	George W. Holland 7
Alan R. Pink 4	Noel J. Diserens Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.

* First peal of Bristol.

Rung to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Association.

CHILCOMPTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sun., May 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In eleven methods, being seven extents, viz.: (1) London, Cunecastre, Wells, (2) Durham and York, (3) Ipswich and Cambridge, (4) Surfleet, (5) Beverley, (6) Primrose, and (7) Norfolk.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Eric C. Wadman Treble	David K. Adnett 4
Edward J. Chivers 2	Adrian P. Beck 5
Ronald G. Beck 3	Robert E. Beck Tenor

Conducted by Adrian P. Beck.

First peal in eleven methods of Surprise by all except the 3rd.

Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Association, May 31st, 1890.

(Bath Branch)

DUNKERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., May 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods/variations, being five extents each of Stedman, Old, Norfolk, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandshire, and 240 (Lindoff's).

Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

* † Mrs. M. de Jong Treble	† † Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 4
Alan F. Lee 2	§ Harold L. Parfrey 5
† Leslie R. G. Taylor 3	Albert F. Butt Tenor

Conducted by Harold L. Parfrey.

* First peal of Doubles. † First in eight methods. ‡ 25th peal.

§ 25th peal together. Most number of methods as conductor.

Rung on the 75th anniversary of the forming of the Association.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RUNCORN, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

* Keith Dutton Treble	John R. Bibby 5
Denis Maddock 2	William E. Allman 6
John Oultram 3	Charles Ward 7
Geoffrey Graham 4	Walter Allman Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Walter Allman.

* First peal.

CHRISTLETON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SEDBERGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Composition: 29-course block reduced. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Sidney Hough Treble	Jeffrey Brannan 5
Allen Twyman 2	Peter Wycherley 6
Peter Malloch 3	John Robinson 7
Neil Lomas 4	Denis Mottershead Tenor

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

First peal in the method for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band except the treble and tenor ringers.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUNDERLAND, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Bishopwearmouth.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 WYCHWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Jennifer Sceeny Treble	* Rodney A. Yeates 5
* Andrew G. Craddock 2	* James Crowther 6
* William Davidson 3	* George S. Deas 7
* Eric N. Harrison 4	* Michael Maughan Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal in the method. First in the method for the Association.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
TYTHERINGTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. James the Greater.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

* Richard Sweet Treble	Andrew Howard 4
Alan Tubbs 2	Hugh N. Evans 5
Bernard G. North 3	Henry Taysom Tenor

Conducted by Hugh N. Evans.

* First peal.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERSHOT, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Wed., June 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 100 lb. in A.

Stanley G. Ponting Treble	Brian J. Luff 5
* Patricia J. Laycock 2	W. John Couperthwaite 6
* Marilyn C. Smith 3	Tom Page 7
* G. Kenneth Williamson 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the 12th anniversary of the Coronation.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., May 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of: (1) Netherseale, (2) York, (3) London, (4) Cambridge, (5) Norwich, (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Kent T.B.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Walter Ayre Treble	Augustin V. Good 4
* C. Valerie Mills 2	Reginald E. J. Sheppard 5
Brian M. Barker 3	Antony R. Kench Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung for the Feast of the Ascension.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Fri., June 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 15½ cwt.

Terence Barton Treble	* Colin A. Tester 5
Herbert E. Audsley 2	Frederick J. Cullum 6
Arthur G. Mason 3	David S. Osenton 7
* D. Paul Smith 4	James Stevens Tenor

Conducted by Herbert E. Audsley.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Robert W. Hinde Treble	* John W. Smith 5
Olive D. Tester 2	Edward J. Jenner 6
Ann Jenner 3	Stanley Jenner 7
* D. Paul Smith 4	Colin A. Tester Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal in the method.

LYMPNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Stephen.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

Martin Ostler Treble	Graham Neilson 4
Anthony E. Davies 2	Crawford T. Hillis 5
Robert P. Brotherton 3	Dennis A. Chapman Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

Rung for the 9th birthday of Mary, younger daughter of the conductor.

THE LADIES' GUILD

LITTLE CHART, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary of the Holy Rood.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent T.B. and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

Elizabeth A. Todd Treble	Violet I. E. Relf 4
* Minnie R. Watts 2	Rose Wratten 5
Rachel J. Sinden 3	Betty Robbins Tenor

Conducted by Rose Wratten.

* First peal in two methods. First peal as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BURNLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.	
Neil Lomas Treble	Alan Sharples 5
Sidney Hough 2	Derek Butterworth 6
Margaret Fort 3	John Robinson 7
Jeffery Kershaw 4	Denis Mottershead Tenor
Composed by S. J. Ivin.	
Conducted by Denis Mottershead.	

WESTHOUGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.	
Jeffrey Sawyer Treble	Thomas W. Smith 5
James Cunliffe 2	Albert Greenhalgh 6
John Rigby 3	Geoffrey Fothergill 7
Christopher A. Lomax .. 4	John Ashcroft Tenor
Composed by Thomas B. Worsley.	
Conducted by John Ashcroft.	

A compliment from past and present members of the local band to the Vicar, Rev. T. Davies, on the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Wed., May 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
Parker's Twelve-Part (7 obs.)	
Thomas Hobson Treble	Norman Tompkins 5
David Vincent 2	Stanley Anderton 6
*Pauline Turner 3	†John Ashcroft 7
Joseph Thornley 4	William Tyson Tenor
Conducted by John Ashcroft.	

* First peal in the method. † 200th for the Association.
 Rung on the eve of the Feast of the Ascension.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., May 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.	
*Peter J. Malloch Treble	Derek J. Marshall 5
*Margaret P. Booth 2	Neil Bennett 6
*Christine Andrew 3	John A. Booth 7
Edward Jenkins 4	*Jeffrey Brannan Tenor
Composed by A. J. Pitman.	
Conducted by Neil Bennett.	

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

LEYLAND, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James, Moss Side.

On Sun., May 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.	
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob.	
Bernard Moss Treble	*Graham Mee 4
John Nelson 2	John Nixon 5
Lawrence Walmsley 3	James E. Sumner Tenor
Conducted by Bernard Moss.	

* First peal.
 A 21st birthday compliment to Graham Mee; also to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mrs. Wilkinson, mother-in-law of Rev. J. Thorner, Vicar of this parish.

GOOSNARGH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt.	
Being seven different extents.	
Michael Arrowsmith .. Treble	*Alan McNutt 4
Pauline Turner 2	Thomas Turner 5
*David Moss 3	Bernard Moss Tenor
Conducted by Bernard Moss.	

* First peal on an "inside" bell.
 Rung by the Adlington Sunday service band.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASFOEDBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.	
Seven extents in 15 methods: (1) London, Wells, Cuneastre, (2) Cambridge, Ipswich, (3) Norfolk, Primrose, (4) Berwick, Hexham, (5) Beverley, Surfleet, (6) York, Durham, (7) Lightfoot, Wearmouth.	
J. Harry Cook Treble	Michael E. Brown 4
Arthur E. Rowley 2	R. Kingsley Mason 5
Cecil Wade 3	Roland H. Cook Tenor
Conducted by Cecil Wade.	

First peal in 15 Surprise methods on the bells.
 Rung for the Festival of Whitsun.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
FISHTOFT, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Guthlac.
On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Single Court, Double Court and Plain Bob.	
William R. Marsh Treble	Leonard C. Blanchard .. 4
*Robert A. Goldsmith .. 2	Harvey E. Burrell 5
Cecil Wade 3	James H. Musson Tenor
Conducted by Cecil Wade.	

* First peal in seven methods.
 A compliment to the treble ringer's mother who, at the age of 89, still loves the sound of her village bells.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Mon., May 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) and (2) Kent T.B., (3) Single Oxford, (4) and (5) St. Clement's, (6) and (7) Plain Bob.	
Tenor 6 cwt. 22 lb. in B.	
Frank Taylor Treble	Alan G. Payne 4
*Janet E. Hubbard 2	Cyril R. Burrell 5
Denis Woods 3	Derek J. Jones Tenor
Conducted by Alan G. Payne.	

* First peal of Minor "inside."
 Rung as a 91st birthday compliment to Mr. J. B. Halifax, a founder member of the Guild.

LUTTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Fri., June 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being nine methods in seven extents: (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst Bob, (2) Single Oxford Bob, (3) Kent T. Bob, (4) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton College Bob, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kent T. Bob, (7) Plain Bob.	
Tenor 4 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in C sharp.	
Edwin T. Chapman Treble	Janet E. Hubbard 4
Keith R. Davey 2	Albert E. Flatters 5
Harold Barsley 3	Derek J. Jones Tenor
Conducted by Derek J. Jones.	

ALGARKIRK, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 16 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (2) Double Court, (3) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, Childwall, St. Clement's and Buxton, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Hereward and Single Oxford, (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob.	
Tenor 12 cwt in F sharp.	
Janet E. Hubbard Treble	Albert E. Flatters 4
Harold Barsley 2	Keith R. Davey 5
J. Martin Thorley 3	Alan G. Payne Tenor
Conducted by Alan G. Payne.	

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., May 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.	
Richard J. Clifton Treble	G. Ronald Edwards 5
Brian G. Warwick 2	Arthur E. Rowley 6
*Edwin Deakin 3	John A. Underwood 7
†Joseph W. Cotton 4	†Dan S. Pont Tenor
Composed by C. Middleton.	
Conducted by Dan S. Pont.	

* First peal in the method "inside." † 25th peal together. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
DORCHESTER, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.	
John Pladdys Treble	Robert Partridge 5
Harry Badger 2	Geoffrey K. Cook 6
P. Gerald McIlhone 3	Roger M. Heyworth 7
James E. Godman 4	Andrew J. Howes Tenor
Composed by C. Charge.	
Conducted by P. Gerald McIlhone.	

WATLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 24 cwt. E flat.	
Frank Absalom Treble	P. Gerald McIlhone 5
James E. Godman 2	Andrew J. Howes 6
John Pladdys 3	Robert B. Blond 7
Geoffrey K. Cook 4	William Fulker Tenor
Conducted by Robert B. Blond.	

Fastest peal on the bells.
 Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Susan J. Howes, a ringer at Warborough, by some of her friends.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BICESTER, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Edburg.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (7th obs.)	Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.
Herbert H. Alexander .. Treble	Robert A. Reeves .. 5
*Diana Reeves .. 2	Ernest G. Jones .. 6
*Paul R. Davis .. 3	Edward R. Venn .. 7
Christopher C. Clarke .. 4	Cyril H. Kinch .. Tenor

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

* First peal of Triples.

CHIPPING NORTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*Reginald H. Jarvis .. Treble	*Peter J. Heritage .. 5
*Frederick W. Soden .. 2	Charles Coles .. 6
*Alec Gammon .. 3	*Brian W. Hall .. 7
*Roy H. Jones .. 4	Alan R. Pink .. Tenor

Composed by Walter Charman.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

GREAT HORWOOD, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Mon., May 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Plain Bob and Cambridge, and one extent each of Kent, Oxford and St. Clement's. Tenor 16 cwt. 10 lb.

*Terence J. Hester .. Treble	Brian W. Hall .. 4
Peter G. Holden .. 2	D. Kay Adkins .. 5
Peter Pearce .. 3	Bertram J. Coggins .. Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

* First peal on six bells.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

KETTERING, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

Lucile M. Corby .. Treble	R. Roger Savory .. 6
*Judith M. Corby .. 2	Walter H. Dobbie .. 7
Sheila M. Dobbie .. 3	Andrew J. Corby .. 8
Doris E. Colgate .. 4	Thomas Cullingworth .. 9
Ian H. Oram .. 5	Philip A. Corby .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker.

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

* First peal of Royal "inside." First of Cambridge Royal as conductor.

A 60th birthday compliment to Douglas Woodcock, of Sevenoaks.

FINEDON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in D.

Judith M. Corby .. Treble	Colin A. Tester .. 5
Lucile M. Corby .. 2	Andrew J. Corby .. 6
Ann Jenner .. 3	Stanley Jenner .. 7
Olive D. Tester .. 4	Philip A. Corby .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the tenor and first in the method for the Guild.

RAUNDS, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.

A. Patrick Cannon .. Treble	Antony R. Kench .. 5
G. William Critchley .. 2	George E. Thoday .. 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	Ralph G. Edwards .. 7
Richard F. B. Speed .. 4	Wilfred Williams .. Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox.

Conducted by G. William Critchley.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WELFORD, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

Middleton's	*A. Colin Banton .. 5
Edgar R. Rapley .. Treble	*Christopher J. Groome .. 6
Jacqueline S. King .. 2	W. Leslie Weller .. 7
Walter Ayre .. 3	David J. King .. Tenor
Stanley G. Ponting .. 4	

Conducted by David J. King.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

UFFINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Plain Bob, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 13 cwt.

Geoffrey Davis .. Treble	John H. Bluff .. 4
Cecil Wade .. 2	*Brian Harris .. 5
Charles E. Black .. 3	*Raymond H. Daw .. Tenor

Conducted by Cecil Wade.

* 60th peal together. Ringer of 3 has "circled the tower."

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., June 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5568 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Robert E. Hardy .. Treble	Martin D. Fellows .. 7
Susan Funnell .. 2	George E. Fearn .. 8
Norman J. Goodman .. 3	Roderick W. Pipe .. 9
Michael J. Fellows .. 4	Frederick Shallcross .. 10
John C. Eisel .. 5	J. Alan Ainsworth .. 11
Charles A. S. Webb .. 6	Peter Border .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob and one of Grandsire.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in A.

*Mary E. Elmes .. Treble	†§Graham W. Elmes .. 4
†Christine M. Fuller .. 2	†Ross G. W. Robertson .. 5
†D. Roy Fuller .. 3	Alan R. Baldock .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* First peal. † First in four methods. ‡ First of Minor "inside." § First of Minor. First in four methods as conductor.

MARLBOROUGH, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in E flat.

Richard Garratt .. Treble	†Peter J. Heritage .. 4
*Alfred W. Johnson .. 2	Rev. Roger Keeley .. 5
G. Robert Mordaunt .. 3	Victor Griffin .. Tenor

Conducted by Victor Griffin.

* First peal in the method "inside." † First of Surprise Minor. Rung for the Whitsun Festival, and for the christening of Michael Roger Keeley.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

THRUMPTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., June 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 44 methods/variations, viz.: (1 and 2) St. Simon, (3 and 4) St. Martin, (5) Winchendon, (6) S. Nicholas, (7) Plain Bob, (8) April Day, (9) Seighford, (10) Litchurch, (11) May Day, (12) Kennington, (13) Old, (14) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (15) Southrepps, (16) Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston and St. David, (17) St. Columba, (18) Royston, (19) Reverse St. Bartholomew and Northrepps, (20) All Saints and Rushall, (21) St. Matthias and St. Phillip, (22) Minster and Abbots Ann, (23) Grandsire, Newborough and St. Helen, (24) Longparish, (25) Allestree, (26) St. Quintin, (27) St. Lucy, (28) St. Frideswide, (29) St. Anne, (30) Bluebell, (31) Daffodil, (32) Middleton, (33) Pinks, (34) Keysoe, (35) Zennor, (36) Ladbroke, (37) Antelope, (38) St. Cross, (39 and 40) Antelope, (41 and 42) Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in B flat.

Ruth Blackshaw .. Treble	*Margaret E. Chilton .. 3
*Simon Humphrey .. 2	George A. Dawson .. 4

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson

* Most methods/variations to a peal.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.
 Margaret E. Chilton Treble | John R. Pratchett 4
 Peter R. Humphrey 2 | George A. Dawson 5
 Susanna Poppleston 3 | Simon Humphrey Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

A compliment to Richard Gaut and Gillian Bellamy, married earlier this day at St. Peter's, Ropsley.

GAMSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comprising seven independent 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.
 Harold Denman Treble | Mary C. Poyner 4
 *Linda Wilkinson 2 | B. Stedman Payne 5
 †Anne Parry 3 | Harry Poyner Tenor

Conducted by Harry Poyner.

* First peal on a working bell. † First peal.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven extents, called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.
 *Caroline Stewart Treble | *Mandi McAllion 4
 *Lesley Kinston 2 | G. Arnold Moore 5
 *T. Leslie Walley 3 | *David J. Midgley Tenor

Conducted by G. Arnold Moore.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

Rung after the wedding of Ronald Watkin and Valerie Mitchell.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

BLITHFIELD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Tues., June 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.
 *Paul C. Bowen Treble | Cyril T. Collins 4
 *Noel C. Bowen 2 | Leslie Monk 5
 Clifford W. Bowen 3 | Clive M. Smith Tenor

Conducted by Clive M. Smith

* First peal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

WORLINGWORTH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., May 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.
 Walter W. Miller Treble | Harold W. H. Leather 5
 Muriel R. Page 2 | Walter Ruffles 6
 Leslie G. Brett 3 | George W. Pipe 7
 Diana M. Pipe 4 | William J. Button Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by George W. Pipe.

Rung half-muffled in memory of George Stannard, a ringer at Bedfield and Worlingworth for nearly sixty years.

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., May 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.
 George W. Pipe Treble | Gilbert R. Goodship 5
 *Winifred Lockwood 2 | George E. Symonds 6
 *E. James Lockwood 3 | Alan R. Bridges 7
 Michael E. Daniels 4 | Ernest G. Pearce Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge.

Conducted by George W. Pipe.

* First eight bell peal.

COVEHITHE, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Tues., June 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one Morris's 240 and 12 extents (10 different callings) of Grand-sire, and 28 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

*J. Ian Margetts Treble | Norman P. J. Cossey 3
 Ralph W. Bickers 2 | Thomas J. Brock 4

† Trevor N. J. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Trevor N. J. Bailey.

* First peal of Doubles. † 200th peal.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASEBOURNE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., May 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb.
 Michael J. Wake Treble | Tom Page 5
 *Pamela R. Gough 2 | Derek E. Sibson 6
 Robert Wake 3 | Ronald F. Diserens 7
 Stanley G. Ponting 4 | W. Leslie Weller Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

* First peal in the method.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

GT. COMBERTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sun., May 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

*Richard G. Bateman .. Treble | Ian Lloyd 4
 *Ann E. Collett 2 | Arthur C. Berry 5
 Mrs. J. Thomas 3 | James Attwood, jun. .. Tenor

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.

* First peal of Minor in more than one method. First of Minor in more than one method as conductor.

Southern Branch quarterly peal.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

WATH-ON-DEARNE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.
 *Elizabeth M. Snell .. Treble | †Richard Tibbets 5
 Neil Donovan 2 | Vernon Bottomley 6
 Kathleen M. Higgins .. 3 | W. Eric Critchley 7
 Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 4 | Richard E. Price Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Richard E. Price.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise Major "inside."

ILKLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.
 Jeffrey P. Cooper .. Treble | Ronald H. Dove 5
 Arnold Cole 2 | John Weaver 6
 Barbara M. Bangham .. 3 | Allan Wear 7
 William Dixon 4 | Michael J. Bangham .. Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by Michael J. Bangham.

Rung to mark the 90th birthday of Mrs. Lizzie Lund, grandmother of the ringers of the third and tenor, who has lived in Ilkley for many years.

WENTWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham and Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in G.

Michael King Treble | W. Eric Critchley 4
 John J. L. Gilbert 2 | Neil Donovan 5
 Kathleen M. Higgins .. 3 | Richard E. Price Tenor

Conducted by Richard E. Price.

First peal of seven Surprise Minor by all except ringers of 4th and tenor.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OLDHAM, Lancashire.—At 354, Ashton Road,

On Wed., May 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5220 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.
 Neil Bennett 1—2 | Andrew S. Hudson 5—6
 Derek Butterworth 3—4 | Robert B. Smith 7—8
 Alan McFall 9—10

Arranged by R. B. Smith.

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

COSBY, Leicestershire.—At 17, Linley Green.

On Tues., June 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.
 John A. Acres 1—2 | John M. Jelley 5—6
 Peter J. Staniforth 3—4 | Alfred Ballard 7—8

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by John M. Jelley.

A 21st birthday compliment to Ann Granger, of Hinckley.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The Gresham's School Society.)

HOLT, Norfolk.—At Gresham's School.

On Tues., June 1, 1965, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in four callings. Tenor size 15 in C.
 Peter N. Mackley (cond.) 1—2 | Paul Royds-Jones 3—4

* Jonathan A. Royds-Jones 5—6

* First handbell peal. First peal as conductor.

(The Gresham's School Society.)

HOLT, Norfolk.—At Gresham's School.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 1 Hour and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SINGLE BOB

Tenor size 15 in C.
 Peter N. Mackley 1—2 | Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3—4
 Paul S. Royds-Jones 5—6

First peal in the method for all the band and the Society.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Minor (Double Oxford and Plain Bob): R. Rayfield 1, Margaret Godfrey 2, Carol Cousins 3, E. Godfrey 4, Rev. R. Thomas 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on April 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. O. Goulter 1, Monica Collins 2, R. A. S. Adams (first of Major) 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, W. B. Pitcher 5, B. R. Cox 6, D. J. Bleby 7, P. M. J. Gray (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on April 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. O. Goulter 1, Kaye W. Lynas 2, H. Greenhalgh 3, F. N. Smeaton 4, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 5, R. K. Russ 6, B. R. Cox 7, D. J. Bleby 8. For Anzac Day. Also on May 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. O. Goulter 1, Kaye W. Lynas 2, F. N. Smeaton 3, B. R. Cox 4, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 5, D. J. Bleby 6, R. K. Russ 7, R. A. S. Adams 8. Believed to be the first quarter of odd-bob Stedman in Australia.

ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.—On May 29th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. J. Palfreman 1, S. H. Reader 2, A. J. Yorke (cond.) 3, C. J. Lovatt 4, D. B. Ongley 5, T. G. Clay 6. For annual gift day.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On June 2nd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Vincent 1, B. Bladon 2, W. Kynaston 3, D. Carr 4, W. Trueman (cond.) 5, E. Ford 6. For Confirmation service.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Page (first quarter) 1, P. G. Beaven 2, B. R. Carter 3, F. W. Box 4, G. A. Carter 5, P. S. Galsford (cond.) 6. Also on May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. R. Parker (first quarter) 1, B. R. Carter (first as cond.) 2, G. A. Carter 3, P. S. Galsford 4, F. W. Box 5, G. Davis 6.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On June 6th, 1,260 Doubles (eleven methods): Janet A. Fawcett 1, Sandra M. Pitman (aged 12) 2, B. W. Pocock 3, W. J. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman (cond.) 5, S. Rappaport (first quarter) 6. First in 11 methods for all. Rung by regular Sunday service band for Evensong.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On May 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Nicholson 1, Carol Wickens 2, J. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier (first quarter) 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, G. Wickens (first quarter) 6. For Southwark Diocese Diamond Jubilee (1905-1965).

CORSLEY, WILTS.—At St. Margaret's, on May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Bartlett (first quarter) 1, E. Norris 2, L. Hawkins 3, E. C. Shepherd 4, N. Knee (cond.) 5, R. Holly 6.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On June 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rev. G. Moule 1, Helen Hobbs 2, R. Haynes 3, J. Baverstock 4, W. Perrins (cond.) 5, D. Kerly (first quarter) 6. First of Bob Doubles for all.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On May 31st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. King 1, J. N. Longridge 2, I. Ann Abrahams 3, D. Wilson 4, W. Perrins 5, J. E. Daniels 6, J. Cloughton 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8. First of Double Norwich 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's, on June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Shirley Jessop (first of Minor) 1, Amette Bradbury 2, P. Fox 3, A. Baldock (cond., 25th of Plain Bob) 4, H. Reynolds 5, I. White 6.

EASTCHURCH, SHEPPEY, KENT.—On June 6th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Gwilym Griffiths (first quarter) 1, Joan Hayward (first as cond.) 2, N. Chesson 3, S. Rayfield 4, H. Gardener 5, P. Beal 6. For Communion.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Whitsunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. W. Munday 1, Mrs. C. W. Munday 2, M. Morris (first "inside") 3, P. J. Munday 4, C. D. Linington 5, A. S. Besant 6, J. E. Beams 7, R. C. Spittle (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS.—On May 28th, 1,320 Doubles (six methods): A. Sturgess 1, Pamela Osborne 2, B. Osborne 3, R. Whiting 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, R. Bailey 6.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—On May 28th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: G. Trendell 1, F. Claydon 2, T. Bird 3, R. Lindsell 4, C. Barker 5, Miss H. Snowden 6, A. Wiffen 7, W. Arnold (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On June 6th, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): G. Barnard 1, E. W. Brown 2, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 3, B. Horrell 4, A. E. Ling 5. For Evensong.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Ferris (first quarter) 1, Penelope Ferris 2, M. Seeny 3, Frances Proctor 4, B. Purvis (first of Minor) 5, H. Oglesby (cond.) 6.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.—On May 30th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, F. Poulson 2, R. Stannard 3, J. Stannard 4, H. Clarke 5, A. Bellam 6, W. Goodship 7, J. Banks 8. For evening service.

LEIGHTON-BROMSWOLD, HUNTS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. Shipp 1, G. H. Jones 2, R. W. H. Hayes 3, K. J. Triplow 4, J. A. Harrison 5.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On April 25th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: W. Insley 1, Valerie Willard 2, Mary Farr (first quarter of Bob Major) 3, J. Vickers 4, H. B. Whitney 5, A. Jeffs 6, K. G. Spavins 7, R. R. Churchill (cond.) 8. For civic service.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At the Church of All Saints, on June 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: T. Grace 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, L. Head 3, T. E. Sone (cond.) 4, L. Mannerling 5, F. S. Macey 6, T. Cullingworth 7, F. Hogan 8, B. F. L. Groves 9, T. Thwaites 10. For Evensong.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Moore 1, P. H. Langton (cond.) 2, A. Palmer 3, D. Feek 4, T. A. Bevis 5, M. Hart 6. Rung as a greeting to Andrea, infant daughter of June and Trevor Bevis. Also to commemorate the visit of the Lord Bishop of Ely on the occasion of the Confirmation service.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, Mary York 2, P. Blake 3, C. Kortwright 4, T. Phillips 5, L. Derrick (cond.) 6. To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Bath and Wells Association.

NEATH, GLAM.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Asher 1, E. J. Morris 2, Miss L. A. Williams 3, H. Boyce 4, R. J. Hosking (cond.) 5, R. C. Powell 6. Rung prior to Sung Eucharist and for Whitsuntide.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On May 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: L. Wilson (first quarter) 1, D. Afield 2, D. Harding 3, J. Nicholson 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, D. Nicholson (first quarter) 6. First quarter rung by the newly-formed Reigate Grammar School Society. For Ascension Day.

ORMESBY, YORKS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Ellerington 1, F. Hodgson 2, Mrs. R. M. Cooke 3, A. Woodall 4, P. Wishart 5, J. Roach 6, T. M. Cox (cond.) 7, T. Cooke 8. A wedding compliment to Mrs. L. Warrior and Mr. S. Yates, who were married at Ormesby on this day.

OSSINGTON, NOTTS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): H. Hawcroft 1, D. Parsons 2, Katharine Burchnell 3, Eleanor Rose 4, Grace Burchnell (cond.) 5, A. Wilson 6. For Confirmation service.

PENMARK, GLAM.—On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. S. Price 1, L. J. Malings 2, B. A. Williams (first "inside") 3, P. D. Oldham 4, M. H. Williams (cond.) 5, C. F. Cook (first quarter) 6. Rung for the christening in Winchester Cathedral of Mary Julia, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. McKerron (local ringers).

PENN, STAFFS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. G. Smith 1, Pamela Garbett 2, G. F. Griffiths 3, C. F. W. Eyre 4, Gillian M. Griffiths 5, C. Griffiths (cond.) 6, E. G. Bowyer 7, J. A. Roden 8. For Confirmation service.

PRESTON, RUTLAND.—On May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Horspool (first of Minor) 1, Miss M. C. Woodward (first of Minor) 2, J. Woolley 3, J. C. Hudson 4, R. A. Todd 5, G. W. Reynolds (cond.) 6. A compliment to Robert C. Woodward, on the day of his 21st birthday.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.—On June 6th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): Y. Murray 1, A. Edwards 2, R. Frith 3, D. Symonds 4, I. Pantou 5, P. Brown (cond.) 6. A compliment to John and Yvonne West, of Danbury, on the birth of a son. Also for Whitsuntide.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—On June 8th, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): G. R. Hiner 1, F. Pickering 2, J. Smalley 3, D. Burling (first "inside") 4, G. W. Pilkington (cond.) 5. Rung by the local band as a farewell to the Rev. J. R. Osmer, who is leaving for Basutoland.

REDBOURN, HERTS.—On May 29th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Blake 1, R. Lewis 2, Jean Dale (first quarter) 3, P. M. Cuckson 4, P. T. Dale (cond.) 5, H. G. Walker 6. For the wedding of Miss Janetta L. E. Berry and Mr. Robert Mortimer.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On May 25th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: I. Goacher (first of Major) 1, Miss B. Sagers 2, D. Atfield 3, A. J. Bull 4, N. E. Elliott 5, G. A. West 6, K. Game 7, A. Streeter (cond.) 8. For Confirmation service.

RUMSEY, HANTS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. L. Harris 1, P. King 2, I. Ann Abrahams 3, W. Perrins 4, R. N. Marlow 5, Rev. R. Keeley 6, P. N. Tubbs (cond.) 7, J. Mussell 8.

ROOS, EAST YORKS.—On May 8th, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: Heather J. Freeman 1, Jennifer E. Pearce 2, Susan E. Thompson 3, A. C. Banton (cond.) 4, C. J. Groom 5. Rung by members of the Huntington (York) band on the 20th anniversary of V.E. Day.

SELBY, YORKS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Swann 1, A. Grundy 2, T. H. Foster 3, D. Whitehead 4, D. R. Swann (first quarter) 5, R. R. Warford (cond.) 6.

SELWORTHY, SOMERSET.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev. A. J. Eyles (first quarter) 1, Rev. H. F. Warren 2, Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge 3, Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 4, Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 5, Rev. M. D. Lewis 6. Rung by clergy from the diocese to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On June 3rd, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire): Rhoda Housden 1, Pamela Gough 2, Jessie Kippin 3, R. C. Kippin (cond.) 4, T. W. Page 5, Elizabeth Stevinson 6, F. W. Houston 7, C. H. Kippin 8. First of eight spliced for 2, 3, 5 and 6.

SHILDON, CO. DURHAM.—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Telfer (first of Minor) 1, J. G. White 2, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 3, S. J. Pardoe 4, S. M. Zvegintsov 5, R. A. Yeates 6.

SMARTEN, KENT.—On May 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Sylvia Knight 1, L. Sweatman 2, A. Bourner (first "inside") 3, B. Johnson (cond.) 4, G. Grant 5, K. Windbank 6. For Evensong.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour and St. Mary Overie, on May 30th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: Jean M. Egerton 1, Yvonne Edwards 2, Alison M. Mann 3, R. E. J. Dennis 4, C. F. Mew 5, T. G. Pett 6, A. R. Patterson 7, R. O. Humphries 8, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 9, B. J. Bull 10. Rung to mark the Diamond Jubilee of the consecration of this church as a cathedral.

STOURTON, WILTS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Parker 1, F. Box 2, B. Carter 3, G. Carter (cond.) 4, H. Doel 5, F. Fowler, Jun. (first quarter) 6. A 72nd birthday compliment to F. Fowler, sen. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Anna Tambling 1, D. T. H. Robertson (cond.) 2, J. E. Newman 3, B. C. Stirland 4, N. K. Knee 5, H. G. Doel 6. Rung for the open air service held at Stourhead Gardens.

SWAVESEY, CAMBS.—On May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. White 1, F. Hodson 2, P. Leggett 3, W. Bavin 4, J. Causer 5, A. Payne (cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On June 6th, 1,349 Grandsire Gaters: Jane Chapman 1, Caroline Cole 2, Laura Grindrod 3, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 4, Monica Horseman 5, D. Hawkins 6, R. Durrant 7, R. J. Chapman 8, M. J. Horseman 9, I. L. Dear 10. First of Caters "inside" 2 and 3. For Matins.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On June 2nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Ruth A. Elmes 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, P. R. Keough 3, J. W. Blackwood 4, G. W. Elmes 5, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 6. First in the method by 1 and 3. Rung for Confirmation service, conducted by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jenny Peel (first quarter) 1, G. Arent 2, S. Laud 3, R. D. Bell 4, D. Laud (cond.) 5, R. G. Smith 6, R. G. Bell 7, G. W. Seaman 8. For the deanery service of Holy Communion, conducted by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans.

WHITLESFORD, CAMBS.—On Ascension Day, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Norwich and London): R. Hayes 1, J. Cook 2, C. Hobson 3, S. Darvill 4, B. Threlfall (cond.) 5, J. Rank 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On May 2nd, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: D. Wilkins 1, Elizabeth Zass 2, Vanessa Rodrigues 3, Hilary Johnson 4, A. Bagworth 5, M. Bangham (cond.) 6. Also on May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Zass 1, A. Bagworth 2, Lesley Eames 3, Vanessa Rodrigues 4, Hilary Johnson 5, M. Bangham (cond.) 6, G. Reynolds 7, D. Murgatroyd 8. A compliment to Lesley Eames, ringer of the third, and David Brookes, of Putney, on their engagement.

WORCESTER.—At All Saints' Church, on May 30th, 1,259 Doubles (four methods): R. J. M. Grosvenor 1, G. L. Bowen 2, L. J. Haines (first of Doubles "inside") 3, D. G. Franklin 4, M. J. Robinson (cond.) 5, J. S. Rastall (first quarter) 6. First in more than one method by all except ringer of 2.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): W. Lovell 1, S. Lewis 2, J. Coombes 3, J. Lambard 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, G. Kingdon 6. For the 75th anniversary of the Bath and Wells Association.

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION REVIEWED

From the regions members of the committee report as follows:

NORTHERN IRELAND AND IRISH ASSOCIATION

Several towers have been featured with service broadcasts on both radio and television. These included Coleraine, Blessington, Carrickfergus, St. George's, Dublin, St. Patrick's Cathedral and Christ Church Cathedral. Drumbo were also featured on Telefís Éireann and a touring party with Drumbo also appeared on television. On two Sundays the general secretary was interviewed on Radio Éireann preparatory to the visits of touring parties in September. A programme on Irish bells was broadcast over the American Network from Texas on St. Patrick's Day.

EAST ANGLIA

The bells and ringers of Stowmarket and East Bergholt were televised. An item entitled "Ring out the 12 Bells" was shown from St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on the occasion of George Pipe going to Washington, U.S.A., in connection with the Cathedral bells there and he also visited the Norwich studio and took part in a television interview with Jean Goodman on the Washington visit. From Henley, Howard Egglestone's party of church- and handbell ringers were shown on television playing carols. At Hoxne, where the bells have been out of use for some ten years, a tape recording of Thatcham bells is used and these were broadcast to show how easily bells could be heard at weddings where churches had no bells. We feel sure that Council will agree that publicity of this sort for so undesirable a practice is regrettable. At Bramford some publicity was given on television to complaints of excessive ringing which kept the children awake.

NORTH REGION

The bells of Chester-le-Street and Ripon Cathedral were broadcast by I.T.V. and we were associated with the first of these and found Tyne-Tees very co-operative. Miss Jennie Armstrong, of Morpeth, appeared on B.B.C. Television's "Look North," local programme, continuing her campaign against "Insults to the Curfew" by peal ringers and later on sound radio continued the topic.

WEST REGION

Bells have been broadcast prior to Sunday services from Wareham, West Lavington, Dorchester, Christchurch Priory, Wootton Bassett, Cannington and Heavitree. The broadcast from Cannington, their Harvest Festival service, brought the Vicar some 200 odd letters of appreciation, in many cases with particular reference to the bells, and a considerable wave of enthusiasm has resulted, even to the extent of there being a proposal to augment the ring. In August there was an excellent television broadcast from St. Mary's, Southampton, when it was noted that a generous amount of time was devoted to the bells. With the alteration to broadcasting times in September some publicity was given to the bells used to open the Light Programme on Sunday mornings. Shots of St. Peter's, Evercreech, tower were shown on T.V. and an interview with the local tower captain was broadcast on sound radio in the News Magazine Programme. Mr. Edgar Shepherd, author of "The Sound of Bells," appeared on Granada Television in an interview, prior to which handbells were rung by Messrs. E. A. Barnett, T. J. Lock, A. D. Barker and E. C. Shepherd.

LONDON REGION

The tower bell ringing side of the Twickenham and Richmond Musical Festival was broadcast on the B.B.C. Home Service on March 16th. Dr. Neal-Smith, W. G. Wilson (the adjudicator) and F. W. Goodfellow were interviewed and there was also some ringing. Hillingdon were the winners. A most interesting talk was given on B.B.C. Home Service by Mr. W. H. Coles, on his bell ringing experiences, and various recordings, particularly of West Country bells, were included. Mr. H. N. Pitstow was invited to appear in the

programme "Information Please" in which he answered questions on bell-ringing put by Franklyn Engleman. The visit to Broadcasting House to record this programme and vet the Christmas Bells Programme gave Mr. Pitstow an excellent opportunity further to improve our relationship with the various members of the Corporation involved.

MIDLAND REGION

In May the Cambridge University Guild were filmed by a unit from a French Television outfit, ringing at St. Mary the Great, Cambridge. A touch of Plain Bob and Little Bob Maximus and a bob course of Stedman Cinques were recorded and filmed.

CHRISTMAS BELLS BROADCAST

The selection of towers for the Christmas Bells Broadcast was again entrusted to the committee. With the exception of East Anglia all our members contributed to the programme—it is hoped that this area will be included next year.

After recordings had been made Mr. Pitstow was invited to assist in selecting the passages to be used in the actual broadcast. This he did, and found the B.B.C. extremely co-operative and in particular he was pleased to note that the producer of the programme was becoming quite knowledgeable about bell recordings. The general standard of ringing was very fair, in some instances good—there was, however, still room for improvement in microphone position. In one instance the wind gave trouble and in others the microphone appeared to be too close to the bells.

Although occurring in 1965, we feel we should mention in this report the passing of that great statesman, Sir Winston Churchill, and on the occasion of his State funeral the broadcasting of the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral. There was considerable contrast in the broadcast as heard on sound radio compared with that on television. The former was extremely clear and well balanced, particularly when the microphone was in the best position, whereas the latter, no doubt due again to the position of the microphone, was far less effective.

TWELVE BELL BROADCASTING

A correspondent in "The Ringing World" sought to discredit the opinion expressed by this committee on 12 bell ringing for broadcasting, using the sound radio broadcast of St. Paul's as an example. We would point out that it has never been disputed that good ringing on the heavier 12's can be perfectly satisfactory. What we have said is that in general 12 bell ringing does not lend itself well to broadcasting and we can find no reason to alter this opinion.

Preliminary talks have taken place with the B.B.C. with a view to putting on a programme on bell ringing in the North and jointly in the London and West Regions a television programme is on the stocks.

A member of the Kent County Association now in H.M.F. Gibraltar was entrusted with the task of putting on a series of programmes for the Forces Broadcasting Service and used recordings of bells for the Christmas programme. Our help was sought in connection with these.

H. J. SANGER (Convener),
Rockyville, Evercreech,
Shepton Mallet, Somerset.
A. G. G. THURLOW,
R. S. WILSON,
G. E. FEARN,
H. N. PITSTOW,
D. A. BAYLIS,
J. DUNWOODY.

Moving the adoption. Mr. H. Sanger said there would be a new convener during the coming year as Mr. H. Pitstow, of Saffron, High Street, Banstead, was taking over.

The president expressed the gratitude of the Council to Mr. Sanger for his work. The main reason for the change was the large pressure of work his area—Somerset—placed upon him.

Mr. H. Pitstow seconded the adoption and said it was almost impossible to find out all that was going on. He would appreciate all details of broadcasting where it occurred in a tower.

The report was adopted.


(To be continued next week)

BRERETON, CHESHIRE.—On June 4th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): J. S. Baker 1, Miss A. D. Edwards 2, T. E. Trickett 3, G. Parsons 4, F. R. Morton (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first quarter for nine years on the bells.

FRAMPTON CUTTERELL, near BRISTOL.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Nemes 1, N. A. Curtis 2, M. S. Smith 3, J. L. Clapp 4, H. Taysom (cond.) 5, R. H. Driver 6. First recorded quarter on the bells. First quarter for all except the conductor. Rung by an all-resident band.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gwen Bidgood 1, J. B. Plumb 2, N. A. Crowther 3, S. Fenwick 4, M. Pilgrim (cond.) 5, C. J. Aldridge 6. Rung on the back six for Evensong.

WORCESTER.—At All Saints' Church, on May 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: T. A. Grundy 1, R. J. M. Grosvenor 2, D. G. Franklin 3, M. J. Robinson (cond.) 4, A. P. White 5, P. Cattermole 6. Rung to the glory of God and in memory of D. B. J. McTurk, for 20 years a master at the King's School (died May 13th). Rung by a master and boys of the school.



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BIRTHS

NIX.—To Patricia (née Walker) and George, at Park Hospital, Manchester, on June 8th, 1965, a daughter, Angela Ruth. 7090
ROGERS.—At 16, Kerwin Road, Dore, Sheffield, on June 5th, 1965, to Shelagh (née Whitehouse) and Alan Rogers, a son (Mark Alan), a brother for Aline. 7059

PERSONAL

For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth and the flower thereof falleth away. But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.—I Peter i., 24 and 25.

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MISCELLANEOUS

CHUTE FOREST, WILTSHIRE. — Open Day, Sunday, June 27th. Bells 2 to 3.15. Thanksgiving service 3.15 to 4. Bells available afterwards until 5. Tangle (5) also available 4.15 until 6. All welcome.—G. Dodd. 7032

DEVON GUILD. — Annual festival, June 19th. — Owing to unforeseen circumstances, ringing at Heavitree will be 2.45—3.45 and not as previously announced. 7074

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District. — Advanced practice at Aldershot on June 29th from 7.30—9 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 7086

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VETERANS' REUNION, July 3rd, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, London, E.C. Meet 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. and tea in Church Hall. Names for tea, please, to John Euston, 28, Fairmile Avenue, Streatham, S.W. 16.

MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Peak District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 19th. Towers available: Wormhill (6). Taddington (4) 2.30 till 5 p.m., Chelmorton 6 p.m. till 9 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 7027

DEVON GUILD.—Annual festival, Exeter, June 19th. Service, St. Mark's, 4 p.m., preacher Rev. J. Shephard-Walwyn, Vicar of Westleigh. Tea and meeting St. Mark's Hall. Numbers for tea to Mr. C. Densham, 27, Monkswell Road, Exeter. Ringing: Cathedral, 1.30-3 and 6-8; Heavitree, 2-3.30; St. Mark's, 3-4; St. Petrock's 6-7; St. Thomas', 7-8 p.m.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Huntingdon District. — Meeting at Woodston, Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7039

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—St. Michael's, St. Albans, June 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. S.M. Lincolnshire. Names for tea, please to Mr. J. Chamberlain, 3, Mile House Lane, St. Albans.—R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 7044

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Iron Acton on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. W. Gibbs, Branch Sec. 7052

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Leigh, June 19th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m., followed by short business meeting.—J. Thornley, Hon. Sec. 7082

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—On June 19th. Afternoon ringing at Twyford from 3 p.m. till 5.30. Evening ringing at Somerby from 6.30 p.m. till 9 p.m. Light refreshments—M. Stimson, Somerby, from 5.30 till 6.30 p.m. 7073

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting at Crowland, Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Strickland, 5, South Street, Crowland. 7002

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Harrow Weald, Saturday, June 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by usual business meeting. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 6986

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD and LADIES' GUILD (Central District).—Joint Ringing Day, June 19th. Bells: Stanford-le-Hope 10-11.30; South Benfleet 11-12.30; Rayleigh 11.30-1; Great Wakering 2.30-3.30; Prittlewell 3-4.30. Service, Prittlewell, 4.30, preacher, Provost of Chelmsford. Tea, St. Mary's Hall. Names early to Mrs. Sadler, 15, Priory Crescent, Prittlewell, Essex. (South-end 66147.) Evening ringing: Leigh 6.30-7.30; Thorpe Bay 7-8.30; Prittlewell 8-9.15. 7016

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District.—Meeting, Farnsfield (5), Saturday, June 19th, evening only. Bells 6 to 9 p.m. Everyone welcome. Your support is requested.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 7053

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — A practice meeting will be held on June 19th at Rickinghall Superior (6) from 6.30 to 9 p.m. Methods: College Exercise and Ipswich Surprise.—L. E. Last. 6961

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Keymer (6), not Burgess Hill, Saturday, June 19th. Bells 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. G. Rice, 40, Fairfield Gardens, Portslade, please. 7037

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Andover District. — Quarterly meeting, Burghclere (6), June 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to P. Watts, The Grange, Burghclere. Woolton Hill (6) after tea. 7031

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Cookley 3 p.m., Saturday, June 19th. Service 4.15 p.m. followed by tea and business. Names for tea, please, or you may be unlucky.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane Pedmore, Stourbridge. Phone 3470. 6994

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, June 22nd at 8.15 p.m. Forthcoming practices, all commencing 6.30 p.m.: June 29th, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside; July 6th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; July 13th, Southwark Cathedral; July 20th, St. Paul's Cathedral.—John Chilcott. 7047

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—An evening practice meeting at Grimston on Wednesday, June 23rd. Bells (6) available 7. Everyone welcomed.—C. Tovell. 7085

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Evening practice meeting at Birstall on Thursday, June 24th at 7.15 p.m.—M. D. Barsby, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7043

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Churchill, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Branch Sec. 7061

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Meeting, Totternhoe, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea at 5. No service. Names to Miss Christine Smith, 78, Dunstable Road, Totternhoe, Beds, by 24th. 7055

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Striking Competition, Acton, June 26th, 2.30 p.m.—4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. General ringing in the evening. Names for tea by June 23rd. No name—no tea.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 7072

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, June 26th, at Bradbourne, (3 to 5 p.m.) and Brassington (6 to 8 p.m.). Names for tea to Mr. A. Willis, 33, Gisborne Close, Mickleover, Derby, by Monday, June 21st. 7034

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Thrybergh, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5. Names to Mr. F. Brunt, The Channings, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, near Rotherham. 7081

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Northwold, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7088

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch. — Half-annual meeting, Saturday, June 26th. Ringing at Blockley (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 (3/-). Ringing at Ebrington (6) 6.30 p.m. and Stanway (40) 8.15. Names for tea by June 22nd to Rev. J. Homfray, Staverton Vicarage, Cheltenham. 7066

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Great Bawington (6) 3 p.m., June 26th. Own arrangements for tea Service 6.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 7079

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bourton-on-the-Water, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m.—4.30 p.m. and from 6 p.m.—7.30 p.m., or later if required. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by June 24th to Mr. L. C. Dowdeswell Sec., Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold. Tel. Stow 350. 7077

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice and striking competition at Seale (6) on June 26th at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss A. Rowe, 5, The Close Sands, Farnham, Surrey.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 7087

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N. and N.W. Branch. — Practice meeting, Saturday, June 26th. Westleigh (6), near Bideford, 3.30 and after tea. Names for tea to the Rev. T. Shephard-Walwyn, Westleigh. 7076

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Seal Chart on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Seal bells will be available after the meeting. Names for tea essential to Mr. G. F. Acott, 3, Main Road, Seal, Sevenoaks.—W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Sec. 7009

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Lydd, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8, tenor 15 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss Lydia Terry, 12, Eastern Avenue, Lydd, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 7050

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Helen's Parish Church, Churchtown, near Garstang, on Saturday, June 19th at 3 p.m. (6 bells).—H. R. Preston, Hon. Sec. 7063

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Drighlington, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea essential, please, by previous Thursday, to Mr. Robert Brown, 3, Drifholme Road, Whitehall Road, Drighlington, Bradford. 7062

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Rothamthorpe on Saturday, June 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton, by Tuesday previous. 7041

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Dallington, Saturday, June 26th. Ringing 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. M. Fitzhugh, 36, London Road, Hailsham, Sussex, not later than Wednesday, June 23rd, please.—G. Fitzhugh, Hon. Div. Sec. 7041

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, July 3rd, at Eastbourne, Sussex. Bells available: 10 a.m.-11 a.m., Bexhill (8) and Southover (10); 10.45 a.m.-11.30 a.m., Hooe (5) and Laughton (6); 11.15 a.m.-12 noon, Westham (6) and Alfriston (6); 12-12.45 p.m., Hailsham (8); 1 p.m.-2 p.m., Willington (6); 2 p.m.-3 p.m., St. Saviour's, Eastbourne (8); 2 p.m.-3.30 p.m., St. Mary's, Eastbourne (8). Committee meeting 1 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. at St. Mary's. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names, please, with cash and s.a.e. to Miss R. Earl, Earl's Corner Stores, Horsebridge, Hailsham, by June 30th. St. Mary's and All Saints' available after business meeting. 7038

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will be held in Oxford on Saturday, July 3rd. 10 a.m., ringing at Christ Church; 11 a.m., service in the Cathedral; 12 noon, annual meeting in the Chapter House. All ringer-choristers (both men and women) are asked to notify the Deputy Master if they wish to join the choir for the service. Luncheon tickets (price 8s.) available from Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, on receipt of remittance. Application before June 29th. Members are asked to check ringing arrangements with the honorary secretary at the Festival or by post (s.a.e.) not by telephone! There have already been cancellations and alterations.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6999

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Witherley, June 26th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 Names by Wednesday previous to Mr. S. Parker, Jubilee Cottage, Witherley, Atherstone. Mancetter (5) available evening.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 7075

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting at Lockington and Diseworth on June 26th. Bells (6) at Lockington 2.30 to 3.30. Diseworth (6) 3: Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. A. Fletcher, 13, Page Lane, Diseworth. 7054

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Hoar Cross on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 7057

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—The 342nd anniversary at Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. Service at 12 noon. Lunch 5/6 and tea 4/6 available for those who notify me by Thursday, June 24th. 12-bell ringing guaranteed.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields, Tel. 2074. 7060

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—June 26th, practice meeting, Durrington. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, 22nd, to H. A. Roles, Harold, Clarendon Road, Salisbury. 7046

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

(Southern Branch)

ANNUAL RINGING FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 26th.

Ringling will take place in the following towers:

12-1.30, Harlaxton (6), Grantham (10), Barrowby (6).

1.30-5, Folkington (6), Sempringham (6), Billingborough (8), Horbling (6).

The annual cricket match will be played at Billingborough, starting at 2 p.m. Tea at Billingborough 5 p.m.

Please send names to the Rev. P. Hearn, The Vicarage, Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs, by Monday previous.

Evening ringing arrangements: 7 p.m., Uffington (6), West Deeping (6), Deeping St. Nicholas (6).

F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Evershot, Saturday, June 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 7048

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Rearranged June meeting at Greasley (8) on Saturday, June 26th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to P. Nix, 23, St. Patrick's Road, Hucknall, by Wednesday 23rd.—Sec. 7087

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—The Winchester District will hold a quarterly meeting at Ropley on Saturday, June 26th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Bone, Rowdell Cottages, Ropley, Alresford, Hants.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting, Darley Dale, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available: Bakewell (8) 3 p.m.—4 p.m.; Darley Dale (8) 3.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service Darley Dale 4.30 p.m. Buffet tea at Grouse Inn 5 p.m. only for those who notify secretary by June 29th.—B. P. Morris, 14, Greenway, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. 7029

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Whitstone, Saturday, July 3rd, 6.30—8.30 p.m.—G. Skinner. 7029

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The Final of the striking competition will be at Orsett on Saturday, July 3rd. Start 2.30 prompt. Service 4.30. Names for tea to F. Blatch, 103, High Road, Orsett, by June 30th. 7051

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Piddleshinton, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. For tea notify Mr. T. Jeanes, 6, Church Hill, Piddleshinton, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 7033

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 3rd. Stapleford bells (6) from 5.30 p.m.—S. Adams. 7080

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

GUILD.—Annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, July 3rd, at Christchurch, Hants. General meeting 2.30 p.m. Service in Priory Church 4.45 p.m. Tea in Priory Church Hall 5.30 p.m. Ringing films will be shown after tea. Committee and general meetings in Church Hall. Names for tea by Thursday, July 1st, to: Mrs. A. V. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. Ringing: Lyndhurst, 10.30—11.30 a.m.; Braemore, 11—12 noon; Hordle, 11.15—12.15 p.m.; Bournemouth, St. Peter's, 11.30—12.15 p.m.; Fordingbridge, 12—1 p.m.; Christchurch Priory, 12.30—2.15 p.m. and after tea; Sopley, 6.30—7.30 p.m.; Ringwood, 7.45—8.45 p.m.—P. Roger Savory, Hon. Gen. Sec.

CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY RINGERS' SUNDAY.—July 4th, 1965. Ringing: 9—10 a.m.; 2.30—4.30 p.m.; 5.30—6.30 p.m. and after Evensong. Preacher at Evensong, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, M.Sc. R.D., Master of Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Gerald Scragg, Tower Captain. 7058

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ringers' Rally on Saturday, July 10th, centred on Rainham. Service, tea and no business. Ringing in 17 towers. Please send 4s. 6d. and s.a.e. for tea tickets and programme by first post, July 7th, to Mr. L. Mitchell, Fredaville, 28, Crown Road, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne, Kent.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7064

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

The third annual striking competition of the Chew Deanery brought eight teams to Dundry on May 22nd. The Branch was fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. John Chilcott, of St. Paul's Cathedral, to act as judge.

The test piece was 120 changes of Doubles or Minor, preceded by not more than 12 whole pulls of rounds. The teams were confined to regular Sunday service bands but towers which habitually combine for Sunday ringing were allowed to enter a combined band.

After listening to the ringing the 53 ringers adjourned to the Parish Hall for tea, where they were soon joined by the judge and his wife (who acted as secretary). Following tea, Mr. Chilcott gave his comments and placings, having first of all explained that he had worked to a quarter fault, half fault and full fault system of marking. He made some helpful remarks about each team's efforts and the final placings were: 1 Wrington, 18½ faults; 2 Yatton, 20½; 3 Nailsea and Backwell, 22½; 4 Long Ashton, 29½; 5 Portbury, 30½; 6 Portishead 35½; 7 Winford and Chew Magna, 43½; 8 Wraxall 48½.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar, the Rev. E. D. Hutchings, Mr. and Mrs. Chilcott, Mr. Peyton (verger), Mr. and Mrs. Gates for the use of their room, the organising committee and the tea brigade for such a successful and pleasant gathering. Dundry bells were available for general ringing after tea, and Winford and Chew Magna towers were also open.

M. J. H.

QUARTER PEALS

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, on May 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. Rolfe 2, R. Rose 3, A. Ballam 4, H. Clarke 5, W. Goodship 6, R. Stannard 7, J. Banks 8. A birthday compliment to C. Stannard.

CHIDDISTONE, KENT.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (treble leading, 7 and 8 covering): S. Gribble 1, Miss I. Wedd 2, Miss C. Cheseaman 3, R. J. Everest (first as cond.) 4, N. Butcher 5, P. R. Everest 6, G. F. Cheseaman 7, W. J. Bear 8. For Evensong. First quarter 1, 2 and 8. First post-war local quarter.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On June 6th, at St. John the Baptist's, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. C. Shiers 1, M. F. Oakshett 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, R. Davies 4, H. Humphries 5, J. E. Cannell 6, M. Parry 7, N. Brown 8, J. W. Smith (cond.) 9, D. P. Smith 10. For Evensong.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judy M. Bowen 1, E. Baker 2, Marion Kemp (first "inside") 3, W. Gorrington (cond.) 4, L. W. Jarvis 5, P. D. Harrison 6, S. G. Waters 7, A. H. Kemp 8. Also on May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. W. Jarvis 1, Judy M. Bowen 2, E. Baker 3, W. Gorrington (cond.) 4, A. H. Kemp 5, P. D. Harrison 6, S. G. Waters 7, H. Pipe 8. For the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gorrington.

LANGHAM, RUTLAND.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Hinman 1, W. Clamp (first of Minor) 2, O. Homewood (first of Minor) 3, H. Clayton 4, R. Looker 5, R. Mantion (cond.) 6. Rung by the Secret Society as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 4th.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's Church, on June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Browne 1, Eve Cumberworth 2, Brenda Foster 3, D. Elderkin 4, R. D. Bailey 5, R. W. Powell (cond.) 6. For morning service by U.L.S.C.R.

STAND ON PEWS TO RING

LEIGH, Surrey, bells had their 75th anniversary on May 26th. They are a very fair light six for their date (tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in A), and were cast at Whitechapel, reproducing on Nos. 2 to 5 the inscriptions from the old bells, which were by Lester & Pack (1756), William (1687) and Brian (1638) Eldridge, of Chertsey, and Warner (1855).

Both the hanging and the ringing of the bells have been something of a headache from 1890 right up to the present day. The architect of the church extension forgot about the bells and provided a gallery (with a sloping floor) beneath them for the choir and organ. Provision for ringing was eventually made on the ground floor by omitting four or five rows of pews. With the headroom reducing to less than 6½ feet under the third and fourth bells and the main entrance to the church being through the west door, ringing conditions were hardly ideal. Choir boys and girls seemed quite happy to have their sallies bobbing up and down uncased through their seats.

Last year the ringers were at long last allowed to move up into the gallery. Now Leigh is surely unique in that the ringers of Nos. 2 to 5 have to stand actually on the pews. Mr. F. E. Collins, of Croydon, has kindly prepared a plan to improve the situation but it is likely to be some time before this can be implemented.

The bell hangers of 1890 managed to squeeze the six bells into the bellcot on one level by making all but the treble swing north-south in a frame which is three-quarters wood and a quarter metal. With the frame and under-carriage rocking, literally, like a farm-cart and getting progressively looser all the time, the bells never gained much popularity, although three peals were rung on them.

By 1962, however, the belfry had got into a poor state, there was no band and the bells had not been rung for several years. A new band was formed in December that year and at first the bells were swing-chimed. The first problem—that of ropes—came to a head when two of the very tatty set then existing were finally severed by squirrels (Mr. Ranald Clouston had never heard of such a thing). Mr. W. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, inspected and reported, reassuring the parish that the bells were not positively dangerous and advising what work was (a) necessary and (b) desirable.

Since then a good deal of "do-it-yourself" work has been carried out locally, involving frame-bolt tightening (in 1962 most of the nuts could be twiddled in the fingers), pulley repairs and alterations, proper ceiling bosses, the removal and sale of a quantity of sheet lead which was not doing anything and the reversing of the wheel on the fourth bell. In September Messrs. Harry Parks and Arthur Lewry, from the Whitechapel Foundry, carried out the unenviable job, in very cramped surroundings, of fully reinforcing the under-carriage with a set of metal frames. In October came the fourth peal on the bells and the first since 1930. Leigh now has a ring of bells which compares favourably with many for sound and "go" and a loyal (and quite large) local band of ringers, nearly all in their teens and capable of a high standard of striking. In the quarter peal of Bob Minor rung on May 26th were ringers from Reigate, Nutfield, Battersea and Leigh, their ages ranging from 17 to 71.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Transferred from Puttenham, a meeting of Farnham District was held on May 29th at Worplesdon. The Rector, the Rev. John Hoskyns, conducted the service, and 25 members enjoyed an excellent tea provided by the local ladies. Mr. R. Tickner, of Worplesdon, was elected a new member.

WARNEFORD, HANTS.—On May 26th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): B. Pink 1, Maureen White 2, Mary White 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. A wedding compliment to Derek J. White and Ingrid Bock.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

Annual Meeting

King Edward Square, Burton-on-Trent, with its monument, municipal buildings, gardens and stately Church of St. Paul in the background, formed a picturesque scene for the ringers attending the 19th annual meeting of the Midland Counties Guild at this church, which is enriched by ringing history.

The Vicar, the Rev. W. Woolley, officiated at the service, and over 40 ringers were present at tea, for which St. Paul's ringers were hosts. The president, Mr. Benjamin Worthington, had made the long journey from Northumberland to be present.

The chairman, Mr. R. A. Welton, in opening the meeting, referred to the success of the Guild's first annual dinner last November and added: These were times of change in the life of the Church and, in general, ringing was more prosperous than at any time since pre-war 1914, though this could not be said of his own district, where too many towers received irregular and inadequate ringing. It was hoped that the gaps could be filled quickly so that the full joys of the ringer's art could be known once more in their local towers.

The president, in his address, said the outstanding landmark was the achievement of the hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton, in ringing his 1,000th peal and being probably the first Derbyshire ringer to do so, as only 26 people had previously achieved this distinction.

The balance sheet was presented by Mr. J. H. Brittan. This showed a balance of over £127 in the general fund and £21 in the bell repair fund, on which there had been no calls.

A comprehensive report was given by the hon. secretary, who gave the Guild's membership as 16 honorary and 124 ringing members. Peal ringing had been fairly satisfactory, but the total of 36 was the lowest since 1957. Three members from St. Paul's, Burton, rang their first peal with Miss J. Toon conducting, which was her first. Mr. D. P. Jones was the Guild's leading conductor with 16, and the leading peal ringers were Messrs. J. W. Cotton 31, R. J. Clifton 19 and D. P. Jones 18. Personal milestones were: J. W. Cotton's 1,000th peal (496 for the Guild) and R. J. Clifton's 100th.

Officers elected were: President, Mr. B. Worthington; vice-president, Rev. W. V. G. Griffiths; chairman, Mr. R. A. Welton; Ringing Master, Mr. G. H. Lane (vice Mr. J. K. Smith); treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; assistant secretary, Mr. J. K. Smith; auditor, Mr. T. Pryce; Central Council representative, Mr. J. W. Cotton. New members elected were Messrs. C. Wheelton and C. Williams (Stretton) and the Misses Jacqueline Faint and Anita Dymock (St. Paul's).

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

Mr. D. J. Lewis, whose 84th birthday fell on that day (May 29th), was in the winning band from Cadoxton at the annual ringing competition of the Guild, held at Bronllys, Brecon. At the presentation of the shield "Happy birthday to you" was lustily sung as a compliment to him.

Five bands competed, each ringing two methods. Mr. Leslie Evans was the adjudicator and his placings out of a possible 360 points were: 1 Cadoxton 312, 2 Neath 264, 3 Sketty 261.

Thanks were accorded the Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Phillips) and the ladies for the catering arrangements.

CHARING, KENT.—On May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rhian N. Bagshaw 1, Mrs. P. T. Robbins (cond.) 2, D. C. Collins (first in method of Minor) 3, J. L. Anderson 4, Rev. P. T. Robbins 5, P. M. Bradford 6. For Evensong.

GRIMLEY, WORCS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: N. Underwood 1, D. Roberts 2, S. Abley 3, M. Smele 4, J. Gwilliam (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6.

HARPENDEN

A pleasant day was spent in Essex and Suffolk by Harpenden ringers on May 8th on the occasion of their annual outing. The ideal ringing chamber at Coggeshall provided by war damage repair was noted and ringing of East Bergholt bells by local ringers was enthralling to watch. Well known towers such as Debenham, Eye and Diss were visited, and at Diss, after tea, Mr. A. Day thanked the organiser and all who had helped. Along intricate lanes we made our way to Cotton—a most unusual tower—where the best ringing of the day took place.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, PENN

On Saturday, May 29th, the St. Bartholomew's ringers and friends toured part of North Wales, which included the beautiful Elan Valley.

Leaving at 7.30 a.m., we were ringing at St. Mary Magdalene's, Leintwardine, at 9.15 a.m. After having coffee and biscuits at Knighton, the route taken was via Rhayader and the beautiful Elan Valley, returning to Builth Wells for a delightful lunch at the Greyhound Hotel (fully recommended; George Fearn should know, his aunt keeps it). The easy-going six at St. Mary's was sampled for 45 minutes.

A mountain road in Upper Chapel took us to St. Mary's, Brecon, where we rang for 50 minutes on the easy-going Rudhall eight. Tea in Brecon before leaving completed our outing for the day.

Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major.

We arrived home at about 10.30 p.m., all contented and happy after such a delightful tour with good fellowship. C.F.W.E.

EASINGWOLD DISTRICT TOUR

Ringers from Bradfield, Wentworth, Scarborough, Acomb and Stockton-on-the-Forest met in the afternoon of May 22nd at the small village of Hunsingore near the A.1, just north of Wetherby, Yorkshire. The "silent" ring of six in the over-large Victorian church, although recently restored to a ringable state, was found to be still rough-going and only plain hunts and call changes were rung.

Then up the A.1, at varying speeds, to Brafferton, where the six bells are rung from the ground floor with about 30 feet of unguided rope. Tea was taken at Hovingham where the party were joined by five ringers from St. John's College, York. The six bells in the Saxon tower were rung before a service to mark the centenary celebrations of the day school.

Finally ringing at Easingwold (8), where most of the party experienced Yorkshire tail-ends for the first time. Thus ended a useful tour, which was planned for the "beginners" at the various towers and all of them did surprisingly well considering the "go" of the bells at the towers visited.

A MAY-DAY OUTING

Ringers and friends from Newcastle, Staffs, left at 7.30 a.m. on May 1st for their outing to Loughborough Bell Foundry, where they were shown round the works and tried their skill on the campanile. Ringing was better in the afternoon at Loughborough Parish Church and included a well-struck course of Stedman Caters.

The highlight at Bulwell was a good touch of Kent, and because of a wedding at Lenton, ringers were able to listen on the radio to the Cup Final. Owing to the long draughts some difficulty was experienced in the belfry. Ringing was good on the whole at Stapleford, but at Sudbury little success was achieved on the heavy-going six. P.M.

SILSUE, BEDS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): T. R. Lett 1, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 2, T. R. Harris 3, P. J. Lawton 4, T. P. Harris 5, A. Martin 6. A farewell to Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Baldwin.

COMPOSITIONS

5,056 RUTLAND SURPRISE
MAJOR

By JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM

M B W H 23456

—	x	—	—	43526
—	x	—	—	43265

—	x	—	(—)	43652
(—	x	—	—)	64352
(—	x	—	—)	36452

—	x	—	—	32654
—	x	—	—	63254
—	x	—	—	26354

—	x	—	—	26543
—	x	—	—	23645
—	x	—	—	62345
—	x	—	—	36245

—	—	—	—	24365
—	x	—	—	32465

Repeat.

Omit bracketed calls in first part.
Rung at Tottenham on December 30th, 1964.
Conducted by R. C. Kippin.

5,072 CAMBRIDGE COURT
MAJOR

(Adapted from G. Hayward)

23456 O H F I

45236	—	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—	—
63254	2	—	—	—
32465	2	x	—	—
36245	2	—	—	—
23645	2	—	—	—

64235	—	—	—	—
52634	—	—	S	—
53264	2	—	—	—
36254	3	—	—	—
23654	2	—	—	—

23456 3A (bob for single F except
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Rung at Bicker, January 13th, 1965.

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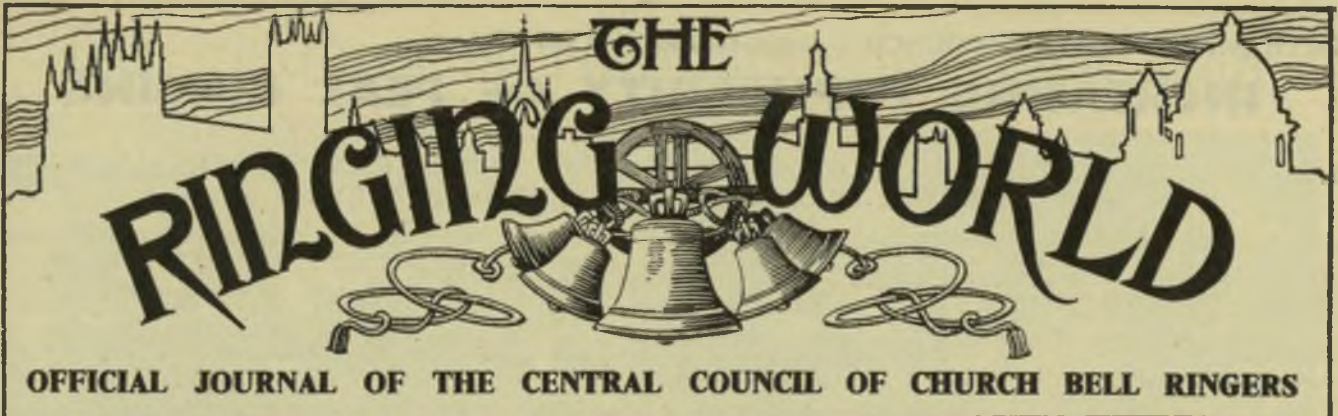
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C.C., 1965, AND OTHER MATTERS

IT was said of a certain generation that their only monument would be the asphalt road and a thousand lost golf balls. Some latter-day campanological Eliot remotely perched in the lofty gallery of the Guildhall at Northampton—one hopes he might have a good head for heights—would perhaps have found some similarly eloquent phrase to describe the reactions of the Central Council representatives assembled in solemn conclave at the 1965 meeting.

The proceedings remained securely earthbound—perhaps even eggbound—despite the valiant efforts of the president, brilliant as always, to keep the company alive and reasonably awake. "The Ringing World" debate, to repeat Philip Gray's description, was even more like a shareholders' meeting than usual. The desultory attempts to introduce the real things connected with "our paper" produced not a whisper by way of response and we had to content ourselves with the sad goings-on of the G.P.O., who have stored away in darkest Buckinghamshire some elephant-centipede which mysteriously dips its feet in printers' ink and in some remote sorting office picks out with unerring accuracy "The Ringing World" on its way to a particular postal subscriber and so defaces it that with or without his glasses he cannot manage to read a word and perforce must regretfully consign it unread to his wastepaper basket.

His position is more pitiable since others, particularly the clerical members, for whom the G.P.O. no doubt have a special respect and regard, are able to extract every Thursday morning from their letter boxes unsoiled and unspoiled a perfect copy of "The Ringing World," which apparently they peruse undisturbed and undisturbable for the rest of the day and far into the night, with every word well and truly read before the backsliders who have a newsagent's copy are able to catch a glimpse of it even if they should be lucky enough to obtain delivery by Friday morning.

All the other reports, despite the midnight oil expended in their preparation, were for the most part received without comment or thanks, merely a sigh of relief that we could pass on to the next without interruption or undue delay. It may be that the solemn walk to the microphone at the front of the hall proved too awesome, but how sad that no one felt moved by the hours and hours of trudging up and down belfry stairs that had gone into the record number of "cases" dealt with by the Towers and Belfries Committee—that no one could find a condemnatory word for architects who will have superfluous concrete bands in already strong towers, or for designers who plan for strength but ignore acoustics, or for dozens of other practical matters that cause problems everywhere for ringers.

Not a word either for those who collect information from all sorts of unlikely places about better references in the press or on radio or television.

The long awaited motion on the proposed peal tax, debated at length in four-ale bars up and down the country, also proved to be a damp squib. For some obscure reason the proposer withdrew it, apparently because it lacked the blessing of his Guild. One wonders how it managed to reach the Council agenda in the first place. In any case I thought Council members were

representatives and not delegates and were thus able to act as free agents.

As for the other motion, it is as well Tony Hancock is not a member of the Council or he might have applied to it his expressive if inelegant description "a load of old cod's wallop." It never became clear what the sponsors were really after but it was evident that whatever it was it will not be well received in Lincolnshire and might well not be popular in Derbyshire and Yorkshire. No one seemed to make the point that numerous non-Association peals would result. Some might think this a good thing but there is little enough control now over the technical aspects of peals and some Associations at least, including my own, do insist on seeing and proving the compositions rung in their name.

When it came to the place of the next meeting one felt relieved that no one proposed Christmas Island, since no one seemed to mind, presumably thinking the beer and the hotels, the peal ringing and the general entertainment would be all right any where. The Council would be advised to become at least half awake when these matters are discussed as Boffin Bay might not provide the facilities and way of life to which they are accustomed.

For a moment it looked as if there might be some eleventh hour fun. Frustrated expressions momentarily appeared on the unusually handsome faces of the platform party when a spokesman, apparently not officially appointed, began to report what had happened "at the Standing Committee last night" in regard to the days and dates for future meetings of the Council. There was a loud remark, it could have been of derision or even just disobedience from the back of the hall. Alas, this pearl of wisdom, for such it obviously was, has been lost for all time and the spokesman was evidently satisfied that no insult was intended since he thanked the interrupter and proceeded to tell the meeting what had been "decided" by the Standing Committee. No fighter for the eternal cause of democracy seemed moved to point out that it was the function of the Standing Committee to recommend and not decide,

There was an awkward moment, too, when we all but failed to record in time before the chairman's final hammer fell our well-merited thanks to him for his conduct of the meeting. One felt that the rest of the platform party, particularly the indefatigable and incomparably efficient secretary and his wife, might also have been included in the thanks, but, alas, it was not to be, and the 68th meeting of the Central Council reached its end to the homely rattle of teacups.

Perhaps some of the new representatives to be introduced to the president next year at Weston-super-Mare or, better still, Bath or Wells, will be forthright rumbustious fellows with a point of view that bursts for public expression. The present lot have proved much too docile, acquiescent and tame. Perhaps the Exercise is right in concluding that the social side of the Council meetings is really something!

Before anyone else says so, I admit I did not have a word to say at Northampton, but then I am only a poor little chap with a thin voice and nervous manner.

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NORTHAMPTON CENTRAL COUNCIL—continued from Page 420

INCREASING POPULARITY OF PEAL RINGING

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE REPORT INCREASE OF 371 AND 548 FIRST PEALERS.—YORKSHIRE REPLACE LEICESTER AS LEADING ASSOCIATION.

ONCE again the peals totals have increased, mainly due to the Royal Births and a spate of handbell peals. The grand total is 3,366, with 3,064 on tower bells and 272 "in hand." The handbell peals are up by 31, due mainly to the continuous effort from the Swansea area.

We regret that a peal rung at Thorncombe—Doubles, with three first pealers and the first as conductor—had to be disallowed as there were, presumably, three covers. What a pity!!!

This year we have a fresh leader to our list—the Yorkshire Association—with 215 peals.

Here are those with more than 110 peals:

	Tower	Hand	Total
Yorkshire ..	207	8	215
Leicester ..	166	19	185
Oxford ..	178	3	181
Lancashire ..	156	4	160
Lincoln ..	145	2	147
Kent ..	142	1	143
Hertford ..	85	48	133
Swansea & Brecon	22	100	122
Southwell ..	119	1	120
These contributed 42.14 per cent. of the total.			

The Analysis breaks down as follows:

	Tower Bells		Handbells	
	1964	1963	1964	1963
Maximus	64	54 + 10	2	2
Cinques	54	35 + 19	1	2 + 1
Royal	189	169 + 20	10	18 - 8
Caters	89	84 + 5	3	6 - 3
Major	1,353	1,180 + 173	112	92 + 20
Triples	196	193 + 3	1	1
Minor	825	741 + 84	129	103 + 26
Doubles	290	254 + 36	14	17 - 3
Minimus	4	9 - 5		

3,064 2,719 + 345 272 241 + 31

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

There were 548 first pealers with 80 first as conductor. On many occasions we noted peals of Minor and Doubles with three, four and five firsts and first as conductor; also one peal of Stedman Triples with seven firsts; all meritorious. One made his debut as a conductor by tackling Stedman Triples at the age of 57—good show.

Now for some enumeration:—

Cambridge University: First peal of Stedman Cinques "in hand" by all. Silent and non-conducted do.

Gloucester and Bristol: Spliced Minor in 96, 80, 73, 65, 64, 63, 60, etc. methods "in hand"; 10,080 Spliced Surprise Minor "in hand."

Hertford C.: 16, 14, 12, 11, 10, etc. Spliced Surprise Major "in hand."

Kent C.: 37, 28, 25 methods Spliced Minor.

Ladies' Guild: Stedman Cinques.

Lancashire: 24, 21, 20, 17, etc., Spliced Surprise Major.

Leicester: 17, 15, etc., Spliced Surprise Major; 9, 4 Spliced Surprise Major "in hand"; 105, 71, 59, 42, etc., methods Doubles.

Llandaff and Monmouth: 31 methods Doubles.

Middlesex: 20, 18, 16, 15, 14, etc., Spliced Surprise Major "in hand."

Oxford G.: 60 methods T.B. Minor—42 methods Doubles.

Oxford Society: 51 methods Doubles.

Peterborough: 42 methods Doubles.

Southwell: 45, 42 methods Doubles.

Surrey: 43 methods Doubles.

Swansea and Brecon: 10,192 Plain Bob Major "in hand"; 20,160 Double Norwich.

Yorkshire: 36, 32, 28, 27, 21 methods Spliced Surprise Royal.

Non-Association: Double-handed tower bell peal of Bob Major at Balcombe.

We wonder why so many peals are duplicated in "The Ringing World." Whose fault is it? May we again ask those who forward peal reports to "The Ringing World" to ensure that they send in a factual report, not one of "wishful thinking": it would make the efforts of the Editor and ourselves so much easier.

The convener, sobered down by his committee, hesitates to express his opinion of those who ring peals, then forget to send in the report until after the time allowed for our

report to be in the hands of the Secretary of the Council. Will culprits please note?

For the Peals Analysis Committee.

W. AYRE (Convener).

The Old School House, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

Mr. Walter Ayre, in moving the adoption of the report, asked for the exclusion of two peals by the Leicester Diocesan Guild which did not comply with the Rules and Decisions of the Council.

Canon K. W. H. Felstead, in seconding, replied to Mr. John Haynes' criticism of the format of peals in "The Ringing World" and said the present style helped the Peals Analysis Committee considerably. Congratulating Yorkshire on becoming the leading peal Association, the Canon said he was told that the peals they had rung would fill two complete issues of "The Ringing World." No doubt they might subsidise them (laughter).

ALL-TIME RECORD FOR TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

The work of the Towers and Belfries Committee for 1964, stated the report signed by the convener, Mr. F. Sharpe, constitutes an all-time record. Advice on bell and tower restoration was given in a total of 11 churches, 26 more than in 1963. It would now appear that the second cycle of bell restoration work, occasioned by the Quinquennial Inspection of Churches Measure and mentioned in our last year's report, has reached its peak.

Of the 111 requests for advice, 23 were dealt with by correspondence. Members of the committee visited 88 churches.

The churches where advice was sought may be analysed graphically thus:—

Australia 2, Bedfordshire 1, Berkshire 6, Breconshire 1, Buckinghamshire 3, Cambridgeshire 3, Cheshire 3, Cornwall 1, Derbyshire 2, Devonshire 21, Essex 4, Gloucestershire 2, Hampshire 1, Herefordshire 1, Ireland 1, Kent 7, Lincolnshire 1, London 1, Middlesex 1, Norfolk 2, Northamptonshire 5, Oxfordshire 6, Somerset 24, Shropshire 3, Staffordshire 1, Surrey 5, Sussex 1, Yorkshire 2. Total 111.

The inquiries from Australia and Ireland were dealt with mainly by correspondence, although the authorities at Perth Cathedral commissioned a member of the Engineering Department of Perth University to confer with the convener during a visit to this country.

An analysis of the reports submitted reveals the following: Ten parishes sought advice on augmentation or provision of new bells, the same number as in 1963. The number of towers seeking advice on the recasting of bells increased to 18, twice as many as in the previous year. Fifty-three churches sought advice on rehanging, or were advised by members of our committee to rehang their bells completely, an increase of 10 over the previous year.

MORE P.C.C.'s INTERESTED

The number of churches seeking advice on repair and maintenance increased to 58. This again is a welcome indication that more parochial authorities are concerning themselves with this important work. These inquiries have doubled within the last two years.

Inquiries regarding tower oscillation, and advice on this and also on those towers where

extensive damage has been done to masonry, have increased to 22. Of these, perhaps the most interesting cases were Magdalen College, Oxford, Wymondham Abbey, Norfolk, and Banwell, Somerset. The greatest increase was in the number of requests for advice on sound control and modification, of which 35 were dealt with in 1964.

Somerset again headed the list of inquiries, with Devonshire second, a tribute to the excellent work done by Mr. H. Sanger and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott. The convener has given over 40 lectures to members of Diocesan Architectural and Professional Organisations, Parochial Church Councils and in Adult Education Colleges.

The committee met early this year to discuss the details regarding the proposed new book on bell towers, bell hanging and maintenance. The subject matter was divided into sections and members are preparing draft manuscripts of these. Progress has not been so rapid as we had hoped but this was unavoidable in view of the increase of over 25 per cent. in the number of requests for inspections and reports on the condition of bell towers and their contents.

Moving the adoption, Mr. F. Sharpe paid tribute to the work of Mr. Sanger and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott in the West Country. They had lost a very capable member by the retirement of Mr. W. A. Osborn, who had been very active in the West of England. He was very old and asked to be relieved. They had also lost Mr. J. W. Clarke, who no longer represented the Chester Diocesan Guild but was on the Chester Diocesan Committee. His place had been taken by Mr. John Worth. Two new honorary members had been made in Mr. F. E. Collins and Mr. Brian Austin. Mr. Alan Frost had been elected to represent the University of London from next year.

Mr. H. J. Sanger, in seconding, thanked Mr. W. A. Osborn for his work. His tremendous knowledge of bells and bell hanging was invaluable to him.

The report was adopted.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On June 6th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, Pamela M. Turner 2, G. Palmer 3, G. E. Fearn 4, V. W. Rigg 5, C. W. Bragg 6, R. J. Cunn 7, P. D. Warren 8, T. J. Warner (cond.) 9, A. Crabtree 10. For EVENSONG.

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THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

In spite of changes in convenership and personnel during the last two years, brought about by death and retirement, this reconstituted committee has continued without being too unduly disorganised.

We miss the industry of our late convener, Mr. A. C. Hazelden, but we are fortunate in still having the unofficial services of our honorary member in retirement, Mr. L. Stilwell, and we are indebted to him.

The Biographies Committee has now been in existence for 30 years and up to 1964 had been led by two conveners—Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith and A. C. Hazelden.

The deaths of the following members and past members have been noted:

S. E. Bennett—Lincoln D.G., 1947. Died Feb. 29th, 1964. (Attended 1 meeting.)

E. C. Turner—Leicester D.G., 1951-53. Died March 25th, 1964. (3 meetings.)

F. W. Rogers—Winchester & Portsmouth D.G., 1933-64. Died June 9th, 1964. (19 meetings.)

Rev. W. M. K. Warren—Bath and Wells D.A., 1937-45. Died June 13th, 1964. (No meetings.)

T. G. Darch—Devonshire A., 1961-63. Died July 4th, 1964. (1 meeting.)

A. A. Hughes—Ancient Society of College Youths, 1915-30. Hon. member, 1931-64. Life member, 1964. Died Aug. 11th, 1964. (35 meetings.)

C. Sharples—Lancashire A., 1951-53. Died September 13th, 1964. (3 meetings.)

E. M. Atkins—Central Northants A., 1921-23. Cambridge U.G., 1927-53. Died Sept. 16th, 1964. (21 meetings.)

L. J. Williams—Lancashire A., 1937-38 and 1951-53. Died Nov. 18th, 1964. (4 meetings.)

Canon C. C. Cox—Salisbury D.G., 1924-29. Died Feb. 19th, 1965. (1 meeting.)

Other members whose deaths occurred in previous years and no report made are:

Rev. Pitt Eykyn—Hon. member, 1891-1895. Died July 14th, 1912. (No meetings.)

Rev. J. U. Todd—Bath and Wells D.A., 1891-1897. Died July 6th, 1913. (2 meetings.)

Rev. C. Buston—Winchester D.G., 1891. Died March 25th, 1920. (No meetings.)

Rev. R. L. Twells—Ely D.A., 1906-1908. Died Jan. 1st, 1926. (2 meetings.)

Rev. B. Darley—North Notts A., 1902. Died April 28th, 1926. (No meetings.)

Rev. H. C. Courtney—Bath and Wells D.A., 1898-1902. Died Jan. 2nd, 1929. (1 meeting.)

Rev. G. de Y. Aldridge—Bath and Wells D.A., 1930-1905. Died May 23rd, 1945. (No meetings.)

J. W. Cornford—Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, 1924-35. Died Dec. 6th, 1962. (No meetings.)

L. W. Wiffen—Essex A., 1936-44. Died Sept. 13th, 1963. (2 meetings.)

Albert A. Hughes, J.P., was head of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London, and held the positions of honorary auditor to the Council; honorary treasurer of "The Ringing World"; and trustee of the Carter Ringing Machine.

The Council's records indicate there has been a total of 857 members since its formation in 1891, and this number includes 76 reverend gentlemen. In respect of some of these latter members a special effort has been made to bring records more up to date, and this has been successful. Mr. Lock has been a frequent visitor to the offices of "The Church Times" where every help and consideration has been readily given. It is desired to place on record our grateful thanks to the proprietors of "The Church Times" and to members of the staff for their valuable contribution.

With particular reference to foundation members, the following are those of whom we need more biographical detail—F. Ball, Chester Diocesan Guild; W. G. Cross, Eastern Counties Guild; J. Griffin, Midland Counties Guild; C. E. Malim, Waterloo Society; L. Newton, Durham and Newcastle D.A.; A. E. Nunn, Kent C.A. Of those deceased, 382 biography sheets have been filled in with as much detail as has become available.

The Council has two permanent and inscribed albums to contain the biography sheets, and they are now filled to capacity. It is recommended that expenditure be sanctioned for a third and similar volume.

In thanking every one of you who has given help, we still look forward to and in

A WELCOME from the Town, the Diocese and the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was accorded the Council on Whit Tuesday. In the picture, from left to right, are: Mr. E. Billings (secretary, Peterborough Diocesan Guild), Canon G. F. Turner (president), the Bishop of Peterborough (the Rt. Rev. Cyril Eastaugh), Mr. J. H. Bluff (Master of the Guild), the Mayor of Northampton (Councillor Donald Wilson), Mr. John Freeman (vice-president, C.C.), Canon Gilbert Thurlow (president), Mr. F. W. Perrens (hon. librarian), Mrs. E. A. Barnett (assistant hon. secretary) and Mr. E. A. Barnett (hon. secretary and treasurer).

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fact rely upon the co-operation of colleague members, and we make this fresh appeal for all assistance possible so that the committee's work may be made an easier task in the fulfilment of its endeavours.

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Moving the adoption, Mr. T. J. Lock said it was necessary to provide an additional volume for the biographies, which would cost about £20; the last cost £16 5s.

Mr. John Willis, seconding, said the committee had been in being for 30 years and until 1964 had had only two conveners—Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and Mr. A. C. Hazelden. They had now a new convener and it seemed that this would ensure for him a long life (laughter)

The report was adopted.

University of Bristol Society

The following officers were elected at the annual general meeting held on May 8th: President, Dr. G. Hudson, M.Sc., M.D. Officers for the session 1965-66: Master, Derek B. Williams; secretary, Miss Pauline Bligh-Cheesman; treasurer, Peter T. Hurcombe; tower secretary, Nicholas W. H. Simon.

LATE NEWS

A life member of the Essex Association, Mr. Charles Button, of Kelvedon, died at St. Mary's Hospital, Colchester, on June 4th. Known throughout Essex and Suffolk, he will be remembered and missed by hundreds.

Education and Sunday Service Activities

1.—THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES

At about half the Theological Colleges satisfactory progress or effective effort regarding annual lectures is being maintained. Colleges included in this section are: Edinburgh; Salisbury; Dublin; Kelham; Worcester; Lincoln; Llandaff; Canterbury; Cuddesdon; Ripon Hall and Wycliffe Hall, Oxford; Bishop's College, Cheshunt; Cranmer Hall and St. Chad's, Durham.

In the remaining colleges, individuals concerned have not been able to report success in securing or arranging for talks on bells and bell ringing. Colleges included in this section are: Lichfield; Lampeter; London College of Divinity; Mirfield; Oak Hill; Wells; St. Aidan's, Birkenhead; Queen's, Birmingham; Westcott House and Ridley Hall, Cambridge; Chichester.

Bound books have been supplied to several colleges during the year.

Hitherto all approaches to various Theological Colleges have been made by some official or member of the Association in whose area the College is situated. It is suggested that, in cases where such efforts have failed, this Committee is authorised to try and persuade the College concerned to permit a lecture. If successful, a suitable local person or the Association concerned could arrange for the lecture to be given. If still unsuccessful nothing would have been lost.

It is suggested that Association secretaries send a copy or copies of their annual report to the Theological Colleges situated in their areas. Some already do this.

2.—COURSES (RESIDENTIAL AND ONE-DAY)

Advice has been given to several Associations about courses in bell ringing and varying degrees of assistance given. The fourth consecutive annual course was held at Grantley Hall, Yorkshire, in September, and a further course at Hereford Training College in April. The Guildford Guild held their first course from July 17th to 19th, and the Durham and Newcastle Association their fourth annual one-day course on March 21st. Recently, week-end courses were held at Hereford Training College and Burton Manor, Cheshire (the Cheshire Guild's first venture). In April the Derby Guild held their first of a series of three courses—this was for beginners. In July they will hold a course for non-ringers, and in November an instructors' course (at Lea Green, Matlock). On May 1st the Kent County Association held a one-day ringing school.

Another course is scheduled to be held at Grantley Hall, Yorkshire, from July 23rd to 25th this year, and other courses are being planned elsewhere.

These courses meet a real need in the Exercise.

3.—BELFRY PRAYERS

Many requests for these were satisfied during the year but this need is now better fulfilled by the attractive prayer sheets produced in co-operation with the President and Mr. F. W. Perrins and now available from Mr. Speed.

4.—WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL

Last year two members of this Committee, in co-operation with the other ringers who went to the U.S.A., carried out an intensive week's training of the Washington Cathedral recruits. Happily the impact of this visit has had far-reaching beneficial effects. A good deal of training material has been supplied to Washington Cathedral by this Committee and the Cathedral authorities in return have loaned colour slides of the Cathedral and its bells, and a beautiful 16 m.m. sound and colour film about the building of the Cathedral, the installation, dedication and ringing of the bells, and the festivities connected therewith on Ascension Day, 1964.

Bell casting, hanging, bell fittings, handling and ringing are extremely well illustrated in this 20-minute film, which provides excellent propaganda for the purpose of church bells and bell ringing. On the several occasions it has been shown in schools, and to members of the public, it has been extremely well received. It might be well worthwhile for the Council to seek to obtain a copy of the film to loan out on request at a reasonable fee. The film could be a useful means of interesting Theological Colleges in bells and bell ringing. Arrangements are being made to show the film to the Council on Whit Monday evening.

Arising from the Washington visit, many of those who went have been called upon to give talks about bell ringing and their experiences, and the convener has given 15 such talks illustrated by tape recordings of the bells and coloured slides or film.

5.—MISCELLANEOUS

Advice has been sought where ringing has been stopped at two towers due to complaints.

We have had correspondence about a scheme for co-operation between one Diocesan Guild and the County Youth Organisation for the recruitment and training of young ringers. Should this bring worthwhile results something might be done to extend this development elsewhere.

Instructional notes and lecture notes have been supplied in response to one or two requests including one from Southern Rhodesia.

Mr. M. King, of Wentworth, Yorks, submitted his study of "Bell Ringing in Schools" and will, in due course, pass this on to the librarian.

The Southwell Guild submitted its annual report, which included a special report on Sunday service ringing in the diocese.

Many inquiries have been received for handbell music and tune ringing "know-how" and these have been satisfactorily answered. One organisation even requested the loan of handbells, and one Methodist Church was loaned a tape recording of church bell ringing for its annual carol service.

Mr. F. Sharpe reports that he has given 40 or more lectures on bells and bell ringing methods during 1964. He has published a book on "Church Bells of Guernsey, Alderney and Sark," and has a book on "Cardigan-shire Church Bells" in the press.

The Convener has met many requests for his film strip and script on "Bell Control" and, having recently acquired improved facilities, would like to remake this film strip for issue through the Council. It is also hoped to complete work on a general interest film strip about ringing this year.

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W. F. MORETON,
F. SHARPE.

Mr. N. Chaddock moved the adoption of the report and said that one or two of the theological colleges in the second group, where progress had not been good, had moved up into the top group. One was Lichfield, where Mr. Clive Smith gave a lecture and got 12 recruits. In regard to courses, the Suffolk Guild had been missed out. Courses in 1966 included Guildford, Norwich and Hereford, and there was talk of a course in the South-West.

There was a paragraph in the report about the film of Washington Cathedral that they saw the previous night. A copy of the film would cost £40. If the Council could purchase they would soon be recouped of the expenditure.

Mr. B. Bartlett thought advice would be of great value to the two towers where ringing had been stopped.

Mr. C. K. Lewis recommended the Council to purchase a copy of the film for £40 and charge a rent for its loan.

Mr. B. G. Key asked ringers to exercise caution when on tower grabs. One car had been parked almost in front of a porch and an irate householder objected to this and the ringing.

The report was adopted and the expenditure of £40 for the copy of the film approved.

METHODS COMMITTEE

The committee's report, signed by Mr. C. K. Lewis, stated that the Collection of Surprise Methods was now in print and the committee had nothing further to report. He moved its adoption and Mr. J. Mayne seconded.

The hon. secretary said there had been some correspondence about Triples Collections. What was the position?

Mr. Lewis: I have certain material in my possession from Mr. Blagrove and have had some correspondence with him. Something might be done but it would not be so large as the last collection.

SYMONDSBURY, DORSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Hiller (first quarter) 1. I. Andrews 2. D. Ellery 3. A. Knight 4. M. Hiller (cond.) 5. J. Krstanovic 6. For the anniversary of the Coronation (June 2nd).

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Non-resident Life Members to remain

For half an hour the Council discussed a motion: "That this Council recommends its affiliated territorial associations to discontinue the election of non-resident life members," which was submitted by Mr. R. B. Morris, of Mr. B. D. Threlfall (Cambridge University).

Mr. Morris said when he was peal secretary of his Association he came across two peals in which he did not know a single name. It was eight weeks after that their elections were ratified. He knew that peals were rung on the "no peal, no membership" basis. He felt that no Association relied on such income.

Mr. B. D. Threlfall said the motion did not ask the Council to decide anything, but to recommend. Members could therefore safely vote for it without committing themselves to anything. When he was a peal secretary he had the greatest difficulty in getting non-resident life members' fees. They were willing enough to claim the label but not willing to pay.

As things were at present they seemed to regard their peal ringing as a scoreboard and it was ably presented by Mr. Walter Ayre. "I should hate to do him out of a job but I do not think it is a measure of the progress of an Association." He thought that only peals rung by resident members should count.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott (Devon Guild) said this affected his Guild as much as any in the country as they had many touring parties. It would involve his Guild in some loss of income, but his feeling was that it would suffer that if it meant a loss of absurdity. People in Devon would like to see an end of this custom and call a spade a spade.

Mr. Vernon Bottomley (Yorkshire) said he spoke as a treasurer. Most treasurers, he said, had the utmost difficulty in collecting revenue and controlling the spending propensities of their members. Personally he would not vote for it.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood said he wondered what would happen to him if such action like this was taken by the St. Martin's Guild, of which he had been a life member for the best part of 60 years. He did not think there was any-

thing wrong in this and he considered himself a St. Martin's Guild member. It had been a custom through the history of ringing that if a band visited somewhere else they rang a peal to be credited to that Association. There was nothing wrong or discreditable about it.

Mr. C. K. Lewis heartily supported Mr. Smallwood and said he was proud to be a non-resident member of many Associations.

Mr. G. W. Critchley (Yorkshire) said he was a peal secretary and he supported Mr. Smallwood. He was very proud of the peal of Maximus he rang for the St. Martin's Guild.

Mr. Hartless (Winchester and Portsmouth) wanted things to remain as they were.

Mr. W. T. Cook would prefer to ring a peal non-Association rather than in an area in which he did not live.

Canon Felstead, who regarded himself as neutral, thought it would be better for Associations to review instead of discontinuing the election of non-resident life members.

Mr. John Freeman said the Lincoln Guild last year collected £9 from non-resident members. He saw no purpose in referring it back to his Guild as he would fight like hell against it.

Mr. Morris seconded the amendment.

Mr. A. D. Barker, treasurer of the Oxford Guild, was against. He said he belonged to something like 30 different Guilds.

Mr. A. Davis (Winchester and Portsmouth) said the question was discussed 25 years ago when the proposal of Mr. Colin Harrison, of Loughborough, and Mr. C. H. Kippin was to form one large Association of ringers. He hoped they would keep their small Associations.

Mr. F. E. Dukes said the Irish Association requested him to vote against the motion. Most of the ringers visiting Ireland, even if they did not ring peals, paid the 5/- to join the Association.

After further discussion the amendment was defeated by a substantial majority, and Mr. Morris withdrew his motion.

THE SOCIAL SIDE. — Enjoying the hospitality of the Mayor and Mayoress (Ald. and Mrs. Donald Wilson) after the Council meeting. On the left is Mr. C. K. Lewis, of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and looking very happy in the centre is Mr. G. E. Fearn, hon. secretary of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, and the only living man to have rung 2,000 peals. "The Diary King," Mr. William Viggers, is on the right.

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C. C. AND OTHER MATTERS

(Continued from front page)

In the meantime, they say "The Ringing World" wants livening up, so what about an article at least once a month from each of the Council committees about the work they are doing and in more detail the things they are finding out—the articles to be written, of course, by some member of the committee other than the overworked convener.

What about contributions from non-members of the Council on such subjects as the day for the meeting—whether they like Whit Tuesday or "Spring Tuesday," as it will now become. Would they prefer some other day and, if so, would they be willing and able to stand for membership? Do they all think the Council operates on the right lines or could it be improved in some way?

Of course, some years ago, most Associations appointed a "Ringing World" representative. Oh, how I wish that those appointed would stir their bones and send some contributions to "The Ringing World" about, above all, people and their movements and their doings, about restoration work contemplated, hoped for, abandoned, or perhaps sometimes finally carried out, about Association affairs, hopes and fears. Whether they like ringing meetings or prefer courses and schools, indeed anything rather than the eternal silence, relieved only by the outing antics of some obscure Tom who put too much pepper in the fish and chips of some unidentified Dick to the immoderate and near hysterical amusement of some bluff and hearty Harry who appeared to have consumed too many draught Double Diamonds anyway.

P. A. C.

A Comprehensive Survey of Overseas Ringing

REPORT FOR 1964

Our 1963 report on overseas activities gave, we trust, an impression of rising interest and some notable achievements; 1964 has shown not only a consolidation of those points but the realisation of many projects and ambitions.

Whereas 1963 was a record one for the number of ringing centres, peals and quarters scored, the calendar of events for 1964 makes quite spectacular reading! When one reads of the two inter-Province trips in Canada, the Washington dedication and Fred Price's four-month teaching programme, the first peal in Southern Rhodesia and the Australian annual gathering in Hobart, Tasmania, it can be seen that the "noble exercise" is well established in the four corners of the globe. Long may it continue and congratulations to those who are doing their stuff in far-off lands.

CANADA

This country has come into its own again and has had a most active year—the best for many a long day. In *Victoria* under E. W. Izard the Cathedral bells have been rung twice every Sunday plus practice and special services, an enviable record indeed. Membership with a good sprinkling of youngsters stands at 20 and these people have also rung handbells and given lectures for special occasions. Methods include Stedman Triples and T.B. Major. *Vancouver* under Ted Lee have also done well, thirteen members and ringing Stedman, Grand-sire, Oxford Bob Triples. Bob Major and sometimes St. Clement's. Their highlight was a 700-mile trip over the Rockies to Calgary.

Mission City monastery (Westminster Abbey), standing on high ground overlooking the Fraser Valley matches its fine site with an equally fine ring of ten. These bells are rung to changes every day by the monks, conducted by Father Dunstan, in anything up to Grand-sire Caters. *Calgary* repaid the Vancouver visit by one of their own to British Columbia in October and rang at Holy Rosary Cathedral and Mission; a great trip it was too. There is nothing more encouraging than to read of this sort of get-together amongst widely scattered ringers and of the untold good that they do. On Easter Day what is believed to be the first quarter ever rung in Alberta was brought round, one member travelling 400 miles to take part.

Now that A. J. Collins has moved to Ottawa (and provided some useful information on Canada) we are hoping to hear something of the ringable octave in *Quebec*.

U.S.A.

Campanology "hit" the United States in 1964 with a bang, rather like Picasso's work raged in England! It was a "new art form" they said and they meant it.

The *Washington* dedication has told its own story so we won't make "old hat" of it here. This noble ring implanted the beauty of the sound of bells in literally thousands of people's minds and to those that had the honour of representing Britain on Ascension Day it was an unforgettable experience. The aftermath has been most interesting and Fred Price's mammoth efforts on the first ever almost professional four month course are remarkable indeed. It is estimated that altogether something like 85-100 people have been taught to handle and thus future prospects seem well assured. *Groton School* continue to ring the chapel 10 and very well they do it. We hope the stimulus provided by last year's visit continues and the prospect of welcoming another school party to England is very encouraging. It may be that some of these boys, after graduating, will find their way to either *Boston, Hingham* (Mass.) or *Chicago*, fine rings all of them but without bands.

William E. Howard writes from *Kent School, Conn.*, and again progress is the keynote. For the first time in their 34 year-history the tenor is being "turned in" and Kent T.B. has been added to the Grand-sire and Stedman repertoire. A special invitation is extended to any would-be traveller—"do a Groton on us" they say!

Nowhere are handbells more enthusiastically rung or received than in the United States and these feature very largely in American life—it's nice to think too that most of the handbells come from England.

AFRICA

We have received a very entertaining and informative report from Frank T. Blagrove on *Offaires Afriques*. There is no doubt that his and Mrs. Blagrove's arrival in Salisbury is a most welcome move.

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Woodstock.—The band has been a little depleted here due to people moving on but Sunday service ringing and Monday practice still take place.

Grahamstown Cathedral.—Call changes are rung regularly on Sundays by the band of students from St. Paul's Theological College who, in the absence of anyone of experience, learn from the C.C. Handbook and teach the incoming freshman—all credit to them that there was ringing for Bishop Tindall's consecration. The huge louveres result in objections to the noise and some bricking up is contemplated. Brian Harris from Cheshunt has recently joined the band.

Cape Town Cathedral (10 x 26 cwt. Mears and Stainbank).—The new bells arrived during January and will at first be hung for chiming on ground level, pending the erection of the tower at Salisbury.

Durban, St. Mary's, Greyville.—Bells in good condition. The 10 active ringers persevere with Grand-sire Doubles and with the encouragement of a keen Rector they keep going. Mrs. A. P. Cannon and Mr. and Mrs. Blagrove visited here during the year. These people also endeavour to ring at *Durban St. Paul's* whenever possible.

RHODESIA

Salisbury Cathedral.—At the May meeting of the Mashonaland Diocesan Guild the future seemed difficult, owing to the departure of some of the best ringers—those left were only able to ring rounds. At the November meeting there was excitement due to the presence of Frank and Monica Blagrove. With Frank as tower captain progress has been dramatic, beginning with a quarter of Grand-sire Triples that same evening, a peal of Doubles the following month and two quarters since. With a complement of 16, call changes on 10 are often rung for service. Practice is on Wednesday, 5.30-9 p.m. In March the Guild was re-formed to include Que Que and is now styled "The Central African Provincial Guild of Bell Ringers."

Que Que (4 x 5 cwt., Mears, 1962).—Regular service ringing and weekly practices are maintained and an appeal has been launched to provide two more bells.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

Kilifi (6 x 2½ cwt., Taylor, 1962).—Six ringers and twelve learners meet for weekly practice and service ringing. Contact has now been established with this most isolated tower who need every encouragement. In October Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hunt visited Kilifi and rang the six bells with four Kenyan boys. Call changes are painted out on long wooden planks and include a plain course of Stedman Doubles!

AUSTRALIA

Not such a busy year as 1963 but one that was marked by three important and thrilling events. Two restorations (the first time that overseas rings have actually been returned for renovation to England) and the highly successful A.N.Z.A.B. gathering in Hobart. Added to this there were three peals and 60 quarters scored in a host of methods, including many of Surprise Minor methods. Peals were Grand-sire Caters, Double Norwich and Bob Major.

Perth is a well established centre now and remote towers like this are going to benefit from the visit of the English tourists in Great Adventure II. Several quarters were rung in 1964 with Sunday service ringing top priority.

Adelaide. The Cathedral band have again done well and a most happy relationship with the Church exists. In addition to their own tower they have been responsible for ringing at the recently made ringable *Town Hall* octave and providing the necessary encouragement for *Walkerville*. Of the goodly list of quarters the most notable were Stedman Triples with three firsts and conducted by Bill Pitcher, Editor of "Ringing Towers," Bob Major—the first of Major by a local band (tenor 41 cwt.) and the first ever quarter at the Town Hall.

Hobart. Both St. David's Cathedral and Holy Trinity octaves have been kept going and no doubt the holding of the Australian and New Zealand annual gathering in Tasmania in June did a great deal for Hobart. Several beginners are being taught there. The peals of D.N.C.B. and Bob Major in Hobart at the time of the annual gathering were first class efforts—congratulations to all concerned.

In *Melbourne* the long awaited rededication of the twelve took place in October. The Cathedral's sympathetic attitude towards such a costly undertaking (shipping the whole ring back to England, etc.) was simply amazing and it is to be hoped that this will be well and truly backed up by the Melbourne ringers coming right to the fore and building up a strong band. The christening peal was a good one—Grand-sire Caters, in which ringers from three States took part. There are ringers in Australia quite capable of ringing up to Cambridge Maximus and Stedman Cinqs—they now have the twelve on which to do it.

During this time Melbourne interest has been kept alive by regular ringing at St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral, and also handbells.

Bendigo also had the thrill of a rededication, in December—these are now a recast octave by Mears and Stainbank, tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp, and by all accounts a fine job. Keeness is high here so we hope for big things!

Ballaarat. The two eights are regularly rung and the bands are fortunate in having the recent addition to their number of Warne Wilson, an ex-Bendigo ringer. Both Ballaarat and Bendigo share with Melbourne a triangular programme of visits amongst themselves—always enjoyable occasions.

Centres of progress and activity inevitably change and there is no doubt that in the last two years *Sydney* has become that centre. The variety of methods in quarters, tower- and handbells and for service ringing is commendable indeed. St. Mary's Basilica has scored quarters of Cambridge and Double Norwich Major, Stedman Triples and Spliced Surprise Minor, etc., and some good handbell quarters under T. W. Goodyer's leadership. Regular ringing takes place at *Parramatta, Turramurra, Darling Point* and *Burwood*, whilst at Christ Church and St. Benedict's in the city itself, ringing for special occasions.

Other active towers in N.S.W. are *Yass* and *Maitland*, the latter being the venue for this year's State annual ring and striking competition.

Canberra, the Federal Capital, has had a Taylor chime of eight installed, but maximum use is made of them in chiming various standard methods.

Maryborough (Q) has maintained Sunday ringing under pretty difficult conditions—not least its remoteness from Sydney some 800 miles to the south.

St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral, Sydney, is to have a new Taylor ten—the first ten in Australia. All in all Australia presents a very encouraging picture and one which the English tourists next September-October will, we are sure, be keen to foster. May both sides make the most of this exciting venture.

This bright note is tinged with a certain sadness—the passing of four ringers with strong Australian connections. Jean Ireland (Adelaide), Bill Smith (Turramurra) and two of the 1934 English tourists—William E. Linter and Charles Sharples. May they rest in peace.

Overseas Ringing Committee—contd.**NEW ZEALAND**

Christchurch Cathedral now has an active membership of 14 and several prospective beginners. Ringing has taken place every Sunday up to Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob.

Papanui (a light five) have their own call change band taught by the Christchurch ringers.

Hamilton again are maintaining service ringing and in 1965 yet another inter-island/State visit is planned—this time by the Christchurch ringers to Hamilton.

Nelson Cathedral in the north of the South Island have, we understand, been left sufficient money for a ringing peal. The C.C. are following this up with advice on installation and what to order, etc.

This rounds off our overseas survey. Every endeavour has been made to delete any inaccuracies and such advice is appreciated. May we ask anyone contemplating an overseas trip and wishing to contact ringing centres to write to either the convener or A. Victor Sheppard, when all information will be gladly forwarded. Also any corrections to our report or additions direct to us please.

(Signed)

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A. VICTOR SHEPPARD.

Mr. G. W. Pipe proposed the adoption and said that more and more this side of the Council's business was appreciated. A display of photographs of towers overseas was on view in that hall and had been arranged by Mr. Victor Sheppard. The forthcoming trip to Australia was a tremendous thing for overseas ringing and the blessing of the Council went with it. Nothing but good could come of it.

Mr. V. Sheppard seconded.

Mr. P. Gray, representative of the Australia and New Zealand Association said he had recently been in Australia and ringing presented a very encouraging picture. He wanted to bring to the Council the official welcome of the Australia and New Zealand Association, who were looking forward very much to the forthcoming visit. He had been a member of the Council for eight years and this was the first time he had seen his constituents.

Mr. H. Rogers (London County Association) commended the Washington Supplement and thought it would be a good thing if "The Ringing World" could manage two such supplements a year.

RECORDS COMMITTEE**FIRST PERFORMANCES****TOWER BELLS**

(a) Single methods.

January

18 5,152 Kemsing S. Major, Kent C.A.

18 5,152 Kesteven S.M., Hertford C.A.

20 5,056 Mevassey S.M., Lincoln D.G.

30 5,088 Osterley S.M., Middlesex C.A.

February

3 5,088 Hoole S.M., Lincoln D.G.

5 5,152 Maldon S.M., Essex A.

22 5,040 Syon Court B.Roy., London C.A.

29 5,152 Harlow S.M., Essex A.

March

3 5,088 Quenby S.M., Leicester D.G.

13 5,152 Dedham S.M., Essex A.

17 5,152 Rothley S.M., Leicester D.G.

18 5,184 Kingsclere S.M., Win'ter & Ports. G.

29 5,184 Worcestershire S.M., Worcs & Dists.

April

1 5,056 Heene S.M., Sussex C.A.

2 5,088 Framley S.M., Middlesex C.A.

6 5,088 Vobster S.M., Lincoln D.G.

13 5,152 Spalding S.M., Lincoln D.G.

16 5,120 Hounslow S.M., Middlesex C.A.

20 5,024 Ilminster S.M., Lincoln D.G.

25 5,088 Grantchester S.M., Ely D.A.

25 5,056 Westray S.M., Ely D.A.

29 5,280 Timaru S.Max., Leicester D.G.

30 5,056 Kingsway S.M., Middlesex C.A.

May

10 5,152 Madingley S.M., Ely D.A.

11 5,024 Oundle S.M., Lincoln D.G.

16 5,152 Southend-on-Sea T.B.Maj., Essex A.

30 5,184 Whempstead S.M., Hertford C.A.

June

10 5,056 Whickham S.M., St. Martin's G.

21 5,088 Vyrnwy S.M., Lancashire A.

24 5,152 Mancetter S.M., Leicester D.G.

25 5,024 Selborne S.M., Middlesex C.A.

26 5,021 Fawsley S.M., Peterborough D.G.

July

9 5,088 Denbigh S.M., Middlesex C.A.

11 5,152 Nashdom Imp. B.Maj., Oxford D.G.

11 5,088 Alresford S.M., Win'ter & Ports. G.

13 5,040 Hunslet B.M., Yorkshire A.

18 5,056 Basford Del. M., Southwell D.G.

23 5,056 Seafield S.M., Middlesex C.A.

24 5,120 Enderby S.M., Leicester D.G.

August

7 5,120 Turvey S.M., Peterborough D.G.

8 5,024 Bermondsey S.M., Hertford C.A.

10 5,152 Bombay S.M., Lancashire A.

15 5,040 Itchen C.B.Roy., Win'ter & Ports. G.

27 5,024 Ramsgate S.M., Middlesex C.A.

September

24 5,152 Brent S.M., Middlesex C.A.

October

1 5,024 Lapal S.M., St. Martin's G.

2 5,088 Sedgley S.M., Worcs. & Dists. A.

10 5,024 Quarrington S.M., Lincoln D.G.

15 5,280 Laleham S.M., Middlesex C.A.

24 5,024 Datchworth S.M., Hertford C.A.

25 5,152 Islip S.M., Oxford D.G.

30 5,056 Thorverton S.M., Glos. & Bristol A.

November

30 5,152 Churchill S.M., Kent C.A.

December

1 5,024 Chartwell S.M., Middlesex C.A.

26 5,120 Stevenage S.M., Hertford C.A.

30 5,024 Farnworth S.M., Lancashire A.

(b) Spliced.

Jan. 11 5,040 21 Spliced S.Roy., Yorks. A.

April 18 5,040 27 Spliced S.Roy., Yorks. A.

25 5,040 28 Spliced S.Roy., Yorks. A.

July 5 5,040 32 Spliced S.Roy., Yorks. A.

Nov. 14 5,040 36 Spliced S.Roy., Yorks. A.

HANDBELLS

(a) Single methods.

Jan. 7 5,056 Ullesthorpe S.M., Leicester G.

Mar. 17 5,056 Zelah S.M., Leicester D.G.

April 7 5,120 Quornden S.M., Leicester D.G.

Oct. 23 5,056 Eastcote S.M., Middlesex C.A.

(b) Spliced.

June 5 5,120 18 Spliced S.M., Middlesex A.

Sept. 1 5,088 7 Spliced S.M. (all the work), Middlesex C.A.

.. 25 5,120 20 Spliced S.M., Middlesex A.

RECORD LENGTH—TOWER BELLS

July 120,160 Double Norwich C.B.Maj.,

Swansea & Brecon Dio. Guild.

The above is the report of the Records

Committee, being the first peals in the method

and progressive performances which have been

published in "The Ringing World" of 1964.

(Signed)

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E. K. FLETCHER,

L. K. MARSHALL.

Mr. John R. Mayne presented the report on behalf of Mr. Blagrove (in Rhodesia) and said a new departure was an appendix of new Surprise Major and Royal methods to keep it up to date. Mr. T. J. Lock seconded and the report was carried.

The Appendix bringing up to date the Council's Collection of Surprise methods will be published in a later issue.

NEXT MEETINGS

The hon. secretary said that for 1966 there were two aspects. One was the actual date. For 1966 they had received an invitation from the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association to visit Somerset. They had also received an invitation from the Southwell Diocesan Guild for 1967. At the Standing Committee meeting the previous night the view was expressed it was time the Council visited London again. The Standing Committee recommended that the invitation to visit Somerset be accepted and that of the Southwell Guild for 1967, and that the Council express a wish to visit London for its meeting in 1968.

Mr. F. Sharpe moved that the Council visit the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association in 1966 and expresses its gratitude to them for their invitation, and also to the Southwell Diocesan Guild for their invitation.

Mr. Walter Ayre seconded.

Mr. R. S. Anderson said in 1966 the Council meet on Whit Tuesday, and in 1967 on the spring Bank Holiday. He moved this, and Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded.

Canon Felstead said the spring Bank Holiday would enable the clergy to come for a weekend. Was there any objection to a Monday meeting?

Mr. Anderson: It has been invariable for the Standing Committee to meet on the Monday. It would mean that the Standing Committee meet on a Saturday.

Mr. R. Leigh (Lancashire) thought it would be unwise to decide on a date just yet as a number of members did not know what holidays they would have with a spring Bank Holiday. He moved that the date for 1967 be left until next year.

Mr. T. J. Lock seconded, and this was carried unanimously.

Mr. J. H. Gilbert (Bath and Wells) said their Association this year was celebrating its 75th anniversary and in that time the Central Council had never been to Somerset. 'I need say nothing about Somerset bells; we shall be very pleased to see you.'

Mr. J. D. Clarke (Southwell Diocesan Diocesan Guild): It is a pleasure to invite you to hold your meeting in Nottingham, the Queen of the Midlands. Its hotel accommodation is second to none and it is within easy reach of all parts. We have the first backward 12 in the country. The bells of St. Peter's, Nottingham are at present at the foundry and they will be back as a 12. We are delighted that you will share in our 21st birthday.

VOTES OF THANKS

The president proposed a warm vote of thanks to the Mayor of Northampton, the Bishop of Peterborough (the Rt. Rev. Cyril Eastaugh), Canon Turner, the president of the Peterborough Guild, Mr. J. H. Bluff, the Master, the Vicar of All Saints', the other officers of the Peterborough Guild and particularly the general secretary, Mr. Eric Billings, and to incumbents and tower keepers of towers visited.

A vote of thanks to the president for presiding was moved by Mr. Anderson.

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Letters to the Editor

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir,—In two lines in "Belfry Gossip" we read that the London County Association drops from its title its connection with the Church! In this age, when so much is being divorced from the Church, it is sad to note that even a ringing organisation deems it necessary.

How I would have preferred to read: "The London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild drops from its title the words 'London County Association,'" especially as there is now no London County as such.

One could go a step further and hope that one day in the pages of "The Ringing World" we will read that the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild drops from its title the words Middlesex County Association and—who knows—that the two Guilds have united to form the London and Southwark Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers.

For God's sake (meant in its true sense) let's not openly drop our connection with the Church.—Yours sincerely,

C. F. NEAL.

Upper Clapton.

UPWELL PEAL

Dear Sir,—As organiser of the peal of Plain Bob Minor at Upwell, I should like to reply to the recent correspondence.

Firstly, the footnote to the peal is, I feel, a genuine mistake by the conductor, for, as we are all aware, there is a published list of towers where peals have been rung in the annual report of the Ely Diocesan Association.

Secondly, an additional footnote to the peal should have stated that the peal was rung as a farewell (although somewhat belated) to the Rev. A. G. Cope, who has now resigned the living.

I trust this will now make matters clear.—Yours sincerely,

A. K. PHILLIPS.

Emneth, Wisbech.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO GEORGE H. CROSS

Dear Sir,—The recent publication of a number of memoirs to the late George H. Cross indicate the high regard in which he was held by members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, the Kent County Association and his ringing friends throughout the country. As his funeral was held at Chardstock, which is somewhat inaccessible, it is possible that many ringers may have been unable to express the respect to him they would otherwise have done. It has therefore been arranged, by kind permission of the Vicar of St. Alphege's, Greenwich, that the service at the next meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, to be held on July 10th at 4.30 p.m., should take the form of a memorial service to the life and work of George H. Cross. It is hoped that many of his friends, not only members of this Society, will be able to attend.

At the meeting which will follow, it is proposed to discuss the form of a permanent memorial which will be placed in the belfry of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, in recognition of his long service as Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and his leadership of the band at St. Martin's.—Yours faithfully,

D. E. SIBSON,
Hon. Secretary.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

EASTHAMPSTEAD BELLS

Sir,—May I, through the columns of "The Ringing World," bring to the notice of all readers the present state of the bells at SS. Michael and Mary Magdalene, Easthampstead.

Several weeks ago during practice the tenor broke one of its gudgeons, since which time all ringing has been suspended. For some months the ringers had been looking into the feasibility of recasting the old six bells into a lighter ring of eight with a tenor of about six cwt. This scheme had to be set aside, however, as the church had been charged with raising some £3,000 for a new Community Centre building.

Since this unfortunate incident to the tenor occurred, the original plan has been resurrected as it is considered imprudent to rehang a rather poor tenor to an equally poor ring.

The ringers consider as a compromise that the present six should be recast and rehung in the existing pits leaving to some future time the addition of the two new trebles. The cost of this project amounts to £845 and the work is to be carried out by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. The ringers have committed themselves to raising this sum of money but to date have only just over £300. It is possible for the new bells to be ready and ringing by Christmas this year should sufficient moneys become available.

I therefore appeal to all ringers and non-ringers alike, wherever they may be, to assist us in making this possibility become a reality. The names of all donors are to be written into a leather-bound book and all donations, however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

May I thank you all in anticipation.

FRANK C. PRICE.

10, Butler Road, Crowthorne, Berkshire.

P.S.—Cheques or Orders may be made out either to me or to the "Easthampstead Bell Fund," and forwarded direct to the address as above.—F. C. P.

ST. PETER'S, NORTHAMPTON, BELLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Billings, in his history of St. Peter's, Northampton, is a little out. It was five years, not one year, before the 1739 first peal that these bells were augmented from four to eight.

All the bells are dated 1734; and if he goes into Leicestershire to the hamlet of Nosely, where in that period Sir Arthur Haselrigg, Bart., held residence at the Hall, as well as the old Haselrigg House in Masefair, Northampton (sometimes called Cromwell House) owned by his predecessor, he will find an account of four bells coming to Northampton (to be broken up apparently by Rudhall) on Haselrigg's orders after the old tower at Nosely fell.

Rudhall cast no other bells in Northampton itself, so these, it seems, must be the four bells now in St. Peter's, which many have thought to be brand new bells, but were in fact recast from Nosely. There was in that old fallen tower five bells, one of which was retuned and recast at Haselrigg's expense and his name thus inscribed, as it also is on the present seventh at St. Peter's, Northampton, where the old four were also recast by Rudhall at the time of the augmentation—1734, not 1739.

P. AMOS

Weston Favell.

LEICESTER VETERANS ENTERTAINED

A FEATURE of the activities of the Leicester Diocesan Guild is its thought for elderly ringers and on May 29th it provided a wonderful reunion at Coleorton in the north-west corner of the county. The church here has a handy eight (tenor 13 cwt.) and stands in the grounds of Coleorton Hall, now a seat of the National Coal Board. The grounds and gardens, with rhododendrons a blaze of colour, were open to the visitors.

Fleets of cars brought the veterans to the church by 3 p.m. and there were some great reunions, such as the two remaining sons of the four fathers and sons' peal at Belgrave in 1925 (the last time they met) and several others who had not met for 30 years. A shortened Evensong was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. C. Burford) and those who were chorists sat in the choir. Singing was with a fervour reminiscent of the Welsh valleys.

A sumptuous spread awaited the party at Coleorton School. Afterwards a very comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. T. C. Belton, who was responsible for the arrangements. Those thanked included the Rector, the ladies, Coleorton ringers and the "younger" car owners. Mr. Ernest Bartram thanked the General Committee of the Guild for their blessing on the venture, to which Mr. Paul Taylor (a vice-president) replied. The services of Mr. Belton were acknowledged by Mr. H. Over, and his vote of thanks was carried with acclamation.

The programme included selections by the Earl Shilton handbell ringers, musical items by Mr. and Mrs. R. Lord and the reading of reminiscences and extracts from "The Ringing Worlds" of the 1920's and 1930's. These prompted several "I remembers" and Harry Stoneley produced his miniature handbells, relics of the 1914-18 war. Mr. Paul Taylor gave a lighthearted story of recent happenings at the foundry and at 8 p.m. came "Auld Lang Syne," bringing to a close a memorable day.

The company included Miss H. Shipman, Messrs. J. Butcher, T. Briggs, E. Bartram, H. Churchill, C. Jelly, E. Tinsley, A. Moulds, J. Ward (Melton area), C. R. Belton, H. Stoneley, H. Wright, H. Hollis, J. Herbert, N. Walker, L. Hewitt, H. Wood, J. Buckingham (Hinckley area), G. Broughton, R. Barrow, R. Elkington, E. Geary, V. Geary, T. Isom, William Wood, E. W. Bowley, W. Tanser (Leicester area), F. Bindley, W. Draper, W. Dexter, W. Swan, P. Plowright (Syston area), A. W. Martin, L. W. Allen (Market Harborough area), G. Butler, W. Honner, W. Hickman, H. Over, E. F. Gobey, W. Smith (Loughborough area), J. W. Cotton and W. Curson (M.C.G.). Others in attendance with cars were Messrs. L. Allen jun., A. Ballard, J. Hodgetts, W. Root, H. L. Wykes, J. Kesterton, Joe Beal, G. Wright, J. Jelly, J. Adams, H. Bowley, J. Lawrence, J. Day, M. Stimson and Paul Taylor.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On May 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Anne Kingcott (first on ten) 1. E. T. Lee 2, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 3, M. Collins 4, A. E. Cox 5, L. Derrick 6, W. H. Kingcott 7, D. G. Yeo 8, P. Bridle 9, J. Brain 10. Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, founded on May 31st, 1890.

JOHN NICOLL
BELL ROPES
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Birmingham University in Yorkshire

THE police, among others, were surprised to see a band of nine students gather outside New Street Station at 10.30 one dull Wednesday morning in April. Using this surprise to their advantage, the nine ringers poured into a minibus and made a smooth getaway, thus avoiding being arrested for loitering.

Mansfield was reached several hours later and here the party was augmented to eleven by the arrival of Alistair Mactadyen and his sister Jo. After a few rounds, a touch of Stedman was rung, then Blyth and Tadcaster followed before crossing into Yorkshire to York, where the tour was centred.

Thursday, the first full day, was notable in that at the third tower, Patrington, we had our efforts recorded by the B.B.C. Northern Station. The entrance to the ringing chamber at Patrington is via a tunnel some 25 feet long, being two feet wide, three feet high and triangular in cross-section. Despite none of our number being of optimum shape, we all managed to reach the ringing chamber and agreed that the bells were well worth the effort. After several more towers we arrived in Market Weighton (6) where, having rung York Surprise, we frequented the nearest fish and chip shop, the whole party by then having become suitably impoverished.

The first tower on Friday was the six at Holme-on-Spalding Moor (a ground floor ring), where we were joined by Steve Barton. Unfortunately the tail ends of the ropes were just out of reach. Deducing that the bells must be set at backstroke by some very tall ringers, our tallest member tentatively pulled at one of the ropes; it came down but unfortunately all the others went up. Luckily at this point the tower key arrived and the ropes were loosened from above. After this unusual start we rang for about half an hour, the "new" method at this tower being Double Oxford.

A WARNING COUGH

North Ferriby was reached about lunchtime. We first located the church, then began to look for somewhere to eat. Began is, unfortunately, the operative word in the last sentence, for about 100 yards from the church the engine of our minibus gave one warning cough, then stopped. All jumped out. The engineers in our company immediately started scrutinising all relevant and some irrelevant parts of the engine with obvious delight; however, their search was fruitless. Attempts at push-starting were miserable failures; we appeared to be stuck.

Half an hour later we were ringing the six in the nearby church feeling much happier. (We bought a can of petrol.) Later that day we were again recorded, this time by the tower master of Hemingbrough, where there is a nice six with a long free fall of rope. The day was completed with the eight at Escrick.

Saturday's events of note were mainly concerned with the ringing (for a change), with Yorkshire at Norton-juxta-Malton and Double Norwich at Bridlington Priory (a heavy eight). Sunday morning saw some of us ringing at the Minster (unfortunately deprived of its tenor with clapper trouble) for morning service. This was followed by a quick row on the Ouse and then Sunday dinner. In the afternoon we rang for the St. George's Day service at the Minster, then we had a ring on the six at Huntington, finishing the day's ringing for Evensong at St. Stephen's, Accomb.

Monday started at Hovingham, where we were interviewed by the local newspaper reporter. Easingwold (a nice eight) has Yorkshire tail ends, which proved confusing to begin with. The incumbent came to join us soon after we had started, and one of our ringers inquired of him where we might obtain a few pies for lunch. Mishearing the question, the reverend gentleman retorted "You are very abstemious, young man," and directed us to an excellent pub. After lunch we visited Thirsk, Wath and Boroughdale, finishing the day on the excellent ten at Ripon Cathedral.

Tuesday began at Whixley, where we rang London Scholars' Pleasure. At Harrogate (which were, in my opinion, the best eight of the tour) we rang a good half course of Superlative. The day continued with three more sixes and two more eights before concluding the tour at Sherburn with another course of Superlative. That evening the whole party had a Chinese meal despite many of us having light wallets.

Our thanks are especially due to Mr. Robert Hardy for organising the tour and driving the minibus. A. J. J.

OBITUARY

MISS CAROLYN VIBERT

The death of Carolyn Vibert at the age of 19, on Whit Monday, was tragic. It came as a severe shock to the many friends she had made. Secretary of the Bishopstoke band, she undertook this and other parochial duties with a cheerfulness which was characteristic of her nature.

Ringling was her chief interest, but she had also been a chorister for a few years. Under the guidance of George Pullinger, Carolyn made progress in the standard methods and stood in her first peal at Bishopstoke in April, 1961, Plain Bob Major, conducted by Tom Chapman. Since then she had rung a total of 65 peals, her last at North Lopham, Lincolnshire Surprise Major, conducted by David J. Forder, the day before her death. An accomplished ringer and a pleasant companion, Carolyn had rung most popular Surprise methods up to London Surprise Royal.

Having a passion for peals and week-end tours, she was a member of a party who had just completed a tour of the Norwich area organised by David B. House. Finishing at Hethersett on Whit Monday morning, the party made their way to Chelmsford for the evening ringing. This was the last time her friends saw her, for, returning home, the car she was travelling in was involved in a head-on collision on the A.30 just north of Basingstoke. Carolyn died instantly.

To her parents and brothers we express our heartfelt sympathy.

The funeral took place at Bishopstoke Church on June 14th, with a private family service afterwards at the South Stoneham Crematorium. Whole pull and stand was rung prior to the service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. G. H. Rose. The large number of ringers, friends and parishioners present reflected the high regard all had for Carolyn. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung in the porch as the cortege left by: T. Chapman, Mrs. T. Chapman, R. C. Kippin and D. J. Forder.

Floral tributes came from all sources, her family, ringers, church workers, her fellow workers and management, neighbours and many more. A permanent remembrance in the form of a plaque will be placed in the belfry at a later date.

Ringers present, apart from those already mentioned, were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Faithfull, Mr. and Mrs. R. Faithfull, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Thomas, Mrs. T. H. Francis, the Misses L. Cull, R. Kemp, H. Kippin, V. Rowe, J. Thorne, Messrs. M. J. Butler, O. N. Curtis, W. J. Durrant, P. Faithfull, J. Hartless, S. Kirby, B. J. Luff, M. M. Powell, R. R. Savory, M. J. Trigg and Canon K. W. H. Felstead.

After the service a half-muffled peal was rung by a representative band, the composition being that used for Carolyn's first peal. T. C.

STOGUMBER, SOMERSET.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Routley 1, P. Watts 2, A. Somerfield 3, R. Penny 4, R. J. Somerfield (cond.) 5, S. Bryant 6. In memory of an old ringer and sidesman. Also on June 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Smith 1, G. Marchant 2, W. Stevens 3, B. Wyde 4, C. Clarke (cond.) 5, M. Stone 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The bells at Edensor will be available in connection with the meeting at Darley Dale on July 3rd from 7 to 8 p.m.

We regret to learn that Mr. W. Beeson, of Cranleigh, is seriously ill and his health is of concern to his friends.

The peal at Prittlewell on May 23rd (see page 397) was rung to welcome Heather Ann, born on May 5th, the first child for Mr. and Mrs. Allen W. Cansdale, the former ringing the second bell in the peal of Plain Bob Caters.

When the Western District of the Ladies' Guild met at Dunkerton on June 12th four new members were elected—the Misses B. Boyle and S. Hallett (Pilton), P. Pickard (Wraxall) and Mrs. S. Lewis (Warmley). A wide range of methods was rung on these very light bells.

Returning from Northampton, Canon Thurlow discovered that his visit to South Lopham to dedicate the rehung six bells had not been advertised in the issue of June 18th. We are asked to emphasise that all ringers are welcome and the bells will be available after the dedication.

If Miss Mary Jones, of Manchester University Guild, will send her address to Mr. David J. Marshall, 1, Hallgarth View, Whinney Hill, Durham City, he will pass his comments to her on her report of the Guild dinner. The editor has been through the Jones list of addresses in an endeavour to pass on Mr. Marshall's communication. He did, however, find a "Marjorie."

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MEMORIAL TO MR. F. M. MITCHELL

The Kent County Association and other friends intend to place a bronze memorial plaque at the base of the tower at Milton-next-Gravesend to the memory of Frederick M. Mitchell, for so long their treasurer and secretary, who died in 1960. After months of negotiation a faculty has now been granted and the manufacture of the plaque can proceed. There will be an announcement later of the arrangements for the dedication and unveiling.

GROTON'S VISIT

Mr. Russell S. Young, the master in charge of ringing at Groton School, is in England and is staying with Mr. Frank Price, at 10, Butler Road, Crowthorne, Berks. He writes: "I am in England until July 12th, principally on the Winchester-Oxford-Leicester axis, and would be glad to meet any schoolmaster-ringers who even remotely entertain the idea of teaching in America."

"Another group of Groton ringers will be arriving in two weeks for the third tour. We are looking forward to several weeks of ringing, learning and making friends in the mother country."

LITTLE WALSINGHAM BELLS

East Anglia has many unringable bells, and it is therefore encouraging to hear of hopes for restoration. In his annual report on the fabric of St. Mary's, Little Walsingham, Norfolk, the Vicar (Fr. Alan Roe) expressed a wish to have the five bells retuned and rehung, with the possible addition of a sixth bell. Much work is still needed to be done on the tower, which would cost £4,000, but the bells would certainly be repaired when the money was available.

SALISBURY BRANCH STRIKING COMPETITION

The pleasant light six at Winterslow were perfectly suited to the beautiful weather of May 22nd, when the Salisbury Branch held its third annual striking competition. The newly-appointed Rector, the Rev. W. B. Vernon, welcomed the Guild at the service that preceded the event. After tea in the Village Hall a return was made to the church for the competition.

The result was: 1 Fittleton (Grandsire) 26 faults; 2 Sarum St. Thomas (Grandsire) 43; 3 Damerham (Grandsire) 48; 4 Wilton (Stedman) 59; 5 Salisbury Training College (call changes) 89.

We are most grateful to Messrs. A. V. Davis, L. Cobb and W. Cheater, of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, for their ready help and advice as judges. G. A. T.

ISLE OF MAN BELLS

Mr. Geoffrey R. Marchant, of 137, Downend Road, Horfield, Bristol 7, inquires as to the state of the bells at St. Geram's, Peel, Isle of Man. On a recent visit to the island he was refused permission to look at the bells but the Vicar did mention that he had had numerous similar requests and, concluding Mr. Marchant, "it may be that someone was more persuasive than I."

CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY, HANTS

The first week-end in July will be quite a "Ringers' Occasion" in Christchurch. It is believed to be the first time that the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild have decided to hold their annual general meeting in the Priory town. This meeting is planned for Saturday, July 3rd, and the following day will be observed as a Ringers' Sunday at the Priory Church.

The preacher at the Guild service at 4.45 p.m. on the Saturday will be the Rev. Frankland Rigby, M.A., Vicar of Bromesborough, Gloucester, and Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Guild. Mr. Rigby was formerly a member of the St. Peter's, Bournemouth, band.

At Evensong on the Sunday at 6.30 p.m. there will be some special music and ringers' hymns, the preacher at this service being Canon K. W. H. Felstead, M.Sc., Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild and Rural Dean of Southampton. Visitors will be especially welcomed. Details of ringing times are included in the meeting advertisement.

HANDBELLS THAT SAW ACTIVE SERVICE

A highlight of the Leicester Veterans' reunion at Coleorton was a course of Grandsire Caters rung on Mr. Harry Stoneley's miniature handbells, which he carried with him in the trenches in the 1914-18 war. Harry was still dressed in his Scouting uniform, which has made him a familiar figure for over half a century. He delighted the company with amusing anecdotes, particularly those of the famous Wednesday afternoon band of the 1920's and 1930's with James George and other giants of that era. Other survivors of the band present were Richard Belton, Joseph Cotton and Edward Gobey.

MISBLOW PRODUCES ROUNDS

In a peal of Minor at Offton, in seven plain methods, on June 7th, a misbLOW took place 120 changes from the end. It produced temporary rounds and was immediately corrected. The extent was completed but the conductor (Giles B. Thompson) quite rightly has consigned it to the list of miscellaneous performances. He writes: "I think an interesting dilemma for all Minor ringers is brought to light. Had the same misbLOW been made elsewhere, rounds would not have occurred and the 720 would not then seem obviously false. Thus can anyone honestly claim as true anything on less than eight bells in which there is one distinctly misplaced blow? And further, is anyone less honest if this misbLOW produces temporary rounds?"

Taking part in the performance were: F. James Lockwood 1, Roger E. K. Whittell 2, A. Trevor Hawkins 3, Brian B. Hullah 4, Neville F. Whittell 5, George E. Thompson (conductor) 6. Methods: Thelwall, Childwall, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Double and Plain Bob.

HER METHOD CONSTRUCTION KIT

E. M. B. writes telling of her method construction kit for learning methods. "Suppose a Minor method to be under consideration. Six pieces of transparent paper marked with six vertical, evenly-spaced, parallel lines—divided into six sections by horizontal lines in case of T.B. or Surprise. On one sheet mark out the regular hunting path of the treble (preferably a dotted line). The next sheet has the course of the 2nd place bell and the remaining four sheets courses of 3rds, 4ths, 5ths and 6ths place. It is an advantage to have a different colour for each bell.

At the bottom of each sheet is written in the appropriate colours above and below the appropriate vertical line the numbers 1 to 6. The dimensions of the framework and of the numerals must, of course, be identical for each sheet, as they are to be placed on top of one another as required. The sheets may be fastened together, either in natural order or in the order of the duty of any particular bell. Bob and Single construction kits could also be provided on the same lines, extending from one half-lead to the next.

"The course bell, and passing the treble, would be easily demonstrable; and the notion, so easily acquired by the learner, that a method consists of a wayward and capricious blue line thwarted at various points in its career by the antics of various arbitrary numerals (presumably following their own equally capricious blue lines) would have no reason ever to raise its head."

TREVOR BAILEY'S 200 PEALS

Mr. Trevor N. J. Bailey has travelled far to complete his first 200 peals, involving ringing in 30 counties in England and Ireland and for 21 Guilds and Associations. Of his peals, only nine—and all Doubles—were rung "in hand" and all of these he conducted. The total conducted was 32. Approximately a quarter of his peals were on 10 or 12 bells, and in this group Cambridge Maximus heads the list with 12, other Surprise Maximus being Yorkshire 4, Londinium, 12-Spliced and Superlative one each. Royal total 25 (Surprise Cambridge 5, Yorkshire 1, 3-Spliced London 3 and Pudsey 4). There were 34 in Surprise Major, nine methods, being represented. Other Major totalled 29 (Plain Bob 18 and Double Norwich Court Bob 7) and Triples only eight. Significant of his county is 34 Doubles and 36 Minor peals. Altogether it is a very good list.

MAJORITY RULE IN PEALS

The band who rang the peal of Bristol Surprise Major at Colchester on Whit Monday in crediting the peal to the Oxford Diocesan Guild intend no slight on their "host," the Essex Association. As only two of the band are members of the Association, the remainder were prevented from joining by virtue of the majority membership rule. Perhaps Associations with such a rule should consider a change in their rules in view of the loss in revenue which is evidently suffered.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
SHEPTON MALLET, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Tues., June 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25½ cwt.			
*Frederick Sandy Treble	John C. Slater	5	
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Peter Bridle	6	
James R. Taylor 3	D. John Hunt	7	
Michael J. Hobbs 4	Ralph G. Edwards	Tenor	

Composed by J. Armiger Trollope. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Major.

LOCKING, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Augustine.

On Mon., May 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.			
George Prescott Treble	†Marjorie Legg	4	
*Michael G. Bartlett 2	†Walter Rice	5	
†Edgar Skipsey 3	†Roy Rice	Tenor	

Conducted by George Prescott.

* First peal of Doubles. † First of Stedman. ‡ 125th peal.
Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Association.

UPHILL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Fri., June 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven extents Stedman, ten Plain Bob and 25 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.			
Marjorie Legg Treble	Stanley Lewis	3	
John Hall 2	Walter Rice	4	

George Prescott Tenor
Conducted by George Prescott.

Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Association.

SHIPHAM, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent St. Clement's Bob, two Kent Treble Bob, and four Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.			
Richard W. Sweet Treble	John H. Taylor	4	
David Huddleston 2	Hugh N. Evans	5	
Andrew Howard 3	Alan Tubb	Tenor	

Conducted by Hugh N. Evans.

Rung for the Festival of Whitsun.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FRODSHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Wed., June 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.			
Oswald Claybrook Treble	Frederick Jackson	5	
*John R. Bibby 2	Cyril Valentine	6	
*John Oultram 3	Walter Allman	7	
John E. Bibby 4	Francis Bibby	Tenor	

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by John E. Bibby.
* First peal in the method.

SADDLEWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.			
Denis Mottershead Treble	Philip Davies	5	
*Allen Twyman 2	John Robinson	6	
Denis Latham 3	Jeffrey Brannan	7	
John Booth 4	Neil Lomas	Tenor	

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.
* First peal in the method.

CUMBERLAND AND N. WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.
CLEATOR MOOR, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.			
John H. McTear Treble	Alan Capstick	5	
James E. Burles 2	Geoffrey Tembey	6	
James E. Dickinson 3	Nicholas M. Newby, jun. .	7	
Harold Wilson 4	Thomas F. Metcalfe	Tenor	

Composed by J. Thorp. Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.
First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for Ascension Day, and as a 16th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Capstick.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ASHOVER, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., June 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 10 lb.			
Frank A. Smallwood Treble	Ronald H. Bullen	5	
Trevor Taylor 2	Burley Morris	6	
Gordon A. Halls 3	Geoffrey Goodall	7	
Murray A. Coleman 4	David W. Friend	Tenor	

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Trevor Taylor.

DRONFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5216 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.			
Christopher J. Hughes .. Treble	Amburn Wilson	5	
Len Goodall 2	C. Alan Friskney	6	
Geoffrey N. Goodall 3	Richard Farnsworth	7	
Clive Longden 4	Richard Shelkton	Tenor	

Composed by A. Percival Knights. Conducted by Len Goodall.
Rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to the composer.

STAVELEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. John Baptist.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.			
Frederick A. Adams .. Treble	Len Goodall	5	
Harold Paddison 2	Geoffrey N. Goodall	6	
Alan Keller 3	Christopher J. Hughes	7	
*Verena Simpson 4	Malcolm P. Phipps	Tenor	

Arranged and Conducted by Len Goodall.
* First peal.

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Mon., May 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent Oxford T.B., two each Kent T.B., Cambridge S. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.			
Nora Carlisle Treble	Ivan Barlow	4	
*John Moore 2	Girling Rigby	5	
Jack Chadwick 3	Denis R. Carlisle	Tenor	

Conducted by Denis R. Carlisle.
* First peal in four methods.

BURBAGE, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At Christ Church.

On Wed., June 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.			
Katharine M. Macve .. Treble	*Henry Kirk	4	
Alan G. Kirk 2	F. Martin Stanway	5	
*Gillian M. Fanshaw .. 3	Andrew M. Macve	Tenor	

Conducted by Andrew M. Macve.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

BROADCLYST, Devon.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb. in E flat.			
Gillian M. Hussey Treble	John H. Taylor	5	
*Margaret A. Boulton .. 2	Richard J. Bowden	6	
Alan Tubb 3	*Alan Carveth	7	
*Bernard G. North 4	D. John Hunt	Tenor	

Composed by J. Armiger Trollope. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of Rutland.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
NEWBURN ON TYNE, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods, viz.: (1) Chester, Munden, (2) London, Wells, (3) York, Durham, (4) Ipswich, (5) Bourne, (6) Beverley, Cambridge, Surfleet, (7) Surfleet, Beverley. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.			
William A. Thow Treble	Andrew G. Craddock	4	
James Crowther 2	Michael Maughan	5	
Rodney A. Yeates 3	William Davidson	Tenor	

Conducted by Michael Maughan.
Most methods to a peal by all the band.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GOLDHANGER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.			
Ivan J. M. Saunders .. Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds	5	
Alison M. Mann 2	James L. Towler	6	
Ian R. Pantou 3	Joe E. G. Roast	7	
Peter G. Brown 4	Philip J. Rothera	Tenor	

Composed by Maurice Hodgson. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
First in the method by all the band and on the bells.

FYFIELD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents St. Clement's and five Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 11 lb. in B flat.			
Yvonne A. Murray .. Treble	Ian V. Foster	4	
*Anne Edwards 2	James L. Towler	5	
†Keith W. Brown 3	Peter G. Brown	Tenor	

Conducted by Peter G. Brown.
* 25th peal. † First peal. First as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

OAKSEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent Cambridge Surprise, and two each St. Clement's Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

Richard W. Sweet Treble	Roland T. Wakefield .. 4
Alan, Tubb 2	Hugh N. Evans 5
Andrew Howard 3	John M. Taylor Tenor

Conducted by Hugh N. Evans.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.

On Thurs., June 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, being 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge, and 992 each of Bristol, Pudsey and Superlative, with 100 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Walter Ayre Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 5
John D. Faircloth 2	Roger Baldwin 6
Mary S. Taylor 3	Gerald Penney 7
Thomas J. Lock 4	Christopher W. Woolley .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

Rung to mark the birth of a daughter, Jeanette Anne, to Jennifer and Vernon Green on May 28th.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.

*Tony Lewis Treble	Herbert E. Audsley .. 5
Arthur G. Mason 2	†Stanley G. R. Zobel .. 6
Doris E. Colgate 3	Ian H. Oram 7
Frederick J. Cullum .. 4	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Composed by Edwin Barnett, sen. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* 25th peal. † First peal of Major.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells on June 5th, 1915, using the same method and composition.

LYDD, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Philip A. Corby Treble	*Doris E. Colgate 5
*Lucile M. Corby 2	*Edward J. Jenner 6
*Judith M. Corby 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
*Ann Jenner 4	*Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal in the method.

A compliment to Joan Warner and Lynn Taylor, on their engagement.

BOXLEY, Kent.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and All Saints.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods: (1) St. Clement's, (2) Single Oxford, (3 and 4) Kent T.B., (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*Shirley P. Town Treble	*Peter S. Muchlinski .. 4
David S. Ossenton 2	Christopher T. Ossenton .. 5
F. G. Holgan 3	*Norman R. Mattingley .. Tenor

Conducted by Norman R. Mattingley.

* First peal in more than one method. First peal as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., June 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Richard Starkie Treble	*Jeffrey Kershaw 7
*Philip Crossthwaite .. 2	Tudor P. Edwards 8
*Christine Andrew 3	Derek Butterworth 9
Margaret E. Fort 4	Neil Bennett 10
*J. Colin Ashworth 5	Cyril Crossthwaite 11
*Richard Parker 6	Harry Parks Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

* First twelve bell peal.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

BOTTESFORD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

Alan G. Payne Treble	Edwin T. Chapman 5
Denis R. Woods 2	Cyril R. Burrell 6
*Derek J. Jones 3	Raymond H. Daw 7
Roger D. Bailey 4	Brian Harris Tenor

Composed by Denis Knox.

* First peal of Yorkshire.

Conducted by Brian Harris.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Derek J. Jones Treble	*Alan G. Payne 5
Denis R. Woods 2	Raymond H. Daw 6
Roger D. Bailey 3	Brian Harris 7
Edwin T. Chapman 4	Cyril R. Burrell Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Brian Harris.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

WALESBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*Melvyn A. Rose Treble	†Michael Whiting 5
Raymond Chafer 2	†Harold Judd 6
†Geoffrey Bromfield .. 3	C. Aubrey Harrison .. 7
Michael W. Crowder .. 4	John Hall Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

† First in the method.

EWERBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sun., June 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

*Michael R. Rooney .. Treble	†Raymond H. Daw .. 5
Keith R. Davey 2	J. Martin Thorley .. 6
Derek J. Jones 3	Robert B. Smith .. 7
†Alan G. Payne 4	Brian Harris Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal of Major.

† First peal of Superlative.

SPALDING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

*Janet E. Hubbard .. Treble	†Harold Barsley .. 5
Frank Taylor 2	Brian Harris 6
†Alan G. Payne 3	J. Martin Thorley .. 7
Derek J. Jones 4	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by James Topp. Conducted by Brian Harris.

* First peal of Surprise.

† First of Lincolnshire.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

Patricia E. Buss Treble	David J. Llewellyn .. 6
Patricia Diserens 2	Frederick R. Scott .. 7
Helen M. Diserens .. 3	David P. Hilling .. 8
John Manley 4	Ronald F. Diserens .. 9
Frank W. Lewis 5	Noel J. Diserens Tenor

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.

LLANBRADACH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., April 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 20 lb. in G.

Harry Parkes Treble	Stephen Fenwich .. 5
W. James Goodfellow .. 2	Christopher Aldridge .. 6
Penelope J. Welch .. 3	M. Jack Pryor 7
*Alan Smith 4	David J. Llewellyn .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David J. Llewellyn.

* First peal of Major. First peal on the bells for 33 years.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HARLINGTON, Middlesex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sun., June 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.	Sydney M. Bailey .. 5
*Susan E. M. Davis .. Treble	Michael Hatchett .. 6
John R. Ketteringham .. 2	Wilfrid G. Wilson .. 7
Arthur Barker 3	Lionel Grace Tenor
William Birmingham .. 4	

Conducted by Wilfrid G. Wilson.

* First peal.

Rung in honour of the laying this day of the foundation stone of Christ Church, a daughter church in the parish of Harlington, by Major L. F. Ellis, C.V.O., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E.

William A. Theobald .. Treble	Anthony H. Smith .. 6
Andrew N. Stubbs 2	*†D. Roy Bould 7
*Margaret A. Bould .. 3	Richard O. Humphries .. 8
Lawrence Smith 4	Robert E. Hardy 9
Robert E. J. Dennis .. 5	David T. Darby Tenor

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by William A. Theobald.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

† First in the method.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., June 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 SPOTBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

G. William Critchley .. Treble	Dennis Knox 5
W. Eric Critchley 2	Thomas J. Lock 6
Claudia A. Critchley 3	John Hill 7
Alick Cutler 4	John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox.

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

First peal in the method.

A birthday compliment to Alick Cutler.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

COLE-ORTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Edwin Deakin Treble	William A. Yates 5
James Linnell 2	George W. Holland 6
Barry E. Saunders 3	Joseph Wm. Cotton 7
John A. Underwood 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

Rung as a wedding day compliment to Mr. G. Barry Brown, of Billingborough, Lincs. and Miss Ann Warnes, of Barkby, Leics, whose wedding took place at St. Mary's, Barkby, this day.

MEASHAM, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

R. Kingsley Mason Treble	Barry E. Saunders 5
John A. Underwood 2	William A. Yates 6
Arthur E. Rowley 3	George W. Holland 7
Joseph Wm. Cotton 4	James Linnell Tenor

Conducted by George W. Holland.

Rung for the 10th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. A. J. Day, to the living of Measham.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 46 lb. in E flat.

Carolyn Vibert Treble	David J. Forder 5
*Peter M. Adcock 2	Brian J. Luff 6
John R. Faithfull 3	David E. House 7
Michael J. Thomas 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

* First peal of London Surprise Major.

DOWNE, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Wed., June 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently called extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 lb. in G.

Anthony H. Smith .. Treble	†Paul G. LeCount 4
*Jennifer M. Payne 2	†Robert E. J. Dennis .. 5
Edward D. Elderkin .. 3	Richard O. Humphries .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard O. Humphries.

* First peal of Minor. † First in the method. ‡ First of Bob Minor.

Rung immediately after the marriage at this church of Kathleen Toman and Edwin Coleborn, by five members of the University of London Society and one member of the Kent County Association.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

Frank R. Morton .. Treble	Dennis Latham 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Raymond J. Ballard 6
Harold Dowler 3	Roy Worrall 7
Walter Sherratt 4	Charles A. S. Webb .. Tenor

Composed by William Barton.

Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

SPOTBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR.

38—38.4—58—16.34—14.5—12—1.

2nds place i.e. 1648. 4ths place bobs.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH LOPHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sun., June 6, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

John R. Faithfull .. Treble	*Martin Cubitt 5
*Marilyn C. Smith 2	Leslie F. Bailey 6
David J. Forder 3	Malcolm M. Powell .. 7
Carolyn Vibert 4	Brian J. Luff Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

Conducted by David J. Forder.

* First peal of Lincolnshire. First of Lincolnshire on the bells.

HETHERSETT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Remigius.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

Michael J. Thomas .. Treble	Malcolm M. Powell 5
Marilyn C. Smith 2	David J. Forder 6
John R. Faithfull 3	Robert C. Kippin 7
*Peter M. Adcock 4	David E. House Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

* First peal of Rutland.

NORTH ELMHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Thurs., June 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

Edward Howes Treble	Kevin S. Hohl 5
Shelagh R. Collins 2	George P. Adams 6
H. William Barrett .. 3	Peter M. Adcock 7
Rev. Malcolm C. Melville 4	David E. House Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

Conducted by David E. House.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

Giles R. Shedden .. Treble	Anthony D. Sansom 5
Frederick R. Scott 2	J. Keith Ward 6
Gillian A. Leale 3	David P. Hilling 7
Robin G. Leale 4	Michael P. Moreton Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

FARINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., June 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

Heywood's Transposition.	
Walter F. Judge .. Treble	Dennis Leslie 5
Norman Leslie 2	Francis A. White 6
John Drewitt 3	Brian R. White 7
John W. T. Hibbert .. 4	Edwin Drewitt Tenor

Conducted by Brian R. White.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr.

On Thurs., June 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 20 methods, being 120 each of April Day, Kennington, May Day, Clifford's, Southrepps, Royston, All Saints, Pinks, St. Helen, Newborough, St. Anne, Bluebell, St. Swithin, St. Cross, Northleigh and St. Thomas-the-Martyr, 240 Antelope, 840 each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury, 1,320 Grandshire. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Garth A. Porter .. Treble	*Ian Ross 4
Leonard R. Porter 2	Noel D. Deam 5
R. H. Jones 3	David Floyd Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

* First peal "inside."

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SURFLEET, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Whit Mon., June 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

Tudor P. Edwards .. Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh 7
J. Alan Ainsworth 2	Barrie Hendry 8
Alan F. Thirst 3	Patrick I. Chapman 9
George E. Thodaj 4	John S. Mason 10
Antony R. Kench 5	Peter Border 11
Eric N. Harrison 6	Wilfred Williams Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

First peal of Surprise Maximus by the Guild.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDENHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

*Charles E. Black Treble	†William A. Holmes .. . 5
Wendy Daw 2	Brian Harris 6
Denis R. Woods 3	Raymond H. Daw 7
Derek J. Jones 4	Robert B. Smith .. . Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Yorkshire.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund, K. and M.

On Sun., June 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in E.

Jack L. Millhouse Treble	W. Leslie Weller .. . 5
Joyce M. Gurnhill 2	R. Roger Savory .. . 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	Peter A. Sharp 7
Stanley G. Ponting 4	*A. Patrick Cannon .. . Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* 600th different tenor "turned-in" to a peal.

EARLS BARTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., June 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

Walter Ayre Treble	Stanley G. Ponting .. . 5
Shelagh R. Collins 2	Cyril A. Wratten 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3	W. Leslie Weller .. . 7
Cyril A. Wratten 4	A. Patrick Cannon .. . Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde.

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

MOULTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Wed., June 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F.

Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. Treble	*Roger W. Smith .. . 5
*Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	Frank B. Lufkin .. . 6
Joyce M. Gurnhill 3	Joe E. G. Roast .. . 7
Peter A. Sharp 4	Jack L. Millhouse .. . Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of London Surprise Major.

IRCHESTER, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Katharine of Alexandria.

On Thurs., June 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.

Roger W. Smith Treble	Jack L. Millhouse .. . 5
Joyce M. Gurnhill 2	Frank B. Lufkin .. . 6
Anthony J. Davidson .. . 3	Joe E. G. Roast .. . 7
Geoffrey E. Watson .. . 4	Peter A. Sharp Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox.

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

SCALDWELL, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Containing 60 methods in the following 42 extents: (1) Reverse St. Simon and Uffington, (2) Reverse St. Martin and Stowe Place, (3) Reverse St. Osmund and Datchet, (4) Plain Bob and Boxford, (5) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Dorton, (6) Shipway's Place and Tandridge, (7) St. Simon and Rugby Slow Course, (8) St. Martin and Slapton S.C., (9) St. Osmund and Merton S.C., (10) St. Nicholas and Longford S.C., (11) Winchendon Place and Thornborough S.C., (12) St. Remigius and Hascombe S.C., (13) New and Itchingfield S.C., (14) Huntspill and Oakley S.C., (15) St. Vedast and Chipstead S.C., (16) Westminster II and Chesham S.C., (17) Blackburn Place and Broughton S.C., (18) St. Hilary and Ockham S.C., (19) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C., (20) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Raveningham S.C., (21) Shipway's Place and Colnbrook S.C., (22) Reverse St. Nicholas, (23) Reverse Winchendon Place, (24) Reverse St. Remigius, (25) Reverse New, (26) Reverse Huntspill, (27) Reverse St. Vedast, (28) St. Alphege, (29) St. Gregory, (30) St. Andrew, (31) Union, (32) St. Faith S.C., (33) St. Julian, (34) Reverse Plain Bob, (35) Canterbury Pleasure, (36) Reverse Shipway's Place, (37) Stedman S.C., (38) Coxwell Place, (39) St. Botolph, (40) St. Bartholomew, (41) Reverse All Saints, (42) St. Sebastian.

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

Ronald Russell Treble	Roger W. Smith .. . 3
George F. Roome 2	Alan A. Paul 4

Graham C. Paul Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

The greatest number of methods rung in a peal by all the band and for the Guild.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

James R. Taylor Treble	Alan E. Bagworth .. . 5
Frederick R. Scott 2	J. Keith Ward 6
Edward R. Venn 3	David P. Hilling .. . 7
Brian J. Luff 4	Ralph G. Edwards .. . Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

MARKET LAVINGTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise. Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and one extent Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

Edgar C. Shepherd Treble	Derrick P. Bailey .. . 4
Christopher White 2	Norman G. N. Knee .. . 5
George W. Massey 3	Frederick S. Slatford .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. N. G. N. Knee.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HIGH OFFLEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents rung in 15 methods: (1) Stedman, (2) Salwarpe, (3-5) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (6-8) Clifford's Pleasure, (9-11) Southrepps Pleasure, (12-14) St. Martin, (15-17) Winchendon Place, (18-20) St. Simon, (21-23) St. Nicholas, (24-26) Grandsire, (27-29) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (30-32) Northrepps Pleasure, (33-36) Plain Bob, (37-39) April Day, (40-42) Kennington.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

Edward R. Fairbrother .. Treble	George E. Morrall .. . 3
Ian Friend 2	Frank Beech, jun. .. . 4

Richard J. Warrilow .. Tenor

Conducting shared by all the band.

First peal in 15 methods by all the band.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb.

Cecil W. Pipe Treble	David E. Belcham .. . 6
Alfred J. House 2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe .. . 7
Clifford R. Lovett 3	Frank B. Lufkin .. . 8
Michael J. Hallett 4	Ernest G. Pearce .. . 9
*Gerald D. J. Sandwell .. 5	Walter Arnold Tenor

Composed by W. Kent.

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Cecil W. Pipe Treble	James B. Morley .. . 6
Joyce M. Gurnhill 2	Sylvia R. E. Pipe .. . 7
Jack L. Millhouse 3	George W. Pipe .. . 8
Frank G. Bloomfield .. . 4	Roderick W. Pipe .. . 9
Lawrence R. Pizzey .. . 5	Peter A. Sharp Tenor

Conducted by Peter A. Sharp.

UFFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Fri., June 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

Gwen I. Bloomfield Treble	Leslie G. Brett .. . 5
Joyce M. Gurnhill 2	Howard W. Egglestone .. 6
James B. Morley 3	Jack L. Millhouse .. . 7
Lawrence R. Pizzey .. . 4	Peter A. Sharp Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDESEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

Frank E. Darby Treble	*John Schofield .. . 6
*Ruth M. Foreman 2	Andrew N. Stubbs .. . 7
*David T. Darby 3	*Raymond E. Finch .. . 8
*Harold N. Pitstow .. . 4	*Robert W. Hinde .. . 9
*R. James Cook 5	David E. Parsons .. . Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby.

Conducted by John Schofield.

* First of Pudsey Royal.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

TOTTENHAM. London.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

Arthur C. Berry Treble	Michael J. Uphill 5
*Jean M. Egerton 2	‡Alan R. Millidge 6
Robert J. Cooles 3	James Attwood, jun. .. 7
†Martin J. Boskett 4	Alan R. Patterson Tenor

Composed by Alan R. Patterson.

* First peal of Major for ten years. † First of Major. ‡ 50th peal.
A 21st birthday compliment (June 7th) to Roger Millidge, brother of the ringer of the sixth.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BECKLEY. Sussex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 27, 22, 24, 21, 23, 1 and 2).
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

*Frederick J. Lambert .. Treble	‡Paul Fox 4
†Amette Bradbury 2	Alan R. Baldock 5
Rosemary Earl 3	Ian V. J. Smith Tenor

Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.

* 400th peal. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Minor. First peal of Plain Bob Minor as conductor.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

OVERTON. Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Sydney M. Bailey Treble	*Christopher C. Clarke .. 5
*Frederick W. Soden .. 2	*Brian W. Hall 6
Reginald W. Rex 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
Michael Hatchett 4	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

EVESHAM. Worcestershire.—At the Bell Tower.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

*John J. Stanier Treble	Arthur C. Berry 7
Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 2	John C. Slater 8
Martin D. Fellows 3	David Beacham 9
Michael J. Fellows 4	Gerald C. Hemming .. 10
John C. Eisel 5	Thomas W. Lewis 11
Ian Lloyd 6	†James Attwood, jun. .. Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by David Beacham.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First on 12 bells. First peal in the method and on 12 bells as conductor.

POWICK, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 23½ cwt. in E flat.

John E. Whittall Treble	R. George Morris 4
Anthony P. White 2	John Clements 5
Robert W. Cole 3	*Thomas W. Lewis Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.

* 100th peal on six bells.

Western Branch quarterly peal.

TOTTENHAM. London.—At the Church of St. Ann, Stamford Hill.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Cambridge S., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

*Martin J. Boskett Treble	Arthur C. Berry 4
Robert J. Cooles 2	James Attwood, jun. .. 5
Alan R. Millidge 3	Michael J. Uphill Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEVERLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Minster Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in C.

Frederick Hodgson .. Treble	Thomas M. Cox 6
William Fay 2	John N. D. Chaddock .. 7
*Raymond Aldington .. 3	C. Michael Orme 8
John K. Smith 4	Derek P. Jones 9
Bert Sutton 5	†David Eames Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal on ten bells and first in the method. † 50th peal.

DORE, Derbyshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 PRIMROSE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

Clive Longden Treble	Malcolm P. Phipps 5
Richard Farnsworth 2	Geoffrey N. Goodall .. 6
Christopher Hughes 3	John J. L. Gilbert 7
John Seagar 4	Len Goodall Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

Conducted by Len Goodall.

GUISELEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, consisting of 1,152 Superlative, 1,056 Cambridge and Lincolnshire, 960 Pudsey, 864 Yorkshire, 128 changes. All the work.

Tenor 16 cwt.

Adrian Boorman Treble	Richard Shekelton 5
Alfred B. Sullivan 2	J. Henry Fielden 6
William Kirkby 3	Len Goodall 7
R. John Lumley 4	A. Peter Whitehead .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett.

Conducted by Len Goodall.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., June 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

Ronald H. Dove Treble	John Potts 5
Robin H. Brown 2	Len Goodall 6
Alan Sheppard 3	Adrian Boorman 7
James S. Webb 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Len Goodall.

(Beverley and District Society).

HUNTINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Trinity Sun., June 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 ALL SAINTS' DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (four callings). Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.

*Heather J. Freeman .. Treble	†Jennifer E. Pearce .. 3
Christopher J. Groome .. 2	Susan E. Thompson .. 4

A. Colin Banton Tenor

Conducted by A. Colin Banton.

* First peal attempt. † First peal in the method "inside."

For Trinity Sunday Evensong, and also as a compliment to Simon P. D. Burnett, on his 16th birthday.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.

On Mon., June 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 20 methods, comprising 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Leatherhead, Lindum, London, Rutland, Uxbridge, Watford and Wembley, and 160 each of Aldenham, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, Painswick, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor size 13 in E.

*S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 1—2	John R. Mayne 5—6
Roger Baldwin 3—4	†Gerald Penney 7—8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* 100th handbell peal on 1—2. † 100th handbell peal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.

On Tues., June 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 13 methods, comprising 640 each of Bristol, Ealing and Watford, and 320 each of Ashted, Berkshire, Cambridge, Elford, London, Painswick, Radlett, Superlative, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method.

Tenor size 13 in E.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1—2	Roger Baldwin 5—6
John R. Mayne 3—4	†Gerald Penney 7—8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

EASTCHURCH, Sheppey, Kent.—At 110, High Street.

On Sun., June 13, 1965, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in two methods, viz.: 18 extents Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, and 24 Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in E.

*Nicholas J. Chesson .. 1—2	Joan A. Hayward (cond.) 3—4
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*Peter D. J. Beal 5—6

* First peal. First peal "in hand" and first peal as conductor.

WEST COUNTRY IRISH TOUR

ARKLOW, WICKLOW.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Sheila Y. Hallett 1, D. Pike 2, M. Heymann (first of Stedman Triples) 3, G. H. Marchant 4, G. Salmon 5, J. Brain 6, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 7, G. H. Pullin 8.

BRAY, WICKLOW.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Y. Hallett 1, Dianne Chapman 2, D. Pike 3, R. A. Vere Hodge 4, P. Bridle 5, C. Lewis 6, G. Salmon (cond.) 7, C. T. Mason 8.

WATERFORD, EIRE.—On May 4th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: P. Bridle 1, Mrs. M. Schofield 2, Diana Chapman 3, G. H. Pullin 4, J. Brain 5, H. B. Schofield 6, E. T. Lee 7, G. Salmon (cond.) 8.

CORK, CO. CORK.—At St. Finbarre's Cathedral, on May 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Salmon 1, Sheila Y. Hallett 2, D. Pike 3, M. Heymann 4, P. Bridle 5, J. Brain 6, E. T. Lee 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 13th, 1,320 Carlisle Surprise Minor: Wendy J. Wallace 1, Margaret C. Godfrey 2, Deborah Hopkins 3, E. G. H. Godfrey 4, R. Bird 5, A. Bishop (cond.) 6. First in method 1 and 4.

ADLINGTON, LANCs.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. McNutt 1, Pauline Turner 2, T. Turner 3, B. Moss 4, D. Moss (cond.) 5, M. Arrowsmith 6. To mark the ordination in Blackburn Cathedral of the Revs. P. G. Wolfenden and R. G. Greenall, curates of this parish.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Dean (12) 1, Angela French (14) 2, Catherine Ward (first away from treble) 3, D. Dean (14, first as cond.) 4, K. Prime 5, K. Cavill 6. After Evensong on Easter Day. Also on May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Catherine Ward 1, K. Cavill 2, Freda Prime (first as cond.) 3, Janice Haggitt 4, K. Prime 5, D. Dean 6, First in method 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. W. Somers, a former ringer at Ashcott.

BATHEASTON, BATH, SOMERSET.—On June 12th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): M. Blanchard 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, I. P. Cox 3, R. D. Quartley 4, J. E. Newman 5, D. A. Burt 6. Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar the Rev. R. A. Evans.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Winchester (first Triples) 1, Rosemary Earl 2, Amette Bradbury (first Triples) 3, Valerie Mephram 4, G. Beene 5, A. R. Baldock (25th Triples) 6, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 7, I. S. Holland 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Thomson (first quarter) 1, F. E. Darby 2, Juliet Stoy 3, A. L. Bance 4, D. G. Spittle 5, J. Schofield (cond.) 6, R. J. Cook 7, L. A. Reece 8. For Evensong.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Julia Collinge 1, Penny Kift 2, Mrs. B. Stocker 3, K. Rundle (first "inside") 4, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 5, Lesley Rundle 6.

BULTON, LANCs.—On June 14th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Parkinson 1, T. Hobson 2, C. Brownlow 3, A. Critchley 4, N. Tompkins 5, P. Cook, sen. (cond.) 6, J. F. Wood tenor. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Tyson. The former is a member of the local band.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on May 28th, 1,344 Bedfordshire S. Major: M. J. Hobbs 1, J. R. Taylor 2, J. Parsons 3, Miss G. M. Hussey 4, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 5, N. W. H. Simon 6, J. C. Slater 7, P. Bridle 8.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, at the Cathedral, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. E. Davies 1, A. R. Lawrence 2, Mrs. D. A. Chapman 3, P. J. Small 4, B. J. Luck 5, Miss J. M. E. Dixon 6, D. G. Mitchell 7, T. H. Holmes 8, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 9, E. A. Dixon 10. For Choral Evensong.

CAPEL, SURREY.—On May 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandsire): W. King 1, Carol Wickens 2, J. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On May 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. King 1, Carol Wickens 2, Judith Weekes 3, J. Nicholson 4, T. Gregory 5, I. Wickens (cond.) 6.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On June 11th, 1,376 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. K. Horne 1, Mrs. M. Barton 2, Miss M. Adamson 3, Miss D. Hague 4, D. J. Young 5, T. H. Tocock 6, J. R. A. Muller 7, M. P. Barton (cond.) 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. W. J. Grover, as Vicar.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Hudson 1, Miss R. A. Stevens 2, S. Upton 3, A. E. Laker 4, J. Jeffery 5, I. Wickens (first of Major) 6, H. Burton 7, R. V. Johnson (cond.) 8. For the Dedication Festival.

QUARTER PEALS

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Kimber (first quarter) 1, Rev. G. W. H. Moule 2, C. Baverstock 3, J. Mussell 4, J. Baverstock (cond.) 5, D. Kerly 6.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—At St. George's, Drumcondra, on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. M. Hubert 1, Miss E. A. Sadler 2, Miss M. B. Smith (first "inside") 3, C. J. Reede 4, R. A. Vere Hodge (cond.) 5, A. P. Pike (first quarter) 6. First quarter by the University of Dublin Guild of Change Ringers. A birthday compliment to Miss M. B. Smith.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Janet Crane 1, Sally Parrott 2, Jane Helder (first in the method) 3, S. Warren (first "inside") 4, D. C. Paul 5, R. E. Fentiman 6, Adrienne Gibson (first in method as cond.) 7, J. Helder 8. For Evensong.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On June 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: E. C. Buckley 1, D. G. Pearson 2, K. J. Chapman 3, C. E. Richardson 4, E. J. Chapman 5, R. J. Cowley (first as cond.) 6. For Whit Sunday.

FLOCKBURGH, LANCs.—On June 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Hill (first quarter) 1, J. E. Dickinson 2, D. H. Garnett (first "inside") 3, A. Edgar 4, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 5. First in the method by all the band and on the bells.

GNUSALL, STAFFS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. H. Lawton 1, E. Young 2, P. E. Key 3, I. Friend (cond.) 4, C. F. W. Eyre 5, J. W. Dyke 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Key. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HACKNEY, LONDON.—At St. John's Church, on June 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Kett 1, Miss S. M. White 2, Mrs. M. G. Gage 3, D. E. Rothera 4, B. E. Mathews 5, L. J. North 6, R. A. Gage (cond.) 7, B. C. Burrough 8. A wedding compliment to Jean and Richard Crouch.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On June 6th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss J. Palmer 1, C. Webb 2, Miss G. Mooring 3, Mrs. G. Chinnery 4, Mrs. P. Bird 5, C. Chinnery 6, J. King (cond.) 7, W. Webb 8. For Whitsuntide.

HERTFORD.—On June 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob, with 7, 6, 8 covering): B. Foley 1, J. Thorn 2, V. Tubby 3, F. Cook 4, J. Kemp (cond.) 5, J. Game 6, P. Seales 7, D. Pullen 8. To mark the ordination of Rev. Christopher Birchwood, of All Saints', Hertford, and the Rev. C. Harris, of St. Andrew's, Hertford. Rung before the annual service of the Oddfellows.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKs.—On Whit Sunday, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Barron (first Major attempt) 1, R. Biggs 2, K. Gould 3, Miss G. Smith 4, Miss J. Barton 5, D. Cornwall (cond.) 6, A. Newton 7, R. Newton 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Carter 1, Miss B. Smith 2, Miss J. Loten 3, R. Biggs 4, R. Barton 5, Miss J. Barton (cond.) 6, D. Cornwall 7, K. Gould 8.

HULL, YORKs.—At Holy Trinity Church, on June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hawry 1, M. C. Faulkes (cond.) 2, F. G. Reed 3, D. V. Suptic 4, J. G. Hobson 5, H. N. Pickering 6. A farewell to Canon R. Iliff M.A., Vicar.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Edwards 1, W. J. Whitmore 2, E. E. Whitmore 3, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 4, F. E. Coales 5, M. J. Staley 6. Rung for the wedding of Peter Fleckney and Susan Youngman.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKs.—On June 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, R.C.P.): Pat Lucas (first quarter) 1, S. Royal 2, A. Cox 3, J. Royal 4, C. Royal (cond.) 5, A. Webb 6. Also on June 13th, 1,296 Minor (Cambridge, St. Clement's): C. Royal 1, Shirley Jones (first quarter) 2, Judith Atkinson 3, A. Cox 4, S. Royal (cond.) 5, C. Sweeney 6. To mark the ordination of Mr. Frank Morley in Salisbury Cathedral.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On June 6th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Parr 1, Pauline Smith 2, G. Marriner 3, A. H. Smith 4, P. Ford 5, A. J. Smith (cond.) 6. For Whit Sunday.

LICHFIELD, STAFFs.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: P. C. Bowen (first on ten) 1, Gillian M. Webb (first of Caters) 2, F. A. Sedgwick 3, C. M. Smith 4, J. B. Webb 5, C. T. Collins (first of Grandsire Caters) 6, F. T. Hayle 7, B. J. Townsend 8, E. A. Malin (first of Caters as cond.) 9, C. W. Bowen 10. Rung prior to the Trinity Sunday ordination service.

LONDON, STAFFs.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. C. Bowen 1, N. C. Bowen (first in method "inside") 2, C. M. Smith (cond.) 3, C. T. Collins 4, L. E. Monk 5. For Evensong.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On June 6th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): B. Butcher 1, A. Neilson 2, E. A. Todd 3, R. P. Brotherton 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Harman 6. For Whit Sunday Matins.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On June 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: K. E. Pinney 1, F. Welch 2, H. E. Turner 3, A. W. Robinson 4, J. T. Locke 5, J. Cornelius (first of Minor as cond.) 6. To mark the 75th anniversary of the Bath and Well Association by past and present officers of the Crewkerne Branch.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.—On May 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Bob and Plain Bob): P. Downer 1, Jane Owen 2, J. R. Williams 3, P. W. Smith 4, J. H. Jones (cond.) 5, W. Price 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Basil Griffiths, ringer and chairman, who was laid to rest earlier this day. Also on Whit Sunday, 1,260 Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: P. Downer 1, Jane Owen 2, J. C. Jones 3, J. R. Williams 4, W. Price 5, J. H. Jones (cond.) 6. For Sung Eucharist. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Stella Simcock 1, Jean Griffiths (first "inside") 2, J. R. Williams (joint cond.) 3, W. Price 4, J. C. Jones (joint cond.) 5, C. Evans 6. For Evensong.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Laurence's Church, on June 8th, 1,251 Stedman Caters: A. Diserens (first of Stedman Caters) 1, Miss M. Wilson 2, Miss P. Buss 3, Mrs. E. A. Lewis 4, Mrs. A. Diserens 5, Miss F. Webber 6, B. Luff 7, F. Lewis 8, R. C. Kippin (first of Stedman Caters as cond.) 9, V. Cherrill 10.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. J. Culpin 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, H. Ivings 3, J. E. Ivings 4, E. R. Nice 5, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 6. For the wedding of John Lovick and Janet Wright, of Rougham. Also on June 13th, 1,260 Minor (Double Court and Plain Bob): H. J. Culpin 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, R. E. Lester 3, R. J. Fordham 4, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 5, E. R. Nice 6. For morning service.

ROWBERROW, SOMERSET.—On June 5th, 1,260 Minor and Doubles (three methods): A. Tubb 1, R. W. Sweet 2, D. Huddleston 3, H. N. Evans 4, J. H. Taylor (cond.) 5, A. Howard 6.

SHAPWICK, SOMERSET.—On May 29th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Mrs. F. Prime 1, K. Prime 2, M. Stone 3, C. Clarke 4, R. Short 5, G. Marchant (cond.) 6. To mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Bath and Wells Association.

SIDDINGTON, GLOS.—On June 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. T. Wakefield 1, H. L. Cooke 2, E. H. Jefferies 3, F. J. Lewis, jun. 4, I. Stracey 5, M. Stracey (cond.) 6. Rung for the ordination of the new priest-in-charge.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Mary, on June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joy F. Butler 1, G. J. Butler 2, Patricia E. Pitfield 3, S. J. Curtis 4, K. S. Croft 5, M. J. Butler (cond.) 6, O. N. Curtis 7, J. A. Pitfield 8. Rung half-muffled by the local band in memoriam Carolyn E. Vibert, of Bishopstoke.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. M. Payne 1, Mrs. H. Humphreys 2, M. D. Barsby 3, H. M. Payne 4, Miss C. A. Smith 5, H. Humphreys 6, B. S. Payne (cond.) 7, J. Newborn 8. A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. D. Niblett, who has taken an appointment at Barnstable, Devon.

TALATON, DEVON.—On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Brenda Bindon 1, K. Beale 2, J. Cornelius (cond.) 3, L. Arscott 4, R. Arscott 5, C. Gratton 6. Wedding anniversary compliments to Mr. and Mrs. Gratton and Mr. and Mrs. L. Arscott. Also a birthday compliment to Carol Arscott.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On June 13th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Ruth A. Elmes 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, M. J. Young 3, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 4, P. R. Keough 5, J. W. Blackwood 6, G. W. Elmes 7, R. W. Young 8. First in the method by all. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Rev. John C. Wallis, Rector; and the ordination to the priesthood this day, in Salisbury Cathedral, of Rev. Peter H. Matthews.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCs.—On June 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. J. Pomfret (first quarter) 1, J. E. Andrews (first "inside") 2, A. Greenhalgh 3, J. Cunliffe 4, J. Ashcroft (cond.) 5.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On June 13th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. T. Hillis 1, Miss R. A. Gower 2, P. Staples 3, P. Richardson 4, M. S. Lancefield 5, B. Johnson (first of Kent as cond.) 6.

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ENGAGEMENT

MANGER—WRIGHT.—The engagement is announced between David Chambers, elder son of Mrs. K. M. Manger and the late Mr. S. C. Manger, of Pratts Bottom, Orpington, Kent, and Jennifer Sally, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Wright, of Green Street Green, Orpington, Kent. 7118

DEATHS

LLOYD.—On June 21st, 1965, John Lloyd, ringer at St. Michael's, Brierley Hill, for 55 years. 7137

LOWTEN.—On May 25th, 1965, at his home, Victor Edward Lowten, ringer at St. Lawrence's, Alton, Hants, for over 50 years, and a life member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. Aged 78. 7115

PERSONAL

N. A. C.—Have you moved into Bath permanently? We haven't seen you for weeks. Let us know what your position is.—A. B. and B. R. 7129

WILL Mr. R. Scott, of Plot 43, Witchford Road Estate, Ely, Cambs, please send his address to the Editor, as his "Ringing Worlds" have been returned.

Trust in the Lord with all thy heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.—Proverbs iii, 5 and 6.

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MISCELLANEOUS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Aldershot on June 29th from 7.30—9 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 7086

LOUGHTON, ESSEX

at St. John's Church on Sat., July 10th
OPEN TOWER DAY

Anybody and everybody welcome. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. with intervals while visitors are shown the bells.

Light refreshments and exhibition in Church Hall.

Funds needed for belfry improvements. 7103

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, NEWENT, GLOS.—Rededication of the six bells (rehung by John Taylor) on Sunday, June 27th, at 6.30 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Gloucester. Ringing until 9. 7110

ST. LAWRENCE'S, GNOSALL, STAFFORD.

RINGERS' SERVICE

SUNDAY, JULY 4th, 1965, 6.30 p.m. Ringing 5.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. J. Peel. To be followed by a social hour, when items will be played by the Junior Handbell Ringers (by special request). All welcome. 7127

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Outing, Saturday, July 3rd, in Leicestershire. Details from Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 10, Pye Bank Close, Sheffield 3.—J. Seager, Sec. 7132

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UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY.—Summer tour in Shrewsbury-Crewe area, September 22nd to 27th. Anyone interested in further details please contact: Dianne Bird, Risca, Godstone, Surrey, as soon as possible. 7136

WOULD well-established tower care to help needy church with gift of three bell ropes to help start young band. Cast-offs will do to start.—Goodrich, South Ormsby Rectory, Louth.

MEETINGS

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Northwold, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) 2.30 Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7088

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice and striking competition at Seale (6) on June 26th at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss A. Rowe, 5, The Close, Sands, Farnham, Surrey.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 7087

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Wistanstow, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—G. Randle, Sec. 7067

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Seal Chart on Saturday, June 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Seal bells will be available after the meeting. Names for tea essential to Mr. G. F. Acott, 3, Main Road, Seal, Sevenoaks.—W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Sec. 7009

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Lydd, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8, tenor 15 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Miss Lydia Terry, 12, Eastern Avenue, Lydd.—C. T. H. 7050

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting at Lockington and Diseworth on June 26th. Bells (6) at Lockington 2.30 to 3.30. Diseworth (6) 3: Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. A. Fletcher, 13, Page Lane, Diseworth. 7054

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Hoar Cross on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton. 7057

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—The 342nd anniversary at Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (12) available from 11 a.m. Service at 12 noon. Lunch 5/6 and tea 4/6 available for those who notify me by Thursday, June 24th. 12-bell ringing guaranteed.—L. E. Pitstow, 4, Highfields. Tel. 2074. 7060

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting, Evershot, Saturday, June 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash. Bridport. 7048

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Rearranged June meeting at Greasley (8) on Saturday, June 26th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to P. Nix, 23, St. Patrick's Road, Hucknall, by Wednesday 23rd.—Sec. 7087

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—The Winchester District will hold a quarterly meeting at Ropley on Saturday, June 26th. Names for tea to Mr. W. Bone, Rowdell Cottages, Ropley, Alresford, Hants.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Meeting at Kirkburton Parish Church, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Cups of tea provided.—W. Mortimer. 7056

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgewater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Goat-hurst, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea to follow. Names, please! Look up London.—K. Prime, Ashcott. 7122

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting at Turvey, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5. Names to Mr. J. Hilson, High Street, Turvey, by Thursday.—C. Payne, Dis. Sec. 7123

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—The next meeting will be at Honiley on July 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Own tea arrangements. It is hoped that Rowington bells will be available after tea.—P. S. Bennett, Dis. Sec. 7120

CUMBERLAND & NORTH WESTMORLAND.—Western Branch.—Practice meeting at Bridekirk, Cockermouth, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30.—Dianne Gibson, Branch Sec. 7106

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting, Darley Dale, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available: Bakewell (8) 3 p.m.—4 p.m.; Darley Dale (8) 3.30 p.m. and after meeting. Service Darley Dale 4.30 p.m. Buffet tea at Grouse Inn 5 p.m. only for those who notify secretary by June 29th. Edensor (6) 7 to 8 p.m.—B. P. Morris, 14, Greenway Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The Final of the striking competition will be at Orsett on Saturday, July 3rd. Start 2.30 prompt. Service 4.30. Names for tea to F. Blatch, 103, High Road, Orsett, by June 30th. 7051

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Striking Competition at Strettham, July 3rd. Service 2.30 p.m. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. General ringing after tea at Wilburton (6). Please park cars in Vicarage grounds at Strettham. 7083

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Arlingham on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Longney (8) available after business meeting. Names for tea to P. Clarkson, Hon. Sec., 28, Richmond Gardens, Longlevens, Glos, by Wednesday, June 30th. All welcome. 7105

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Whitstone, Saturday, July 3rd, 6.30—8.30 p.m.—G. Skinner. 7029

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 3rd at Bickleigh. Service 4.15. Tea after. Names for tea to G. W. Hollis, Rose-neath, The Avenue, Tiverton, by Thursday previous, please. 7108

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Quarterly District meeting, Stoke D'Abernon and Cobham, July 3rd. Ringing Stoke D'Abernon 3 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting. Cobham in evening. Names for tea to Mr. C. A. Bourne, 23, Vincent Road, Stoke D'Abernon, Cobham.—Adrienne Gibson, Hon. Sec. 7097

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Evening practice, Claverley, July 3rd. Bells (8) 6.30—8.30.—Joan Bennett, Hon. Sec. 7070

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Barkway, July 3rd, 3 p.m. Names to E. Buck, 13, The Rise, Baldock, by July 1st. 7098

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Bushey Heath, July 3rd, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7104

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, July 3rd, at Eastbourne, Sussex. Bells available: 10 a.m.—11 a.m., Bexhill (8) and Southover (10): 10.45 a.m.—11.30 a.m., Hooe (5) and Laughton (6): 11.15 a.m.—12 noon. Westham (6) and Alfriston (6): 12.12.45 p.m., Hailsham (8): 1 p.m.—2 p.m., Willington (6); 2 p.m.—3 p.m., St. Saviour's, Eastbourne (8); 2 p.m.—3.30 p.m., St. Mary's, Eastbourne (8). Committee meeting 1 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. at St. Mary's. Tea (4/6) 4.15 p.m. Names, please, with cash and s.a.e. to Miss R. Earl, Earl's Corner Stores, Horsebridge, Hailsham, by June 30th. St. Mary's and All Saints' available after business meeting. 7038

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Whalley on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. followed by business meeting.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 7121

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Morecambe on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Gerrard, 150, Thornton Road, Morecambe, Lancs. — P. Handley, Branch Sec. 7119

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Monthly meeting, together with Branch Striking Competition, at Christ Church, Aughton, on Saturday, July 3rd, at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to: D. R. Jones, 226, Prescott Road, Aughton, near Ormskirk. 7091

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — S. and W. District.—Quarterly business meeting at Harefield, Saturday, July 3rd. Ringing from 3.15 p.m. and evening Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Corke, Taylors Meadow, Hill End Road, Harefield, by June 30th.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7125

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. —Meeting at Cheddleton on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr. H. Sutton, 10, Moorland Road, Cheddleton, Staffs.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 7131

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting, Blofield, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (6) from 6.30 to 9.30 p.m.—N. P. J. C., Branch Sec. 7099

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. —The Annual Festival will be held in Oxford on Saturday, July 3rd. 10 a.m., ringing at Christ Church; 11 a.m., service in the Cathedral; 12 noon, annual meeting in the Chapter House. All ringer-choristers (both men and women) are asked to notify the Deputy Master if they wish to join the choir for the service. Luncheon tickets (price 8s.) available from Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, on receipt of remittance. Application before June 29th. Members are asked to check ringing arrangements with the honorary secretary at the Festival or by post (s.a.e.) not by telephone! There have already been cancellations and alterations.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6999

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD. —Quarterly meeting at Lapworth, July 3rd. Bells (6) 3.30. Service 4.30. Please notify for tea before June 30th.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Birmingham 28, Phone SPK 1025. 7113

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. —Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Piddlehinton, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. For tea notify Mr. T. Jeanes, 6, Church Hill, Piddlehinton, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 7033

SALISBURY GUILD. —Calne Branch.—Meeting, Broad Hinton (6), July 3rd. Names for tea essential.—Canon White, The Vicarage, Broad Hinton, Swindon. 7117

SALISBURY GUILD. —Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Warminster (8) on Saturday, July 3rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. M. Kneec, 75, Boreham Road, Warminster, Wilts. 7022

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting, Hemingbrough, July 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15 Tea (mod. charge) 5. Names, please, to Mr. G. F. Terry, Water Lane Farm, Hemingbrough, Selby, before June 30th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7069

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. —Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 3rd. Stapleford bells (6) from 5.30 p.m.—S. Adams. 7080

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —Northern Division.—Practice meeting at Slaugham, Saturday, July 3rd. 3 p.m.—5 p.m., and Lower Beeding 6.15 p.m.—8.30 p.m. Tea at Pease Pottage Church Hall. Please notify for tea to Mr. H. Burton, 8, Horsham Road, Pease Pottage, near Crawley, by Wednesday, June 30th.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 7134

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and **CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** —Next meeting, July 3rd, Carlton-in-Cleveland (8). Bells from 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Edward Hudson, Singleton Cottage, Sharow, Rison, by Thursday, July 1st. 7134

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Frome Branch.—Corporate Communion at Chilcompton on Sunday, July 4th. Bells 7.15 a.m. Service 8 a.m. Names for breakfast, please.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, July 3rd, at Christchurch, Hants. General meeting 2.30 p.m. Service in Priory Church 4.45 p.m. Tea in Priory Church Hall 5.30 p.m. Ringing films will be shown after tea. Committee and general meetings in Church Hall. Names for tea by Thursday, July 1st, to: Mrs. A. V. Davis, 24, Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. Ringing: Lyndhurst, 10.30—11.30 a.m.; Braemore, 11—12 noon; Hordle, 11.15—12.15 p.m.; Bournemouth, St. Peter's, 11.30—12.15 p.m.; Fordingbridge, 12—1 p.m.; Christchurch Priory, 12.30—2.15 p.m. and after tea; Sopley, 6.30—7.30 p.m.; Ringwood, 7.45—8.45 p.m.—P. Roger Savory, Hon. Gen. Sec.

CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY RINGERS' SUNDAY. —July 4th, 1965. Ringing: 9—10 a.m.; 2.30—4.30 p.m.; 5.30—6.30 p.m. and after Evensong. Preacher at Evensong, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, M.Sc. R.D., Master of Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Gerald Scragg, Tower Captain. 7058

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Shield Contest, Wentworth, near Rotherham, Saturday, July 10th. Entrance fee 10/-. Names sent to James W. Buxton, 21, Royd House, Shelley, near Huddersfield. Tea, please notify Mr. Michael King, The Vicarage, Wentworth, Rotherham. Both names to be in not later than Saturday, July 3rd. 7128

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. —Meeting, July 10th, at Buxted (8). Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30—8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street Tunbridge Wells, Kent, by July 9th. 7096

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. —S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at South Weald on July 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Goddard, 24, Osborne Road, Brentwood. 7133

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —Ringers' Rally on Saturday, July 10th, centred on Rainham. Service, tea and no business. Ringing in 17 towers. Please send 4s. 6d. and s.a.e. for tea tickets and programme by first post, July 7th, to Mr. L. Mitchell, Fredaville, 28, Crown Road, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne, Kent. — P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7064

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. —Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Sibsey, Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, July 5th.—P. J. Kilner, 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 7135

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. —North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Ulceby, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Own tea arrangements.—C. A. H. 7130

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. —Banbury Branch.—Annual general meeting, Bloxham, July 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 and 6 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45. Names for tea to Mr. S. Hitchcox, Little Bridge Road, Bloxham, Banbury, by July 7th.—C. J. Herbert, Hon. Sec. 7095

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. —Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Weedon, Saturday, July 10th. Important—names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. I. Nightingale, 11A, New Croft, Weedon, Northampton.—F. W. Hancock. 7107

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 10th, St. Alphege's, Greenwich, 3—4.30. Memorial service to G. H. Cross at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. St. Mary's, Lewisham, 6.45—8.15. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London S.W.15, by July 8th. 7126

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. —Truro Branch.—Method ringing practice, Crantock, July 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Cups of tea provided: please bring own food.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec. 7124

LATE NOTICE

TOMORROW: SATURDAY, JUNE 26
Dedication of the rehung six bells at
SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK,
at 3 p.m.

by the President of the Central Council.
Tea afterwards and ringing rest of day.
All ringers welcome. 7102

OBITUARY

MR. WARREN S. HORNBOOK

Mr. Warren S. Hornbrook, of Plymouth, who died on June 3rd, aged 73, will be remembered by the older generation of Plymouth ringers. He learned to ring in about 1906, at Charles Church, Plymouth, and rang his first peal in 1911. Before giving up ringing, for reasons of health, he had rung 50 peals and was for a while captain of the Charles Church ringers.

Although he had done very little ringing since the war, he was well remembered by many local ringers, who were represented at his funeral on June 8th by Messrs. T. G. Myers (Plymouth St. Andrew's), A. Westcott (a former captain of Charles Church), W. Collier (Emmanuel, Plymouth) and H. H. Thomas (Emmanuel, Plymouth, and chairman of the South West Branch of the Guild of Devonshire ringers).

MR. ERNEST HOYLE

Had Ernest Hoyle lived another three days he would have reached the 54th anniversary of his greatest ringing performance, the 13,440 Bob Major rung on handbells at Pudsey, Yorkshire, on June 5th, 1911, which was then the record length on handbells. But it was not to be for Ernest died on June 2nd, 1965, at the age of 73, at Guildford, Surrey, where he lived in his retirement.

Ernest Hoyle was one of a young band who learned to ring at Pudsey in the first decade of this century. He was a very able ringer and rang several peals before joining the R.A.M.C. in the First World War. Later he transferred to the R.A.F. and when the war was over he returned to Farnborough to resume as a civilian the work he had been doing in the R.A.F. That was virtually the end of his ringing career for although he visited his "home" tower whenever he was in Pudsey he did little ringing elsewhere.

He is still remembered by some of the older ringers in Yorkshire as one who would undoubtedly have made his mark in ringing had circumstances allowed him to follow the art in which he started so well. W. B.

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WEST COUNTRY RINGERS IN IRELAND

THE suggestion of an Irish ringing tour was first mentioned in 1964 but like most ideas born over a friendly pint, a venture of this type takes time to plan, so that "I-Day" was finally fixed for May 1st, 1965.

A party of eleven ringers from various parts of Somerset and Caerleon assembled at Bristol Airport and took off for Dublin. We arrived safely and soon made contact with Mr. and Mrs. Schofield, from Bradford Cathedral, who had flown in from Leeds, and with Eric Lee and Max Heyman, who had preceded the rest of us to pick up two of the three hired cars from Belfast.

The tour opened, fittingly enough, at Fred Duke's own tower, Drogheda (pronounced "Droida"), where we received a warm welcome and enjoyed some excellent touches on these Rudhall bells. The cars returned to Dublin to search for the digs, but not before the Victor achieved the doubtful distinction of having the first puncture. The evening in the city was rather spoilt by persistent rain.

TESTS FOR HEIGHT AND ROPESIGHT

Sunday ringing commenced at St. Patrick's Cathedral, on the grand 12, where many of the peal boards recall the ringing career of that outstanding personality Gabriel Lindoff. Next the anti-clockwise 10 at St. John's R.C. Church, where the completely open spiral staircase is a distinct drawback to those who dislike heights. The rather awkward circle, together with odd-struck bells, tests the ropesight and ability of any band who ring them.

Afternoon service ringing took place on the Murphy bells of Christ Church Cathedral, with methods up to Little Bob Royal, and at St. George's for Evensong. The bells were voted first-class and produced some good ringing, after which the party attended the service.

Bray was Monday's first objective, and the praise that one hears for these bells is well founded. A quarter peal of Double Norwich had been arranged and it was a pity that a rope end came out and proved its downfall. Disappointed, we rang a course of Bristol and departed. The journey to Blessington took us through the Wicklow mountains and gave us our first real taste of Irish scenery. The bells proved a hard-going anti-clockwise six, but the tone is good.

WASHBROOK'S ARKLOW

Lunch followed, then away across the moors to Washbrook's Arklow, with its commanding view of the countryside around. A quarter of Stedman proved successful, preceding yet another wet drive to Wexford. These bells were not on the itinerary but diplomatic approaches were made, and to our delight permission to ring was granted for the following evening.

The first tower on Tuesday was St. Canice's Cathedral in the bustling little market town of Kilkenny. The tower barely rises above the main structure, and if the bells are to an extent noisy outside, they are very quiet and ideal for ringing peals without annoying the public. A pleasant run took us to Christ Church Cathedral, Waterford, situated only a stone's-throw from the quay, and a welcome from the Dean. These are bells of character, hung by Gillets, and general ringing was followed by a brisk quarter of Yorkshire.

We set off on the detour to Wexford unaware that the fates were against us. Some time was spent fitting ropes on the front three bells and inspecting the frame before the bells were raised, but no sooner was Grandsire Caters under way than the tenor clapper snapped. Further ringing was carried on as best possible, but the effect was not the same, and we left the church with a strong sense of having been cheated, and made for the coast and Tramore, our H.Q. for the night.

BLARNEY STONE

Wednesday, May 5th, commenced with a 65-mile drive to Doneraile, and our second six-bell tower of the tour. The trip to Bandon took us across the Boggeragh mountains, and confirmed Geoff Pullin's ability to triumph over the inaccuracies of the map and pilot us safely to our destination. After an enjoyable ring we turned east into Cork, and time was found to visit Blarney Castle. There were those who kissed the stone and received certificates to prove it, and those who did not, who do not require one anyway! At St. Finbarre's we were welcomed both by the Dean and by the president of the Irish Association, Mr. Fred Brogan. Outside the tower the bells sound beautiful, and both parties stayed to listen to the quarter of Plain Bob which was rung and which enabled Eric Lee to register his 1,000th peal.

Thursday's programme bore the hopeful label "Scenic Tour," but once again the fickle weather intervened and the views of Bantry Bay, the Healey Pass and other beauty spots were denied us. The mountain roads are twisted beyond belief and it was a relief to reach Killarney and a faster road to Limerick. We made our way to the R.C. Church of Mount St. Alphonsus, with its detached tower, and rang on what many of the band considered the best ring yet. The tower has an enthusiastic band, who accompanied us to St. Mary's Cathedral afterwards. A quarter of Bristol was lost here with just over a course to ring, and after meeting the Southern District secretary, Mr. F. G. Bingham, a mild celebration was held back at the guest house to mark the end of Phase I of the tour.

ISOLATED BAND

Friday, May 7th, saw the Oxford and five of the party returning to Dublin and home, and ringing a successful quarter at Bray whilst the remainder headed north for Enniskillen. St. Macartan's Cathedral has a fine 10 with a teasing tenor rope and it was a pleasure to join the local company for practice as well as our scheduled visit. We in England do well to remember these isolated centres of the Exercise, where the next tower is 60 miles distant, and where the devotion and loyalty of the band keep the bells ringing.

After an early breakfast on Saturday we set off for Londonderry and its impressive Cathedral of St. Columb. Erin Caters and Plain Bob Royal went well, after which the local ringers joined in ringing on the middle eight. Lunch was followed by St. Patrick's, Coleraine. A drive along the Antrim coast soon brought us to the Giant's Causeway, more than usually impressive under the angry seas whipped up by the gale force winds.

Belfast was our H.Q. for the last three days, and Sunday, May 9th, was spent in and around the city. Morning service ringing was at Ballymena, where the local company were kind enough to give us the freedom of the belfry. Carrickfergus came next, a fine light eight hung in a well-designed memorial campanile. Concentration on the ringing was apt to stray at times, but if towers produce attractive ringers as well as bells, what can you do? After visiting Belfast Castle some excellent ringing was enjoyed on the Taylor ten at Dundela. After finishing the day on the six at St. Donard's, the party attended what turned out to be an inspiring Evensong for local youth organisations.

"PLAYED THE BELLS"

Methods up to Wells were rung at Drumbo on Monday, once we had found the tower. From this point to Lurgan the road was choked with traffic, and we felt we were back in England again! Christ Church contains a fine 21 cwt. eight with rather springy ropes, and the ringing attracted the local Press, anxious for details of the visit. Photos were taken and the reporter was restrained from describing how we had "played the bells"

before we set off for Bangor. All went well at St. Comgall's but the tapping of the bells in the last touch of Double Norwich was carried on by loud hammering on the door, which turned out to be an irate tobaccoist, who said it was bad for trade! The afternoon was spent by the sea before finishing the day on the light eight at Hollywood.

The last full day arrived all too soon, when on Tuesday we rang on the eight at Hillsborough, in its attractive park setting, and finally at Rostrevor. In the evening we revisited Hollywood to join their practice, and gave John Lindsay a busy time collecting our subs, to join the Irish Association!

The party broke up on Wednesday, May 12th, to go its separate ways, and it was fitting perhaps that our plane back to Bristol was named "St. Finbarre" and thus kept green our memories of Cork city.

To Fred Dukes and the Irish Association, to the clergy and people of Ireland generally, and to our own organising committee, we express our sincere thanks for a wonderful time and a wonderful welcome which will be long remembered. J. B.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION'S YEAR OF CHANGE

The 86th annual general meeting of the Essex Association of Change Ringers was held in Chelmsford on Whit Monday.

The ringers' service at 11 a.m. in the Cathedral was conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. G. E. Gordon, and the address was given by the Archdeacon of West Ham, the Ven. J. D. Wakeling. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £7 13s.

The meeting followed in the Chapter House, where the Master of the Association, Mr. R. C. Heazel, welcomed visitors from other Associations, Bath and Wells, Middlesex, Suffolk and the Gloucester and Bristol.

All the officers were re-elected to serve in the coming year.

The Master, in his review of the past year, said that 1964 had been a year of change, when the Association had created separate posts of secretary and treasurer. Although there had been doubts about the wisdom of the move, it was obvious that it had been successful and he hoped that the secretary, Mr. P. W. Saltmarsh, and treasurer, Mr. P. J. Eves, would continue in office for many years to come.

Referring to service ringing, he said that there were still many towers which were silent on Sundays due to the lack of a ringing band. Quite often this was the case where the church itself was not supported. The towers which flourished generally drew their members from the choir.

The treasurer, reviewing the financial position, said that income was down on 1963, and he pointed out that a marginal increase in District membership would be sufficient to rectify this. Partly due to non-recurring expenses, the balance would be low at the end of 1965.

After the meeting, lunch was served in the Cathedral Hall by members of the Association. Various towers around Chelmsford were open during the afternoon and ringing continued until 9 p.m. P. W. L.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Although there was a reasonably good attendance at the monthly meeting of the Biggleswade District on June 12th at the two five-bell towers of Great Barford and Roxton, only five District towers were represented.

Ringings during the afternoon was on the fairly heavy five at Great Barford. At the business meeting, which followed tea in the neighbouring Anchor Hotel, Messrs. K. Fleming and P. Mehew were elected as the two District representatives on the committee to revise, if necessary, the District boundaries.

Those present then went on to Roxton, where during the evening they were joined by a good number of visitors.

Next meeting: Silsoe, July 10th. A. R. A.

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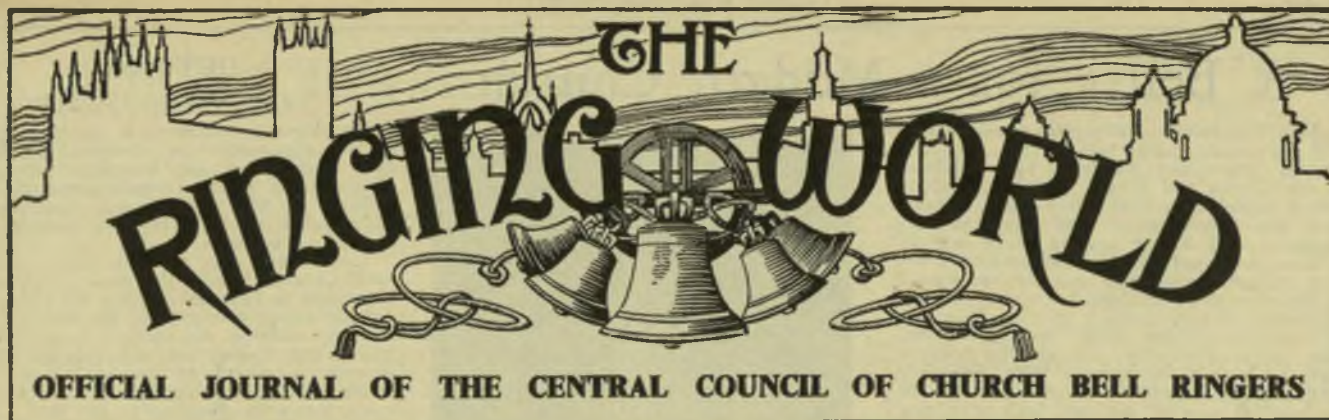
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"LONDON"

A CORRESPONDENT'S recent letter on the subject of composition and performance in the Royal stage of the London method recalls the increasingly frequent cases of peal-recording and method-reference that are not in accordance with what has been laid down by the Central Council as nomenclature of this method. The younger generation of the Exercise appears generally to be misinformed or uninformed on this matter, while some of the older generation ignore, or neglect to comply with, the requirements of the Central Council as to the calling of London Royal by a name indicating a particular version. It would seem not out of place, therefore, to note the relevant facts.

The London Surprise method has been considered, of course, as one of the more difficult to be rung, and for a long time the achievement of a peal in the Royal stage was regarded as the acme of performance. But, unfortunately, there was grave disagreement as to what should constitute the form of the method in this stage, and by the end of April, 1949, some 16 "versions" had been published:

Serial	Date	Author and Version
1	23 Nov., 1907	G. Lindoff—"Stepney"
2	14 Dec., 1907	H. Law James (No. 1)
3	14 Dec., 1907	E. Banks James (No. 1)
4	25 Jan., 1908	W. Catchpole
5	25 Jan., 1908	H. Law James—"Theoretical"
6	7 Mar., 1908	H. Dains
7	30 Aug., 1915	E. Banks James (No. 2)
8	19 Aug., 1921	J. A. Trollope
9	2 Sept., 1921	George Baker (No. 1)
10	2 Sept., 1921	W. Taylor (No. 1)
11	16 Sept., 1921	W. Taylor (No. 2)
12	19 Feb., 1926	George Baker (No. 2)
13	17 Feb., 1938	George Baker (No. 3)
14	21 Feb., 1949	A. York-Bramble—"U.A."
15	31 Mar., 1949	E. Weatherby
16	29 Apr., 1949	W. Taylor (No. 3)

The investigators of this method endeavoured, no doubt, to produce a pattern which "rings like London" yet conforms with the conventions of method design. But none of these versions (though some are of more merit than others) fully satisfies the requirements.

The more frequently performed version is that generally known, simply, as the "No. 3 Version." This refers to No. 13 on the list and is by the late George Baker, and sometimes referred to as the "Beddington Version," just as his "No. 2 Version" is sometimes referred to as the "Brighton Version" (No. 12 on the list). But, in common with the rest, his "No. 3 Version" has several defects

including, outstandingly, a non-conforming pivot. In other words, its half-lead place is in the wrong position. In fact it is in the penultimate position (9ths) under the treble, instead of that required by conditions now laid down by the Council, on the recommendation of the Methods Committee (see "Report on Extension"—page 7, Rule 10), which requirement makes the London pivot place to be in "4ths from behind," i.e., in Royal—7ths place.

The writer's study of this method over many years led to the production of over 60 versions of the Royal stage, each with its correct pivot place, and with an approximate "Blue Line." But the conclusion eventually reached is that there is no possibility of producing a perfect form of London in the Royal stage, as an extension of the Major. These efforts culminated in the evolution of two versions which are, perhaps, of particular interest. The first appears to be the proximate form of *extension* to Royal, and has been "pealed" under the title of "London Royal—U.A." (It appears as No. 14 on the list above.)

The second of these "ultimate" versions is *not an extension of the Major*, but is evolved from the characteristics of the London method's design as exhibited in the Minor and Major stages. In other words it can be regarded as the *Basic Stage* of a method design, which has sub-basic forms in the Major and Minor and an extension in the Maximus. Both the Royal and the Maximus have been "pealed," the former as "Metropolitan Royal" and the latter as "Metropolis Maximus." The last-named is probably the most difficult Maximus form of "solo" method yet produced for ringing.

Coming now to the clearance of the point we raised initially—nomenclature. Any publication of a peal simply as "London Royal"—and several have been so published—has no significance whatever: (a) because, technically, there is no such thing, and (b) because several *different* versions have been rung, anyway. This dictum is "covered" by the Central Council in its Handbook, 1956 edition, where, on page 26, appears the following extract:

"The Council declines to recognise any method hitherto rung or published as being entitled to the designation of 'London Surprise Royal' unless the words 'Stepney Version,' 'Brighton Version,' or 'No. 3 or Beddington Version' be added."

And arising out of this is a final point. The last-named version, when nominally distinguished at all, is usually referred to simply as "No. 3 Version." This is clearly a misnomer. As the list above indicates, it is not the third but the 13th version to have been published. But it is the third version published by George Baker (see list), and as such it is entitled to be called "Baker's No. 3 Version."

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

A Belfry for a Modern Church

MUCH thought is being given these days to providing bells for modern churches. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have exhibited at the Church and School Equipment Exhibition a model of a steel tower frame showing how the difficulties of today can be surmounted, and it has aroused much interest.

They point out that an independent tower with integral bell frame can be constructed in timber, steel or reinforced concrete. It may be erected directly on to a concrete floor slab or raised on a stone plinth. Such a structure may be erected above an existing building such as a porch or vestry. With very little additional construction, a simple tower can be designed as part of the west wall of a new church.

While reinforced concrete undoubtedly provides the most rigid and long-lasting framing for a tower, lighter and cheaper materials are available. For example, rectangular hollow section structural steel gives a pleasing appearance, and can be protected by hot dip galvanising. Plastic coated structural steels will also be available shortly.

CANON THURLOW COMMENTS

Commending these new forms of buildings to provide rings of bells, Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Central Council, writes:

A light ring of eight bells in the key of E with a tenor of 4½ cwt. and a total weight of only 19½ cwt. requires a space only 12 feet square with subsoil strong enough to carry, say, a two-storey house. No heavily-built tower with thick walls and expensive foundations is needed to carry such a ring. The bell frame and ringers' room below can be accommodated in a scientifically designed light weight framing covered with a simple weather resisting cladding; an architect can surround and surmount it with whatever kind of structure his imagination conceives.

Church bells need never be unpleasantly noisy. This fact should be the first to be stressed when discussing whether to have them. They can be enclosed in suitable and easily constructed materials which soften the sound to any desired degree, and the openings through which their sound emerges can also be fitted with shutters, like those of an organ swell-box, which can be opened when the bells ring for worship, for weddings and for days of rejoicing, and closed when ringing for practice.

The cost of a ring of bells is small compared with that of the church complete. Upkeep is economical. Costly attention is rarely necessary, and no annual maintenance charge is needed. Bells make appropriate and lasting memorials. It would not take long to find eight people to commemorate their loved ones with bells which would ring to their honour, as well as for the wider purpose.

Bells give an exciting chance to those who wish to serve Church and community by ringing them. The art of change ringing, one of our most "English" traditions, is easily learned, yet is interesting enough to provide a lifetime's activity. It is more alive today than ever before. It is practised in the universities, in schools and amongst thousands of all ages in the British Isles, and on an increasing scale in America, Australia and elsewhere.

NEW GRANDSIRE VARIATIONS

Mr. George A. Dawson sends us the New Grandsire variations rung in the peal at Cronwell Bishop. All are from a new Grandsire Plain Lead:

Arnold, bob Antelope, single Antelope S.
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Gonalston, bob Grandsire, single All Saints P.L.

Lambley, bob Grandsire, single Antelope.



SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

The quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch at Stourton on June 12th was attended by some 35 ringers, including visitors from Somerset. Before the Office, methods up to Cambridge were rung, while later in the evening the level rose to London. On the whole the striking was of a reasonable standard on the pleasant sounding six and a variety of methods was attempted. At the Guild Office the Branch was welcomed by the Rector (the Rev. P. Tambling), himself a ringer, with Mr. G. Spencer, also a ringing member, at the organ, and the hon. secretary of the Branch (the Rev R. Longridge) also taking part.

Seventeen new members were elected at the meeting, including 10 from Stourpaine tower, which becomes affiliated to the Guild, and whose ringers are keen to learn change ringing.

The general secretary of the Guild, Mr. W. C. West, was present and, in the absence of the Branch chairman and vice-chairman, was voted into the chair.

R. N. L.

OUTINGS

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH

An outing to Lakeland is always a gamble in that the success or otherwise depends on the weather, but the optimism with which Leeds Parish Church ringers chose the Lake District on May 29th proved justified. We were favoured with brilliant sunshine and cloudless blue skies.

Seven towers were visited in all, commencing with Cartmel Priory, the most noted monastic church in Lancashire, where the bells, if not equally noted, are at least unusual.

At Flookburgh the tower is undergoing repairs, and ringing on the excellent six at present is performed amidst tubular scaffolding. Resisting the efforts of the local constabulary to direct us to the R.C. Church of the same dedication at Ulverston, the church was eventually found hidden amongst the trees and here the newly decorated ringing chamber added to the pleasure of our visit.

Kirkby Ireleth's light six almost ring themselves and one wondered whether there is any connection between the fact that entrance to the tower is up a ladder through the ceiling of the vestry and the Vicar being a ringer. It was only three miles to our next tower, Millom (Cumberland) across the Duddon Channel, but since amphibious motor coaches have not yet been invented we had perforce to go round by road, a matter of 14 miles.

After the manner of keeping the good wine to the last, our two evening towers, the only eights of the day, Broughton-in-Furness and Hawkshead, were the highlights of the day. Hawkshead's Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Lindsay, made only token resistance when told to get his coat off but we think he enjoyed our Plain Bob as much as we did. And so homewards with the knowledge that wherever we may go another year, we can never go one better than this time.

R. H. D.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE

ACCOMPANIED by friends from Creswell, Chesterfield and Old Brampton, Scarcliffe and Staveley, the Bolsover company visited the Leominster district of Herefordshire for their annual outing. Although both the weather and the meals were, as usual, excellent, the ringing was far from our best, as at almost every tower visited some mishap or other occurred!

The first tower mishap was at Bewdley where, shortly after the 16 cwt. octave had been raised, the treble ringer missed his sally and broke the stay! Although probably due in some part to the long rope draught, it was not the ideal way to start the day's proceedings, and following a short touch of Plain and Little Bob, we hurriedly left before any more damage was done.

Suitably fortified by a good lunch in Leominster, some quite reasonable Cambridge Minor and Stedman was rung on the six at Kingsland before our stay here was also brought to an untimely end by the tenor rope starting to disintegrate in an alarming fashion!

Although the ringing on the excellent octave at Eardisland was much improved, the jinx was still with us however, with 3 and 4 insisting on crossing in Double Norwich each time it was rung. As there seemed to be a rubber stay on the tenor at Wolverley visited after tea, the tenor man had to hold his bell throughout. However, despite this and the amusement caused by one of the clock wires, which looked suspiciously like a lavatory chain, some Kent and Little Bob Minor were rung before moving on to the next tower, Castor, where unfortunately the ropes were all much too long to facilitate good ringing.

Our grateful thanks are due to the clergy and local ringers for making us so welcome, and not least to Alan Keller for organising certainly one of the most memorable Bolsover outings.

M. P. P.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. L. Duguid 1, C. Webber 2, T. R. Taylor 3, G. Love 4, L. Dieuid 5, G. Gammon 6, A. A. I. Buswell (cond.) 7, A. Hoodless 8. The composition contained all singles.

A.N.Z.A.B.'s Annual Festival

THE fourth Annual Festival of Ringing of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Bellringers was held in Melbourne on June 12th to 14th—the Queen's Birthday Holiday week-end. It was decided at the meeting in Hobart last year to apply the above name to the whole week-end, covering the ringing, dinner and the Council meeting.

This year five States were represented. A contingent of 12, representing St. Mary's Basilica, Sydney, All Saints', Parramatta, and St. Jude's, Randwick, came from New South Wales; another of 11, with representatives from St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, and St. Andrew's, Walkerville, from South Australia; a third, numbering three, representing St. David's Cathedral and Holy Trinity, Hobart, arrived from Tasmania, and Brian Lawes turned up from St. George's Cathedral, Perth, to put the views of Western Australia—the first time this State has been able to send a delegate. These inter-State visitors were joined by seven from the Victorian country towers of St. Paul's, Bendigo, and City Hall and St. Peter's, Ballarat. When the 34 visitors were added to the not inconsiderable number of ringers of St. Paul's and St. Patrick's Cathedrals, Melbourne, the answer is a very full belfry, even for the spacious one at St. Paul's. At one stage 46 ringers were counted in the ringing room.

Even in a 12-bell tower such a large gathering presented problems in organising the ringing, but these were ably handled by Enid Roberts, the president of the last 12 months. She was often seen consulting a notebook in which were recorded all the ringers' names as well as the methods to be rung, and everyone got a fair share of ringing. A great variety of methods was tackled, from rounds and call changes for the beginners, through the easier standard methods up to more advanced methods for the more experienced. Ashted Surprise Major was successfully rung, though attempts at London Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal did not come off—there was just not time enough to keep at them till success was attained. Some very good touches of Grandsire Caters were rung—perhaps the best ringing of the week-end—as well as some courses of Stedman Caters and Stedman Cinques, though here as the number of bells increased, so did the uncertainty about who was dodging with whom. Most ringers at one time or another found themselves up the hill at St. Patrick's Cathedral, where the "go" is anything but easy, and the newcomers had the fun of finding out just how odd-struck some of the bells are whilst getting used to the anti-clockwise circle (and the plain green sallies).

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

The dinner at the Franklin Restaurant on the Saturday evening was attended by over 60 people and was a very convivial occasion. At the Council meeting, which began as soon as the eating had finished, the election of officers produced only one change—and that at the top. Hervey Bagot was elected the president for the ensuing year. The other officers, who carry on from last year, are: Graeme Heyes, secretary, with Anne Cowling as his assistant; Ken Minchinton, treasurer; and Bill Pitcher, the peal secretary and editor of "Ringing Towers." Philip Gray was elected A.N.Z.A.B.'s representative on the Central Council for the next three years.

The treasurer's report showed that the financial position is still sound and "The Ringing Towers" report revealed a steady increase in subscriptions and a profit of nearly £3. Under special business, the Badge Committee presented two rather similar designs and it looks as though we shall eventually get a small, neat badge with embossed lettering and no colour. Bill Pitcher told the meeting of the present position of the Great Adventure II plans, pointing out that it was difficult to make final detailed suggestions until the exact number of the party was known. It appeared that almost all towers were available and the ringers ready to spare no pains to make the visitors' stay as enjoyable as possible.

A few queries about what certain clauses in the Constitution really mean presented Madam President with some problems in chairmanship to which she proved more than equal. A long time was spent on deciding whether or not to hold the next Festival of Ringing in New Zealand. A proposed itinerary of a two weeks' tour was presented and Ken Minchinton told the meeting that for a party of 30 the cost would be £150 per head; for a party of 20, about £225. It was finally resolved that the 1966 Festival would not be in New Zealand, and Sydney was finally chosen.

The entertainment on the Sunday evening consisted of a progressive dinner. Nearly everyone turned up at Hervey Bagot's flat for sherry and soup, after which a convoy of 12 cars, marshalled and led by Jack Roper, proceeded in state to the Roper household for the main course and then drove back to Ken Minchinton's for sweets and coffee. Here handbells made their inevitable appearance and Bill Pitcher showed a colour film of how "Ringing Towers" is produced, as well as some scenes of ringing occasions in Adelaide and of the last Festival in Hobart.

On Monday morning an attempted quarter peal of Double Norwich was brought round at 1,024 changes because of shortage of time, and between 50 and 60 people set out for the Belgrave Picnic Park in the nearby Dandenong Ranges for a barbecue lunch. A good appetite, glorious weather, the fresh air, a walk in the sun, an almost tame kookaburra investigating the chop bones, the comradeship, the talk and the laughter made this a most satisfying conclusion to another wonderful ringing week-end. The Victorian Branch is to be congratulated on a fine piece of organisation. W. B. P.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The Mansfield District meeting at Selston on May 22nd included the eliminating round for the Crawford Cup. The contest was very competently judged by Mr. and Mrs. C. Reed, of Balderton. Newark, and the results were as follows: 1 Warsop (Plain Bob Minor) 684 faults; 2 Mansfield (Plain Bob Minor) 1124; 3 Kirkby-in-Ashfield (Plain Bob Doubles) 1451.

Mr. F. Adcock, deputising for the District chairman, presided at a short business meeting when Messrs. S. Harpham, D. Hutchinson and G. Noon (all of Selston) were elected members. Mr. H. Flint thanked the Vicar (the Rev. M. Gee) for conducting the service, those who prepared tea and the local members.

Next meeting: July 24th, Teversall, with Sutton-in-Ashfield.

THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales District

The spring meeting of the South Wales District at Llandaff Cathedral was a great occasion for Mrs. John Lyes (née Miss Dilly Hulbert). On behalf of the members the vice-president (Mrs. Catherine Coles) presented her with a wedding gift of a matching stainless steel butter dish and toast rack. Mrs. Lyes expressed her delighted surprise with the gift and appreciation of the members' good wishes on the occasion of her marriage.

Mr. Iolo Davies expressed the thanks of the company to Miss Penny Welch and her helpers for the excellent tea. New members elected were Mrs. Jennifer Aldridge and Miss Ann Willetts (Llandaff). Miss Penelope Bounds (Llanblethian) and Mrs. Heather Fisher (Bedwellty).

Members and friends afterwards attended a very beautiful Evensong in the Cathedral. Ringing continued during the evening.

Next meeting: October 23rd, Bridgend (provisional) with Monmouth as an alternative.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

The annual general meeting of the Durham University Society was held in the Union Debating Chamber on May 10th. The following officers were elected for the academic year 1965-66: Master, Mr. John O. Freeman; secretary, Miss Pauline Kyme; treasurer, Mr. Malcolm Johnson.

The retiring Master reported that the request to open June Week Celebrations with a quarter peal on the Cathedral bells had been turned down by the Chapter, as in their opinion it was not safe to ring on Mondays. The Society decided that the tower must be strengthened for ringing by the Holy Spirit only on Sundays, and that we would attempt a handbell peal in a purf on the river instead.

First peal certificates were presented to six members by the new Master. He was then carried, shoulder high, to the nearest alehouse, where he was forced to purchase the traditional round for the entire Society!

D. J. M.

SUFFOLK RINGERS VISIT NORTHAMPTON

A coachload of ringers and friends drawn from various parts of Suffolk spent a most enjoyable day in Northamptonshire on May 29th. We broke the journey at St. Neots, both to refresh ourselves after an early start and to ring at the fine-looking church. It is perhaps ironic that a supposedly helpful rope guide appears to be the chief cause of the tenor's awkwardness here. Most of us agreed that the Restoration Appeal for these bells is both necessary and deserving of support.

Orchester, our second tower, has a fine eight, which we put to good use before going on to Wellingborough for lunch and thereafter to Moulton, where the seventh and tenor were, unfortunately, out of order. We found the front six very worthwhile and hope to return to ring the full eight at a future date. Welford before tea, and Hazelbech after, were, we felt, a fine and suitable climax to a good outing. Our thanks to all incumbents and tower captains concerned, and to Bob Lester for organising yet another fine outing. L. R. P.

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Letters to the Editor

RANDOM THOUGHTS ON DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—I have studied Mr. Roy H. Jones' reply (page 344) to my inquiry about the Doubles Collection, in particular Folke and Cadbury, for which I thank him. His letter clarifies the point raised satisfactorily. However, I still do not feel it is desirable to have an alternative name for a method when, due to using a certain observation bell and starting in the middle of a bob, a different start to the normal "plain course" start is necessary to produce a full six-score; in the first place nearly all the names in the lists published last summer will have to have an alternative name provided for a certain calling with a particular observation bell (usually 2 or 5), which will be very confusing; and secondly, while it is general and useful practice to use a new name when a special call is used for producing the 120 instead of the one usually associated with the method, the name being the easiest distinguishing feature for the record, it is really a step further to use yet another name when a particular observation bell is used while still adapting the same "plain course" and "special call" . . . i.e. Folke is really "Kennington" (5th obs.) and it is confusing to call it anything else but "Kennington"; when you ring Folke or Kennington you are ringing Plain Bob with bobs effected in the way that is more usually associated with Reverse Canterbury, so two names are confusing; you are following the same principle whether you have 5th obs. and start off Reverse Canterbury, or some other obs. bell and start off Plain Bob.

Apart from this, Roy Jones makes a good point when stating that the name refers to a "composition"; this is not unusual outside of Doubles, but a lot of ideas applicable to higher numbers should not be applied to five-bell ringing where the limitations of only having five require all the scope possible to achieve variety and interest. I suppose it could be said that the general idea of Doubles ringing with the treble in the hunt and four leads to the course boils down to combining a number of different works above or below the treble in a sequence that produces a true 120. Some of these combinations, e.g. Original below treble with Plain Bob above the treble, have through advantageous qualities and familiar usage, come to be accepted as the well known "individual plain course methods" as I think the phrase has it, while others, such as Reverse St. Bartholomew (a plain course made up of a succession of Grandsire Singles) have appeared to be hybrids. If, however, by some fluke, Grandsire had never been rung in the old days chance would have had it that Reverse St. Bartholomew became the well known "method" and Grandsire the hybrid."

In an effort "for the benefit of the Doubles ringer's soul" and to produce some sort of system out of chaos, the "C.C. Doubles Collection" tried to stick to certain principles and qualities in including their methods (many of which are good, useful ones, like St. Vedast, which would probably not have been practised had they not been published), but actual practice in five-bell towers as a glance at the peal and quarter peal columns shows. Does anything but confine itself to the limited field of the "C.C. Collection," and Roy Jones and Geoffrey K. Dodd have made a noble effort to supplement the lack of printed knowledge of what has been and is being rung in this field. The C.C. have "ridden their

hobby horse to the death" when, in order to avoid using a bob that was "derived from another method," abortions like the bob suggested for some of the slow course methods (away from the treble's lead and asymmetrical to it) are advocated. However, the thing goes too far the other way in concoctions like Wychbold Supreme (page 514 of "The Ringing World" 1964), where no less than four different types of lead are used in one six-score, and the "plain course" method only appears on two further occasions out of a possible twelve after the go-off (hardly a case for the C.C. diehard referring to it as "120 Plain Bob (Wychbold Supreme Variation)."

No doubt time will sort the wheat from the chaff in this wide field, but there is much information still to be collected and fields to explore, and further publications like those of last summer to clarify matters can only be regarded as eminently useful.—Yours sincerely,

DEREK P. JONES.

Staplehill, Burton-on-Trent.

"A HANDBOOK OF GRANDSIRE CATERS"

Dear Sir,—Mr. Colin A. Lewis, of University College, Dublin, has been kind enough to point out one or two discrepancies in the above Central Council publication.

On page 12 the last three notes should read:

"89 implies a bob at the fifth lead, causing 8 and 9 to dodge behind."

"98 implies a bob at the fifth lead, causing 9 and 8 to dodge behind."

"78 implies a bob at the sixth lead, etc."

These directions apply, of course, to the Tittum and Handstroke Home positions and are correctly tabulated on page 10. There should therefore be no serious misunderstanding. Nevertheless, the errors are due entirely to my lack of care, and failure to adjust the mistakes when I read the proofs. And I trust I have not added to the difficulties of a notation already sufficiently confusing.—Yours sincerely,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Warminster.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES BUTTON

The passing of Mr. Charles Button, of Kelvedon, who died at St. Mary's Hospital, Colchester, on June 4th, aged 73 years, was briefly reported in our last issue.

Born in Suffolk, he attended Framlingham Grammar School. He worked at Leiston and learned his ringing in that area. In the late 1920's "Charlie" emigrated to Kelvedon on being employed by the Essex Steam Rolling Association up to a few years before his death.

St. Mary's, Kelvedon, was his tower from then on, and although not a prolific peal ringer, he could always be relied upon as a regular Sunday service ringer and to help with bell maintenance. A few years back the Essex Association conferred on him life membership.

Known throughout Essex and Suffolk, he will be remembered and missed by hundreds. A. R. E.

MR. JOHN WHEADON

Many ringers in Kent will have learned with regret of the death at Wilmslow, Cheshire, where he lived with his son, of Mr. John Wheadon, formerly of Dartford, at the age of 93.

Although born in London (in a house on the site of which County Hall now stands), he lived in Kent for most of his life, learning to ring at the village of Brenchley, where a board in the belfry records a 720 of Bob Minor in 1896, the first by all and by a local band. He joined the band at Dartford in 1903 and there rang his first peal in August, 1905. Forty-five years later he became the first to take part in 100 peals rung on Dartford bells, and he also rang 68 at Crayford. Altogether his total was 365, if I am right in thinking his last peal to have been one in three Minor methods at Wilmslow to celebrate his 82nd birthday, among them an 11,008 of Double Norwich at Erith, one of Bob Major at Deptford in 1952 by a band of octogenarians, of whom he was the last survivor—three others beside himself living into the 90's—and nearly 100 peals of Stedman Triples.

"Jack" Wheadon would not have regarded himself as an outstanding ringer but he was a keen and loyal member of the Dartford band for half a century apart from a short break in the 1920's, when he returned to Brenchley. The Exercise is also greatly in his debt in three ways. It was his firm attitude, to the extent of threatening the authorities with legal action, that prevented money raised for the restoration of Dartford bells being diverted, after the 1914-18 war, to other church purposes; and he was responsible for reproducing on a board now hanging in the belfry there the record of the first peal on the bells in 1749, which was formerly painted on the wall and destroyed when organ blowing apparatus was installed in the belfry. The third is of more general interest. In June, 1921, a report in "The Ringing World" of an augmentation in Bispham, Lancs, credited Messrs. Mears and Stainbank with the invention of clapper buffers, and the following week the late Mr. A. A. Hughes wrote to say that "the principle was originated by Mr. Wheadon sen., the much respected captain of the Dartford ringers. Mr. Wheadon first applied the idea to the old tenor at Dartford."

He subsequently gave me permission to protect and adopt the idea in a slightly different form."

Mr. Wheadon's departure from Kent was greatly regretted but for as long as he was able he kept up his ringing at Wilmslow, where he was much respected by the ringers of the area. E. A. B.

MR. HARRY HODSON

The passing of Mr. Harry Hodson is a great loss to his fellow ringers at St. Michael's, Stone, and also the North Staffs Association, who will miss his pleasant company.

A member of an old St. Michael's family, Harry had been a ringer at the Parish Church for 45 years and was leader for 25 years before he retired. He had been unable to be an active ringer for the past 12 months due to ill-health. He was employed by Joulé's Brewery in the estate department and had worked there ever since the war.

The bells were rung half-muffled in tribute before and after the funeral service on June 16th. The ringers of St. Michael's offer their condolences to Mrs. Ada Hodson and family and gratefully acknowledge their indebtedness to Harry for his devoted service to God in the belfry. A. E. P.

JOHN NICOLL
BELL ROPES

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Central Council Records Committee

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APPENDIX A.

The following will bring up to date the Central Council Collection of Surprise Methods as far as the end of 1964.

1. NUMERICALLY ORDERED TABLE A. SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS

- 1A. Enderby (b) —34—14—1258—16—14—38—14—38.
- 2A. Islip (c) —34—1456—58—16—12—38. 56. 14. 56. 78.
- 3A. Oundle (f) —34—1458—56—36—14—1458—14—58.
- 4A. Mancetter (b) —36—14—58—38—14—38—12—58.
- 5A. Simonstone (a) —36—14—58—38—34—38. 12. 36. 14. 58.
- 6A. Alresford (f) —38—14—12—38—34—1458—36—58.
- 7A. Quarrington (c) —38—14—1258—38—12—38—34—18.
- 8A. Thorverton (b) —38—14—58—36—12—1238—16—78.
- 9A. Higher Walton (b) —38—14—58—36—14—1238—14—78.
- 10A. Radcliffe (f) —38—14—58—36. 14—12. 58. 36—36. 58.
- 11A. Helmshore (f) —38—16—56—36—14—3458—16—38.
- 12A. Churchill (h) —56—16—12—38—14—38—36—18.
- 13A. Farnworth (a) —58—14—12—16—34—1238—36—58.
- 14A. Laleham (mx) —58—14—12—36—14—38. 16—16. 38.
- 15A. Selborne (f) —58—14. 58—12. 38. 14—14. 58. 14—14. 58.
- 16A. Brent (c) —58—14. 58—58. 36. 14—14. 58—36—38.
- 17A. Bermondsey (a) —58—14. 58—58. 36. 14—34. 58. 14—14. 78.
- 18A. Bombay (a) —58—1458—1256—16—12—1458—34—18.
- 19A. Sedgley (b) —58—16—12—38—14—38. 14. 36. 14. 78.
- 20A. Whempstead (c) —58—16—12—38—14—58. 14—16. 58.
- 21A. Stevenage (d) —58—16—56—16—34. 12. 38—14—78.
- 22A. Turvey (f) 34. 58. 36. 14. 56. 12. 58. 36. 12. 34. 12. 58. 14. 56. 14. 78.
- 23A. Denbigh (c) 38—38. 16—12—36. 14—14. 58—16—78.
- 24A. Datchworth (c) 38—58. 14—12—36—14—58. 14—14. 78.
- 25A. Chartwell (a) 38—58. 14—58—36—14—58. 14—12. 78.
- 26A. Lapal (b) 38—58. 14—58—38—34—38. 14—12. 38.
- 27A. Ramsgate (b) 38—58. 14. 58—58. 36. 14—14. 58—14—38.
- 28A. Fawsley (f) 38—58. 16—56—16—14—38—12—18.
- 29A. Whickham (b) 58—56. 14—56—38. 14—14. 38—34—18.
- 30A. Seafeld (b) 58. 34—14—58—38. 14—14. 58. 36—16. 58.

B. SURPRISE ROYAL METHODS

- 31A. Enniskillen (f) —56—14—56—30—14—50—14—50—12—50

- 32A. Limerick (b) —50—16—12—30. 14—14. 30. 14—14. 30. 14—16. 90.
- 33A. Wrexham (di) —50—16—1270—38. 14—14. 50—12—50—56—10.
- 34A. Shrewsbury (ci) —50—16—70—38—14—58—16—70—78—90.
- 35A. Abergavenny (f) —70—18—50—16—14—30—14—30—18—10.

2. TABLE OF FIRST PERFORMANCES

A. SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS

- Alresford, 11-7-64, New Alresford, 6A.
 Bermondsey, 8-8-64, Benington, 17A.
 Bombay, 10-8-64, Southport, 18A.
 Brent, 24-9-64, Willesden, 16A.
 Chartwell, 1-12-64, Harrow Weald, 25A.
 Churchill, 30-11-64, Westerham, 12A.
 Datchworth, 24-10-64, Knebworth, 24A.
 Denbigh, 9-7-64, Willesden, 23A.
 Enderby, 2-7-64, Enderby, 1A.
 Farnworth, 30-12-64, Hindley, 13A.
 Fawsley, 26-6-64, Daventry, 28A.
 Helmshore, rung in spliced, 11A.
 Higher Walton, rung in spliced, 9A.
 Islip, 25-10-64, Kirtlington, 2A.
 Laleham, 15-10-64, Willesden, 14A.
 Lapal, 1-10-64, Birmingham Cathedral, 26A.
 Mancetter, 24-6-64, Stoney Stanton, 4A.
 Oundle, 11-5-64, Fulney, 3A.
 Quarrington, 10-10-64, South Anston, 7A.
 Radcliffe, rung in spliced, 10A.
 Ramsgate, 27-8-64, Willesden, 27A.
 Seafeld, 23-7-64, Willesden, 30A.
 Sedgley, 2-10-64, Sedgley, 19A.
 Selborne, 25-6-64, Willesden, 15A.
 Simonstone, rung in spliced, 5A.
 Stevenage, 26-12-64, Stevenage, 21A.
 Thorverton, 30-10-64, Stratton St. Margaret, 8A.
 Turvey, 7-8-64, Daventry, 22A.
 Whempstead, 30-5-64, Benington, 20A.
 Whickham, 10-6-64, Shirley, 29A.
 Wrynwy, 21-6-64, Farnworth-with-Kearsley, 37.

B. SURPRISE ROYAL METHODS

- Abergavenny, rung in spliced, 35A.
 Enniskillen, rung in spliced, 31A.
 Limerick, rung in spliced, 32A.
 Shrewsbury, rung in spliced, 34A.
 Wrexham, rung in spliced, 33A.

ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE, LEICESTER

Four new towers in the S.W. Midlands were sampled by the St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, party during their outing on May 8th. The ring of ten at Bromsgrove seemed to have been spoilt by the addition of two trebles, and ringing was mainly on the eight and included Cambridge Major.

Two hours were spent at Hereford. At the Cathedral our ringing was hampered by the loss of view around the circle and by the wooden beams, but nevertheless a half course of Cambridge Royal was rung. The other towers visited were Ledbury and Upton-on-Severn. Tea was taken at Tewkesbury and on the homeward journey a stop was made at Colehill.

Tower captains who met us, Messrs. S. Harrison, B. Brown and J. E. Cooke are thanked for their help in enlivening the party. G. W. M.

500 MILES AND MANY CHANGES

WITH a sense of great expectation, a party of ringers and friends set out from Rougham, Suffolk, on June 18th, on a unique outing planned by Mr. Leslie Wright, of Bury St. Edmunds.

The coach left punctually at 1 p.m. and throughout the 221 miles to Yeovil, Somerset, the weather was perfect. The Highland Guest House, where we were to spend two nights, was reached at 9.15, where we had a comfortable night's rest.

On Saturday morning the coach left at 8.30, picking up five of the party at Hardington Mandeville, where they had spent the night, and reached the first tower at Merriott at 9 a.m. A glorious ring of six was enjoyed in a beautifully kept belfry. Mr. Robinson and his daughter Elizabeth—a keen ringer of 11—were most helpful. Unfortunately it rained heavily as the bells pealed out over Crewkerne. Dr. Penny, who had dashed away from a busy surgery, was there to greet the ringers. The tiny village of Broadwindsor, tucked away in the hills, followed. Mr. Case, the captain, welcomed us and everyone enjoyed the ringing.

Up hill and down dale brought us to Lyme Regis. Lunch was all ready at the Golden Cap Restaurant and Mr. Cuthbert Powell met the ringers at the Parish Church tower. We liked the bells but felt we did not do justice to them. The coast road brought us to Bridport, where Mr. L. Follett was at the Parish Church awaiting our arrival. While the bells were good, the ropes were new and this made ringing difficult. At Beaminster—a run of eight miles from Bridport—a climb of 50 steps to the belfry made the ringing even more enjoyable. . . a lovely eight and a welcome from Mr. A. T. Neech. After tea came Maiden Newton's church, partly Saxon, partly Norman and partly Gothic. Mr. A. Scott met us, but as the belfry floor was weak only six could stand at a time. Evershot—a very beautiful village on the Earl of Ilchester's estate—has some very good bells of a lovely tone. The last call was Thornford, near Sherborne, where the font here occupies the centre of the belfry—perhaps to remind ringers of their baptismal vows. The Rector, who met us, permitted ringing to continue until 9.15. Daylight was beginning to fade as the coach once more drew into the car park of the Highlands Guest House.

It was the wish of the Rougham band to see the last resting place of their former Rector, the Rev. Paul Greaves, who had come to them from Hardington Mandeville, and so on Sunday morning the ringers from Suffolk joined with those of Hardington Mandeville in pealing out the clarion call to worship and, as the Rector stressed later, in his sermon, join in that vital ministry of Christ's Church to which He calls us.

The Rougham ringers thank all incumbents, tower secretaries and captains for the help so willingly given to make the outing the great success it was.

MRS. R. GREAVES.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—On June 13th, 1.260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. A. Margetts (first quarter) 1. N. P. J. Cossey 2. I. I. Margetts 3. R. W. Bickers 4. T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

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West Sussex Ringers' First Spring Tour, 1965

OVER the past few years the three West Sussex towers — Billingshurst, Warnham and Itchingfield — have been holding three special joint practices a month in addition to their individual weekly practices. This has paid dividends both in the standard of ringing and socially, and it was decided to arrange a week's ringing holiday. David D. Smith was entrusted with the itinerary, Chris Godfrey the transport and accommodation, and W. Leslie Weller and George Francis were the obvious Ringing Masters.

Accordingly, six well-laden cars containing 20 people set out early on April 24th heading towards Whitchurch, Shropshire. En route they visited Balcote Farm, Banbury, where they had difficulty in controlling Mr. Jarvis' extremely light ten. Further on, the tens at Chilvers Coton, Tamworth and Lichfield Cathedral were more to their taste although true justice was not done at Lichfield due to relative inexperience. An object of the tour was to improve ten-bell ringing, as Sussex unfortunately has only three ten-bell towers and no twelves. This aim was achieved, as by the end of the week 13 tens and four twelves had been visited.

On arrival at Whitchurch we found the hotel for the week, the Dodington Lodge, absolutely ideal for a ringing holiday, both for the excellence of meals and the tolerance shown for the inevitable high spirits late at night by the younger members.

LIVERPOOL DISAPPOINTMENT

Sunday can be a difficult day on tours, but when 16 ringers presented themselves unannounced to ring the fine ten at Wrexham for morning service the local ringers gave them an exceptionally warm welcome. Much encouraged, the party pressed on to Liverpool, confident that their homework on Beatles' records would overcome any language difficulties. The Cathedral bells were not available but a compromise was the 12 at Our Lady and St. Nicholas', Piere Head for Evensong.

The tour proper, averaging eight or nine towers a day, started on Monday with Farnold and Pulford. A quarter of Cambridge was lost at Eccleston; this was the only attempt during the week, as it caused complications for the dozen not ringing. Very changeable weather was experienced in the Wirral and the day finished amid wind and rain at St. Mary-Without-the-Walls, Chester.

Tuesday commenced at Tarporley, followed by St. Chad's, Over, where some Bristol went well; no doubt the bells themselves remember the method well from the long length rung in 1945. Later the party were privileged to ring with two members of the record-breaking band at Dunham Massey and Christ Church, Macclesfield, two contrasting tens. After the light bells of St. Peter's, Macclesfield, the twelve at St. Michael's were sampled but the practice night ringing was disappointing after the high standard at Christ Church.

MAGNIFICENCE OF ST. CHAD'S

Despite navigational difficulties, resulting in piecemeal arrival at Cheadle (R.C.), Alton and St. Mary's, Stafford, everybody had a ring. Of the two towers at Bridgnorth, St. Leonard's can be remembered for the steady music of the bells. Distances counted for little that Wednesday, and after a long fast haul to Shrewsbury the ten at St. Mary's were enjoyed. But all the previous towers paled into insignificance when compared to the magnificent twelve at St. Chad's. The easy "go" of the bells belied their weight, and Leslie Weller turned the 39½ cwt. tenor in for a very nice course of Bristol Major. Everybody enjoyed some very satisfactory twelve-bell ringing and appreciated the welcome given by the local ringers.

On Thursday it was a relief not to drive so far. The pleasant ten at Crewe was sandwiched between Nantwich and Barthomley, followed by Audley, Sandbach and Congleton, where David Smith gave an intimate and exclusive interview to a stunning female reporter. The ten at Leek were a bit of a

handful but the ringing improved at St. Peter's, Stoke-on-Trent and St. Giles', Newcastle-under-Lyme.

HORSESHOE PASS

En route to North Wales on Friday the party visited Oswestry, whose enormous old tower was like a museum of old ringing prints and pictures and bric-a-brac. To reach Llangollen, Chris Godfrey's car took a supposedly short cut through the mountains, but gradients of 1 in 3½ and cloudy mist ensured that the less adventurous drivers got there first. By midday the sun broke through strongly and an enjoyable couple of hours was spent over a picnic lunch at Horseshoe Pass. Ringing followed at Rhyl, Buckley and Gresford and a course of Lincoln at Malpas was abruptly halted with Mike Wake smothered in yards of rope.

On the last full day some Saturday traffic delays occurred but times were maintained at Hodnet, Wellington and the ten at Coalbrookdale, where some of the best ringing of the tour was had. After a further delay at Madeley due to a funeral it was a pleasure to ring for a wedding at Shifnal, with a good rise in peal as the service finished. The programme ended with some ringing on the very musical bells at Market Drayton, culminating in a well-struck course of London Major.

Before leaving on Sunday most of the party rang for Matins at Whitchurch, but Leslie, George, Eddie, David and Chris returned to Liverpool for the memorable experience of ringing the heaviest ring of bells in the world.

So ended their first spring tour; already plans were being formulated for next year's sequel. Thanks are due to everyone involved in a most successful and enjoyable holiday, not forgetting the staff at the hotel and its proprietor, Mrs. G. C. Still.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Visitors from Birmingham and Northants were among the 30-odd ringers attending the joint meeting of the Bingham and Nottingham Districts at Willoughby-on-the-Wolds on the sunny afternoon of June 12th. The Rector (the Rev. A. B. Hayward) conducted the service with his son as organist. Tea was a picnic on Wysall Rectory lawn and was much appreciated by the many youngsters present.

The forthcoming programme was reviewed as follows: July, Lowdham; August, Whetton; September, Colston Bassett and Melton District; October, Radcliffe-on-Trent and Ladies' Guild. The District's annual dinner will be at Whetton on December 10th. Evening ringing was at Willoughby and Wymeswold.

R. B.

OUTING

MANCHESTER RINGERS IN YORKSHIRE

Ringers from Manchester Cathedral and Birch-in-Rusholme joined forces for their annual outing on May 28th into Yorkshire. Pleasant Pennine scenery was traversed on the long run to St. Giles', Pontefract. Good touches of Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Stedman Caters were rung on the mellow toned light ten.

Beverley Minster was reached half an hour ahead of schedule. In spite of the difficulty in handling, due to the long draught, reasonable touches were brought round. The seven-ton Bourdon bell, Great John, was also a source of interest. The good Taylor octave at Howden Minster replaced an earlier ring destroyed by fire in 1931, and ringing here started with a well-struck touch of Kent Major.

Fortified by a steak tea, the party tackled the ascent of 137 steps to the ringing chamber of St. George's, Doncaster. We did not really do justice to the fine 30 cwt. octave. Manchester was reached about 10.30 p.m. Our thanks are due to Dorothy Fearnheugh and Alan Ward for making the arrangements for this successful outing.

A. G. K.

MAULDEN NOT DEPRESSED BY COACH BREAKDOWN

St. Mary's, Maulden, had their annual outing on June 19th and, with the usual friends and visiting ringers from several other Bedfordshire towers, they visited the charming county of Derbyshire. An ambitious programme had been planned and the punctuality of all enabled the party to get away to a prompt start—an organiser's dream!

Duffield, some 80 miles distant, was reached at the scheduled time, 9.30, and the bells were soon going to Grandsire Caters and Yorkshire Royal. At Youlgreave, some delay occurred before gaining admittance to the massive tower but the heavy eight were put to good use, after which came a very enjoyable drive through some of Derbyshire's most lovely scenery to Chesterfield, where, under the famous crooked spire, the excellent ring of ten provided a most satisfactory conclusion to the morning's programme.

Ringing and lunch gave us a scheduled stay of two hours at Chesterfield and our driver took this opportunity to get some repairs done to the coach, which during the journey had shown a tendency to indulge in "rock-n-roll" capers, in fact at times it shook so violently and made such an appalling din, that one passenger was in favour of awarding it the M.B.E. on the spot, or was it the N.B.G.?

The inevitable delay in obtaining the necessary spare parts resulted in the enforced abandonment of the entire afternoon's programme, though we were fortunate in getting permission to ring at Chesterfield for a further period, which did at least satisfy, or partially satisfy, the enthusiasm of the strong ringing party, though nothing could repay the organiser for the care and patience he had bestowed on the task of arranging that part of the programme which could not be carried out. The long wait was a little trying but the whole party simply refused to let such an incident depress their spirits and, indeed, such is the excellence of the beer provided in this part of the country that some even expressed the view that the repair job had been unduly hurried! Eventually the coach reappeared, as good as new and, after a trial run, we all embarked for the long journey home, the miles being shortened considerably by some enthusiastic singing by certain members of the party possessing strong vocal chords and no small musical ability.

Thanks are sincerely given for the privilege of ringing on bells whose sweet music floats over the hills and dales of this northern paradise, for the joy of meeting old friends, for the fine organising of Keith Fleming and for a safe and happy return from a trip which could have proved disastrous.

A. E. R.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The beautiful weather encouraged ringers to turn up at St. Michael's, St. Albans, for the meeting on June 19th. Some good ringing ranging from rounds to Lincolnshire and London was enjoyed before the service. When the choir practice eventually finished, the service was held, followed by tea in the hall.

At the business meeting Mr. A. Smith, of Wheathampstead, was elected a member. It was announced that the District outing to Guildford was on September 18th, and the secretary, Roger Brown, requested names as soon as possible, August 21st being the latest date. A ringing course had been arranged for November 20th at Harpenden, followed by an evening meeting.

Under any other business it was announced that a cricket match had been arranged against the Western District on August 28th.

July meeting: Kimpton.

J. A. F.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On June 13th, 1.260 Siedman Triples: W. E. Cheater 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, F. E. Collins 3, D. Wilson 4, P. L. King 5, L. F. Cobb 6, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 7, L. T. Perrins 8. For Matins.

March Belles Awed by Tenor



NO BATS HERE! The bevy of belles seen looking at the comely proportions of March St. Wendreda's tenor bell are the town's latest recruits to the art of campanology. Seven years ago a team of lassies rang at March—to quarter peal standard—until work, college and marriage removed them to other parts.

The smiling girls pictured above are all pupils at March High School, and they display considerable enthusiasm for the art with its various aspects in a musical and mathematical sense.

This renewed interest in bellringing activities is most gratifying to March bellringers, particularly Mr. Trevor A. Bevis, for these youngsters bring his personal tally of learners at St. Wendreda's to almost 100 over the past 12 years.

Mr. Bevis has the valuable backing of senior ringers Mr. W. Moore, Mr. A. Palmer, Mr. P. Langton, Mr. D. Feek and Mr. M. Hart. March has always been well favoured in successful recruiting. Despite a dearth of recruits in some parts of the Elv diocese, St. Wendreda's has, over the past decade, maintained a strength of at least 12 ringers to six bells. Just now they total 19, "but," says Mr. Bevis, "it's as well they do not all attend at once!" The learners comprise several young lads.

At practice on Mondays average attendance is 14. The pupils are divided into two sections: one section is taught the rudiments of bell control while the other section occupies a corner of the church practising handbell ringing and studying theory of change ringing. Several learners are becoming quite adept at both, which is remarkable considering the short length of time some have spent at the tower. "In fact," says Mr. Bevis, "we are in the rather unusual position of young people ringing changes double-handed on handbells, before they are adept at ringing tower bells!"

These sessions are followed by an hour's general ringing. The instructor tells us that the idea is not merely to introduce pupils quickly to the art but, more important, to eliminate too much sitting around and allowing boredom to affect them. "Good raw material can be easily lost that way," he says. Wide use is also made of Central Council publications, each learner possessing his or her copy of suitable literature.

The bells are rung regularly on both mornings and evenings of Sundays, and occasionally quarter peals materialise (about 40 of these, from Plain Bob to Cambridge, have been rung on the bells, usually on Sundays, by March ringers in recent years). A few years ago the church team also scored a 5,040 on the bells, the first by a March team since 1819.

"Ringing tours are considered a useful means of stimulating interest," says Mr. Bevis, who adds that loyalty and sense of duty are expected of everyone concerned. "We feel we have a reputation to maintain," he says, adding, "a great sense of brotherhood prevails here, and it is hoped this will continue for a long time."

This Cambridgeshire bellringing society is the oldest organisation in March district, teams of ringers having continued unbroken—except for the war years—since 1800. Oldest belfry records actually date back to the mid-16th century, when the ringers received ale for special exertions!

MRS. ALICE FOSTER

With sorrow, we record the death of Mrs. Alice Foster, a ringer of St. Mary's, Orston, Notts. Mrs. Foster was the wife of the local tower captain, Mr. A. Foster, and assisted along with her family in the service ringing until prevented by a long period of ill-health. The funeral service, held at St. Mary's on June 8th, was followed by cremation at Wilford Hill, Nottingham. Members of the Birmingham District rang the bells half-muffled.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The dedication should be All Hallows', Tottenham, and not as printed, for the peal of Plain Bob Major on page 439.

The eight bells at St. Margaret's, Lee Terrace, Blackheath, have been recast and are now a chime of 16, writes a disappointed visitor.

Miss Frances Dodds, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Dodds, rang her first peal on June 12th at Sandridge. Her father reports that Frances rang very well and her 2 hr. 34 min. test only produced one minute blister.

Would the ringer from Leicester who wrote to the Vicar of Heavitree, Exeter, requesting permission to ring on Heavitree bells from 10.30 to 11.30 on July 9th please contact Mr. W. Mallett, of 61, Butts Road, Heavitree, stating who the visiting ringers are who wish to ring on this date.

Miss Susan Restall, writes Mr. Alan A. J. Buswell, deserves to be congratulated on her first quarter peal at Church Oakley on June 20th. She has only been ringing a very short time, and not being a competent handler, the rope knocked her glasses off. She carried on, seeing the rope as only a blur. Her striking was excellent.

From Nottingham we hear of a commendable example of rapid progress and application at Mundella Grammar School. A quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles was rung on handbells on June 6th in which the conductor had two weeks' practice and the ringer of 5-6 three! Neither is yet able to handle a church bell. The band was: C. P. Starbuck (conductor) 1-2, S. Humphrey 3-4, P. Church 5-6. It was the first quarter "in hand" for all the band.

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A BLEWURY SILVER WEDDING

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Corderoy on their silver wedding, which was appropriately celebrated by a peal of Triples on Blewbury bells. The peal enabled Claude to complete the circle of the tower. A member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild since 1931, he is at present the able secretary and treasurer of the North Berks Branch.

Also taking part in the peal was Mr. A. H. Webb, the Branch Ringing Master, who, although he lives in the next village, was ringing his first peal at Blewbury for nearly 40 years. At the conclusion of the peal the band were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Corderoy at their home.

HEAVITREE, EXETER

The ringers of Heavitree Parish Church on June 12th held their annual outing and visited the towers of Kingsteignton (8), Totnes (8), Ashburton (8) and Bovey Tracey (8). Tea was taken at Totnes, which was kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens of Heavitree, and we were met at Totnes by Preb. E. Royle, Vicar of Heavitree. Mr. C. Glass, aged 91, past Ringing Master of the tower for 50 years, joined the ringers and rang at Bovey Tracey.

Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman and Erin Triples, Plain Bob and Grandsire Major, Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major. Votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. G. Skinner, secretary, who arranged the outing.

ON GUARD DURING PEAL

There are fewer better towers for peal ringing than St. Mary's, Send, Surrey, as there are only three houses near the church. One of the occupants, however, is well known for his endeavours to try to stop peals. When the peal attempt was made on June 16th the Send captain, Mr. Sidney Smith, was kind enough to cycle to the church in driving rain and stay throughout the peal so that he could ward off the intruder if necessary. The band were most grateful. The bells were dedicated 17 years ago on June 16th, also a Wednesday, and heavy rain also fell on that day.

HIS 20th BIRTHDAY

Mr. David Eames has a ringing achievement to commemorate his 20th birthday, when he turned in the 28 cwt. tenor at Hoar Cross. When only 15, he rang this bell as a cover to a peal of Doubles and was then the youngest to peal it; probably he is the youngest to have turned the bell in to a peal. He also gave a competent performance at Beverley, moving the ringing along at a bright pace right to the end on these fine sounding but none-too-easy bells.

GROTON BOYS AT GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

Eight boys from Groton School, Massachusetts, U.S.A., attended the practice at Guildford Cathedral on June 25th. They had flown the Atlantic that day, and were brought by Mr. Frank Price. Their ringing was confined to rounds, which they rang very well. The practice was attended by some 40 ringers and concluded with a touch of London Surprise Royal.

YORKSHIRE WERE THERE

The Yorkshire Association were represented at the Central Council meeting at Northampton by Messrs. Vernon Bottomley, Eric Critchley and Wilfrid Moreton. We apologise for their omission from our report — their names were in the copy sent to the printers.

2,000 MILES JAUNT

Big distances are travelled to attend the A.N.Z.A.B. Festival of Ringing, which this year was held at Melbourne. A jaunt of some 2,000 miles there and 2,000 miles back (even it is combined with annual holidays) is not bad just to attend a ringing meeting. This is what Brian Lawes, from Western Australia, did, writes Bill Pitcher.

TOO MUCH EXERCISE

Was it through too much exercise that the Friends of the Exercise rang a peal on Mr. Frank D. Mack's miniature bells seated? At any rate they think they have gained distinction by being the first band to ring a peal on tower bells being seated, and that on the lightest ring of bells in the world.

COVERING THE U.K. AND EIRE

The peal of London Surprise Royal (No. 3 Version) at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, enabled three of the band to ring a peal of the method in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, and to have rung the first peal in the method in Wales, Scotland and Ireland. They are Basil Jones, C. Kenneth Lewis and John Worth.

FIRST VISIT

The new band from St. Katharine's, Merstham, Surrey, ventured outside their own tower for the first time on June 16th and joined the practice at St. Mary's, Reigate, at the invitation of Mr. A. T. Shelton. Not only did the youngsters have their first experience of ten-bell ringing but members of the old Merstham band rang Grandsire Triples with the help of the Reigate and Horley ringers. Plain courses of Grandsire Caters were also achieved.

"JACKPOT" AFTER PEAL

The peal rung at All Saints', Newport, Mon. on June 19th is undoubtedly the first of Stedman Triples for many years by a band born and bred in Monmouthshire. That it was rung at the fifth attempt and with considerable conviction is no doubt largely due to the attractive liquid reward offered by a prominent member of the Ladies' Guild. An expensive way, perhaps, of ensuring success, but one which paid handsome dividends in the social evening enjoyed afterwards, and for which the male members of the band extend grateful thanks.
D. G. C.

FIRST PEAL AT HOLLOWAY

We regret that our correspondent was misinformed regarding the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Turner. He writes that the first peal at Holloway was one of Kent Treble Bob Major rung in 1880 by the Society of Cumberland Youths, which was before he was born. The peal in 1909 was the first by a local band.

A CENTENARY AT SOUTH TOTTENHAM

The Ancient Society of College Youths are joining in the centenary celebrations of the opening of the back six bells at St. Ann's Church, South Tottenham, on Saturday, July 3rd. Ringing will take place between 3 and 5 p.m., when a meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths will be held in the tower. A shortened form of Evensong will be conducted at 5 p.m., to be followed by a high tea in the new hall of the Day School at 6 p.m.

When St. Ann's Church was consecrated on July 29th, 1618, there was only one bell, weighing about six cwt., in the steeple, and this served the dual purpose of being the hour bell for the clock as well as the service bell calling the people to divine worship. In 1865 Mr. Fowler Newsam, the patron and benefactor, placed an order with the Whitechapel Bell Foundry for a ring of six bells, and in June of that year they were hoisted into the belfry. He arranged that the bells should be opened on July 3rd, 1865, with the first ringing at 8 a.m., when the Ancient Society of College Youths, at his invitation, rang 720 Plain Bob Minor.

In 1903 the first peal on the bells was rung — 5,040 changes in five methods. The strange fact remains that although there was a first-class peal band at All Hallows', Tottenham, at that time, there is no record of them ever having visited St. Ann's.

About the turn of the century the Ringrose family took over the belfry and the bells were rung regularly using simple methods up to and during the First World War years. A photograph in the tower shows Mr. Ringrose and his team of lady ringers who rang the bells during the years 1914-18. The outbreak of the Second World War broke up the local band and the tower perforce became neglected and silent.

In 1948 Mr. Ernest J. Rowe "discovered" the tower, and with the active support and encouragement of the Vicar, the Rev. F. J. Finch, efforts were made to re-form the company with the help of the infant University of London Society. Ringing was maintained for some years, being mainly confined to Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob. The big advance took place in 1955, when Brian Bladon joined the tower with his gift of instruction. Quarter peals were started, and 35 quarter peals were rung in that year. During 1956 some 200 different Doubles and Minor methods were practised.

There was considerable pressure over the years to augment the bells from six to eight. The Church Council had opened a bell fund but it was a slow and uphill task. Things took a new turn when the brothers Edward and Albert Mills left a generous legacy of £400 towards the cost of the new treble bells, and with a grant of £100 from the Barron Bell Trust the total amount needed was available.

The six original bells were sent to the foundry for scaling and retuning and the eight bells were installed and rung for the first time on November 2nd, 1957. Since then the bells have been rung regularly.

Next Saturday the College Youths assemble again at the tower to ring a 720 of Bob Minor and included in the band will be three members of the bell founders—Messrs. T. N. J. Bailey, E. J. Rowe and W. A. Theobald.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WELLS, Somerset—At the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 56 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

Percy H. Hull Treble	† H. Anthony Usher .. 6
Victor G. Roberts 2	Edgar G. Skipsey 7
Eric T. Lee 3	John Brain 8
George W. Massey 4	Gwilym Salmon 9
* Sheila Y. Hallett 5	John H. Gilbert Tenor

Conducted by Gwilym Salmon.

* First peal of Caters "inside." † First of Caters.
Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Association.

CONGRESBURY, Somerset—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., May, 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. Treble	Don C. Exell 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	James R. Taylor 6
Michael J. Hobbs 3	D. John Hunt 7
Peter Bridle 4	Stephen Ivins Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Keith H. Fleming .. Treble	G. William Critchley .. 6
Rodney H. French 2	James R. Taylor 7
Gillian M. Hussey 3	Stephen Ivins 8
Claudia A. Critchley .. 4	D. John Hunt 9
Ronald J. Sharp 5	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

This is the 100th peal in the tower. Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

CLIFTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 6 lb. in G.

Geoffrey W. Mayes .. Treble	Gerald Penney 5
Rodney H. French 2	Philip Mehew 6
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 3	Roger Baldwin 7
Alan S. Smith 4	Stephen Ivins Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

LUTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

Avril Ivins Treble	* James R. Taylor 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	D. John Hunt 6
Ronald J. Sharp 3	† Stephen Ivins 7
Arthur Gibbs 4	‡ Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by Michael Bruce.

Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

* 200th peal. † 350th peal. ‡ 550th peal.

MAULDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 576 each of London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Rutland, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Ashtead, with 138 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

Philip Mehew Treble	James R. Taylor 5
Claudia A. Critchley .. 2	G. William Critchley .. 6
Gillian M. Hussey 3	Stephen Ivins 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

Rung for the 86th birthday of Miss Evelyn Steel.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Mon., June 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

James H. Edwards .. Treble	* Keith H. Fleming 5
Christine A. Smith 2	Alfred E. Rushton 6
* Robert R. Churchill .. 3	* Alan S. Smith 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Stephen Ivins Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies.

Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

* First peal in the method.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

COTTINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

* Eve Rimer Treble	* Paul Scowston 5
† Renée Page-Jones 2	Richard D. Gibson 6
Geoffrey W. Pybus 3	Christopher C. Brown .. 7
J. Ian Booth 4	* Christopher L. D. Munday Tenor

Conducted by Christopher C. Brown

* First peal on eight. † First peal attempt. First attempt as conductor. First in the method for all. The first peal ever to be rung by an entirely local band.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Thurs., June 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in G.

K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) Treble	P. M. Wilkinson (Selwyn) .. 5
V. Nutton (Selwyn) 2	K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) .. 6
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) .. 3	C. M. Press (King's) 7
R. W. H. Hayes (Caius) 4	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel) Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by J. M. Hadley Hunter.

First peal in the method for all.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HANDBRIDGE, Chester.—At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 3 Hours 6½ Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

C. Kenneth Lewis .. Treble	Robert J. Warrilow 5
Harold C. Lanyon 2	Alan McFall 6
Derek Yates 3	A. Peter Whitehead 7
John Worth 4	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by John Worth.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. Winston Hurlow.

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., June 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

* Barry Corbishley .. Treble	Frank R. Morton 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Walter Sherratt 6
Raymond J. Ballard 3	Roy Worrall 7
† Dennis Latham 4	Ivor R. Nichols Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde.

Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.

* 100th peal. † First peal in the method. Quickest peal on the bells.

WILMSLOW, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Wed., June 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: 1 St. Clement's Bob, 2 Double Oxford Bob, 3 London Surprise, 4 Kent Treble Bob, 5 Plain Bob, 6 Oxford Treble Bob, 7 Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 13 cwt.

Peter Oliver .. Treble	Alan Sharples 4
Sidney Hough 2	Denis Mottershead 5
J. Derek Smith 3	Neil D. Lomas Tenor

Conducted by Neil D. Lomas.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. John Wheadon, until recently a ringer at this church and formerly of Kent, who died on June 11th, 1965, aged 93 years.

ASTBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of: (1) London, (2) Wells, (3) Ipswich, (4) Cambridge, (5) Norwich, (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Kent T.B.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Dennis Latham .. Treble	Norman Sherratt 4
* Dorothy Mason 2	Philip Mason 5
Harold Dowler 3	Roy Worrall Tenor

Conducted by Roy Worrall.

* First peal in seven methods.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in G sharp.

Edward E. Davey .. Treble	Felix H. Erith 5
Rachel J. R. Orman 2	Walter Ruffles 6
Jennifer M. Andrews .. 3	Alan R. Andrews 7
Urban W. Wildney 4	George N. Orman Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

The ringer of the tenor has now "circled the tower."

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Thurs., June 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Kent T.B., St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

Neil V. Avis .. Treble	Stephan D. Humphrey .. 4
Miss Leslie Ward 2	* Frank B. Lufkin 5
Peter G. Pitt 3	Brian J. Vaughan Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* 400th peal for Association.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints, Shrub End.
On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's as follows: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Court, (4) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (5) Oxford and Plain Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 4½ cwt.

Brian J. Vaughan Treble	*Leslie Ward 4
Stephan D. Humphrey .. 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Peter G. Pitt 3	Neil V. Avis Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* Most methods to a peal.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
TEWKESBURY, Gloucestershire.—At the Abbey Church of St.

Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 27 cwt.

William A. Theobald .. Treble	David J. Llewellyn 7
Ronald F. Diserens 2	Antony R. Kench 8
Noel J. Diserens 3	George E. Thoday 9
Albert M. Tyler 4	John S. Mason 10
Alan F. Thirst 5	Frank E. Darby 11
David P. Hilling 6	Wilfred Williams Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

MARSHFIELD, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 14 methods, comprising 320 changes each of Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Rutland, New Gloucester, Cray, Lindum, Wembley, Wordsworth, Watford and Bristol, and 960 each of London, with 134 changes of method.

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

Gordon W. Land Treble	James R. Taylor 5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	Anthony R. Peake 6
Michael J. Hobbs 3	Brian Luff 7
Brian Bladon 4	Victor Griffin Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

The greatest number of Major methods to a peal by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

In memoriam Carolyn Vibert.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two extents each of Beverley and Surfleet, and three extents of Cambridge.

Tenor 8 cwt.

Peter Pearce Treble	Peter G. Holden 4
Frederick W. Soden .. 2	Brian W. Hall 5
*James F. List 3	D. Kay Adkins Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

* First peal of Surprise "inside."

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SEND, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., June 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

*Peter Henry Treble	John F. M. Maybrey .. 4
Jill M. May 2	Douglas A. R. May .. 5
Walter Ayre 3	Tom Page Tenor

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.

* First peal.

Rung on the 17th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LUDLOW, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt. in D.

Harold C. Lonyon Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis 5
Derek Yates 2	Alan McFall 6
John Worth 3	Frank Osbaldiston .. 7
Basil Jones 4	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by John Worth.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SANDRIDGE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B.

*Frances Dodds (12) .. Treble	Gerald Penney 4
Joyce Dodds 2	Geoffrey Dodds 5
A. Trevor Hawkins .. 3	George W. Debenham .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Dodds.

* First peal.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

DUBLIN.—At the National Cathedral of St. Patrick.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version.

Tenor 19 cwt.

Derek Yates Treble	John Worth 6
Basil Jones 2	William H. Dowse .. 7
Alan McFall 3	Brian Woodruffe .. 8
Harold C. Lonyon .. 4	A. Peter Whitehead .. 9
C. Kenneth Lewis .. 5	Robert B. Smith .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

The first peal in the method in Ireland.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

HINCKLEY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 6 lb.

Edward R. Whitehead .. Treble	Malcolm E. Wade .. 5
Peter J. Staniforth .. 2	A. James Poynter .. 6
Alfred Ballard 3	John M. Jelley 7
Michael E. Brown 4	John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Tues., June 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Edwin Deakin Treble	*Arthur E. Rowley .. 5
Richard J. Clifton .. 2	Roland H. Cook .. 6
John A. Underwood .. 3	Dan S. Pont 7
Joseph W. Cotton 4	G. Ronald Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by Ronald H. Cook.

* 100th peal for the Guild.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Denis.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Jean F. Woolford Treble	William H. Dale 4
James A. D. Woolford .. 2	Harry Barnes 5
William R. Marsh 3	James A. Musson .. Tenor

Conducted by James A. Musson.

The conductor's 100th peal on the tenor bell.

WEST DEEPING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., June 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being 13 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, (2) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (3) Hereward and Single Oxford Bob, (4) Thelwall and Childwall Bob, (5) Double and Fulbeck Bob, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob, (7) Double and Plain Bob, with 43 changes of method.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Charles E. Black Treble	Brian Harris 4
Raymond H. Daw 2	Derek J. Jones 5
Alan G. Payne 3	Cyril R. Burrell Tenor

Conducted by Derek J. Jones.

ULCEBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Wed., June 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of St. Clement's and Single Oxford, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb.

*Robert Bridge Treble	Ronald Chafer 4
†Roger Lord 2	Maurice Ingers .. 5
Jack Bray 3	Michael W. Crowder .. Tenor

Conducted by Jack Bray.

* First peal. † First on tower bells.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Monmouth Branch).

NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F.

Jacqueline S. King Treble	Donald G. Clift 5
Donald G. Clarke 2	*David J. Hughes .. 6
*David Pike 3	David J. King 7
*Reuben S. Clench .. 4	James L. Fitzgerald .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrock.

Conducted by David J. King.

* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman as conductor.

BONVILSTON, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., June 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In two methods, being 21 extents of Plain Bob, and 19 extents and one 240 of Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*Geoffrey Morgan Treble	†Ellis N. Thomas .. 4
†Mary Pryor 2	Iolo Davies 5
†Penelope Welch .. 3	W. J. Lewis Groom .. Tenor

Jointly conducted by ringers of 4 and tenor.

* First peal. † First of Doubles. ‡ 25th peal.

Rung in remembrance of Robert E. Coles.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Thurs., May 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LLANFAIR P.G. SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

David Eames Treble	G. Ronald Edwards 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	John A. Underwood 6
Dan S. Pont 3	Arthur E. Rowley 7
Joseph W. Cotton 4	Derek P. Jones Tenor

Composed by George Baker.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

First peal in the method for the Guild, and by all except ringers of 2 and 4.

A 63rd birthday compliment to Mrs. I. M. Jones, mother of the conductor.

HOAR CROSS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Angels.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

*Christopher Hughes .. Treble	Francis R. Lowe 4
Derek P. Jones 2	John K. Smith 5
Raymond J. Ballard .. 3	David Eames Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First attempt for a peal.

A compliment to David Eames, on his 20th birthday.

ELFORD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., June 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb. in C.

David Perry Treble	Derek P. Jones 4
David Eames 2	Joseph W. Cotton 5
*Christopher Hughes .. 3	John K. Smith Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal "inside."

CHURCH GRESLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. George and St. Mary.

On Fri., June 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores in eight methods: nine each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury, and four each of April Day, Clifford's Pleasure, Kennington, Southrepps. Old and St. Columb. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in G.

*Philip Smith Treble	John K. Smith 3
J. Alan Ball 2	Derek P. Jones 4

David Eames Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal attempt.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LANE END, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*Frederick Hulme Treble	††G. Arnold Moore 5
†Eric Young 2	Harry Carter 6
*Caroline Stuart 3	David J. Midgley 7
Leslie Walley 4	†William Watkin Tenor

Conducted by G. Arnold Moore.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † 30th peal together. ‡ 40th peal together.

Rung for the wedding of Michael Davis and Margaret Chell, ringers at this church.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

LLANDUDNO, Caernarvonshire.—At Holy Trinity Church.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in G.

*Keith Richards Treble	†Arthur Burton 4
*Mrs. Christine Evans .. 2	†John Astbury 5
*Rev. Trevor Evans 3	†Arthur Ainge Tenor

Conducted by John Astbury.

* First peal. † First of Doubles. ‡ First peal for 25 years. First peal as conductor. First peal by a local band.

Rung to mark the centenary of the laying of the foundation stone of Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BUCKINGHAM.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 lb.

Frederick Vickers Treble	William A. Yates 5
William J. Chester 2	Alan A. Paul 6
Graham C. Paul 3	George W. Holland 7
Barry E. Saunders 4	George E. Green Tenor

Arranged by G. Davies.

Conducted by George E. Green.

First peal in the method by all the band.

BLEWBURY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Saints.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-Part.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

Harold W. Dunsden .. Treble	John H. Napper 5
Alfred H. Webb 2	Robert B. Blond 6
Claude Corderoy 3	William Corderoy 7
Henry L. Bishop 4	Peter Corderoy Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.

A compliment to Claude Corderoy, on the occasion of his silver wedding.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.

On Tues., June 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Charles Coles Treble	Brian W. Hall 5
Christopher C. Clarke .. 2	Brian J. Luff 6
Marilyn C. Smith 3	Bertram J. Coggins 7
Frederick W. Soden 4	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

First peal in the method by all, except the conductor.

STOKE POGES, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Wed., June 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's variation of Thurstan's Four-Part.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Wilfrid G. Wilson Treble	Michael Hatchett 5
Christopher F. Mew 2	William Birmingham 6
John Hill 3	Arthur D. Barker 7
Frederick W. Goodfellow .. 4	*Robert Lister Tenor

Non-conducted and "Silent."

* First of Triples. First "silent" Stedman by all except 3.

ASTON CLINTON, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4 and 5) St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Arthur J. White Treble	David A. Cornwall 4
*Alan Jeffs 2	Walter Lee 5
†Joyce I. Barton 3	Roy Woodruff Tenor

Conducted by Roy Woodruff.

* First peal. † First of Minor in more than one method. First of Minor as conductor.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

EAST GRINSTEAD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Swinth.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.

Joan Beresford Treble	Frank H. Hicks 5
*Jane Foster 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
Ronald J. Sharp 3	Peter Beresford 7
*Peter M. Wilkinson 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal of London.

TONBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sun., May 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

Hilary Swallow Treble	*Walter H. Dobbie 5
*Ann Jenner 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
Joan Beresford 3	Stanley Jenner 7
*Sheila M. Dobbie 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal in the method.

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THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CHETWYND, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.
 Richard B. Dorrington .. Treble .. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.
 David J. Bates 2 .. F. Hector Bennett 4
 Terry J. Greaves 3 .. Philip R. Johnson 5
 Philip G. K. Davies Tenor

Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

ORSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., June 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A flat.

Ruth Blackshaw Treble .. C. Raymond Larkin 4
 Robert D. Marsh 2 .. Maurice W. Harrison 5
 S. Jane Dowse 3 .. William L. Exton Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Alice Foster, a ringer at this church.

ELSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., June 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 18 lb.

Ruth M. Blackshaw .. Treble .. Maurice W. Harrison .. 4
 *Margaret E. Chilton .. 2 .. George A. Dawson 5
 *Susanna Poppleston .. 3 .. *Simon Humphrey Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

* First peal in the method.

A welcome to Peter Spencer Shaw (cousin of 2nd ringer), born June 7th, also a wedding compliment to Penny J. Stacey and Brian G. D. Vince, married at Stratton, Cornwall, June 5th.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

FRAMSDEN, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., June 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Comprising the 36 combination courses in full, with nine full .. 4, 6, 8 courses.

Walter W. Miller Treble .. Brian B. Hullah 5
 Keith Whittell 2 .. Neville F. Whittell 6
 A. Trevor Hawkins 3 .. William J. Button 7
 Lawrence R. Pizzey 4 .. Giles B. Thompson Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Giles B. Thompson.

BARKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., June 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 10 methods, being 720 each of Cambridge, Oxford and Kent, and 360 each of Thelwall, Childwall, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Plain, Double and Plain, a single after each 360.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Mrs. E. J. Lockwood .. Treble .. Brian B. Hullah 4
 A. Trevor Hawkins 2 .. Neville F. Whittell 5
 Roger L. K. Whittell .. 3 .. Giles B. Thompson Tenor

Conducted by Giles B. Thompson.

First of 10 methods "all the work" for all.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Jean M. Egerton Treble .. Christopher F. Mew 5
 Julie S. Armstrong 2 .. Brian J. Bull 6
 Leonard W. Allen 3 .. Alan R. Patterson 7
 *Alan R. Millidge 4 .. Michael J. Uphill Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

* Has now "circled the tower." † Has now "circled the tower as conductor." Fastest peal on the bells.

Rung as a welcome to Simon, a son for Dorothy and Noel Waite, and Richard, a son for Heather and Bill Jackson.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BISHOPSTOKE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., June 14, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Stephen Kirby Treble .. David J. Forder 5
 Michael J. Thomas 2 .. R. Roger Savory 6
 Malcolm M. Powell 3 .. Robert C. Kippin 7
 Maurice J. Butler 4 .. Tom Chapman Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Tom Chapman.

Rung half-muffled as a thanksgiving for the life of Carolyn Vibert, a ringer at this church since 1957.

WOOTTON ST. LAWRENCE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sun., June 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

*Alan A. J. Buswell .. Treble .. Michael S. Holbrook .. 4
 Paul G. Holmes 2 .. Geoffrey J. Gammon .. 5
 Michael J. Wake 3 .. K. Paul Gilliver Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.

* 25th peal.

Rung to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo.
 Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KINVER, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., June 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Peter J. Brown Treble .. Maurice G. Ingram 5
 Susan Funnell 2 .. Michael J. Fellows 6
 M. Irene Ellsmore 3 .. Martin D. Fellows 7
 John R. Insley 4 .. J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed by James S. Wilde.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HALIFAX, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 28 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

John F. Bryant Treble .. *Albert W. Bond 7
 Iris Lemare 2 .. J. Henry Fielden 8
 Norah M. Randles 3 .. George H. Randles 9
 Jack L. Millhouse 4 .. Geoffrey R. Parker .. 10
 Vivian Nutton 5 .. Geoffrey Paul 11

F. Charles Hobson 6

Arthur Rogers Tenor

Composed by Hadley Hunter.

Conducted by Vivian Nutton.

* First of Stedman Cinques "inside."

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.

On Thurs., June 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Ronald H. Dove Treble .. Susan R. Jackson 5
 James S. Webb 2 .. Allan Sheppard 6
 *John Webb 3 .. John Potts 7
 C. Barrie Dove 4 .. Robin Brown Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal "inside."

NON-ASSOCIATION.

EXMOUTH, Devon.—At the Garage Ring. Myzantha, 7, Bapton Lane.

On Fri., June 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 1 lb. 10½ oz. in F.

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. Treble .. Richard J. Bowden 4
 Brian Bladon 2 .. Colin Reeves 5
 Frank D. Mack 3 .. *George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 325th peal. First peal on the bells, which constitute the lightest ring in the world.

Rung by members of the Society of Friends of the Exercise.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.

On Fri., June 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Christopher N. Woolley .. 1—2 .. *Roger Baldwin 5—6
 *S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 3—4 .. Stephen Ivin 7—8

Composed by Charles Middleton.

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

* 250th peal together. First of Surprise as conductor on handbells.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 22, Castleton Grove.

On Tues., June 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*John O. Freeman 1—2 .. *Andrew G. Craddock .. 5—6
 Rodney A. Yeates 3—4 .. *David J. Marshall .. 7—8

Composed by Andrew S. Hudson.

Conducted by Andrew G. Craddock.

* First peal of Major on handbells. First peal of Major as conductor.

Tenor size 15 in C.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

COSBY, Leicestershire.—At 17, Linley Green.

On Sun., June 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

John A. Acres 1—2 .. John M. Jelley 5—6
 Peter J. Staniforth 3—4 .. *John R. Mayne 7—8

Alfred Ballard 9—10

Composed by William Pye.

Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

* First peal of Surprise Royal "in hand."

LONG LENGTH

PENWORTHAM, LANCS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Ascroft 1, R. Price 2, R. Barnes (first "inside") 3, J. Shaw 4, F. Stead 5, D. H. McCormick (cond.) 6. Last peal attempt on the bells before recasting.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 20th, 1,320 Doubles (St. Martin, St. Simon, and Plain Bob): Amanda Powell (first quarter) 1, Carol Cousins 2, Wendy Wallace (first of Doubles) 3, C. H. Macve 4, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 5.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On June 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Harwood 1, J. Orme (first "inside") 2, A. Buck 3, S. Hutton 4, D. Salisbury 5, J. Dear 6, D. Sutcliffe (cond.) 7, R. Castleline 8.

BILSTON, STAFFS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Mears 1, V. Wellings 2, R. M. Holdiser (cond.) 3, R. B. Dorrington 4, D. J. Bates 5, P. G. K. Davies 6. For Evensong.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.—On June 21st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss J. M. Brown (first quarter) 1, C. J. Reede 2, C. R. P. Broughton 3, J. M. D. Bateman 4, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 5, P. W. Brown (first quarter) 6.

BRIGSTOCK, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Doubles: T. Height 1, J. Clippson 2, M. Hawkins 3, S. Bell 4, F. Coales (cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Hazel Swan.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On June 6th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: C. Bunn (first quarter) 1, D. W. Standing 2, K. I. Davies 3, L. H. Bennett 4, R. H. Glover (cond.) 5, A. Eldridge 6. Rung for morning service.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On June 2nd, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss C. Farrington 1, Miss C. Cole 2, Miss J. Whitcher 3, A. Slade 4, I. Dear 5, E. Newnham 6, F. Ellis (cond.) 7, R. Durrant 8. As a birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 3.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBS.—On Good Friday, April 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Edmonds 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, D. Eames 3, J. A. Ball 4, D. Perry 5. Fully muffled for the Passion of Our Lord, prior to morning service. Also on May 27th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): D. Perry 1, J. A. Ball 2, D. P. Jones (cond.) 3, J. Goddard 4, D. Eames 5. For Evensong on Ascension Day. Also on June 13th, 1,260 St. David's Doubles: D. Perry 1, J. A. Ball 2, D. P. Jones (cond.) 3, J. Goddard 4, D. Eames 5. First in method by all. For Evensong on Trinity Sunday.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On June 20th, 1,276 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Barnes 1, D. Hopkins 2, A. Mann 3, R. Cooles 4, R. Stevens 5, A. Bridges (cond.) 6. A.M.D.G.

CRICKLADE, WILTS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): P. Tombs (first quarter) 1, D. Carr (cond.) 2, M. Stracey 3, D. Dancy 4, M. New 5.

CUDDESDON, OXON.—On June 6th, 1,260 Doubles (1,200 Plain Bob, 60 Grandsire): K. M. L. H. Bantline 1, J. W. I. Trevelyan 2, M. R. Cross (cond.) 3, D. P. Sturge 4, Daphne J. Pollard 5, J. D. Makepeace 6. First quarter 1 and 6. First "inside" 2. Rung for 18 members of the college being made deacons, and particularly for K. M. L. H. Bantline (Winchester College), J. D. Makepeace (Cullercoats, Newcastle on Tyne), A. Brown (St. John's, Edinburgh), C. Richards (St. Mary Redcliffe).

EDMONTON, MIDDY.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Pamela Mills 1, Jacky Heddes 2, Janet Cave 3, Beryl Platt 4, I. Dear 5, T. Hawkins 6, Trudy Newcombe 8. First on working bell 2. For Evensong.

FAWLEY, HANTS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Anne Longman 1, Rosemary Brown 2, J. Hartless 3, M. Wills 4, M. Peters (cond.) 5, T. Matcham (first quarter) 6. First quarter "inside" 2 and 4.

GODSTONE, SURREY.—On May 1st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. F. Mew (cond.) 1, M. J. Uphill 2, Ruth Carr 3, B. J. Bull 4, N. R. Waite 5, B. C. Burrough 6, B. E. Mathews 7, A. R. Patterson 8.

HADDENHAM, CAMBS.—On June 13th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Yarrow 1, G. Markwell 2, C. Gimbert 3, D. Murfet (cond.) 4, G. Walker 5, A. Yarrow 6. Rung for Trinity Sunday.

HANDSWORTH, WARWICKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Foster 1, B. D. Sims 2, Miss J. M. Yardley 3, M. Matthews 4, B. C. Wallis 5, M. F. Hall (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the official birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

QUARTER PEALS

HEVER, KENT.—On June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. C. May (first of Doubles) 1, P. R. Everest 2, R. J. Everest (cond.) 3, H. W. Evans 4, D. J. M. Cox 5, P. J. Staplehurst (first quarter) 6. For the wedding of Dennis Bray and Janice Gibson.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Pickering 1, P. R. Collins 2, G. Oliver 3, J. Priest 4, P. J. Privett (first as cond.) 5, K. Mumford 6. First of Doubles 1 and 6. For Confirmation service.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On May 2nd, 1,320 Rushall Doubles: Elizabeth A. Hill 1, Maureen Green 2, Thelma E. Staples 3, M. Kirk 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Rung for the birthday of George Alcock. Also on May 9th, 1,254 Minimus (Plain Bob and Gainsborough Alliance): Linda Baguley 1, Elizabeth A. Hill 2, Maureen Green 3, G. Alcock 4, (cond.) 4. Also on May 16th: Linda Baguley 1, Elizabeth Hill 2, Maureen Green 3, G. Alcock 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Also on May 16th, 1,320 Seighford Bob Doubles: Linda Baguley 1, Elizabeth A. Hill 2, Maureen Green 3, G. Alcock 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Also on June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Linda M. Baguley 1, A. Georgeita Harrison 2, D. A. Kirk 3, A. Laughton (first as cond.) 4, E. A. Harrison 5. Rung in memory of Mrs. E. M. Baguley. Also on June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jennifer Wood 1, Elizabeth A. Hill 2, G. Alcock (first as cond.) 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison 5. For Evensong.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Sears 1, S. Smith 2, G. Seymour (cond.) 3, C. Meakes (first "inside") 4, C. Hagger 5, W. Avery 6. For Evensong. Also on June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Sears 1, C. Meakes (first of Minor) 2, W. Avery 3, S. Smith 4, C. Hagger 5, K. Seymour (cond.) 6. For Evensong on the Feast of Title.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On June 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Butcher 1, A. Neilson 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherton 5, R. Gemmel 6. A 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Rev. and Mrs. J. Neilson.

OUTWOOD, SURREY.—On June 16th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Nancy Kempell 1, Margaret Godfrey 2, W. Dunn 3, E. G. H. Godfrey 4. First of Minimus for all the band.

OXFORD.—At St. Aldate's Church, on June 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. G. Benstead 1, Miss G. Gray 2, Miss E. M. Barger (first of Minor "inside") 3, R. Allsorth 4, R. Benstead 5, V. Griffin 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 5. For Whitsun Festival.

PINNER, MIDDY.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): A. J. Wallace 1, Helen R. Jefferson 2, Mary E. Took (cond.) 3, D. E. R. Knight 4, M. W. Took 5, H. Paul 6, M. Hickman 7, R. W. Sanders 8. For Evensong, and as a warm appreciation of the ministry of the Rev. D. Platt, during his 4½ years at Pinner.

PORTHKERRY, GLAM.—On June 16th, at St. Curig's Church, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Martin's, St. Simon's): H. Smart 1, R. Price 2, B. Williams 3, W. Pearce 4, M. H. Williams (cond.) 5, R. Smart 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Malings on their silver wedding. First in four methods 2, 3, 4.

POTNEY, LONDON.—On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Egerton 1, A. R. Patterson 2, Alison M. Mann 4, B. J. Bull 5, A. R. Millidge 6, C. F. Mew (cond.) 7, Christine M. Cobb 8. As a compliment to David Brookes and Lesley Eames, on their engagement. Also on June 6th, 1,296 Minor (Cambridge S., Plain Bob): A. C. Berry 1, Julie S. Armstrong 2, M. J. Uphill 3, R. J. Cooles 4, A. R. Millidge 5, C. F. Mew (cond.) 6, M. Boskett tenor cover. For Evensong. Also on June 20th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: B. J. Bull 1, Alison M. Mann 2, Deborah Hopkins 3, A. S. Bishop 4, A. R. Millidge 5, C. F. Mew (cond.) 6, M. J. Uphill 7, A. R. Patterson 8. A birthday compliment to the ringers of second.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On June 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob): D. G. S. Barton 1, Marie R. Cross 2, J. W. I. Trevelyan 3, D. P. Sturge 4, Daphne J. Pollard (cond.) 5, M. R. Westall 6. First quarter 1 and 6. First in three methods 3. Rung as a farewell to the following members of Cuddesdon College, J. W. I. Trevelyan (Oxford), D. G. S. Barton (Cowley, St. James' and St. Luke's), M. R. Westall (Harwood, U.S.A.).

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On June 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Ward 1, Miss J. Griffith 2, D. Sloman 3, G. Blower 4, F. May 5, D. Belcham 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, A. House 8. First of Stedman for 2 and 3. For Evensong. Also on June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Sadler 1, Miss J. Griffith 2, M. Hallett (cond.) 3, F. May 4, H. Heath 5, D. Belcham 6, T. Jones 7, W. Ward 8. For Patronal Festival. Also on June 20th, 1,344 Winchester Bob Major: Janet Griffiths 1, P. Bedford 2, Sylvia Haywood 3, F. May 4, B. Sadler 5, D. Belcham 6, M. Hallett 7, A. House (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. French 1, Violet Relf 2, Elizabeth Stewart 3, L. Sweatman 4, W. Tickner 5, W. Ring (cond.) 6, G. Stewart 7, P. Relf 8. For Evensong, and for the ordination this day in Canterbury Cathedral of Rev. John Elson, curate of this parish. Also a birthday compliment to the Vicar, Canon H. Willis, M.A., and 38th anniversary of his ordination.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Antelope Doubles: R. Hill 1, T. Bennett 2, B. Splers 3, P. Robertson (cond.) 4, M. Hawkes 5, C. Haylings 6. First in the method for all.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on June 13th, 1,296 Plain Bob Caters: J. Knight 1, Miss A. Johnson 2, Miss L. Gott (cond.) 3, W. F. Moreton 4, A. Dunn-Birch (first of Caters) 5, T. Tarbatt 6, G. Townend 7, R. G. Corby 8, J. Kirby 9, H. Naylor 10.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On June 13th, 1,440 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): Miss H. E. Cherry 1, M. King 2, Miss E. M. Snell 3, A. King 4, M. A. Beaumont 5, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 6. For Evensong on Trinity Sunday.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and April Day): Judith Pilgrim (first quarter) 1, W. Ratcliffe 2, P. K. Else (cond.) 3, Penny Miller 4, J. W. D. Miller 5, D. Crossland 6. For Evensong, on the birthday of the 2nd ringers.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On June 20th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. Staples 1, Betty John (first of Treble Bob) 2, P. Richardson 3, M. S. Lancefield 4, W. P. Garner 5, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and for the 98th birthday of Edward S. Ruck, sole surviving founder member of the Kent County Association.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On June 15th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: N. D. Lomas 1, Christine Hale 2, Rev. C. J. Rees 3, J. D. Smith 4, S. Sage 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. John Wheadon, who died on June 11th, 1965, aged 93 years.

WINCHCOMBE, GLOS.—On June 19th, 1,440 Doubles (four methods): K. O'Bierne 1, Miss A. Sadowska 2, M. Hawkes 3, A. Halling 4, P. Robertson (cond.) 5, J. Brown 6.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On May 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: S. Sharland 1, F. Williams 2, D. Wills 3, N. Shepherd 4, H. Crisp 5, F. Mack 6, A. Agg (cond.) 7, A. Knight 8. For Evensong.

WITNEY, OXON.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Coggins 1, L. T. Oliffe 2, V. R. Lewis 3, W. Clarke 4, P. Pearce 5, B. J. Coggins (cond.) 6, D. J. Smith 7, C. Bustin 8. Rung half-muffled in memorial E. S. Wood, M.A., one time churchwarden and lay reader.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On March 6th, 1,440 Double Bob, Plain Bob and Norwich Surprise Minor: Phyllis Mathew (first quarter) 1, P. R. Humphrey 2, Elizabeth J. Foster 3, P. J. Hawcock 4, Susanna Poppleston (cond.) 5, S. Humphrey 6. Also on May 29th, 1,440 Oxford Bob Minor: P. R. Humphrey 1, S. Humphrey (first of Minor as cond.) 2, C. R. Daft 3, Phyllis Mathew (first "inside") 4, Elizabeth J. Foster 5, P. W. Hawcock 6.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 St. Clement's Triples: H. A. Price 1, H. W. Knight (cond.) 2, P. J. England 3, G. H. Pullin 4, R. W. Rice (5), W. S. Rice 6, S. G. Smith 7, J. K. Baker 8. First in method 3, 4, 5, 6. A compliment to G. H. Pullin on moving to Norwich, also on June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. Porter 1, H. W. Knight 2, E. A. Price 3, P. J. England 4, J. Brain 5, S. G. Smith 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. Rung after Evensong, as a 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. Morris, of Horton, Somerset, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Beechey, and son-in-law, Preb. G. A. Beechey (formerly Vicar of Yatton). L. W. Pullin and H. A. Price wish to be associated with this event.

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BIRTHS

MINCHIN.—To Jean (née Kirkman) and Peter, at Swindon, Wilts, on June 24th, 1965, a son, David, brother for Sarah. 7172
PERRETT.—On June 24th, 1965, at Farnborough, Hants, to Jennifer (née Brown) and John Perrett, a son (Stephen Richard). 7148

ENGAGEMENT

FIELDEN—CROSSTHWAITE. — The engagement is announced between John Howorth, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy H. Fielden, of Walsden, Todmorden, and Maryl Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Crossthwaite, of Frenchwood, Preston. 7141

MEMORIAL SERVICE

MEMORIAL SERVICE for the late Jack Lloyd, 58 years a ringer at Brierley Hill, will be held at St. Michael's on Sunday, July 4th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing from 5.30 p.m. 7162

RETURN THANKS

VIBERT.—May we express our thanks to the many ringers who sent us letters of sympathy and flowers when our only daughter, Carolyn, was taken from us so suddenly on Whit Monday.—Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Vibert.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

EDMONDSON.—The address of Eric Edmondson is now 2, Bury Lane, Codicote, Hitchin, Herts. 7143

PULLIN.—The address of Geoffrey H. Pullin is now 24, Unthank Road, Norwich, Norfolk. NOR28E. 7140

STRATHDEE.—From July 3rd the address of Andrew J. Strathdee will be 40, Sydney Road, Ealing, London, W.13. Regret no phone. 7160

PERSONAL

And I will put my spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.—Ezekiel xxxvi, 27.

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SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Outing, Saturday, July 3rd, in Leicestershire. Detail's from Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 10, Pye Bank Close, Sheffield 3.—J. Seager, Sec.

MISCELLANEOUS

LOUGHTON, ESSEX

at St. John's Church on Sat., July 10th
OPEN TOWER DAY

Anybody and everybody welcome. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. with intervals while visitors are shown the bells.

Light refreshments and exhibition in Church Hall.

Funds needed for belfry improvements. 7103

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.

—A six-bell Striking Competition has been arranged at Shareshill (on A.460 Wolverhampton—Cannock Road) tomorrow, Saturday, July 3rd, draw at 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 7146

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Warwick Archdeaconry District.—The next meeting will be at Honiley on July 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Own tea arrangements. Rowington bells will be available after tea.—P. S. Bennett, Dis. Sec. 7120

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — The Final of the striking competition will be at Orsett on Saturday, July 3rd. Start 2.30 prompt. Service 4.30. Names for tea to F. Blatch, 103, High Road, Orsett, by June 30th. 7051

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Striking Competition at Stretham, July 3rd. Service 2.30 p.m. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. General ringing after tea at Wilburton (6). Please park cars in Vicarage grounds at Stretham. 7083

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Whitstone, Saturday, July 3rd, 6.30—8.30 p.m.—G. Skinner. 7029

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 3rd at Bickleigh. Service 4.15. Tea after. Names for tea to G. W. Hollis, Roseneath, The Avenue, Tiverton, please. 7108

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — Quarterly District meeting, Stoke D'Abernon and Cobham, July 3rd. Ringing Stoke D'Abernon 3 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting, Cobham in evening. Names for tea to Mr. C. A. Bourne, 23, Vincent Road, Stoke D'Abernon, Cobham.—Adrienne Gibson, Hon. Sec. 7097

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Quarterly meeting at Barkway, July 3rd, 3 p.m. Names to E. Buck, 13, The Rise, Baldock. 7098

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District. — Practice meeting, Bushey Heath, July 3rd, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7104

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Quarterly business meeting at Harefield, Saturday, July 3rd. Ringing from 3.15 p.m. and evening. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. F. Corke, Taylors Meadow, Hill End Road, Harefield.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7125

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting, Blofield, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (6) from 6.30 to 9.30 p.m.—N. P. J. C., Branch Sec. 7099

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will be held in Oxford on Saturday, July 3rd. 10 a.m., ringing at Christ Church; 11 a.m., service in the Cathedral; 12 noon, annual meeting in the Chapter House. All ringer-choristers (both men and women) are asked to notify the Deputy Master if they wish to join the choir for the service. Luncheon tickets (price 8s.) available from Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Church Lane, Wexham, Slough, Bucks, on receipt of remittance. Members are asked to check ringing arrangements with the hon. sec at the Festival or by post (s.a.e.) not by telephone! There have already been cancellations and alterations.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6999

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting, Clipston, July 3rd. Tea arranged.—J. E. Goddard, 7177

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Lapworth, July 3rd. Bells (6) 3.30. Service 4.30. Please notify for tea.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwell Road, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 7113

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Practice meeting at Slaugham, Saturday, July 3rd, 3 p.m.—5 p.m., and Lower Beeding 6.15 p.m.—8.30 p.m. Tea at Pease Pottage Church Hall. Please notify for tea to Mr. H. Burton, 8, Horsham Road, Pease Pottage, near Crawley.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH

GUILD.—Annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, July 3rd, at Christchurch, Hants. General meeting 2.30 p.m. Service in Priory Church Hall 4.45 p.m. Tea in Priory Church Hall 5.30 p.m. Ringing films will be shown after tea. Committee and general meetings in Church Hall. Names for tea to Mrs. A. V. Davis, 24 Stourcliffe Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. Ringing: Lyndhurst, 10.30—11.30 a.m.; Braemore, 11—12 noon; Hordle, 11.15—12.15 p.m.; Bournemouth, St. Peter's, 11.30—12.15 p.m.; Fordingbridge, 12—1 p.m.; Christchurch Priory, 12.30—2.15 p.m. and after tea; Sopley, 6.30—7.30 p.m.; Ringwood, 7.45—8.45 p.m. — P. Roger Savory, Hon. Gen. Sec.

CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY

RINGERS' SUNDAY—July 4th, 1965. Ringing: 9—10 a.m.; 2.30—4.30 p.m.; 5.30—6.30 p.m. and after Evensong. Preacher at Evensong, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, M.Sc. R.D., Master of Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Gerald Scragg, Tower Captain. 7058

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—

Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, July 5th, 7 p.m. 7175

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—Bath Branch.—Meeting at Priston (6) on July 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to the Rev. Barker, The Rectory, Priston, near Bath, by July 8th, please.—A. F. Lee, Sec. 7155

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.

—Quarterly meeting, Timsbury, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. E. Cottle, 1, Woodbine Cottages, Timsbury, Bath.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 7112

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Silsoe, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45. Service 6 p.m. followed by further ringing. All made welcome.—K. Fleming. 7153

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

—Monthly meeting at Roos (5), Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6, 5 cwt.) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. G. Moverley, Ellaby Lane, Roos, by previous Thursday. Withernsea (6) may also be available. 7159

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—Chesterfield District.—Monthly ringing meeting at Old Whittington, not Old Brampton, on July 10th. Bells (6, 5 cwt.) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Norwich Surprise and Double Court. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. J. Newman, 54, Brearley Avenue, New Whittington, Chesterfield, by July 8th. Tel. Chest. 5416. Please note: No names—no tea.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec.

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—Eastern District. — Gateshead, Saturday, July 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, July 7th, to Miss M. A. Thow, 32, Raby Street, Gateshead 8. 7170

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Leyland St. James', Saturday, July 10th. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 7th, to Mr. J. Nixon, 22, Grange Road, Leyland. Buses direct from Preston. Fox Street, 2.13 and half-hourly. All other buses alight Seven Stars and walk via Slater Lane.—L. Walmsley. 7169

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Heptonstall on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Due to local holidays, tea can be arranged only for those who notify Mr. J. C. Ashworth, 8, Church Street, Heptonstall, by Wednesday, July 7th.—G. Cheetham. 7150

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Quarterly meeting, Hinckley, July 10th. Ringing: Kirkby Mallory (6) 1-2; Barwell (8) 2-3; Earl Shilton (8) 2.30-3.30; Market Bosworth 3-4.25 and after meeting. Service Market Bosworth 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. R. Proudman, Market Place, Market Bosworth, Nuneaton.—B. G. Warwick. 7135

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Sibsey, Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, July 5th.—P. J. Kilner, 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 7135

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Ulceby, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Own tea arrangements.—C. A. H. 7130

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 10th, St. Alphege's, Greenwich, 3-4.30. Memorial service to G. H. Cross at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. St. Mary's, Lewisham, 6.45-8.15. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London S.W.15, by July 8th. 7126

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Striking Competition and quarterly district meeting at Christ Church, Esher, on Saturday, July 10th. Draw 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Any Sunday service band in the county may compete. Entries to N. Steere, 1, Prior Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. Names for tea, other than competitors, should be sent to J. F. M. Maybrey, 24, Torrington Road, Claygate, Esher, Surrey, by July 6th. 7124

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting, Christleton, Saturday, July 17th. Bells (8) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea to R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec., 35, Appleyards Lane, Chester, before Thursday, July 15th, please. 7158

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Salford Priors on Saturday, July 17th. next. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. Names for tea to Mr. M. C. Homans, 29, School Road, Salford Priors, Evesham, by July 15th, please.—J. L. G. H. 7158

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Langham on Saturday, July 17th. Service 4.30, followed by tea, etc. Bells (6) 2.30 and after tea. Names to Mr. Frank Smith, Holly Cottage, Langham, Colchester. 7174

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD and **SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD** (West Lindsey and North Notts Branches).—Joint meeting at Lea, Saturday, July 17th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Miss P. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea (Tel. 2623) by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn and H. Poyner, Hon. Secs. 7144

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Paston and Knapton (6) and (5), Saturday, July 17th. Service 4.15 p.m. Bells from 2.30. Picnic tea.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 7092

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wimborne St. Giles (8), Saturday, July 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Cranborne (8) from 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Robertson, Creech Cottage, Tarrant Keyneston, Blandford, by Wednesday, July 14th. 7093

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting, Mildenhall (10), Saturday, July 17th. Bells 2.30 to 8.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows in Church Cottage. Tea at the Bell Hotel. Names for tea, please, to A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stour, Bury St. Edmunds, by Wednesday, July 14th. 7166

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Business and practice meeting, Leigh (6), near Reigate, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to C. Dalton, Coombers, Leigh.—K. Game, Dis. Sec. 7165

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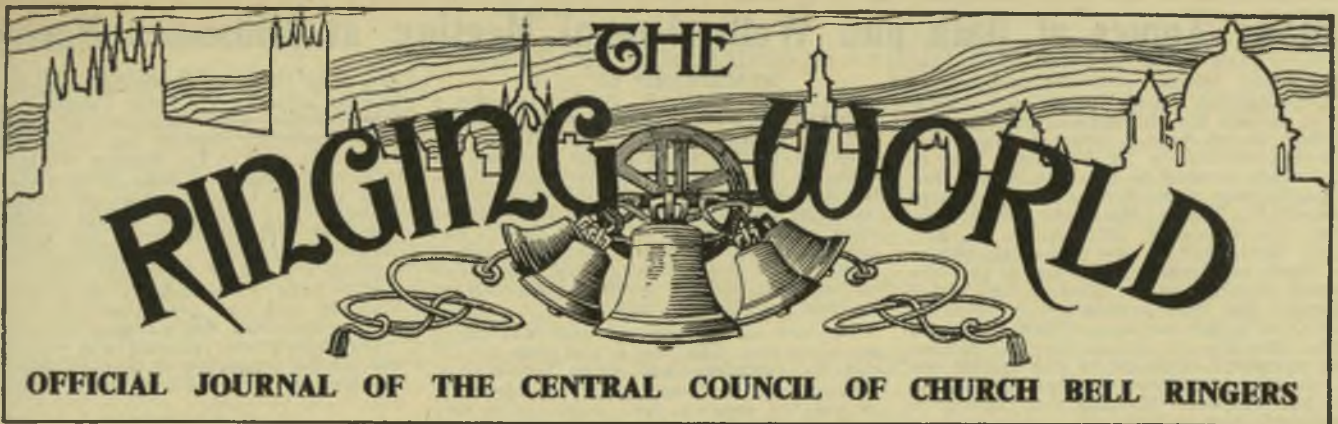
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THOUGHTS ON A RUDHALL RING

By the Ven. P. C. Eliot, M.B.E., T.D., Archdeacon of Worcester, from a sermon preached at St. Giles', Bredon's Norton, at a thanksgiving service.

AN occasion such as this evening calls for a toast rather than a text; so may I give you one in the hope that you will honour it before the day is out. The toast is inscribed on No. 4 bell up in the tower, but it is what the whole ring is saying to us today—"Prosperity to the Church of England." With the toast I couple the name of the Chapelry of Bredon's Norton—adding how happy your guests are to be sharing this great occasion with you this afternoon.

The prosperity of the Church of England and its effectiveness in every parish depend on the harmony of all its members; we are in the Church as a whole today relearning the lesson that every member of the Church—clergy and people—has his or her individual part to play. The worship, activity and responsibilities of parish life have to be shared between all those who together make up the Christian community, each contributing to the whole his or her particular talents and abilities. Here you are setting us all such an encouraging example. The bells themselves illustrate what I am saying, for in the history of your ring of bells we have this truth illustrated in symbolic form; because in our imagination each bell can be taken as representing a different category of persons who serve your Church life—each bell individually strikes a true note; rung together in order, as we heard this afternoon, the resulting peal produces music of harmony and beauty—and this surely is a token of the real nature of the worship of Almighty God.

Let us then consider your bells more closely. The story begins in 1738. George II had been eleven years on the throne. The Church of England was generally in a bad way. A religious revival had begun in a small knot of Oxford students, whose revolt against the religious deadness of the times showed itself in ascetic observances, an enthusiastic devotion and a methodical regularity of life which gained them the nickname of "Methodists." This very year, 1738, the three leaders moved to London, Whitefield and the brothers Charles and John Wesley. (It is another cause for thanksgiving tonight that as your bells are restored, so too the breach between the Church of England and the Methodists is at last showing signs of healing.)

However dead religion may have been elsewhere, religion was not dead in Bredon's Norton. The Rector, the Rev. Dr. Sutton, was making frequent visits to Gloucester to see Abel Rudhall, the reigning head of the famous family of bell-founders. Now this Mr. Rudhall was only 24 years old at the time and perhaps a little nervous, for he had only been casting bells under his own name for a couple of years. His grandfather, Abraham, the founder of the firm in 1684, had died but recently—he in his time boasted that he had made hundreds of bells "to the satisfaction of them that understand musick and good bells." Abel's father, Abraham Rudhall the younger, had predeceased his father and so your Abel had inherited the "workhouses and appurtenances."

This is the picture for us to imagine—the bewigged Rector and the young bellfounder planning the bells which now hang refurbished in your Norman tower. This is how a contemporary describes a visit to the Rudhalls at Gloucester. (I find it largely unintelligible, but then I'm not a ringer!): "A foundation ringer is one that rings at sight; not many of them. He has picked a ream of changes, the bobs and common hunt. 7 lb. per cwt.

his metal. Tin glass necessary to make sharp trebles. He casts to half a note, which is mended by the hammer. He takes the notes of them all by the blow-pipe." Well, two of the bells, 3 and 5, still carry the names of the minister, the Rev. Dr. Sutton and the bellfounder, Abel Rudhall. It is fitting that our celebrations this afternoon should include a salute to their memory. In the life of the Church they represent the clergy and all physical and manual work for the care and preservation of your Church.

By 1739 the ring was hung—No 2 bell bearing the legend "Peace and Good Neighbourhood." Alas! the call for peace was to be rudely shattered before the year was out. Relationships with Spain were getting worse and worse—dispute about trade was the main cause. The ill humour of the trading classes rose to madness when a merchant captain named Jenkins told at the Bar of the House of Commons the tale of his torture by the Spaniards and produced an ear which, he said, they had cut off with taunts at the English King. Robert Walpole, the Prime Minister, reluctantly gave way and consented to a war against Spain. Ironically enough, that very first year the new bells rang out, the Prime Minister said bitterly: "They may ring their bells now, but they will soon be wringing their hands." The disastrous war of the Austrian Succession followed and, ever since, your bells have seen times of peace and war alternately.

But though No. 2 bell's call to peace may have met with a chequered response, the call to Good Neighbourhood has never gone unanswered. This is so obviously a happy community, centred round the Church—if any proof were wanted it is found in the magnificent combined effort in carrying out the work whose completion we are now celebrating. £1,000 is a large sum for a small community to raise—on behalf of the bells and of the clock may I be allowed to say "Thank you" for this fresh evidence of "good neighbourhood"? And I am sure that the bells will continue to draw attention to the Church as the centre of village life—to put it in the words engraved on the tenor bell: "I to the Church the living call and to the grave do summon all," thus reminding us of our duty to worship God and of our faith in Him Who is the Resurrection and the Life. This bell represents the general body of parishioners who set their watches by your clock, and the great events of whose life, such as baptisms and weddings, take place in this building—and for whom the last rites are paid here "in sure and certain hope of the resurrection."

The tower and bells were not affected by the restoration and partial rebuilding of the church in 1883, except that immediately after the work was completed they were joined by a new treble. The bell, like those commemorating Dr. Sutton and the Rudhalls, rings a personal note. It is inscribed: "In memory of Anna and Penelope Martin (the gift of Mrs. Martin)—Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London, 1885," who still act as your bellfounders. This family lived, I believe, at the Manor House. I am told that Mrs. Martin was a strong supporter of Equal Rights for Women—and indeed was once a candidate for the office of President of the United States! But in my imagination tonight her bell represents the benefactors, past and present, of your church—including all of you who by your generosity and efforts have enabled your ring to be repaired and rehung. And so in your ring of bells all who are concerned with the life of your parish are represented—clergy, those who work for your church, the parishioners who worship here, the neighbourhood in general, and the benefactors past and present, of your church in particular.

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Many Topics at Bath and Wells Annual Meeting at Midsomer Norton

ON Easter Monday some 200 members of the Diocesan Association gathered at Midsomer Norton for the annual meeting. Proceedings started with a service at the Parish Church conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. M. Fookes, assisted by the Rev. A. G. Durston, chairman of the Frome Branch, and the Rev. H. F. Warren, Master of the Association. The Bishop of Taunton, the Rt. Rev. F. H. West, gave a most interesting address in which he developed the theme that the present campaign of the Church, "No Small Change," had been carried out by the fellowship of ringers for years. His duties would often take him to remote country parishes and on several occasions he had spotted one of his own parishioners in the congregation. He had wondered why this man should be there and then realised "of course, he is a bellringer."

Lunch, that followed in the Church Hall, was admirably provided by Miss Jacqueline Purnell and the Midsomer Norton ringers.

The Master, in opening the meeting with prayer, asked members to stand in silence in memory of those who had passed away since the last meeting. Visitors were welcomed from Rickmansworth, London, Bristol and Dorset.

In his reports the Master spoke of his visits to 11 Branch meetings and functions during the year. He mentioned in particular a ringers' social held by the Taunton Branch and also the rededication of the restored rings at Bradford-on-Tone and Watchet. Wells Cathedral bells had been put in order and he would like to put on record the gratitude of the Association to the Friends of the Cathedral, whose prompt and generous financial help had made this possible.

DIFFICULTIES OVER INSTRUCTORS

He expressed the committee's concern that in some areas qualified instructors were not always available and he appealed to members to give this matter serious attention. It sometimes happened that several requests for instruction were received from one area and, if the Association did not have sufficient official instructors resident there, a waiting list of people wishing to learn to ring would result. Although these numerous requests were welcome evidence of the interest in ringing, surely it was not a good thing that help should be deferred because they had no one to send.

Occasionally the Master heard of towers where differences of opinion had led to a break-up of the band. Two such cases had recently come to his notice and he had no hesitation in saying that they should never have occurred. "Our ringing should be a bond of union, not a bone of contention. If people get to the stage where they cannot ring together it is a very poor reflection of the way in which they practise the Christian faith. The message of the bells is the message of Christmas. 'Peace on earth and goodwill among men.'"

The general secretary, Mr. G. Salmon, also referred to the problem of instruction, saying that although they had a very capable panel of instructors, it was proving inadequate in certain circumstances. The Association covered a very large area but you could not expect a man to undertake a weekly journey of perhaps 30 miles each way because he was the nearest available.

Mr. Salmon mentioned other ways in which Branches were tackling silent towers and drew attention to the example of Bridgewater Branch. They were organising bands to ring at such towers at times of patronal festivals, etc. Another band, this time in the mid-Somerset area, was also ringing at towers where the bells were formerly seldom heard. Most Branches now met more often than once a quarter and surely these more frequent visits to towers must arouse local interest in the bells and make these churches wonder why they had no regular bells of their own.

MEMBERSHIP OF 1,748

The treasurer, Mr. E. Naylor, reported a record number of 1,748 performing members, and also another record in the total of 216 Parochial Church Councils that had paid an affiliation fee of not less than 10s. 6d. to the Association, but, despite the increased income, the General Fund and Bell Fund showed small deficits over the year. Badges had been purchased and these, when sold, should show a small profit. £16 17s. had been passed on to "The Ringing World," being half of the peal booking fees received.

The cost of the annual report was giving some concern. This year it had risen by £26 and the committee was giving serious consideration to its future form. The treasurer warned the meeting that, unless some way could be found to stop the increase in expenditure, members' subscriptions, which were at the moment standing at 2s. and were probably the lowest of any Association, would have to be increased.

Transfer of affiliation fees to the Bell Fund amounted to £135, and donations and collections to this fund totalled £13. Grants from the fund amounted to £129, the following towers having benefited: Ilton £50, Wiveliscombe £35, Beckington £20, Sampford Brett £10, Holford and Wedmore £7 7s. each. The balance of the General Fund was £228 7s. 2d., and that of the Bell Fund £222 7s. 6d. Investments were valued at £318.

The tower and belfries report was presented to the meeting by Mr. H. J. Sanger, who spoke of the 1,000 miles he had travelled and of the 80 letters he had written during the year. It was certainly no overstatement to describe the year as a busy one; 20 towers had been visited, some several times, and four towers had been dealt with by correspondence.

ALIVE TO SOUND CONTROL

In a brief summary of his work, he mentioned in particular Banwell, where a crack had developed in the tower. Mr. Frederick Sharpe had been called in and his recommendations for the strengthening of the tower and the rehanging of the bells at a lower level were being considered. Several inspections had been carried out in connection with quinquennial surveys. Advice was increasingly being sought on sound control, 1964 having seen eight such inquiries. Of these, six concerned noise outside the tower and showed that ringers were alive to the fact that the bells could constitute a nuisance.

Mr. Sanger made one final point in deprecating the ringing of peals on bad-going bells. He said that peal attempts on such bells or in towers where structural hazards were known to exist should be discouraged at all time, as only harm could result.

The number of peals rung in 1964 was 94, this being the second highest in the Association's history. Mr. G. W. Massey, the peal secretary, in presenting these statistics, said that it was particularly pleasing to note that the list contained a greater proportion than usual rung by resident bands. The peals rung at Sampford Brett and Merriott by the Arscott family deserved special mention, as did a peal at Dinder by an all-ladies' band. This was only the second such peal for the Association, the other being at Portishead as long ago as 1915. A peal of Doubles in 14 methods was a great achievement for the all-local band at Ashcott, and the young band, some of whom are still at school, are to be congratulated.

256 RINGERS RANG PEALS

Leading peal ringers in 1964 were Mr. D. J. Hunt with 16, and Mr. A. F. Lee and Mr. J. R. Taylor with 11. Mr. W. E. Turner, who had conducted all his ten peals, was the leading conductor; 256 ringers participated in peals: 35 took part in their first, and 109 rang something new. Of individual achievements, Mr. Massey drew attention to Mr. L. Derrick's 100th peal and Mr. A. F. Lee's 125th. Two notable first pealers were Mr. M. Heymann,

who rang inside to Cambridge, and Mr. M. Collins, inside to Grandshire Caters.

Mr. Massey stated that the peal book had been thoroughly checked and re-indexed. A comparison with "The Ringing World" had been commenced and some discrepancies had been brought to light. One peal had been recorded twice and, after careful inquiries, it had been decided to insert six peals not previously included. The corrected total of peals to the end of 1964 was 3,042.

First peals were rung at Ilton and East Chinnock and now only nine sixes and 40 fives in Somerset had no peals recorded.

The reports were received with acclamation and, on the proposition of the Rev. F. Pollard, seconded by Mr. E. Fisher, were adopted en bloc.

THE OFFICERS

The meeting then passed to the election of officers, the Rev. H. F. Warren (Master), Messrs. G. Salmon (general secretary), E. Naylor (treasurer), G. W. Massey (peal secretary) and H. J. Sanger (Diocesan Adviser on the Care of Bells) being re-elected for the ensuing year. It was felt that Mr. Sanger should have some help and Mr. W. Kingcott, of Wrington, was appointed as Assistant Adviser. The meeting was informed that Mr. D. E. Lee, who had acted as auditor for several years, had left the Diocese and Mr. S. E. Read, of Bath, was elected in his stead. Mr. Lee was thanked for his services.

Mr. Massey commented that several members were not at all happy about the rule that demanded 6d. per rope per peal as a contribution to "The Ringing World." He himself felt that this rule was wrong and that the Association, if it wished to support the paper, could make an annual grant, the amount of which be decided each year. He intended, therefore, to give formal notice that he would make a proposition to this effect at the next annual meeting and that the exact wording would be circulated to all affiliated towers in due course.

Mr. Sanger drew members' attention to the forthcoming Bath and West Show to be held in mid-Somerset. He stated that the Church Tent would devote a section to ringing and he outlined details. A model bell would be exhibited and it was intended that the light ring owned by Mr. Frank Mack be used for demonstration purposes. He appealed to hand-bell bands to offer their services.

WAR MEMORIAL WREATH

Mr. Naylor spoke of the wreath placed annually on the Association's War Memorial in Bath Abbey. He felt that the Earl Haig Fund would benefit to a greater extent if a donation to the fund be made and the wreath dispensed with. This drew considerable discussion and resulted in a decision that a wreath be placed on the Memorial as in the past, and that, in addition, a donation, the amount of which be decided by the committee, be given to the Earl Haig Fund each year.

The Master reminded the meeting that May 30th, 1965, was the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Association and called for members' views on possible ways in which this be noted. Mr. Massey, as peal secretary, asked that commemorative peals be rung, and the Master stated that an invitation had been received from the Dean and Chapter of Wells asking that a peal be rung on the Cathedral bells. In addition, an officers' peal would be attempted at Evercreech, and an attempt was arranged at Twerton, where the first recorded peal for the Association was rung. Mr. D. G. Yeo, on behalf of the Chew Branch, suggested that a dinner be held, and it was decided to inquire at Branch level as to what form the members would like the dinner to take and to what extent it would be supported.

Mr. G. Marchant said that the inaugural meeting had been held at Highbridge and, although the church no longer possessed a ring of bells, it would be appropriate if a service and the dinner be held there.

BATH AND WELLS—contd.

It was decided that the Central Council representatives be given £20 to help defray their expenses and that the secretary be given an honorarium of £15. Mr. H. V. Young proposed that Mr. H. J. Sanger, the Diocesan Adviser, be given an honorarium; this was referred to the general committee.

Mr. J. Gilbert asked if the Central Council could be invited to Somerset and a number of possible venues was discussed. The question of expense was raised and it was generally felt that this should be well within the Association's means.

A request was made that some form of notice be produced for towers affiliated to the Association that would incorporate local details. This was referred to the committee, who would consider possible designs.

The question of peal ringing in Lent was raised by Mr. E. Skipsey, who asked if there was any official ruling regarding this. Mr. W. Osborn replied, saying that there was no rule as such. He recalled that in 1952 Preb. A. J. Hook, the Master at that time, had strongly criticised such ringing and that, over the years, Bath and Wells ringers had respected his views and very few peals had been rung. It was surely a matter of self-discipline and it was certainly not up to the Association to lay down hard and fast rules.

The general secretary then asked if he might be allowed the unusual course of proposing the vote of thanks himself. This was the Association's first visit to the Frome Branch and, once the visit to Midsomer Norton had been confirmed, the Branch had taken the arranging of the meeting right out of his hands.

Mr. Salmon referred to the able way in which the Master had conducted a long and exacting meeting. He also thanked Mr. E. Chivers and Mr. G. W. Massey for arranging the ringing.

The members then dispersed to the many towers open during the evening.

THOUGHTS ON RUDHALL RING—

continued

The harmony of the bells is, I am sure, representative of the harmony with which all the individuals of this delightful place live and work together, resulting in a strong Christian community. Yes, strong, but not as an isolated village cut off from its neighbours—for when the bells ring out they will always remind you of your unity with other Christian communities and of the unity of the whole Church of England, indeed of the unity to which we are struggling of the whole Church of God. For the message of your bells is outward-looking. There are no artificial barriers in the sky to stop the waves of sound, and I like to think of their echoes mingling with those from other towers in the neighbourhood, reminding us that the worship and praise of God from thousands of churches join in a single stream of prayer as it ascends to the Throne of Grace.

And so, following the example of the bells, your chapelry will be encouraged to play its part in the life of the diocese and of the whole Church. For the bells themselves remind us all that we all belong to a great company living in a world stretching far beyond our own parochial boundaries. As we all grow together and feel responsible for one another, so the words of the toast that they themselves have given us will be fulfilled—"Prosperity to the Church of England."

Swansea and Brecon Guild Increase Subscriptions

THE 37th annual festival of the Swansea and Brecon Guild was held at Brecon on June 19th and the excellent weather helped in the good attendance. Besides St. Mary's, Brecon, the towers at Glasbury, Talgarth, Llanfeigan and Defynnog were open for ringing. Even-song, preceded by handbells being rung in the nave, was held in the Cathedral, with the Bishop and the Dean of Brecon assisting in the service. The Rev. Herbert J. Phillips gave an inspiring address, the theme of which was based on "Whatever we do, do it to the glory of God."

Through the kind permission of the Dean, and the thoughtfulness of Mrs. James, his wife, a buffet tea was held in the Chapter House. This was a great improvement on the previous year, and the sincere thanks of everyone were amply expressed by the hon. secretary.

The Bishop, presiding at the business meeting, and after welcoming the visitors, said he thought the meeting would wish him to thank the Rev. Herbert J. Phillips for his address. Arising out of the minutes, the hon. secretary said that the letter of good wishes to the Very Rev. D. Edward Jones, for his health and happiness in his retirement, was sent, and the Dean in reply sincerely thanked everyone.

The treasurer, in presenting the statement of accounts, said that he thought the money now in the Bell Restoration Fund should be invested. An amendment, however, to close both the Deposit Account and the Bell Restoration Fund Account and group the total of each account for investment purposes, was carried. The actual investment is to be left in the hands of the treasurer and the auditor. The accounts were then accepted and the treasurer thanked for his services.

The hon. secretary, giving his report, said that there was great concern regarding the position of the Northern District as a part, or an acting part, within the constitution of the Diocesan Guild. No communication of any sort had been received during the year from them. There was still room for restoration and augmentations within the diocese, and they must go on hoping. The ringing competition at Bronllys was a great improvement on the 1964 competition, and Cadoxton, who won the shield, well deserved it. In conclusion, he thanked all the officers for their co-operation during the past year.

At this stage the Bishop officially presented the shield and certificates to the bands concerned in the competition, congratulating each in turn.

In the peals record report, Mr. G. I. Lewis said the year's peal ringing was a great achievement for the Guild, the majority of the peals being rung on handbells. The total included two long lengths, one on tower bells and one on handbells. Four members had now rung 100 peals for the Guild—Mr. G. I. Lewis, Miss Hazel Way, Mr. J. A. Hoare and Mr. B. J. Woodruffe. Mr. Lewis then reported that although he had already purchased extra loose leaves, he would now require a new book. Mr. S. Edwards then moved that a book be purchased when required.

It was reported by the Central Council representative that Mr. A. E. Barnett was not seeking re-election at the next annual general meeting. The meeting was referred to "The Ringing World" for the full report of the deliberations at Northampton this year. Mr. Lewis was thanked for his report.

Mr. M. R. Thomas was elected the new Master of the Guild, and the other officers re-elected were: Mr. J. A. Hoare, hon. secretary;

Mr. D. H. Bennett, hon. treasurer; Mr. S. Edwards, hon. auditor; and Mr. G. I. Lewis, Central Council representative for the next three years.

The notice of motion re increase of subscriptions, moved by Mr. Bennett and supported by Mr. Protheroe, was discussed at length, and after much deliberation the original motion was carried. The exception being that those under 18 pay 1s. 6d. per person per annum, and this applies also to old age pensioners. All others will pay the increase, 2s. 6d. per person per annum.

It was proposed that the annual festival in 1966 be held at St. Mary's, Swansea, alternatively Sketty. The ringing competition is to be held at Cadoxton. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £2 10s.

Three new ringing members were elected, two ringing and one non-resident life member. The business ended with a vote of thanks to the Bishop, not forgetting his son, who was the organist.

Next meeting: Joint, at Eardisland, on July 31st. J. A. H.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

THE annual general meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Wrexham on June 19th, when over 60 members and visitors attended, including some from Walstanton, Leominster and Shrewsbury.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Chancellor D. E. M. Glynn Jones) and assisted by the president (the Rev. Dr. Alun Thomas). The Vicar, in his address, pointed out some interesting features in the fine 15th century church. The tower is quoted as being one of seven wonders of Wales, and near the west door is the tomb of Elihu Yale, founder of Yale University, U.S.A. An excellent tea was partaken of in the Church House prepared by the wives of the local ringers, to whom a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. Bailey. At the business meeting Chancellor D. E. M. Glynn Jones was elected president for the ensuing year, and the Rev. A. L. Cooke, M.A., Rector of Hope, a vice-president. Other officers elected were: Mr. F. R. Evans, Ringing Master; Mr. W. Cathrall, general secretary and treasurer; Dr. A. V. Woodcock, secretary Wrexham District; Mr. D. H. B. Millward, instructor Wrexham District; Mr. J. Astbury, instructor Bangor District; Mr. W. H. Lewis, auditor.

The balance sheet showed a credit balance of £32 9s. The secretary reported an increase of 60 members over the last three years. This was due mainly to some towers having the bells restored and rejoining the Association. Rhyl was chosen for the next half-yearly meeting in September, and Llandudno for the next annual meeting.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the retiring president, Dr. J. Alun Thomas, who said that he had enjoyed his three years as president and was very impressed by the warmth of fellowship and cordiality among ringers.

The bells were put to good use in a wide variety of standard methods during the afternoon and evening, the duty of Ringing Master being ably carried out by Mr. F. R. Evans.

W. C.

NORTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. R. Peake (cond.) 1—2, Miss M. Richards 3, B. Bladen 4—5, M. A. New 6. First on two tower bells for ringers 1—2 and 4—5.

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Letters to the Editor

YOU LUCKY PEOPLE

Dear Sir,—Apparently there is a feeling that some fresh ideas are needed, so I will start the ball rolling.

Many years ago in our village the man who played the big bass violin in the local orchestra stood five feet nothing, consequently he had to transport his instrument on a hand-cart. One Thursday evening as he trundled home he passed a couple of the local ringers wending their way home after practice. As the three met there was some good natured banter from the ringers. The old bass violin player just looked at them and retorted, "Think yourselves lucky you are bellringers."

When you come to think of it ringers are lucky in many respects. Just look about—anglers go around loaded with fishing tackle for which they have paid a goodish bit, musicians manhandle their expensive instruments, cricketers lug their kit, and so one could go on. But what do the ringers cart around? Very little against the foregoing, and yet when it comes to putting their hands in their pocket for increased subscriptions or buying "The Ringing World" that seems to be quite another matter.

There are quite a number of Societies whose "trade paper" has a limited circulation just as "The Ringing World" has, consequently the subscription to these Societies is such that it covers the cost of its own publication. I have no doubt "The Ringing World" Committee would be highly delighted if the Guilds and Societies raised their annual subscriptions sufficiently to ensure that each member received a copy of our own paper each week. I feel sure that the committee would allow the Guild or Society a copper or two for administrative purposes.

Suggestions are frequently called for to increase the circulation, and to increase annual subscriptions by £2 2s. is one, and before anyone starts throwing brickbats, please produce a better idea. J. P. F.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Dear Sir.—Mr. Neal (page 432) must not jump to conclusions. The title of this Association was the "London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers." It is now the "London County Association of Church Bell Ringers." So the connection with a mythical, non-existent North Southwark Diocese has been dropped and emphasis has been given to the fact we are not just change ringers but Church bell ringers. We have shed the part of our title which was unfortunately added some years ago for reasons which were not entirely commendable, and we have amended our older title to indicate that whatever was the case last century, ringers are now connected with the Church.

The recent reorganisation under the London Government Act, 1963, related of course only to local government and its administrative organisation. Whether or no London ringers wish to use this as an excuse to do something about the organisation of ringing in the Metropolitan area is another matter. Many of us would welcome it; some I know would not. Joint meetings of the Associations mentioned by Mr. Neal are now a regular and welcome feature—who knows what they may lead to.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

Ruislip Manor.

WORTHIES OF CHARLES CHURCH

Dear Sir,—The recent death of Bill Hiscott and now of Warren Hornbrook, as reported by you, must leave very few of the old pre-1914 band of Charles Church, Plymouth, under that great teacher, Walter Marsh.

The early 1900's were the great days of ringing in Plymouth and Walter Marsh, his son Ernie and the Charles Church band were the most enthusiastic ringers I've ever met.

On Fridays the front six would have clapper stays put on and here Warren Hornbrook, myself and many others learned the rudiments of change ringing. Tuesday was the open day on the ten, and ringers from isolated towers would come in to practise. Amongst these was the Rev. E. S. Powell. A pioneer in composition in the South West, Warren Hornbrook was in 1906 one of Marsh's young hopefuls and he rang in my first peal of Triples just after he had rung his own first in 1910.

I have always thought of that tower as ideal. Walter Marsh always started every practice with a prayer, which didn't prevent him ticking you off good and hearty when you made a slip. I don't think they ever recovered from World War I owing largely to an unsympathetic Vicar and Warren had a hard time. War II finished the bells for ever. When the tower was bombed, the bells were left lying and, in spite of appeals to the Vicar to have them salvaged, were stolen.

With Charles' went St. George's, where we rang every Monday, and Dockyard (8), to which we went on Saturdays when not touring round the countryside. Some of us would ring every day of the week in the days when trains from Plymouth ran literally to every country village. To Mr. Westcott, who must be one of the few survivors, another survivor of those days sends greetings and thanks for all the kindness he received at Charles Church, Plymouth.—Yours faithfully,

C. F. J.

"IS STEDMAN UNIQUE?"

Dear Sir,—From time to time learners have asked me this question when they find Stedman is the only method (principle) they are taught which is not treble-dominated. My reply has been a guarded "It is the only one that is popular, although there have been several others produced."

We are told that Stedman was trying to find a six-score of Doubles without using hunts—that is, a principle in which all the bells do the same work. He did so in fact in "Orpheus," but only by using alternate double and single changes, requiring whole-pull changes on the front. Even in Stedman's time this was unsuitable for ringing.

He would be aware that with double changes alone he could get only half the extent, and presumably he next sought to produce this 60 by a similar principle. To do so he would require a block of 12 rows, symmetrical in itself, and ending with a parting place which would permit the original block to repeat four times to give the required 60. He found the only block of 12 which will do so. That block is the first 12 changes of Stedman Doubles. It can of course be reversed.

There is a choice for the parting place at the end of the block, either 1sts or 5ths. Stedman in his wisdom chose the former, which gives the alternation of the sixes characteristic of his principle. In this form it is possible to extend it to higher numbers, though this does

not seem to have been done in Stedman's lifetime. The alternative 5ths place was found by Carter, and the resulting variation named after him.

I think therefore the question can be answered with a definite "Yes."—Yours faithfully,

T. G. HAWKINS.

Westminster.

20 MINUTE SOUND COLOUR FILM OF WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—In accordance with the Central Council's resolution I have taken steps to obtain a copy of the above film on their behalf, and this lovely film will soon be available on loan to Associations at a modest charge towards the expense involved and to provide for replacement after fair wear and tear. Conditions of loan are printed at the foot of this letter.

For the information of those who have not seen the film some details are appended.

The film is a professional production and covers the final building stages of Washington Cathedral tower and includes views of the Cathedral at various stages of building and of the skilled stonemasons at work on various carvings. The Cathedral has been in building for over 50 years, embodies the finest Gothic style traditions and will be the fifth largest cathedral in the world.

Much of the first half of the film is devoted to the casting of the ring of ten bells hung in English fashion, and to the 56-bell carillon and to their installation. There are excellent shots of the bells in action, ringers in training and ringers at work, including the English ringers who rang for the dedication in 1964. Stedman Caters on the 10-bell ring and melodies on the carillon are heard. The choir, orchestra and organ of the Cathedral provide background music from time to time.

The film will be of great interest to ringers at special functions and also very useful to show to non-ringing audiences and church people. It goes on to illustrate all the dedication ceremonies and people connected with efforts to create this glorious Gothic cathedral. The bells and the ringers are given a very high status in the proceedings and the film will therefore be excellent propaganda for public relations between ringers and the public.

PROVISIONAL CONDITIONS OF LOAN OF THE FILM

The film must be returned by registered post, properly packed, on the day after the film is shown (Monday if shown Saturday) to Mr. N. Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham.

When confirming a booking, a fee of 25s. must be sent. This includes outward postage. Return postage must be paid by the borrower. If the film is shown on more than one day an additional fee of 10s. per day is payable.

Loan is conditional on an experienced projectionist and an excellent projector being used. Particular care must be taken before each showing to see that the projector gate is free from dust and other deposits.

The borrower must meet the cost of any loss sustained by the Council, by careless handling of the film in use or in transit, by the borrower.

Applications for loan of the film should normally be made by a responsible Association official.

Several requests have been made already for loan of the film and early reservation is advised.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN CHADDOCK,
Convener, Sunday Service Ringing and Education Committee, Central Council.

JOHN NICOLL
BELL ROPES

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OBITUARY

MR. JOHN LLOYD

Mr. John Lloyd, who died on June 21st, within a week or so of his 72nd birthday, had been a ringer at St. Michael's, Brierley Hill, for nearly 60 years, but his association with bells went even further back than that, as his father was once verger and sexton at Brierley Hill, and from the age of three or four he was taught to "minute" the tenor bell at funerals. His association with the church at Brierley Hill as a chorister, ringer and church worker was continuous from then on, except for a break during the First World War, when he served in the R.A.M.C. He was tower keeper for many years and when anything from ringing room level upwards needed attention it was always left to Jack to deal with.

He was not a prolific peal ringer and did not keep a record of his peals, but it is known he rang 203 for the Worcestershire Association, which with those he rang for neighbouring Associations would make his total around 300. Jack Lloyd, however, will not be remembered for his peal ringing activities, although he was always a very sound and safe ringer, but for the service which he gave to others in teaching beginners, for which he had endless patience and a kindly and friendly manner which put the most nervous of beginners at ease; for this alone he will be sadly missed, not only in his own tower but in neighbouring towers which he visited regularly on their practice nights.

During his career he held office as Master of the Dudley Guild, also of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association, and for many years he was a member of the latter Association's advisory panel on belfry repairs, an office which he resigned only last year.

At the funeral service on Brierley Hill on June 23rd his coffin was borne by four of his fellow ringers—Messrs. B. Lawton, S. Mallen, T. Hemming and C. Skidmore—while the bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service by ringing friends from many towers who came to pay their last tribute to one who had been a great servant of the Church and of the Exercise. Ringers present included R. Allport (Brierley Hill), W. B. Cartwright (Selly Oak, Master, Worcestershire Association), R. Chance (Lye), F. V. Nicholls, C. W. Cooper, W. H. Cooper, A. D. Fellows, M. D. Fellows, M. J. Fellows, J. C. Eisel, Mrs. R. Smith (Stourbridge), F. G. Handley, J. Pagett (Wollaston), A. W. Glazzard, J. Hicks (Hartlebury), R. A. Peakman, Mrs. B. Morgan (Kingswinford), T. Greenhall, A. B. Ellsmore (Halesowen), B. C. Ashford (Clent), K. Salter (Kidderminster), H. G. Bird (East Brent, Somerset), E. Drew, A. Nurse, V. Parton (Claverley).

Later in the day a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled on the bells which he had loved and tended so well during his lifetime. C. S.

STEWKLEY, BUCKS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. W. Holland 1, B. Eglesfield 2, G. Edmans 3, M. Jamieson 4, R. A. Vickers 5, A. H. Wood 6, W. A. Yates (cond.) 7, F. Gregory 8.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Eastern Branch

FOR the first time since 1957, the Eastern Branch held its second quarterly meeting of the year at Norton Subcourse. May 22nd was a grand day and attracted some 40 ringers. Both tower- and handbells were rung throughout the afternoon and evening.

The Rev. A. Glendining, Rector of the Raveningham group of parishes, conducted the ringers' service; the lesson was read by Mr. J. Forder, the organ played by Mr. K. Mickleborough and the address was given by the Rev. J. E. Cummins. Miss D. E. Lidbetter (Branch chairman) presided over the business meeting and proposed votes of thanks to the Rector, the organist and the local ladies for the splendid tea.

The following belfry elections prior to a peal at Great Yarmouth on April 24th were ratified: Messrs. P. Chapman, J. Boyack, M. J. Hallett, A. J. House, P. J. Rothera and J. Towler. Members stood in silence to the memories of Mr. S. W. Coplin, of Loddon, and Mr. G. H. Cross, the president (Mr. N. Golden) paying tributes to them. A brief account of the proposed week-end ringing course to be held at Morley College, Wymondham, next year, was also given by him.

Forthcoming meeting: Acle, September 4th. N. C.

ALL SAINTS', CORSTON

On May 31st the ringers of All Saints', Corston, accompanied by friends from Bath and Raheaston, visited six towers, mostly in the Exe Valley.

Despite the inevitable delay at Honiton, the first tower, Newton St. Cyres, was reached on time and the pleasant eight were soon put to good use. At Upton Pyne there was some delay due to repairs to a stay and the time was filled in by the experts' performance on a very tuneful set of handbells. We just had time to sample the easy-going six in the tower before moving on to Bramford Speke. We had been met at Upton Pyne by the Vicar of both parishes, who kindly pointed out a pleasant spot on a bank of the Exe at Bramford Speke for a picnic lunch. Afterwards good use was made of the light and tuneful six before proceeding through the lanes to Silvertown. Here we were met by the tower master, Mr. Selley, and we much enjoyed the very fine eight.

The next tower was Bickleigh, which is on the hillside above the bridge over the Exe, close to the famous gardens looking at their best in the sunshine.

Tea was taken in Tiverton, after which we joined the tower master, Mr. J. D. Upton, for a ring on the grand eight, which we were loth to leave. Before doing so, the tower master, Mr. H. L. Parfrey, thanked the organiser, though even more thanks were due to the member of the band who had had all the drudgery in the way of typing letters, etc.

L. R. G. T.

EAST RIDING RINGERS' ANNUAL OUTING

THE East Riding ringers were favoured with very good weather for the annual Whit Monday outing and in spite of certain difficulties with the seemingly inevitable traffic congestion an extensive programme was enjoyed by the party of 40 ringers, wives and friends. Towers represented were Cottingham, Ferriby, Goole, Hessle, Hornsea, Howden, Hull Holy Trinity, Kirk Ella, Rise and Sutton, and although there was a large proportion of ringers in the learner stage the standard of ringing was reasonably satisfactory all day.

When planning the programme the organiser, Mr. A. B. Cooper, had anticipated that certain notable members of the party would not be available in time for the early start, but the coach actually left Kirk Ella at the appointed time and arrived at the first tower, Doncaster St. George, approximately 30 minutes early, the spare time being occupied with a welcome coffee break. Mr. Howard Scott met the party and many of the learners had their first experience on a heavy eight. Touches of Double Norwich and Stedman were rung well.

The next stage was via Bawtry, Blyth, Worksop, Chesterfield and Baslow, and the organiser's references to the Derbyshire countryside were drowned with choruses of "On Ikla Moor baht 'at." There was some difficulty in finding the key to the Church of St. Peter, Edensor, in Chatsworth Park, but eventually the bells were rung to a variety of Minor methods, whilst the non-ringers visited the Kennedy grave and inspected the impressive village church before partaking of a picnic lunch in most pleasant surroundings.

On the short journey to Bakewell the traffic was literally bumper to bumper and great difficulty was experienced in finding a suitable place to park the coach whilst ringing was in progress at the Parish Church. The bells at Bakewell are very noisy in the tower but go very well and we were happy to conform with the local custom of a fee of ten shillings for visiting ringers.

Owing to the congestion of traffic the party were late at St. Helen's, Darley Dale, but the Rector, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, was waiting, with the bells raised, and an enjoyable hour was spent. We were sorry that Jafus and several other old friends of the organiser were not able to be present. (Congratulations and good wishes, Frank.)

A substantial tea was enjoyed at the Red Lion, Ashover, before ringing at the adjacent Parish Church of All Saints. The bells certainly justified their reputation and were heard to good effect in a well-struck course of Yorkshire Surprise Minor. An amusing incident occurred here when a lady onlooker asked if her young son could have a ring as although he had never handled a bell he was interested in music! The tour concluded on the light six at Clay Cross, where the party was met by Mr. J. W. Price.

The duties of Ringing Master were undertaken by D. S. Johnson, R. Gibson, J. Rank, R. Ducker and A. B. Cooper, and the return journey to Hull was completed shortly after midnight. A. B. C.

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Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies

AFTER three meetings between the General Committee of the Yorkshire Association and representatives of nine District Societies in the county, it was agreed to the formation of a Joint Council of Yorkshire Ringing Societies.

The Joint Council consists of two delegates from each of the ten Societies, namely, The Yorkshire Association, The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, The Beverley and District Society, The Barnsley and District Society, The Doncaster and District Society, The Halifax and District Association, The Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild, The Leeds and District Society, The Selby and District Society and the Sheffield and District Society.

The chairman appointed is Mr. Edward Hudson, of Sharow, and the secretary is Mr. Arthur Farrand, of Mossley, Lancashire.

At the inaugural meeting held in the Railway Institute, York, on February 6th, it was decided to organise a Festival of Ringing in the Wakefield area on Saturday, June 12th. The sub-committee formed to arrange the event consisted of Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton, Mr. Irvine Slack, Mr. Christopher A. Moxon and Mr. Trevor Tarbutt.

Twenty towers were open for ringing from 10.15 a.m. until 9 p.m.

A ringers' service was held in Wakefield Cathedral at 3 p.m., the preacher being the Archdeacon of Halifax, who chose for his sermon the text Psalm xlii, 6: "I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt bountifully with me." The sermon was most inspiring and the Archdeacon gave his congregation much food for thought.

During the singing of Psalm 150 a course of Major was rung on handbells and after the

lesson the ringers' hymn was sung to the ringers' tune, by kind permission of the Provost of the Cathedral, and much patience by the organist, Mr. Percy Saunders. Two courses of Maximus were rung before the service and two courses of Minor, closed lead, were rung at the end.

About 130 persons then adjourned to the Unity Hall for tea. In a speech of welcome, the chairman, Mr. Edward Hudson, said that the attendance was most encouraging for a first festival.

All Districts were represented, come more numerous than others. "Do's" like this give everyone an opportunity of meeting people from all over the county," he continued, and went on to thank the sub-committee for all the hard work they had done to make the occasion the success it was.

When all had eaten their fill, Mr. W. F. Moreton became the cinema projectionist, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed watching the film made to commemorate the dedication of the bells of Washington Cathedral. These showed scenes of the building of the tower, the casting of the bells in England, the hanging of them in the completed tower, the dedication, and then the full ring being rung by the team from Britain. It's a must for anyone who hasn't seen it.

Afterwards those who had farthest to travel were allowed first go on the 12 at the Cathedral, and arrangements made to fix everyone with a ring on either six, eight, ten or twelve in the vicinity.

It is hoped to arrange another festival, in the area of Beverley, on May 21st, 1966. Mr. David Johnson has been authorised to form his own sub-committee to formulate arrangements, so start saving up—you've had plenty of warning. A. F.

WITHYHAM RINGERS VISIT HAMPSHIRE

The clerk of the weather was in a benevolent mood on June 26th, and the Withyham ringers tender him their grateful thanks for a lovely day for their outing. Leaving Withyham on time, we proceeded to Petworth but arrived a few minutes late through having to join the snake-like queue up the narrow approach to Petworth. Mr. L. Weller made us welcome and after an enjoyable hour here we made our way to Easebourne through Cowdray Park. Here the Rev. B. R. Beasley directed the coach to its parking place and conducted the party through the back entrance to the beautifully decorated church, where a wedding was taking place shortly after our visit. Lunch was at Petersfield.

The Rev. John Hurst met the party at West Meon, where there is no doubt about the bells being heard in the ringing chamber! Shedfield provided some good ringing and Titchfield's (the only six of the trip) were far better than expected. Tea was taken at Lee-on-Solent, and the splendid view of the island and numerous yachts (together with the ozone) well repaid the time spent here.

It was intended to make the journey to Havant via Portsdown Hill, but having several "back-seat drivers," the wrong road was taken and the journey had to be made through the built-up area all the way. Canon Bassett welcomed the party and after a very pleasant time we left for home, travelling via Billingshurst, where the eight bells are out of action, so we had to make do with the "Six Bells"!

It was a day of good company, good ringing, fine weather and up to time everywhere. Before parting, the Rector (the Rev. Peter Scott), who accompanied the party, thanked the organiser, Mrs. Jean Osborn, for her hard work and as a token of appreciation presented her with a small gift. F. I. H.

ST. PETER'S, BRIGHTON

SINCE 1955 our annual outings have been recorded on cine colour film, and it is good to recall visually the personalities taking part and places visited over the years. Inevitably time has taken toll and many old ringers are no longer with us. Such stalwarts as Frank Bennett and Harry Stalham, perhaps names only to the present generation, are brought to life again.

On June 26th this year, more film of Kent was added and, being an especially sunny day, we anticipate good results. Certainly our organiser again discriminated wisely in choice of bells and restaurants, too. Both could be described as excellent.

The first call of the 41-seater coach was on the eight at Cranbrook, followed by that of Wye. Having started our day at 7.45 a.m., we were well prepared to enjoy an early lunch at the Continental Grill in Canterbury at 12.15 p.m. Early afternoon saw us on our way to ring the eight at Ash-next-Sandwich, where unfortunately a rope broke during the last touch. Then over the tollbridge to St. Lawrence-in-Thames (10, 18 cwt.). Here our first delay occurred. Finding the unusual outside ladder entrance securely padlocked, 82 suspicious eyes were directed at the organiser who, promptly producing the Vicar's letter, read like a proclamation "... will be away, but arrangements will be made ..."

The grandfather of the party was then detailed to find the Vicarage and/or the keys. This entailed vaulting over a rather high wall four times, having brought the wrong keys the first time. (Moral—never boast about having a father who could jump a five-barred gate at the age of 65 years!) Despite the delay, ringing included Stedman Caters. Kent T.B.R. and some goodly rounds.

Arriving at Canterbury Cathedral, we were privileged to ring the 12 to Grand sire Cinques after getting the "feel" during preliminary rounds. A second course by our "second eleven" followed. Tea was served at Gales Restaurant, but not before our "grabbers" managed a pull on the six of St. Alphege's.

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The Stafford Archdeaconry Society

OVER 130 members and friends attended the annual general meeting of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society, in fine weather, on June 19th in Lichfield.

During the afternoon ringing took place at London and all four Lichfield towers prior to the service held in the choir stalls of the Cathedral. This was conducted by the president, the Ven. Basil Stratton, and the address was given by the new Vicar of Tamworth, who had to apologise for the absence of his own ringers, who had unfortunately chosen this date for their annual outing.

Tea was served in St. Michael's Parish Hall, after which the president occupied the chair for the annual meeting. During the past year over 40 new members have been elected, including ringers from St. Michael's, Lichfield, Rushall and Yoxhall, all for the first time in many years. The four bells of Drayton Bassett are at the Loughborough foundry and are to be rehung in a six-bell frame. Both bell-founders have been asked to quote for improving the bells of St. Michael's, Lichfield.

The Ringing Master reported that several towers appear to have learners interested in progressing with change ringing but there were no competent instructors. He appealed for something to be done about this. Over 50 peals had been rung during the year, the most progressive being the first of 21 Surprise Minor methods, rung by the Little Aston Sunday service ringers. In contrast 13 members rang their first peals and two their "firsts as conductor"; all praiseworthy efforts. Over 70 quarter peals were rung within the Archdeaconry, 11 in memory of the late Sir Winston Churchill, and 20 by the Lichfield Cathedral ringers, 16 being at churches with no ringers, mainly for Sunday services.

The treasurer circulated a detailed statement of accounts, the balances having increased during the year by £17. The two Central Council representatives, Messrs. G. W. Hughes and B. G. Key, then gave a brief account of the recent meeting held at North-

ampton. A proposal to raise subscriptions was submitted to the meeting and after the anticipated discussions the motion was defeated; all subscriptions remain as at present. The following functions were agreed upon, subject to local approval: September 4th, Gnosall; September 25th, Lichfield Diocesan Festival, Oswestry; October 16th, Enville; January 22nd, Wednesbury; March 19th, Rushall; May 7th, Church Eaton; and A.G.M., Lichfield, on June 18th.

Officers elected for 1965-66 were: Ringing Master, Mr. M. W. Fairey; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. P. G. K. Davies; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. H. Allen (8, Oriel Drive, Fordhouses, Wolverhampton, Staffs); auditor, Mr. H. Green; hon. general secretary, Mr. C. M. Smith (29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs); assistant secretary, Mr. P. J. Barker (127, Cannock Road, Chase Terrace, near Walsall); badge secretary, Mr. R. M. Hodister; Central Council representatives, Messrs. M. W. Fairey, B. G. Key and C. M. Smith.

New ringing members elected were: Messrs. A. W. Bowler, F. T. Hale, W. R. Simmons, F. Winter and Mrs. J. Simmons (St. Michael's, Lichfield), Messrs. K. J. Whittingham, D. Timmins and S. C. Martin (All Saints', West Bromwich), Miss P. Mears (Bilston), Mr. D. J. Clay (Wednesbury), Mr. A. Jordan (Willenhall), Miss H. Jackson, Mr. A. Kitson (St. Peter's, Wolverhampton), Mrs. D. Eyre (Penn), Messrs. M. J. Ree and N. H. Ree (Stafford).

The president thanked all who had helped make the meeting so successful, in particular the members of Lichfield Cathedral band, who provided an excellent tea. C. M. S.

ST. PETER'S, BRIGHTON—continued.

The last call was the heavy eight at Tenterden, where a course of Bristol Surprise Major produced perhaps the best striking of the day, unless it was the touch of Grand sire Triples at Wye, rung by our "learning" members.

Our grateful thanks are due to the incumbents and our organiser who, as usual, made excellent arrangements. A. W. B.

ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF MINOR METHODS

Compiled by H. CHANT

(Continued from page 413)

"L" continued.

LONDON DELIGHT (I)

x 16 x 16 x 5. 4ths 35642.
"Campanologia," 1702. The first of the methods described as "New London Peals on six bells, composed by John Patrick and others." Patrick, inventor and maker of scientific instruments, a prominent official of the College Youths, was one of those who carried on Stedman's work as a composer. The method was also in Annable's notebook.

LONDON DELIGHT (II)

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 3. 2nds 36245.
"Campanologia," 1702. Also in Annable's notebook. Was London New Delight in William Woodcock's notebook.

LONDON DOUBLE BOB

See London Bob (II).

LONDON NEW BOB

See City Bob.

LONDON NEW DELIGHT

See London Delight (II)

LONDON SCHOLARS' PLEASURE TREBLE BOB

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 5. 6ths 56342.
"Campanologia," 1702. One of the methods attributed to John Doleman, who with Charles Marsh was author of the book. J. D. was not a College Youth but belonged to the Society of London Scholars. The method is found in Annable's notebook and was named in the C.C. Collection of 1907.

LONDON SINGLE BOB

See Single Court.

LONDON SURPRISE

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.3. 2nds 42635.
"Clavis," 1788. Annable's notebook. C.C. Collection, 1907.

LONDON TREBLE BOB (I)

See Rochester Treble Bob.

LONDON TREBLE BOB (II)

See Annable's London Surprise.

LONDON VICTORY DELIGHT

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 1. 6ths 56342.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907, but thus named in William Woodcock's notebook. Also called Sutton Delight.

LONG STANTON

See Ennerdale.

LONGWOOD TREBLE BOB

36 x 34.16 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 3. 2nds 36245.

LORD ACTON

A false method recorded by William Woodcock.

LORD ELGIN

x 56 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 1. 2nds 64523.
William Woodcock.

LORD HERSCHELL

x 56 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 1. 4ths 46325.
William Woodcock.

LORD RAGLAN

In William Woodcock's notebook.
See Norfolk Surprise.

LORD ROSEBERRY

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 3. 4ths 46325.
William Woodcock's notebook.

LOWESWATER BOB

36.14 x 16.34.5. 2nds 42563.

LUDA DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 3. 4ths 46325.
Named by Wath-in-Deerne ringers, after the house in which C. D. Potter resided.

LUDLOW DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.1. 6ths 56342.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

LUTON SURPRISE

See College Bob V.

LYTCHETT SPECIAL ALLIANCE

36.14 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.1. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

LYTHAM BOB

x 14 x 36.12.5. 6ths 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907. Also called Lytham Pleasure.

LYTHAM PLEASURE

See Lytham Bob.

LYTHAM TREBLE BOB

See Nelson Treble Bob.

QUARTER PEALS

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): G. Evans (14) 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, T. Froleay 4, H. Preece 5, S. Darra (14) 6, D. W. Davies 7, D. Bailey (14) 8. A wedding compliment to Frances, daughter of ringer of second bell.

CHURCH OAKLEY, HANTS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Susan R. Restall (first quarter) 1, P. Guilliver 2, G. Gammon (cond.) 3, M. Wake 4, A. A. J. Buswell 5, M. C. Lee 6.

EXMOUTH, DEVON.—At 7, Bapton Lane, on June 8th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Savage 1, B. Bladon 2, F. Mack 3, Mrs. E. Bowden 4, R. Bowden 5, G. Thoday (cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise rung on the bells by members of the Society of Friends of the Exercise.

HIGH HALDEN, KENT.—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Winifred Millen 1, Mary Meynell 2, Violet Relf 3, Elizabeth Stewart 4, G. Stewart (cond.) 5, W. Tickner 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. J. Burden (captain of local band) and Mrs. Burden.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On May 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: W. G. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh (cond.) 2, D. Barker 3, R. Blackshaw 4, M. W. Harrison 5. Also on May 16th, 1,272 Bob Minimus: S. J. Dowse 1, R. Blackshaw 2, C. R. Larkin 3, M. W. Harrison 4. Also on May 30th, 1,272 Bob Minimus: R. Blackshaw 1, W. G. Marsh 2, M. W. Harrison 3, R. D. Marsh 4. Also on June 13th, 1,320 Doubles (seven methods): S. J. Dowse 1, R. D. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, C. R. Larkin 4, M. W. Harrison 5. All rung for Evensong.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On June 10th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Papworth 1, F. Whiterod 2, A. Hunwick 3, E. Coulson 4, C. Burton 5, A. R. Elliott (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam C. Button, ringer at this church for 36 years, interred this day.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: G. Spratt 1, Miss J. A. Fellowes 2, D. A. Bedford 3, B. M. Barker 4, D. J. Goodman 5, K. D. Waples (cond.) 6. For Evensong on Rogation Sunday. Also on June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Mitchell (first quarter) 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, K. D. Waples 3, D. A. Bedford 4, R. J. Picton 5, P. W. Harper (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on June 13th, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: Yvonne Edwards 1, Brenda M. Foster 2, R. E. J. Dennis 3, R. W. Powell 4, R. O. Humphries (cond.) 5, N. J. Davies 6. For morning service by U.L.S.C.R.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on June 20th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Barbara G. Dale (first on ten) 1, Brenda M. Foster 2, Yvonne Edwards 3, E. Jane Sibson 4, Diana M. Frost 5, R. E. J. Dennis (cond.) 6, R. D. Bailey 7, M. M. Powell 8, R. O. Humphries 9, T. G. Pett 10. For Evensong by U.L.S.C.R.

LOWER HEYFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Ascension Day, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Celia Livesey 1, Judith A. Ashby 2, P. Matakola 3, R. Fonge 4, W. H. Collins (cond.) 5, J. Smith 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3 and 4.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On June 11th, at 11, Sanderson Road, Jesmond, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Telfer (first "in hand") 1—2, R. A. Yeates 3—4, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 5—6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

By ringing the third at Rothwell to a peal of Cambridge Major, Murray A. Coleman has "circled" his home tower.

The peal at Uphill, Somerset, reported on page 435, was conducted by Miss Marjorie Legg and not as stated. Roy Rice rang the fifth bell.

A jinx accompanied Bolsover ringers on their annual outing. At every tower visited something untoward happened, making it "one of the most memorable Bolsover outings."

Miss Gillian M. Hussey will remember her 150th peal rung at North Curry, Somerset, as it was her 125th with her fiancé, Mr. D. John Hunt. May the partnership never tire!

Durham University Society's attempt at a handbell peal in a punt on the River Wear was unfortunately abandoned just short of half way due to an invasion of gnats.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Ashton-under-Lyne on Sunday, June 13th, was not Christine Andrew's first peal on 12 bells but her first of Stedman Cinques, apologetically writes our correspondent.

Through a misunderstanding a mistake occurred in the report of the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Earls Barton (page 438). The ringer of the fourth was Leonard Stilwell; Cyril A. Wratten rang the sixth.

Unexpected fame was bestowed on Mr. Eric T. Lee in the report of the West Country Tour of Ireland (page 443). It is there stated that Cork was his 1,000th peal. It should have read his 1,000th tower. Our apologies.

C. A. Milward is probably the first member of St. Edward's School, Oxford, to ring a quarter peal while still at school since the 1920's. Rivals in every other field, members of Radley College and St. Edward's School combine to ring together on Sunday afternoons.

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RADLETT RECRUITS' FIRST QUARTER

The first anniversary of the dedication of the ring of bells at Christ Church, Radlett, Herts, was celebrated by a quarter peal on June 27th. Participating were Brian and Jill Denmark, the first of the new recruits to reach quarter peal standard, and also the Rev. John Black, the senior curate, who has been ringing a number of years and took part in the first peal on the bells. There are prospects of more recruits reaching quarter peal standard and in their training Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Dodds, of St. Albans, have been of great assistance on practice night.

GRANTLEY HALL LECTURERS

The lecturers for the next Grantley Hall Course to be held from Friday night to Sunday afternoon, July 23rd to 25th, are Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. Wilfrid Moreton, Mr. Nolan Golden and Mr. N. Chaddock. Topics will include bell control, initial instruction, six, eight and ten-bell ringing, proof, conducting, bells, history and maintenance and handbell ringing. There will be practical ringing sessions at four different towers, including the fine ten at Ripon Cathedral. Further details from The Warden, Adult College, Grantley Hall, near Ripon, Yorkshire.

A FLOWER FESTIVAL WITH BELLS

The flower festival at Standlake, Oxon, was accompanied by bells. It was suggested that the bells should be rung all day—and how well the ringers responded! There was a quarter peal rung in the morning and another in the afternoon. Following this a peal was rung in 26 Doubles methods and finally another quarter. Between the quarters and the peal other ringing took place in which visitors from the surrounding district participated. Ringing was virtually non-stop from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. with an hour's break for lunch. Visiting ringers came from Eynsham, Faringdon, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Northmoor, Kidlington, Northleigh and Marston.

25 YEARS LATER

When Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Malings were married at Deddington, Oxfordshire, on June 15th, 1940, the local band were not able to add their greetings in the usual manner due to the ban operating on all ringing.

But 25 years later, on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary, a quarter peal of Doubles was rung at the place of their marriage.

Leslie Malings was a ringer at Deddington for many years before his occupation took him to Porthkerry, South Wales, and he did much to help lay the "foundation" of the present band. And it is pleasing to note that two of Mrs. Malings' brothers (William and Joseph Cowley) still ring at the place of their birth, and took part in this quarter.

MISS PAMELA WARREN GOING TO AUSTRALIA

The departure of Miss Pamela Warren, of Hallhurst, Merrow, for Australia next week is a great loss to the Guildford Diocesan Guild and to Merrow tower in particular, where, since 1953, she has been captain and taught over 80 people to ring, including one complete band which could ring Surprise Minor within about two years. Pamela, who is in the hospital service, is taking up an appointment at the Mooropaa and District Base Hospital, Victoria, which is some 70 miles from Bendigo, her nearest tower. A farewell peal was rung at Merrow on July 1st.

A RETIREMENT

To mark his retirement from Guildford Journalism, the Editor of "The Ringing World" was entertained to lunch on July 1st by the directors of the West Surrey Group of Newspapers. Mr. White's service spans 55 years and he was presented with Martin Hurlimann's beautifully illustrated book "English Cathedrals."

VACANCIES

Mr. T. J. Locke has still vacancies in his Great Adventure II tour of Australia, which probably leaves by air on Sunday, September 5th. If he can secure the number for a charter flight there is a saving of £150 on each fare.

WRONG TOWER

When the Precentor of Leeds Parish Church Fr. Finch, was inducted to the benefice of St. James', Habergham, Burnley, several Leeds ringers turned up to ring at the adjoining parish, Holy Trinity, Habergham Eaves. They had assumed that because Mr. R. H. Dove had coined "Doves" he knew it by heart, and so did not need to check it. It is Holy Trinity that is listed with ringable bells and not St. James'.

A WASHINGTON WEDDING

Two pupils and devoted friends of Mr. Fred Price during his stay in Washington were married on June 19th. They were Miss Holly McGavock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randal McGavock Robertson, and Mr. John Putnam Chalmers. Their wedding took place at the Falls Church, Virginia. This is probably the first belfry romance in Washington Cathedral.

GROTON BOYS COMPETE

Among the nine teams competing in the Farnham District Striking Competition on the six bells at Seale on June 26th were two teams from Groton School, Massachusetts, U.S.A., who are participating in a ringing programme devised by Frank Price and John Chilcott. They enjoyed to the full the experience of competition ringing, their "B" team being placed fifth.

When the sixth team was "doing its stuff" two small aeroplanes decided to perform aerobatics and dive bombing almost immediately overhead. The judges, Messrs. W. J. Parker and D. A. R. May, had to abandon their post in the Church Hall, being unable to hear the bells. Their task was completed sitting in the choir stalls. Farnborough were winners with 15 faults and Aldershot "A" and Grayshot runners-up with 28 faults.

CHUTE FOREST BELLS

The story of Chute Forest bells and the first peal there captured ringers' imagination and the open day in this isolated Wiltshire church, dedicated to St. Mary, attracted 80 ringers, and over 30 cars lined the road during the service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. M. Neill.

Helpers from Highclere and Burghclere were determined to make a success of the gathering. The previous Saturday the belfry and church were spring cleaned, the bells oiled, a new slider fitted to No. 3 bell, and printed direction notices placed at every junction.

Probably the church has never been so full as at least a dozen parishioners joined the ringers and their friends. Mrs. Green brought her own organ to lead the hearty singing of the three hymns. The Rector based his address on bells. He was assisted in the prayers by his lay reader and a former ringer of his from Savernake and Great Bedwyn helped to take the collection.

In the further ringing that followed, the first course of London Surprise Minor on the bells was rung. The following 33 towers were represented: Andover, Burghclere, Longparish, St. Marybourne, Tangle, Woolton Hill, Newbury, Thatcham, Midgham, Shedfield, St. Michael's, Southampton, St. Thomas', Salisbury, Christ Church, Swindon, Hampton, Middlesex, Sandhurst, Berks, Stratton St. Margaret, Wilts, Seale, Surrey, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Somerset, Cranford, Northants, Freckenham, Suffolk, St. Mary's, Reading, Ottery St. Mary, Devon, Farnborough, Hants, Hambleton, Hants, Holt, Wilts, Cheltenham, Henbury, Bristol, Shrewton, Wilts, Highclere, Rodbourne Cheney, Savernake, Slough and Harrow-on-the-Hill.

An appeal to towers in the area for spare ropes is being made; already Andover has promised some. Can other towers follow suit so that the Highclere spares can be returned? writes Geoffrey K. Dodd, 7, White City, Woolton Hill, near Newbury.

THIRD TIME LUCKY AT WORCESTER

The peal of Grandsire Triples at St. John the Baptist, Worcester, gave great pleasure to the conductor, Mr. David Beacham, as it contained three "firsts." It was a case of being lucky at the third attempt. The first one (Grandsire Triples) was miscalled in the 11th part, and the second, one of Bob Minor, was lost in the fifth extent through a broken rope. The newcomers to peal ringing rang well and the peal was one of which they might be proud.

SPECIALS AND POLICE

Attention was called at the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association by Mr. H. J. Sanger that special constables were now eligible for membership of the National Police Guild. He asked "specials" in the B. and W. to give the Guild their support. We feel certain that with enthusiasts like Mr. Sanger a marked increase in the Police Guild membership would be possible.

Canon Gilbert Thurlow, the Central Council's president, is prepared to preach at bell dedication services. His address at the South Lopham dedication on June 26th was one of particular appeal to the Exercise.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHEW MAGNA, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Roger O. Fry Treble	*†Peter Bridle 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Philip M. J. Gray 6
*D. John Hunt 3	Ralph G. Edwards 7
Richard J. Bowden 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* 100th peal together. † 100th of Major.

To mark the 75th anniversary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in C.

CURRY RIVEL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Richard J. Bowden Treble	James R. Taylor 5
Diana M. Chapman 2	*Peter Bridle 6
Trevor A. Cross 3	D. John Hunt 7
Gillian M. Hussey 4	†Brian Bladon Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* 125th peal. † First of Major in the method. First in the method by all except tenor.

NORTH CURRY, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Brian Bladon Treble	Brynley A. Shackleton 5
*†Gillian M. Hussey 2	James R. Taylor 6
†Diana M. Chapman 3	†D. John Hunt 7
Peter Bridle 4	Trevor A. Cross Tenor

Composed by M. Bruce. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* 150th peal. † 125th together. ‡ First in the method.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

YARMOUTH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

*R. W. H. Hayes (Caius) Treble	J. R. Hough (Jesus) 7
G. C. Galley (Queens') 2	R. M. Damerell (Corpus) 8
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) 3	†J. A. Harrison (Sidney) 9
*K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) 4	V. Nutton (Selwyn) 10
K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) 5	C. M. Press (King's) 11
S. P. Darvill (Downing) 6	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel) Tenor

Conducted by K. J. Darvill.

* First of Maximus. † First of Maximus "inside." First of Yorkshire Maximus for the Guild.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SANDBACH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., June 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Geoffrey Gardner Treble	Alan Sharples 5
Allen Twyman 2	Neil Lomas 6
*Derek Smith 3	Denis Mottershead 7
Dennis Latham 4	John Robinson Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore (C.C.C. No. 2).

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

Rung to mark the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. Christopher Rees, curate and ringer at St. Bartholomew's, Wilmslow.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHILVERS COTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., June 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Muriel J. Mason Treble	†William J. Day 5
†Judith A. Suffolk 2	G. Arthur Bell 6
Arthur H. Beamish 3	James Draycott 7
Dorothy E. Beamish 4	Leonard Trevor Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Leonard Trevor.

* First peal. † First in the method on an "inside" bell.

Rung by the Sunday service band as a 21st birthday compliment to Judith A. Suffolk and on the birthday of Mrs. Margaret E. L. Chapman, of Bishopstoke, a former member of the band.

WOOTTON WAWEN, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., April 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Beverley Surprise, Kent T.B., Surfleet Surprise, and Plain Bob.	Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.
*James F. West Treble	Hazel A. Arrowsmith 4
†Geoffrey W. Randall 2	†F. Mark Robottom 5
†Jill Riley 3	Peter S. Bennett Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

* First peal of Minor. † First in seven Minor methods. ‡ 25th peal.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.

On Thurs., June 17, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.	
Frederick W. Stone Treble	George H. Clift 6
Joseph C. Woolley 2	Christopher J. Hughes 7
Patricia A. Halls 3	Gordon A. Halls 8
George Roobottom 4	Trevor Taylor 9
David W. Friend 5	Clive Thrower Tenor

Composed by A. M. Tyler. Conducted by David W. Friend.

Rung to mark the birth of a daughter, Helen Sarah, to Jennifer and Michael Willis, both members of the band at St. Peter's, Derby.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in E.	
S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. Treble	Ian Friend 6
Malcolm P. Phipps 2	Roger Baldwin 7
Trevor Taylor 3	Peter Marriot 8
Gordon A. Halls 4	Denis A. Frith 9
Edmund Shuttleworth 5	David W. Friend Tenor

Arranged by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

LONG EATON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Thurs., June 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.	
William E. Simpson Treble	Ivan Barlow 5
Derek Astridge 2	Gordon A. Halls 6
Girling Rigby 3	David J. Marshall 7
Alec Humphrey 4	David W. Parkin Tenor
Edmund Shuttleworth 5	David W. Friend Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by David W. Parkin.

A compliment to Charles Geary, on his 50th wedding anniversary.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Wed., June 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.	
*M. E. Johnson (Grey) .. Treble	John O. Freeman (Grey) .. 4
*Pauline Kyme (Mary's) .. 2	William G. Wilson (Chad's) .. 5
*Bryan Redgers (John's) .. 3	David J. Marshall (Bede) Tenor

Conducted by David J. Marshall.

* First of Surprise.

A 21st birthday compliment to Philip W. Darby.

TANFIELD, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Fri., June 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being extents of Cambridge and Beverley. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.	
M. E. Johnson (Grey) .. Treble	William G. Wilson (Chad's) .. 4
*Janet Somervaille (Aidan's) .. 2	John O. Freeman (Grey) .. 5
Pauline Kyme (Mary's) .. 3	David J. Marshall (Bede) Tenor

Conducted by David J. Marshall.

* First of Surprise.

JARROW, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., June 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.	
*W. Bruce Warne (John's) Treble	Malcolm E. Johnson (Grey) .. 4
Pauline Kyme (Mary's) .. 2	John O. Freeman (Grey) .. 5
Janet Somervaille (Aidan's) .. 3	David J. Marshall (Bede) Tenor

Conducted by David J. Marshall.

* First peal.

NEWTON HALL, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. James.

On Thurs., June 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt.	
*Philip W. Darby (Bede) Treble	John O. Freeman (Grey) .. 4
Bryan Rodgers (John's) .. 2	William G. Wilson (Chad's) .. 5
†Malcolm E. Johnson (Grey) .. 3	David J. Marshall (Bede) Tenor

Conducted by David J. Marshall.

* First peal of Minor. † First in method.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ESHER, Surrey.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.	
*Anne Horsford Treble	C. Martin Press 5
†Peter Henry 2	Christopher D. J. Webb 6
Alan D. Elsmore 3	A. Patrick Cannon 7
*Genebeth C. Mooring 4	John F. M. Maybrey Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by John F. M. Maybrey.

* First peal. † First "inside."

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FARNBOROUGH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5026 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 57 lb. in B flat.

Anne E. Fellows Treble	Michael J. Thomas 5
*Marilyn C. Smith 2	W. John Couperthwaite .. 6
†Peter J. Joyce 3	Brian J. Luff 7
Tom Page 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by Tom Chapman.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

* First peal in the method.

† 50th peal. First in the method on the bells.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt.

*Christopher Forster .. Treble	Frederick W. Ellis 6
Harold V. Frost 2	Geoffrey Dodds 7
Julia A. Fellows 3	A. Rowland Tysoe 8
Kenneth J. Darvill 4	George W. Debenham 9
Joyce Dodds 5	Christopher E. Slade Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by George W. Debenham.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HARPENDEN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt

Arthur Day Treble	Leslie G. Coburn 5
*Andrew Wilby 2	Fred C. Jacklin 6
Nina Thomas 3	Thomas J. Southam 7
Mary A. Coburn 4	Desmond Painter Tenor

Composed by Cornelius Charge

Conducted by Desmond Painter.

* First peal of Bob Major.

Rung by the Sunday service band to celebrate the consecration of the new Church of All Saints, Coldharbour, on May 26th.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol, and 1,280 each of Cambridge, London and Superlative, with 113 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Kenneth R. Dunstan .. Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 5
D. Kay Adkins 2	Alfred E. Rushton 6
Avril Ivin 3	*Roger Baldwin 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Stephen Ivin Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* 50th peal of Spiced Surprise Major.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—At the Church of SS. Philip and James.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

*Gerald D. Brown .. Treble	*William A. Patterson .. 5
*Rosemary Thompson .. 2	Harry Brown 6
Jean Jeffery 3	*M. Jack Pryor 7
*John Lindsay 4	John T. Dunwoody Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Harry Brown.

* First peal of Oxford T.B. Major. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

Rung for the anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

BALLYLESSON, Co. Down.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Plain Bob, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., and one of St. Clement's; every 720 a change of method.

*John Lindsay .. Treble	*William A. Patterson .. 4
*Maud Austin 2	Jean Jeffery 5
*Rosemary Thompson .. 3	John T. Dunwoody Tenor

Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.

* First peal in four methods.

Rung for the elevation of the Rector (Rev. R. H. Kimber, M.A.) to a Canonry.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

D. Paul Smith .. Treble	Ian H. Oram 6
Doris E. Colgate 2	*Andrew J. Corby 7
Ralph Bird 3	Thomas Cullingworth .. 8
Ann Jenner 4	Stanley Jenner 9
Dennis A. Chapman .. 5	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* 100th peal.

A 98th birthday compliment to Ted Ruck, sole surviving founder member of the Association.

HORSMONDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Fri., June 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

*Paul Bayes .. Treble	Robert T. Lambert 5
Reginald E. Lambert .. 2	Giles B. Thompson 6
Ernest J. Ladd 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Thomas E. Sone 4	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of Double Norwich C.B.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Frederick J. Lambert, of Burwash.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

CHORLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1 variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

Tudor P. Edwards .. Treble	*Michael Arrowsmith .. 5
Arthur Rigby 2	Stanley Walmsley 6
*Bernard Moss 3	Derek Butterworth 7
Lawrence Walmsley .. 4	*Keith Morris Tenor

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the 600th anniversary of the church.

OLDHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Thomas, Leesfield.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

John P. Partington .. Treble	David Chadderton 5
Roger Leigh 2	Edward Jenkins 6
Christine Andrew 3	Ivan Kay 7
David W. Howarth 4	Philip J. H. Hudson Tenor

Composed by H. Howlett.

Conducted by Roger Leigh.

A compliment to Ernest Moores on completing 50 years' ringing at this church.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Worcester Variation.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

Charles V. Cade .. Treble	G. Angus Dixon 5
George E. Feirn 2	John F. Underwood 6
John M. Blaikie 3	Stephen Green 7
Melvyn Rose 4	G. Leslie A. Lunn Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde.

Conducted by George E. Feirn.

OWSTON FERRY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Mon., June 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent T.B., Double and Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

Audrey Bains .. Treble	Melvyn Rose 4
William Bains 2	Jack Bray 5
Maurice Lings 3	Harold Judd Tenor

Conducted by Jack Bray.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HILLINGDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

*Dorothea M. Robotham Treble	Michael Hatchet 6
Norman V. Harding .. 2	William H. Coles 7
†Derek Francis 3	Wilfrid G. Wilson 8
Claudia A. Critchley .. 4	Dennis Knox 9
G. William Critchley .. 5	John Hill Tenor

Composed by J. A. Burford.

Conducted by John Hill

* First peal on 10. † First of Surprise Royal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

MONKEN HADLEY, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

Dorothea Robotham .. Treble	Charles Ward 5
Arthur Warren 2	†Michael Carter 6
Arthur Butler 3	Bernard Willis 7
*Brian Watson 4	Leonard Tubb Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton.

Conducted by Bernard Willis.

* First peal. † First in the method. First peal on the recast bells.

Rung to mark Mr. C. Ward's 32nd year as tower captain, and as a farewell to the conductor, who is shortly leaving Finchley for Durham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., June 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 CODDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
 Claudia A. Critchley .. *Treble* *H. George Hart .. 5
 *Elsie K. Hart .. 2 *William S. Deason .. 6
 G. William Critchley .. 3 *John Hill .. 7
 *Susan E. Smith .. 4 *John R. Mayne .. *Tenor*
 Adapted from J. Reeves. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
 * First peal in the method. First in the method in the county and for the Association. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., June 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 ALFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.
 John R. Ketteringham .. *Treble* Dennis Knox .. 5
 Joan Beresford .. 2 G. William Critchley .. 6
 Claudia A. Critchley .. 3 John Hill .. 7
 Alick Cutler .. 4 Thomas J. Lock .. *Tenor*
 Composed by John R. Ketteringham.
 Conducted by G. William Critchley.
 First peal in the method.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Thurs., June 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr.
 John J. Westmacott .. *Treble* Brian W. Hall .. 5
 D. Kay Adkins .. 2 William J. Dixon .. 6
 Frederick W. Soden .. 3 Thomas W. Timms .. 7
 Peter Pearce .. 4 Bertram J. Coggins .. *Tenor*
 Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
 Rung for the Patronal Festival.

AMBROSDEN, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5184 KIPPEN SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.
 Ernest G. Jones .. *Treble* Frank W. Lewis .. 5
 Peter J. Heritage .. 2 David P. Hilling .. 6
 *Anthony D. Sansom .. 3 Edward R. Venn .. 7
 Frederick R. Scott .. 4 J. Keith Ward .. *Tenor*
 Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Edward R. Venn.
 * 50th peal. First peal in the method.

STANDLAKE, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
 In 26 methods, being 120 each of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, Chinnor, Dedworth, Wychbold. All Saints, Marchington, April Day, May Day, Kennington, Clifford's, Royston, Southrepps, St. Swithin, St. Cross, Northleigh, St. Helen, Newborough, Longparish, Daffodil, Bluebell, St. Anne; 240 Antelope; 360 Pink's Doubles; 600 each Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury; 720 Grand sire. Tenor 11½ cwt.
 James F. List .. *Treble* Peter J. Holden .. 4
 Leonard R. Porter .. 2 Alec Gammon .. 5
 Roy H. Jones .. 3 Edward D. Patching .. *Tenor*
 Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
 For the annual church festival.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sun., June 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
 No. 3 Version. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.
 Patrick I. Chapman .. *Treble* Graham C. Paul .. 6
 David J. Marshall .. 2 Richard F. B. Speed .. 7
 Diana M. Frost .. 3 Barrie Hendry .. 8
 Alan A. Paul .. 4 Stephen Ivins .. 9
 Alan J. Frost .. 5 Peter Border .. *Tenor*
 Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.
 First peal on the ten bells. First of London Surprise Royal for the Guild.

KIPPEN SURPRISE MAJOR

x38x458x56x36x14x38x56x7
 L.e. 15738264 4ths place bob.

ALFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

34. 58. 34. 16x12x16. 34x34. 58x14x18.
 2nds place. L.E. 7856342. 4ths place bobs.

BURTON LATIMER, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb.
 Mary Bloxam .. *Treble* Mrs. G. E. Watson .. 5
 Murray A. Coleman .. 2 *†Dennis Pearson .. 6
 *John Mitchell .. 3 Geoffrey E. Watson .. 7
 *†Sheila J. Staley .. 4 Michael J. Staley .. *Tenor*
 Composed by D. Knox. Conducted by Michael J. Staley.
 * First peal of Lincolnshire. † First of Surprise. First of Major as conductor.

ROTHWELL, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Jean Marlow .. *Treble* Denis G. Pearson .. 5
 Sheila J. Staley .. 2 Michael J. Staley .. 6
 *Murray A. Coleman .. 3 Frank E. Coales .. 7
 John G. Mitchell .. 4 Ian W. Hall .. *Tenor*
 Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.
 * 75th peal for the Guild. First of Major in the method by all the band except the conductor.
 Rung for the wedding of Brenda Richmond and James Cosby, local ringers. Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., June 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.
 Robert E. Hardy .. *Treble* Michael J. Fellows .. 7
 J. Alan Ainsworth .. 2 Martin D. Fellows .. 8
 Norman J. Goodman .. 3 George E. Fearn .. 9
 John C. Eisel .. 4 Clifford A. Barron .. 10
 Frederick Shallcross .. 5 John A. Anderson .. 11
 Roderick W. Pipe .. 6 Peter Border .. *Tenor*
 Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., June 17, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.
 Roderick W. Pipe .. *Treble* Edward W. Colley .. 7
 Martin D. Fellows .. 2 Barrie Hendry .. 8
 John R. Insley .. 3 Norman J. Goodman .. 9
 Robert E. Hardy .. 4 George E. Fearn .. 10
 Charles A. S. Webb .. 5 Clifford A. Barron .. 11
 Michael J. Fellows .. 6 J. Alan Ainsworth .. *Tenor*
 Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., June 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
 Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.
 J. Alan Ainsworth .. *Treble* Edward W. Colley .. 7
 Susan Funnell .. 2 George E. Fearn .. 8
 Norman J. Goodman .. 3 Martin D. Fellows .. 9
 John C. Eisel .. 4 Clifford A. Barron .. 10
 Roderick W. Pipe .. 5 Frederick Shallcross .. 11
 Michael J. Fellows .. 6 Peter Border .. *Tenor*
 Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
 Tenor 35 cwt. 79 lb. in C sharp.
 Muriel Reay .. *Treble* Martin D. Fellows .. 6
 Roderick W. Pipe .. 2 Norman J. Goodman .. 7
 B. Gillian Schofield .. 3 Michael J. Fellows .. 8
 Susan Funnell .. 4 David J. Purnell .. 9
 John C. Eisel .. 5 J. Alan Ainsworth .. *Tenor*
 Composed by Charles H. Kippin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Barnabas, Erdington.

On Sat., May 29, 1965, in 2 Hour and 44 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 15 cwt. 43 lb. in F.
 Muriel Reay .. *Treble* Frederick Shallcross .. 5
 Martin D. Fellows .. 2 Robert E. Hardy .. 6
 Susan Funnell .. 3 George E. Fearn .. 7
 Charles A. S. Webb .. 4 J. Alan Ainsworth .. *Tenor*
 Composed by Stephen J. Ivins. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. John, Perry Barr.
On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.
 David J. Purnell Treble Maurice G. Ingram 5
 Stephen W. Barton 2 Charles A. S. Webb 6
 Katherine S. Maylott 3 Clifford A. Barron 7
 Robert E. Hardy 4 John N. Lindon Tenor
 Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
 Arranged for the 30th anniversary of J. N. Lindon's first peal, which was also on these bells.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
KINGSTON, Dorset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay .. Treble *Graham W. Elmes 5
 Ronald J. Sharp 2 *John W. Blackwood 6
 Kathleen E. Fletcher 3 John Hartless 7
 *Jeffrey L. Cloughton .. 4 Ronald N. Marlow .. Tenor
 Composed by N. J. Pittow. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.
 * First peal in the method. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
GRANBY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., June 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
 Being seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.
 Ruth M. Blackshaw Treble Peter R. Humphrey 4
 Margaret E. Chilton 2 Simon Humphrey 5
 Maurice W. Harrison 3 George A. Dawson Tenor
 Conducted by George A. Dawson.
 A compliment to Mr. Gordon Tunncliffe and Miss Pamela Howe, on their marriage.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
BUXHALL, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., June 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
 In five methods, viz.: (1) Bourne, (2) Netherseale, (3), (4) Cambridge, (5) Norwich, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.
 *Winifred M. Ivings .. Treble Robert E. Lester 4
 *Janet I. Rogers 2 Robin H. Rogers 5
 *Richard Rose 3 *Maurice J. Rose Tenor
 Conducted by Robin H. Rogers.
 * First peal of Surprise Minor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
WADHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
 Christopher T. Osenton .. Treble W. Arthur Riddington .. 5
 *Judith M. Corby 2 John W. Coleman 6
 Martin L. Howe 3 Colin A. Tester 7
 Bernard F. L. Groves .. 4 Robert W. Hinde Tenor
 Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
 * First peal in the method. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., May 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.
 John N. Lindon Treble Michael J. Fellows 5
 John R. Insley 2 Clifford A. Barron 6
 James Insley 3 Martin D. Fellows 7
 Roderick W. Pipe 4 George E. Fearn Tenor
 Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
WORCESTER.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
 Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.
 John J. Stanier Treble Anthony P. White 5
 *Royston J. M. Grosvenor .. 2 M. Roger Ashmore 6
 *David G. Franklin 3 David Beacham 7
 *Michael J. Robinson .. 4 Thomas W. Lewis Tenor
 Conducted by David Beacham.
 * First peal. Rung for the Patronal Festival, and also as a farewell to the curate, the Rev. John Harper.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
RAWMARSH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., June 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR
 In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge, and 992 Superlative, with all the work of each method for every bell.
 David Nichols Treble John N. D. Chaddock .. 5
 *Elsie Chaddock 2 †Neil Donovan 6
 †Kathleen M. Higgins .. 3 Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 7
 J. Henry Fielden 4 Norman Chaddock Tenor
 Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
 * First peal of Spiced Surprise. †First of Spiced Surprise "all the work." Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.
On Tues., May 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
 Being 10 extents of Grandsire and 32 of Plain Bob.
 Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in 8 flat.
 James S. Webb Treble Adrian C. Boorman 3
 C. Barrie Dove 2 John F. Killick 4
 Ronald H. Dove Tenor
 Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
 Rung after meeting short for Minor.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., May 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
 Being seven extents. Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.
 Ronald H. Dove Treble Adrian C. Boorman 4
 Susan R. Jackson 2 John Potts 5
 *Robin Brown 3 C. Barrie Dove Tenor
 Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.
 * First peal of Surprise.

BISHOPSTHORPE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sun., June 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS
 Being 210 extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 20 lb. in F.
 *Gordon Pearce Treble Ray Aldington 3
 †Jennifer E. Pearce 2 †Christopher J. Groome Tenor
 Conducted by Christopher J. Groome.
 * First peal. † First of Minimus.
 Rung for Evensong, with the Huntington band's best wishes to Ray Aldington for a happy and successful teaching career in Birmingham.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.
On Tues., June 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR
 In four methods, being 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, and 1,184 Bristol, with 111 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor size 15 in C.
 *S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 1—2 Roger Baldwin 5—6
 Christopher W. Woolley 3—4 †Stephen Ivin 7—8
 Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.
 * 50th peal of Spiced Surprise Major. † First of Spiced Surprise on handbells.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
 (and The Gresham's School Society).
 All at HOLT, Norfolk.—At Gresham's School.
On Tues., June 15, 1965, in 1 Hour and 26 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 Tenor size 15 in C.
 Paul Royds-Jones 1—2 Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3—4
 *Peter N. Mackley 5—6
 * First peal on an "inside" pair. Tenth peal for the Society.

On Thurs., June 17, 1965, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 COLLEGE BOB MINOR
 Tenor size 15 in C.
 Peter N. Mackley 1—2 Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3—4
 Paul Royds-Jones 5—6
 First peal in the method by all the band and for the Society.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BUXTON COLLEGE BOB MINOR
 Tenor size 15 in C.
 Peter N. Mackley 1—2 Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3—4
 Paul Royds-Jones 5—6
 First peal in the method by all the band and for the Society.

On Tues., June 22, 1965, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 WAVERTREE COLLEGE BOB MINOR
 Tenor size 15 in C.
 Peter N. Mackley 1—2 Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3—4
 Paul Royds-Jones 5—6
 First peal in the method by all the band and for the Society.

On Thurs., June 24, 1965, in 1 Hour and 41 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CHILDWALL COLLEGE BOB MINOR
 Tenor size 15 in C.
 Peter N. Mackley 1—2 Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3—4
 Paul Royds-Jones 5—6
 First peal in the method by all the band and for the Society.

NON-ASSOCIATION.
EASTCHURCH, Shenvy, Kent.—At 110, High Street.
On Sun., June 27, 1965, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
 Being 42 extents in three methods: 1,440 St. Martin's Bob, 1,440 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in E.
 Nicholas J. Chesson 1—2 Joan A. Hayward (cond.) 3—4
 Peter D. J. Beal 5—6
 A compliment to Peter D. J. Beal, on his 13th birthday.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On June 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Milton 1, Amanda Powell (first "inside") 2, Wendy Wallace 3, E. G. H. Godfrey 4, C. H. Macve 5. Conducted jointly by 4 and 5.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On June 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire): Mrs. D. Day 1, W. Clamp 2, A. E. Hinman 3, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 4, J. H. Cook 5, K. J. Panter 6. A birthday compliment to Roland H. Cook.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—At the Church of St. Peter, on June 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. F. N. Wilcox 1, T. P. Edwards (cond.) 2, D. L. Wilcox 3, G. Gardner 4, D. Latham 5, J. W. Gander 6, J. Brannan 7, J. A. Booth 8.

BATHEASTON, BATH, SOMERSET.—On June 24th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): R. L. Coles 1, L. R. G. Taylor 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, J. E. Newman 4, D. A. Burt 5, M. Blanchard 6. For the Patronal Festival.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—At St. Mary's, on May 23rd, 1,273 Grandsire Triples: F. A. Benn (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 2, Miss M. E. Powell 3, A. J. Hampton 4, E. E. Dodds 5, L. C. Way 6, C. M. Meyer (comp. and cond.) 7, R. J. Cooles 8. For Evensong.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Stanton (first quarter) 1, G. Seth 2, E. White 3, R. Branson 4, E. Jeffries 5, P. Inskip (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss E. Steele, on the eve of her 86th birthday.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Taylor 1, Gillian Sims 2, G. T. Cousins 3, A. T. Wingate 4, M. C. W. Sherwood 5, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 6. In honour of the wedding of Mr. R. G. Downie and Miss M. J. Rushton.

CHIRTON, WILTS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: P. Roynon 1, R. Quartley 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, C. Quartley 4, N. Kne (first of Stedman Doubles as cond.) 5, W. J. Cannings 6. First of Stedman Doubles 1, 2 and 4. First quarter on Stedman on the bells.

CHURCH HANBOROUGH, OXON.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. F. List 1, N. Bridges 2, H. Osborn (first "inside") 3, D. Floyd (cond.) 4, A. Hicks 5, M. T. Ducker (first quarter) 6.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Bennett 1, W. Francis 2, G. Goodson 3, E. Drew (cond.) 4, C. Jones 5, F. Hinton 6, V. Parton 7, F. Bennett 8. In memoriam John Lloyd, of Brierley Hill, who died on June 21st and was a good friend of the Claverley ringers.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. C. Eldridge 1, R. Davis 2, Mrs. M. Barton 3, Mary Adamson 4, J. Dieppe 5, E. Eldridge 6, J. Muller (cond.) 7, D. Hartley 8. A compliment to John Dieppe, on the day of his 21st birthday.

CORSLEY, WILTS.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Sellick 1, P. Roynon 2, N. Kne 3, L. Hawkins 4, C. M. White (cond.) 5, R. Holley 6. For dedication of church windows by Bishop of Salisbury.

EASTCHURCH, SHEPPEY, KENT.—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): Joan Hayward (cond.) 1, P. Beal 2, N. Chesson 3, H. Gardener 4, N. Crane 5, G. Wood 6. A compliment to Peter Beal, on his 13th birthday.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.—On May 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Nuala C. Toone (first quarter) 1, Diana Toone 2, G. W. Howlett 3, A. Crow 4, J. B. Pickup 5, S. F. High (cond.) 6. For Confirmation.

GREAT BARFORD, BEDS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. E. Fowler 1, Miss P. J. Hillson 2, G. I. A. Holman 3, R. Chapman 4, D. A. Hammond (first as cond.) 5.

HORDLE, HANTS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: A. Nunn 1, Sarah Byford 2, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 3, J. Mussell 4, R. N. Marlow 5, Mrs. M. Lewis 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On June 20th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. M. Wood 1, Mrs. A. J. Kirk 2, G. Allcock 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. Also on June 26th, 1,260 Thames Doubles: Miss E. A. Hill 1, Miss M. Green 2, G. Allcock 3, J. A. Harrison 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. For birthday of treble ringer. Also on June 26th, 1,260 Welland Doubles: Miss J. M. Wood 1, Miss L. Baguley 2, G. Allcock 3, E. A. Harrison 4, A. Loughton (cond.) 5. For Midsummer's Day. Also on June 27th, 1,320 Violet Doubles: Miss J. M. Wood 1, Miss M. Green 2, G. Allcock 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. For Ringers' Sunday.

LAVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. F. A. Sanders 1, W. J. Marlow 2, Kay Winterbourne 3, M. S. Holbrook 4, Canon F. A. Sanders 5, P. G. Holmes (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Peter Stringer, priest.

LEYLAND, LANCs.—At the Church of St. James, on June 26th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Oxford T.B.) and Plain Bob: Margaret Fish 1, G. J. Mee 2, D. L. Marsden 3, L. Walmsley 4, J. Nelson 5, J. D. Nixon (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Nelson 1, W. H. Hunter 2, D. L. Marsden 3, J. Humble 4, J. D. Nixon (cond.) 5, J. Iddon 6. Both rung for Walking Day.

LITTINGTON, CAMBS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. A. Sutton 1, Miss B. J. E. Hughes 2, R. D. Bellamy 3, B. Horrell 4, J. S. Walker 5, G. E. Bonham (first as cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): B. Butcher 1, Mrs. R. Wratten 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherton 5, A. Neilson 6. For Family Communion service.

OCKLEY, SURREY.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): H. Nicholson 1, E. Brazier 2, J. Nicholson 3, N. Carter 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Kennard 1, J. Tandy 2, J. Lawley 3, M. Clewes 4, D. Sutton 5, P. Bill (cond.) 6. R. Tandy 7, B. Wootton 8. First of Triples 1 and 4. For Evensong.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas the Martyr's, on June 13th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: B. Wakefield (cond.) 1, Miss M. A. Muir 2, B. J. Stone 3, A. P. Foster 4, N. J. Martin 5.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Pat Holden 1, Susan Chew 2, J. Insley 3, Paul McEvilly 4, M. Ingram 5, R. C. Ingram 6, M. Androlla 7, D. J. Purnell (cond.) 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Jane Walker 1, Valerie Rushforth (first in three methods) 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, K. Tipper 4, K. Waller 5, S. Lockyer 6. For Evensong, and a compliment to Dawn and John Davis on the birth of a son.

PILTON, SOMERSET.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. G. Coombes 1, G. Salmon 2, W. Dredge (first quarter) 3, J. Rose 4, Miss Sheila Hallett (cond.) 5, T. Harris 6.

RADLETT, HERTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Miss J. Denmark 1, R. W. M. Clouston 2, Rev. J. H. L. Blick 3, G. Penney (cond.) 4, G. Dodds 5, B. Denmark 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On June 20th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: D. J. H. Salter (cond.) 1, O. B. Thompson (first "inside") 2, C. A. Milward (first quarter) 3, D. P. Sturge 4, Daphne J. Pollard 5, Marie R. Cross 6.

READING, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Giles, on June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Wesley 1, A. D. Smith (first Triples) 2, Susan E. Burt 3, J. Butler (first Triples) 4, F. Henbest 5, S. G. Scott 6, A. K. Street (cond.) 7, A. J. Burt (first Triples) 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Joyce Lovett and Mr. Keith Vernon, ringers at this church.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Haskins 1, Miss M. Richards 2, P. Tombs (first "inside") 3, D. White 4, M. New (cond.) 5, F. Broughton 6. For Trinity Sunday, and as a welcome to Rev. S. J. Tyrell, assistant curate.

SALFORD, LANCs.—On June 13th, at Sacred Trinity, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Coom 1, D. J. Baker (has now "circled the tower") 2, Mrs. F. N. Wilcox 3, A. S. Taylor 4, C. R. Calton 5, R. L. Coley 6, D. L. Wilcox (cond.) 7, J. W. Gander 8. Also 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Norma Coom (first of Treble Bob) 1, R. L. Coley 2, A. S. Taylor 3, D. J. Baker (cond.) 4, C. R. Calton 5, J. W. Gander 6. Both rung by M.U.G.C.R.

SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Davies 1, Mrs. Barbara Parsons 2, A. L. Westwood 3, J. L. Boylin 4, P. J. Salt 5, W. B. Cartwright (cond.) 6, H. J. Turner 7, Miss Pauline Eckles 8. First of Stedman 1, 2, 5 and 8.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Floyd (cond.) 1, S. Cantwell 2, A. G. Cantwell 3, A. Hicks 4, B. Costar 5, G. Costar 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Timms 1, S. Cantwell 2, R. Miles 3, A. G. Cantwell 4, D. Floyd (cond.) 5, B. Costar 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. E. Timms 1, V. Clifton 2, R. Miles 3, F. Trinder 4, D. Floyd (cond.) 5, P. Trinder 6. All for the Flower Festival.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on May 16th, 1,224 Little Bob Royal: M. T. Sprackling 1, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 2, L. C. Way 3, D. W. Struckett 4, D. P. Smith 5, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 6, C. M. Meyer 7, C. T. Richards 8, J. W. Smith 9, H. W. Rogers 10. For Nave Evensong.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—On June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Little 1, Mrs. C. Rolph 2, Mrs. M. Wood 3, G. Harrington 4, W. Chapman 5, P. Wood (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Luke Mortlock, a faithful member of the church.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. M. Johnson 1, Linda M. Foot 2, G. Thompson 3, Mrs. S. F. Webb (first quarter of Plain Bob) 4, J. K. Foot 5, S. F. Webb (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the official opening this day of the new Primary C.E. Aided School by Bishop Otter-Barry (Assistant Bishop of Peterborough). This is the first new Church aided school to be built in the county for half a century.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sangwin (cond.) 1, A. E. Bissat H. Heard 3, C. Sangwin 4, E. Nunn 5, H. W. Perkins 6, J. W. Sangwin 7, H. Stacey 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Brian Vince and Penny Stacey, who were married here the previous day.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. George's, Wilton, on June 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. F. Arscott 1, D. F. Sheldon 2, S. G. Coles 3, K. E. Beale 4, N. J. Maggs 5, R. W. Hayward 6, A. H. Reed (cond.) 7, R. Coles 8. First of Stedman 1, 4 and 8. Rung to mark the completion of 50 years as a ringer at this church by S. G. Coles (ringer of 3rd).

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.—On June 14th, 1,224 Ipswich Surprise Minor: J. Leppard 1, Valerie J. Howard 2, Gillian R. Parsons 3, D. Slater 4, M. P. Howard 5, J. A. Howard (cond.) 6.

USK, MON.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Woodward 1, J. Clench 2, D. Taylor 3, F. A. Hobbs 4, L. Jones (cond.) 5, R. S. Clench 6. For morning service.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On May 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. A. Foster 1, R. W. Forbes (first as cond.) 2, J. A. Waterworth 3, P. A. Teal 4, G. E. Drew 5, N. W. Castle 6. For Evensong (Rogation Sunday). Also on June 21st, 1,360 Plain and Little Bob Minor: J. A. Waterworth 1, J. Gray 2, J. Brook (first in method) 3, P. A. Teal 4, N. W. Castle (first in method) 5, R. D. Gibson 6. An engagement compliment to a local ringer, Miss E. M. Haynes, to Michael Archibald.

WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. P. Bird 1, B. White 2, Miss J. Smith 3, H. Colcombe 4, P. Henry 5, J. Maybrey 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, Canon Evans 8. A welcome home from abroad for Mr. Martin Evans, eldest son of Canon Evans, also to congratulate Rev. and Mrs. Hedges on the birth of a daughter.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Shepherd 1, Miss E. Batchelor 2, N. Webber 3, L. Hawkins 4, F. Slatford 5, E. Norris (cond.) 6, N. Kne 7, T. Mallard 8. To celebrate the birth of a grandson to the ringer of the 4th bell, and the silver wedding anniversary of the ringer of the 7th bell.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Gibbs 1, Gloria M. Wilshire 2, E. Owens 3, K. G. Weeks 4, W. Lampard 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 3 and 4. Rung for St. Barnabas' Day. Also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Gibbs, parents of ringers of 1 and 6.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On June 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob Minor: B. Pink (first quarter Minor) 1, Mary White 2, R. A. Stone 3, D. L. Parker 4, K. G. Waller 5, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 6.

WARWICK.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on June 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. J. Gower 1, Mrs. D. Randall (first "inside") 2, Clare Dolphin 3, P. C. Randall 4, G. W. Randall 5, E. Holdsworth (cond.) 6, R. Randall 7, J. L. Garner-Hayward 8. For Evensong.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On June 25th, 1,260 Single Court Minor: Audrey Short 1, B. Wyld 2, C. Clarke 3, W. Stevens 4, M. Stone 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. First in the method by all and on the bells.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—At St. John the Baptist Church, on June 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Medway 1, V. Mitchell 2, Miss Allison Ince 3, A. Wenhan 4, K. Rawson 5, J. Brooks 6, A. J. Glass (cond.) 7, S. Blythe 8. Rung for Patronal Festival.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On June 11th, 1,320 Jack Of Both Sides Doubles: M. Green 1, M. Goss 2, P. Watts 3, G. Dodd (cond.) 4, A. Green 5. First quarter in the method by all.

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BELTON.—To Mary (née Freeman) and Thomas Clifford, at Leicester General Hospital on June 26th, 1965, a son, Timothy Charles, brother for Richard, Linda and Julie, and grandson for Charles Richard Belton, of Barwell. Present address: 68, Elmfield Avenue, Birstall, Leics. 7213

GODFREY.—To Bunny (née Burroughs) and Chris, a son, Richard Owen Robertson, on June 25th, 1965, at Crawley Hospital. They extend a warm invitation to all friends travelling on A.29 to call at their new address, Chennies, Waterfield, near Pulborough, Sussex. Phone Bury 38. 7186

ENGAGEMENT

HUDSON—DILLAMORE.—The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Hudson, of Great Baddow, Chelmsford, and Claire, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Dillamore, of Lincoln. 7208

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COLEMAN.—After July 3rd, 1965, the address of Murray and Mary Coleman will be 20, Copelands Road, Desborough, Northants. 7181

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—As from July 6th, the address of the General Secretary will be 1, Elmslie Close, Epsom.—W. Parrott, Gen. Sec. 7180

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MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten bell practice at Minehead, July 10th, 7 p.m. Visiting ringers in the district cordially invited.—A. R. Tudball. 7196

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Surprise Major practice at Ewell on Tuesday, July 13th, at 7.45 p.m.—Adrienne Gibson, Hon. Sec. 7187

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ringers' Rally on Saturday, July 10th, centred on Rainham. Service, tea and no business. Ringing in 15 towers.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7065

SURPRISE MAJOR PRACTICE at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on Thursday, July 15th, 7.30 p.m. Methods: Painswick, Watford, spliced and as requested. 7203

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Timsbury, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. E. Cottle, 1, Woodbine Cottages, Timsbury, Bath.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 7112

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Correction.—Monthly meeting at Roos (5), Saturday, July 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Moverley, Ellaby Lane, Roos. Withernsea (6) may also be available. 7159

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly ringing meeting at Old Whittington, not Old Brampton, on July 10th. Bells (6, 5 cwt.) 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special methods: Norwich Surprise and Double Court. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. J. Newman, 54, Brearley Avenue, New Whittington, Chesterfield. Tel. Chest. 5416. Please note: No names—no tea.—Malcolm Phipps, Sec. 7199

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting Saturday, July 10th, at Bourn. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the school, followed by business meeting and further ringing.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 7116

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Quarterly meeting at South Weald on July 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Goddard, 24, Osborne Road, Brentwood. 7133

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Flamstead (6), July 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Special method: Double Oxford. Names for tea to E. Smith, Rose Cottage, Flamstead. 7167

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting, Bedwellty, July 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Williams, 3, Heoly-Coed Villas, Wyllie Village, Blackwood, Mon. 7149

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, July 10th, at Lowdham. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whetton.—R. Blackshaw. 7154

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Newark District). **LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD** (Central Branch).—Joint meeting, Collingham, July 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. B. N. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton, near Newark, Notts. Norton Disney bells in the evening.—S. A. C. 7157

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 10th, St. Alphege's, Greenwich, 3–4.30. Memorial service to G. H. Cross at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. St. Mary's, Lewisham, 6.45–8.15. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London S.W.15 7126

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Meeting at Wisborough Green, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock followed by a business meeting. Petworth (8) available in the evening. Please notify for tea to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 7179

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Meeting at Fawley, July 10th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Names for tea to Mr. L. V. Smith, Trevelan, Springfield Grove, Fawley.—H. J. Thomas, Dis. Sec. 7163

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ubley (6) on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 6991

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dinder, Saturday, July 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting. Names, please, to P. Hull, Dinder, Wells. 7185

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Eastham, July 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtown, Birkenhead. 7212

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Salford Priors on Saturday, July 17th, next. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. Names for tea to Mr. M. C. Homans, 29, School Road, Salford Priors, Evesham, by July 15th, please.—J. L. G. H. 7158

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Joint meeting with the Chester Guild, St. Peter's, Fairfield, Saturday, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. For teas please advise Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, King's Road, Fairfield, Buxton.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 7193

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Tanfield on Saturday, July 17th. The annual cricket match will be played. Meet 2.30 p.m. at church. Names for tea in good time, please, to Rev. A. J. G. Ellery, The Vicarage, Tanfield, Tantobie, Newcastle upon Tyne. Bells (8) available before or after as the weather decides. 7199

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 17th, at St. Ives. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7201

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Langham on Saturday, July 17th. Service 4.30, followed by tea, etc. Bells (6) 2.30 and after tea. Names to Mr. Frank Smith, Holly Cottage, Langham, Colchester. 7174

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Radwinter (8) on Saturday, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed with ringing at Hempstead (6) during the evening (with permission of the N. District).—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 7209

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Hatherop (6) 6 p.m., July 17th.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 7210

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Monthly practice and quarterly meeting, Hardwicke, Saturday, July 17th. Usual arrangements. Send names for tea. Haresfield also available with accent on novices.—E. Cribble, Winter's Fold, France-Lynch, Stroud. 7198

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Albury Saturday, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing at Great Hornead. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. S. Kent, 8, The Bourne, Clapgate, Albury, Much Hadham, Herts. This is the first meeting at Albury since their augmentation.—D. Kingston. 7198

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Kimpton, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton.—R. Brown, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Borden on July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting 6.15 p.m. in tower. Please make own arrangements for tea (nearest cafe 3 miles, so I suggest bring sandwiches)—public house open 6 p.m. for liquid refreshment!—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7200

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Laurence-in-Thane (Ramsgate) on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, cost 2/6 per person. Those requiring tea must notify, together with cash, by Wednesday, July 14th, Mr. G. J. Richards, 47, Station Approach, Ramsgate. 7138

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting, July 17th, at Prestwold. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Packe Arms. Names to Mr. D. P. Wilson, 5, Loughborough Road, Hoton, Loughborough, Leics. 7183

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD and **SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD** (West Lindsey and North Notts Branches).—Joint meeting at Lea, Saturday, July 17th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify Miss P. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea (Tel. 2623) by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn and H. Poyner, Hon. Secs. 7144

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND **LONDON D.G.**—Joint meeting with the **LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** at Hackney on Saturday, July 17th. Service in St. John-at-Hackney 5 p.m.. Tea to follow. Ringing: St. Matthew's, Warwick Grove, Upper Clapton, 2.30 to 4.30; St. John-at-Hackney 4.30–5 and evening; St. John's, King Edward's Road, South Hackney, 3.20 to 4 (prompt).—T. J. Lock, Sec. 7176

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Paston and Knapton (6) and (5), Saturday, July 17th. Service 4.15 p.m. Bells from 2.30. Picnic tea.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 7092

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Brigstock, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names for tea by July 13th.—F. Coales, Twywell, Kettering. 7191

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Croughton, Saturday, July 17th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to F. W. Chambers, Parkway Garage, Croughton, Brackley, by Tuesday.—A. E. R. Walker, Sec. 7211

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Summer meeting, Alwalton, Saturday, July 17th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Secretary by previous Wednesday.—R. H. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough. 7214

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting Harringworth, Saturday, July 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to W. C. A. Clarke, Middle Street, Wing, by Tuesday previous. 7195

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wimborne St. Giles (8). Saturday, July 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Cranborne (8) from 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Robertson, Creech Cottage, Tarrant Keyneston, Blandford, by Wednesday, July 14th. 7093

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Ringing meeting, Mildenhall (10), Saturday, July 17th. Bells 2.30 to 8.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows in Church Cottage. Tea at the Bell Hotel. Names for tea, please, to A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stour, Bury St. Edmunds, by Wednesday, July 14th. 7166

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Business and practice meeting, Leigh (6), near Reigate, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to C. Dalton, Coombers, Leigh.—K. Game, Dis. Sec. 7165

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Ringmer (8), Saturday, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please, to Miss S. G. Rice, 40, Fairfield Gardens, Portslade. 7197

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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Diocesan Festival, July 17th at Manaccan (6). Guild office 4.30, followed by tea. Towers open: St. Keverne (8), Helston (8), St. Anthony (8), St. Mawgan (6). All bells available 2.30–4.15 and after tea. Numbers for tea by July 14th, please.—A. J. Davidson, Gen. Sec., Tyneholme, Barrack Lane, Truro. 7207

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 17th, at Bramley, Hants. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Names, please, by Wednesday, July 14th, to John Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 7206

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting on Saturday, July 17th, at Froyle, 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. 7190

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, St. John the Baptist's, Shedfield, July 17th. Bells 2.30 till 8. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Shirral Hut. Names for tea to Miss B. Daysh, Woodman's Cottage, Waltham Chase, by previous Wednesday, please. 7189

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Wadhurst (8), Saturday, July 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to G. M. FitzHugh, 36, London Road, Hailsham, Sussex, by Wednesday, July 21st.—G. FitzHugh, Hon. Div. Sec. 7192

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

A PLEASING and encouraging feature of the May meeting of the Marlborough Branch, held on the 19th at Aldbourne, was the numbers of learners present, who were given plenty of opportunities to master striking on eight bells. Visitors attended from Colerne, Melksham, Wootton Bassett, Bletchley, Urchfont and Swindon.

Interesting facts about the ancient bell foundry at Aldbourne and the Cor and Wells families who carried on the foundry were given by the Vicar (the Rev. P. F. Chapman) in his address at the service. Mr. Colin Ward, of Collingbourne, was the organist. Tea was served in the Memorial Hall, and the company were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. Keen, who are both honorary members of the Branch. They were assisted by Mrs. G. Newman and Mrs. A. Palmer, and a vote of thanks to them was proposed by the Rev. R. Keeley (Ringing Master). In appreciation of the hospitality shown, a collection was taken, which, after a deduction of a charge for the use of the hall, was given towards Branch funds.

At the business meeting, with Mr. G. Newman in the chair, the next two monthly meetings were fixed for the Ogbournes and Pewsey in July and August respectively (subject to permission). The annual Branch outing will be held on the last Saturday in September in the Marlow area.

The chairman thanked all who had helped in making the afternoon such a success, and gave a special welcome to Mr. F. Cook, of Chisleton, who has just recovered from a leg ailment. Ringing was then resumed.

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QUARTER PEALS

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Werburgh, on June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Powell (first quarter) 1, R. W. Sweet 2, Miss L. Slade (first "inside") 3, P. Ebbsworth 4, A. Howard (cond.) 5, J. Shingler (first quarter) 6. A compliment to Miss S. M. Slade and R. C. Caines, on their engagement.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On June 15th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. G. Berry 1, W. F. Cowley 2, H. N. Pratley 3, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 4, W. Ivings 5, J. D. Cowley 6. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Malings.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On June 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Corney 1, Miss M. Roden 2, F. Tomlin 3, R. Burbury 4, K. Gardner 5, A. Crowson 6, D. Riley 7, D. Ellison (cond.) 8. For Patronal Day service.

MARSTON, OXON.—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): N. D. Deam 1, R. H. Jones 2, L. R. Porter (first in five methods as cond.) 3, G. A. Porter 4, A. Gammon 5. For "Gardeners' Sunday," and as a birthday compliment to Miss Avril Walton.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Eileen Gibbins (first attempt) 1, Rachel Orman 2, Jennifer Andrews (cond.) 3, G. N. Orman 4, A. R. Andrews 5, R. Stephenson 6.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Harris 1, Miss G. Webb 2, B. G. Williams 3, P. J. Hall 4, J. S. B. Powell 5, S. Lewis 6, D. J. Gay (cond.) 7, G. Kingdon 8. For Patronal Festival of St. John the Baptist. For Evensong.

LATE NOTICES

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—There will be no practices on the Wednesdays July 14th and 21st.—H. Stock. 7215

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Joint meeting with DERBY ASSOCIATION at Fairfield (Buxton), July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. E. Ellison, 70, King's Road, Fairfield, Buxton. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 7216

COMPOSITIONS

5,088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

By IAN M. HOLLAND

23456	M	B	W	H
42356	—	x	—	—
25346	—	x	—	—
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32465	—	x	—	2
26435	—	x	—	—
36452	—	In/5ths	—	—
54263	—	—	—	—
34562	—	x	—	—
46325	—	x	—	—
62345	—	x	—	—
43526	—	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—	2
62453	—	In/5ths	—	—
25463	—	x	—	—
23564	—	x	—	—
63542	—	In/5ths	—	—
34625	—	x	—	—
34256	—	x	—	—
23456	—	x	—	—

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5,024 NETTLEHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

By JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM

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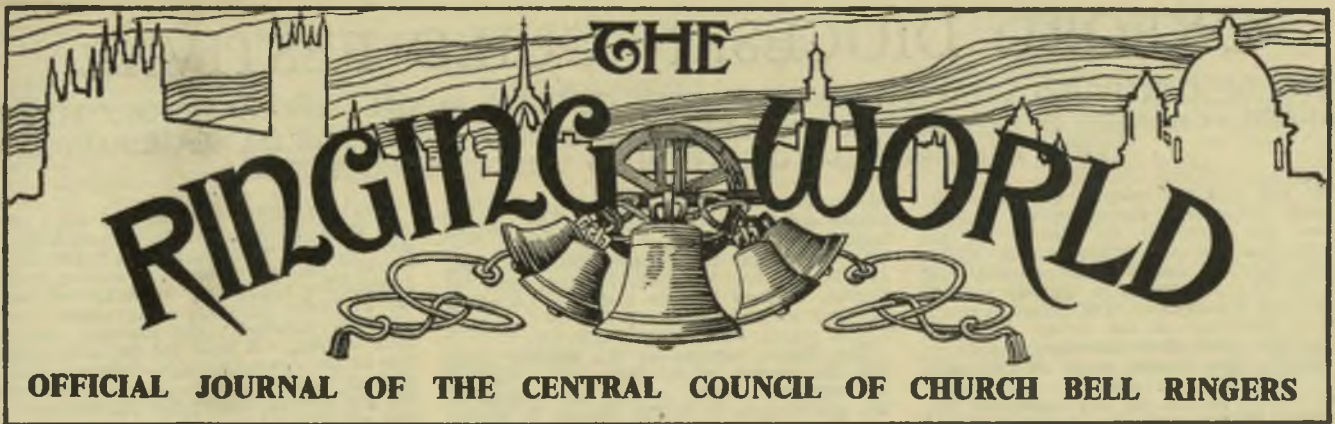
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THE WORKING OF DEMOCRACY—

Thoughts inspired by the Oxford Guild Annual Festival

WE ARE proud, most of us, to belong to a country that is organised democratically. The will of the people is expressed, through elections, on the principle of one man, one vote, and most of our private organisations are operated on the same basis. This system can work sometimes in strange ways; for instance, a few determined and enthusiastic members of a society can get their own way if the remaining members, whatever their number, are apathetic. But we should be horrified at any suggestion of change from these democratic procedures.

It is interesting to consider some of the events of this year's annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held in the historic surroundings of Christ Church Cathedral, Chapter House and Hall, reminders of the days when democracy was not so evident as now. The meeting considered a recommendation from the General Committee—itself a body democratically elected to give guidance to the Guild—that the annual subscription for 1966 should remain at 3/6. This recommendation was never formally put to the meeting, with proposer or seconder, but there was some vocal support for a proposal, duly seconded, that the subscription should be increased to 7/6. Also for an amendment, duly proposed and seconded, that it should be 5/-. There is considerable risk in a case like this that an amendment will be carried, though not really wanted, because it is feared that the preceding proposal will otherwise be agreed. But no. A further amendment, helped greatly by the Treasurer's assurance that no increase was necessary, was put forward to leave the subscription unaltered. This was carried by a large majority; so whether by luck or the good working of the democratic system, the recommendation of the General Committee was in fact accepted.

But what happened to a later item? It will be recalled that in the "R.W." of April 2nd it was announced that the General Committee proposed to recommend, in view of the lack of support from other Guilds for the "R.W.", that this year a grant of £5 only be paid directly to the "R.W.", and that £35 be paid into the reserve fund of the Guild and be earmarked to be used for the benefit of the paper when the need arises. Helped again by the treasurer's assurance that the Guild could afford it and, even more perhaps, by some homely remarks which Mr. H. L. Roper had travelled from Yorkshire to make, the meeting

agreed, again by a large majority, to vote the full £40 again to the "R.W." As Mr. Roper said, we did not look to see what our neighbours put in the collection before we made our contribution, and we did not keep some of it back in our own bank because some others did not contribute. We gave what we could afford.

Before these contrary treatments of the committee's proposals there had been an election for four representatives on the Central Council, six names having been proposed. At the end of the meeting the names of the four elected were announced. Who they were will be seen in the official report of the meeting, but a democratic election has done again what has happened in ringing circles before and what, on a larger scale, it did to a great Prime Minister in 1945. Mr. A. D. Barker, the Guild treasurer—the man to whom is due more than to any other the fact that the subscription need not be raised, that the Guild can afford £40 every year for the "R.W." and £50 each to several restoration schemes in Guild towers, who was even able to assure the meeting that if desired a printed report could be afforded every year instead of in alternate ones—was not among those elected!

A. D. B. has been a member of the Central Council since 1924 and has represented the Oxford Guild since 1936. The Council can, if it wishes, ensure next year that its longest-serving member is made an honorary member—Council debates will be the tamer without his "bark." But he will no longer represent the Guild he has served so faithfully for so long. Such is democracy and we must accept its results, though sometimes with regret.

W. G. W.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL

STORY OF CONTINUED VITALITY.—OVER £3,000 IN GENERAL FUNDS.—SECOND DEPUTY MASTER WANTED.—CHANGES IN CENTRAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATION.—URGE FOR INCREASED SUBSCRIPTION DEFERRED.—£40 DONATION TO "THE RINGING WORLD."

INTO the animated picture of Oxford on July 3rd, with thousands of overseas visitors, was fitted in the Festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild centred on Christ Church, but later heralding its presence from most of the many towers in the city and the surrounding countryside. The programme was true to tradition; at the service in Christ Church the robed ringer-choristers, headed by the Guild's own banner, made an impressive entry. The Master, Canon C. Elliot Wigg, conducted the service, the Deputy Master, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, read the lesson, and the sermon was preached by the Bishop of Dorchester from one of the Psalms for the day: "I will thank the Lord for giving me warning". The Bishop maintained that bellringers and preachers had three things in common, viz., they proclaimed the glory of God, as bellringing was an art, and art expressed to the best of their ability the glory of God; God was the Lord of all life, interested in every detail; what they proclaimed must be lived out in their lives.

The annual meeting followed with the Master in the chair supported by his officers. In his welcome the Master regretted the absence of Mr. T. W. White through sudden indisposition and was particularly cordial in greeting Mr. Russell Young and boys from Groton School, U.S.A., Captain Poyntz (former Deputy Master) and Mr. and Mrs. H. Leslie Roper.

The officers' reports were adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. G. Edmans seconded by Mr. D. Wheeler. The Master made a point that the general pattern of Guild life and activities continued to develop on very satisfactory lines. The innovation of the Guild Striking Competition proved most successful; to those branches that held back he said "Please join in the competition; you will find it most enjoyable and instructive."

MEMBERSHIP DOWN

Miss M. R. Cross (the hon. secretary) gave the total membership as 1,546 (1,463 ringing, 29 life, 54 honorary), one branch had not sent in details of membership and this would give an absolute total of around 1,650. Membership for 1963 was 1,888—the decline being partly due to younger members leaving home for other parts of the world. Fifteen members were lost by death, including Messrs. H. C. Sear, H. C. Edwards, C. G. White and S. J. Orchard. Later in the meeting 262 new members were reported as having been elected during the year. Restoration work had or was being carried out at Magdalen College, New College, Sutton Courtenay, Drayton, Colleshill, Stowe and Northmoor.

The new hon. librarian, the Rev. E. B. Wood, reported that the library was now housed in Mapledurham Vicarage and the books occupied some 20 feet of shelving.

Mr. A. D. Barker's report on finances showed that the general funds of the Guild now amounted to £3,971, of which £1,772 was in the Restoration Fund.

ELECTIONS

Canon Wigg was the only nominee for Master and Mr. F. Sharpe as Deputy Master. Mr. Sharpe considered because of the amount of work there should be two Deputy Masters—a senior and a junior. It was a great advantage for the person who gave advice on church restoration to be an officer of the Guild. He would not let the Guild down but he wanted some assistance.

The Master suggested that a small sub-committee should explore possibilities and find someone suitable.

Mr. Edmans asked that the matter should be on the agenda for the autumn meeting, the Master concurred and Mr. Hunt reminded the meeting that the first question was the alteration of rule, then filling the post. There was applause to Mrs. Rance's suggestion that

officers should serve for a limited period. The subject will be on the agenda for the autumn meeting.

Other officers: Hon. general treasurer, hon. general secretary and hon. librarian were re-elected. Ernest Francis and Son, Reading, continue as hon. auditors.

C.C. REPRESENTATIVES

The biggest surprise of the meeting came with the election of the four Central Council representatives. The retiring representatives, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Messrs. P. Walker and David Smith were renominated. Other nominations were Messrs. N. J. Diserens, Frank Price and William Butler. A ballot took place with Messrs. Alec Gammon and Alan Pink as tellers. The result was declared after the luncheon, with three new representatives: Elected—Messrs. P. Walker, F. Price, N. J. Diserens and W. Butler.

GRANTS OF £50

Grants generally for restoration work were of £50. Regarding Lambourne, Mr. Sharpe said he had vetted the specification and it was now in order. The majority of the population was connected with the racing stables, being Irish and R.C.s. Mr. Lawrenson said they had now got some possible learners and if they helped them there was a possibility that it might become a centre of ringing. £50 grant carried nem. con.

Reporting on Ludgershall, Oxon, Mr. Sharpe said the bells went so badly that the ringers rang in neighbouring towers. The work would cost about £2,000. The previous Friday the people of Ludgershall awoke to find they had no church roof; thieves had stolen all the lead in the night.—£50 agreed to.

Miss Hague read a clear detail of work needed in Old Windsor costing £1,070. They hoped to start the bells next year.—Mr. Norsworthy proposed £50.—Carried.

Sutton Courtenay had rehung bells in a new frame, new fittings and recast tenor. "Very satisfactory," was Mr. Sharpe's report.—£50 granted.

Stowe was reported on by Mr. Sear. The proposal was to rehang bells in a steel frame, new headstocks and wheels, costing £1,500. Over £500 in hand and covenants to bring in £150 per annum. Parish has also to face £1,500 work on the fabric.—£50 granted.

Wingrave and Easthampstead to be submitted to autumn meeting.

SUBSCRIPTION DISCUSSION

When the General Committee's recommendation that the subscription remain at 3s. 6d. was before the meeting, Mrs. Rance felt strongly it should be raised to 7s. 6d.

Mr. A. D. Barker: There is no need to increase the subscription yet. We manage very nicely on 3s. 6d. a year. We can almost afford a printed report every year on this sum.

Mrs. Rance pressed her point by moving a motion to this effect, which was seconded by Mr. Parker. An amendment for a 5s. subscription was moved by Mr. W. Birmingham (so as not to live from hand to mouth), and seconded by Mr. Castle.

Miss Cross suggested an adjournment for lunch, and when the meeting was resumed a second amendment proposed by Mr. Alan Pink was carried: "That the meeting supports the committee's recommendation for this year and refers the question of raising the subscription to the committee for the annual meeting next year."

"THE RINGING WORLD"

There was another debate after lunch over the committee's recommendation: "In view of the lack of support from their Guilds for 'The Ringing World' that this year a grant of £5 only be paid directly to 'The Ringing World' and that £35 be paid into the Reserve Fund of the Guild and be 'earmarked' to be used for the benefit of that paper when the need arises."

Mr. H. L. Roper said he had come all the way from Yorkshire to talk about this. He was distressed when he saw in "The Ringing World" the recommendation because it rather queered his pitch when he was trying to get the Yorkshire Association on its toes to make a similar donation. Unfortunately the Yorkshire meeting was held the day after publication of the recommendation and people on the platform said: "Huh! Your Oxford Guild has got tired of making this contribution." So that was that. They were very good chaps and they might come round to it, but it was very distressing.

Mr. Roper said he did not understand the resolution and asked the Guild as before to give £40 to "The Ringing World."

Mr. A. D. Barker said he was very much in favour of giving £40, and they could afford it. If he had known in advance, they could have had a printed report this year, as they could afford it. They had over £200 in the bank and the Reserve Fund was doing well. There was a secret source of income which he was using to build that fund up and it was not far short of £100.

Mr. W. Butler: When this came up some years ago it was as a temporary expedient. In the five or six years this has been paid to "The Ringing World" it should have by now been able to put its house in order. "This method of doing it shows that we have had them in mind, but we have other people to help as well."

Mr. W. Hunt regarded the £40 donation as "something of a habit." "I think it is time the Oxford Diocesan Guild was not the only Guild that supports 'The Ringing World' in this way. . . . I think we should give the original £40 and that a motion should be put to the Central Council that all Associations should be encouraged to give to this magazine."

An amendment to give £40 was moved by Mr. Roper and seconded by Mr. Barker, and carried.

Mr. W. G. Wilson: On behalf of "The Ringing World," the committee thanks the Guild for this gesture for this reason: If "The Ringing World" has £40 extra income and occasion arises, it can give you another two pages for that money. But it cannot do that with £35 in the bank.

A course for leaders is to be held at Charney Manor from November 5th to 7th. The hon. secretary said it would cost about £4 a head for keep alone. She asked the meeting to give a grant, if necessary, of £15 towards the expenses of another lecturer.—Agreed.

The vote of thanks was proposed by the Deputy Master, who mentioned in particular the Dean and the helpfulness of the verger. Also mentioned were friends from Winslow—the choir and organist and the steward of Christ Church.

THE LUNCHEON

The luncheon was in the hall of Christ Church with the Master in the chair. The toast of "Church and State" was proposed by Mr. Leach and replied to by the Archdeacon of Oxford (the Ven. C. Witton-Davies). David Sturge, of Radley College, proposed "The Visitors," and Warren Motley, of Groton School, in his reply, thanked especially Mr. Frank Price, who had spent many hours in arranging the tour.

Mr. W. Coles, in proposing "The Oxford Diocesan Guild," said he had had the privilege of reading their wonderful report and it contained 55 names of members of the Guild who had served for 50 years and 11 for 60 years—a most remarkable achievement.

The Master, in his reply, said there was a record collection that day for the Guild's Restoration Fund of £9 14s. He was very glad to have established at least one new record on this happy occasion.

Central Council President at Lopham Dedication

A LARGE number of ringers attended the rededication of South Lopham, Norfolk, bells on June 26th and heard a scholarly address from Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Central Council, after he had performed the act of rededication.

"We see here," said Canon Thurlow, "many signs of events in which England has shared. This splendid tower speaks so obviously of that great race from the north, the Normans, as we called them, who added England to their list of conquests in 1066, and who were busily building in so many lands great churches, which still stand proudly after nearly 900 years.

"William the Conqueror granted this parish to the Norman Roger Bigod, Earl of Norfolk, and his son, William, built this tower in the time of Henry I. None of our later towers are really more remarkable than this Norman achievement of 850 years ago. The tradition of ringing bells in English churches was already over 400 years old when this tower was built, and Lopham was probably hearing bells from this place when the tower was new—perhaps they rang them muffled when Earl William perished in a shipwreck returning from Normandy in 1119.

EARLY BELLS

"There is no doubt that the unmusical Norman bells were replaced by others, so fine that we are hearing them today sounding as well as when cast 500 years ago. The fifth bears the inscription 'Virginis Egregie Vocor Campana' ('I am called the bell of Mary, the illustrious Virgin'). It was cast probably by William Woodwarde, a bellfounder in London 500 years ago.

"To realise the achievement involved (remember this was long before Caxton brought us printing), it was during that dark time when England was being impoverished by follies like the 100 Years War and the Wars of the Roses, when roads were very poor, and William's new bell had to be brought by sea and river as far as possible and thence by ox-cart with great labour.

"Later Richard Brasyer, of Norwich, sent two bells, each dedicated to the honour of the Virgin Mary. Over two centuries later, Thomas Gardiner, of Sudbury, cast two in 1725 and 1733; the six in 1831 when William Dobson cast the tenor at the Downham foundry. Our friends at Taylor's have just recast this into a splendid new bell.

ART UNITES THOUSANDS

"Sad times came to Holy Church. This place was robbed of many treasures and some incredibly stupid and narrow minded persons had the effrontery to file the words about the B.V.M. off the three oldest bells, so that they can be read only with difficulty. But happier things were happening also. Four hundred years ago the ancient art of ringing was beginning to develop into something far more exciting, the art of change ringing, in which each ringer causes his bell to pursue its own individual path amongst the others, the whole building up into an ever-changing kaleidoscope of sound. The pursuit of this art unites many thousands of men and women, boys and girls, of all types and ages. Long confined to the British Isles, the art of change ringing has in recent years spread in U.S.A., Canada, Africa and Australia, so that we ringers can find friends and fellow ringers in Washington, Vancouver, Cape Town, Melbourne and many other places besides around the world. . . .

"Many today think they have grown up so that they no longer need God. But the truth is that most of these people have merely grown up out of old-fashioned ideas of God. Life demands a reason and a purpose and an ideal as much as ever it did. What we have to realise is that the unseen power is still there, but we must be careful always to proclaim Him in terms which every level of intellect can accept and which keep up to date with developing knowledge. Take an example from our bells. Their sound appeals to the simplest minds yet the musical, mechanical and mathematical intricacies of their tuning, hanging and ringing probe the depths of the deepest intellects. The God they proclaim can inspire the simplest yet humble the greatest today as ever and the voice of many angels still proclaims the throne, the reign of everlasting love."

EDGAR SHEPHERD WRITES OF WARMINSTER OUTING

Our Warminster outing has for some years been distinguished by three things—fine weather, an excellent picnic lunch prepared with loving care by Mr. and Mrs. E. Norris, and an invitation to tea at Haslemere by Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Pearson. The first two conditions attended us again this year, but the third was not possible. It was with great regret that we learned of the illness of our kind friend Mr. Pearson, and we were relieved to learn that he is now recovering.

We began our ringing, rather shakily, at Bishop's Waltham, but speedily warmed to some really good striking on this pleasant eight. The following run to Petersfield whetted appetites, and down by the lake, surrounded by a great crowd of witnesses in the form of ducks, sparrows and cheeky chaffinches, we attacked with enthusiasm the spacious fare so genially dispensed by Mr. and Mrs. Norris.

The run into West Sussex was truly delightful, and the ringing at Warnham was of a very high quality. Here, as in all this part of the South, are constant and striking reminders of the great days when Sussex led the ringing Exercise for number and quality of peals. Here we found predominant the name of that fine old ringer and singer, Henry Burstow, a great character, who knew, it is said, 420 different songs and was prepared to sing them on the slightest provocation. He it was too, we have been told, who memorised his methods trudging the Sussex lanes and reciting each blow of the work to the accompaniment of the measured tread of his feet. One could wish that many more today would learn their work so thoroughly.

Tea had been arranged for us at Mary's Cake House, Haslemere. Mrs. Pearson looked in to see us, and Mr. Pearson was able to come out of his house to wave us farewell as we left. Back into Hampshire we found at Ropley a very acceptable ring of six, and a typical village cricket match that overflowed into the village inn just at the time that we did, and we were rather a surprise to the village. Emerging from the general conversation the following was overheard:

Local resident: "Who are these people?"

Landlady: "They are bellringers, but they are very well behaved."

And so back home again, with supper on the moorland above Stockbridge, and a 60-mile run westward to meet the growing night, a great contentment mingling in our minds with gratitude for all that people have done to give us this pleasure.

E. C. S.

CLERICAL RINGERS AT CHARING

ARISING from a suggestion during Guild week in April at Nottingham, two clerical peals of Major were organised by the Rev. Peter Robbins for July 1st and 2nd. Unfortunately the president, the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, had to go into hospital and had to withdraw from the gathering and Dick Longridge responded to an urgent appeal to make up the band.

Worse was to follow, for as the members converged on Kent a phone call from Southampton brought news that Canon Felstead had been taken ill and could not come. The remainder arrived at Charing around midday on Thursday and, fortified by a sumptuous meal, decided to go for Cambridge Minor at Little Chart instead of Yorksire at Chilham—Stanley Evans kindly standing down. This proved a wise move and a good peal was scored, in spite of the fact that visiting ringers had had a smashing time there the previous Saturday, and that two stays were missing and one severely cracked! The tuneful six at Charing were rung to several methods.

Bed was forbidden, however, until the handbells had been put to good use. Meanwhile a discussion was taking place on better methods of securing clergy for peals. The most popular idea to emerge was the formation of a group ministry of clerical bellringers centred preferably on somewhere like Chewton Mendip! Surprise was expressed that such an obvious reform had not found its way into the Paul Report.

With some difficulty Tony Clayton was contacted, and he nobly agreed to stand in the attempt for Double Norwich at Harrietsham on Friday morning, but this was unsuccessful, and time and the inexorable demands of a funeral prevented a second start. A quarter peal of Stedman was duly rung instead, and the local Press informed of the change of fortune, having unwisely taken details of the "peal" before the start.

Our thanks are, due to Peter and Betty Robbins and their family for their splendid hospitality. This was quite a new venture and many hope that it may become a regular addition to Guild Week.

R. K.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS

Two coaches of ringers and friends took part in the Totternhoe ringers' annual outing on the last Saturday in May in the very attractive Kent and Sussex border country.

Westerham, with its historic associations with Sir Winston Churchill and General Wolfe, was our first stop. Climbing out of the valley in which Westerham snuggles, we reached Withyham, where a pleasant touch of Stedman was called round.

Lunch in the spa town of Tunbridge Wells had an added attraction as it was the Round Table's rag day; needless to say the collecting tins were passed round!

Lamberhurst was where we scored our first touch of Surprise London, which went very well. The difficult six at Ticehurst proved a problem as, much to our annoyance, we could not strike the bells at all. Any discomfiture caused at the tower was, however, soon remedied by a marvellous tea at the Bell Hotel.

The last tower was at the really beautiful village of Penshurst, where the rhododendrons and wisteria were at their loveliest. Here a fair day's ringing, greatly overshadowed by the grandeur of the countryside, ended.

Thanks are expressed to the incumbents of towers visited and to John Scott, who always manages to organise a first-rate outing.

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Letters to the Editor

THE BELLS OF WALSINGHAM

Dear Sir,—It was most interesting to read in "Belfry Gossip" ("Ringing World," June 25th) of the proposed restoration of Walsingham bells. There are three sets of bells in Walsingham, and all of them are unringable. The famous Anglican shrine church has a chime of nine (tenor 1½ cwt. in C sharp), which can be heard ringing Angelus every day. They hang "dead" in a small brick tower and are fairly pleasant at a distance.

A short walk away is St. Peter's Church, in what is officially Great Walsingham, which is campanalogically most interesting. On the base of the tower stand the three bells installed in the tower when it was first built. They have never been recast and retain their original headstocks. There are no nuts on the bolts securing them; the straps are secured by washers and "feathers," which are thin pieces of metal driven through the tops of the straps to secure them. The tenor has lost one canon-lug (I couldn't find the stump—perhaps it came out with one too few) and has been bolted through the crown—surely a very early example of this. There seems very little likelihood of these three interesting bells being rehung, but they are there for all to see. The treble is inscribed in Gothic type: "Sanctus Georgius ora pro nobis"; second, "+ Willmus"; Siliden : Me : Fecid : +"; tenor (39½ inches diameter), same as second but no terminal cross. Altogether a most interesting mediæval trio.

The bells of which mention is made are those of Little Walsingham. They are a heavy five (tenor about 20 cwt.). As many people will know, this church, one of Norfolk's very finest, was entirely gutted by fire in 1961. The fire stopped at the tower and only the bell ropes went up in flames. The bells hang in two tiers, the four below being in an ancient frame of a type very common in East Anglia and other places in olden times, consisting of four pits round a central watchway. There are substantial cills and heads, except in the S.E. corner, where the head of the fourth pit has been cut away. The vertical members consist of braced centre- and corner-posts. The treble is raised above the others in a separate frame, over the hatchway, as at Godmersham, Kent, etc.

The fittings are all badly weathered; the bells have "feathers" instead of nuts securing the canon-straps, while the frame is badly decayed. Four bells are swing chimed (rather a risky operation judging from the state of the fittings) and one "clocked." The clappers are all in the last stages of wear. The bells must be unique in having brand new ringing ropes of proper type but being totally unringable themselves.

The bells are inscribed:

1 and 2: "Anno Domini 1959 IB."
3: "1675 E T."

Tenor and 4: "Walsingham Parva, July 1 Anno Domini 1691. James Bartlett made me."

The treble and second are by John Brend, and the third by Edward Tooke, of Norwich.

I understand that the bells were rung about 30-40 years ago, but from the condition of the fittings now it is hard to believe. Let us hope that the day is not far off when the strains of Minor will summon present day pilgrims to Walsingham's magnificently rebuilt parish church.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID L. CAWLEY.

Hunstanton, Norfolk.

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

For a day's outing in Hampshire on June 28th, Reading University Society were joined by friends from Southampton University.

The towers visited were Odiham, Oakley, Overton, Whitchurch and Andover, and ringing ranged from call changes to Stedman Triples and Spliced Minor.

The glorious weather helped to make the day most enjoyable and a profitable time was had by all.

H. A. W.

A LOCAL CUSTOM

Dear Sir,—The recent correspondence regarding donations enclosed with peals and quarter peals has interested our ringers very much. You may be interested to know that it has become a local custom with our ringers on the completion of a successful quarter to make a small donation to "The Ringing World," more as a gesture of delight than a form of bribery, as some people have suggested, especially when I tell you that out of ten ringers, as far as I know, only two of us actually take "The Ringing World."

If it helps to keep the price of our paper stable then we hope more donations will be forwarded; anyway, you may count on ours.—Yours sincerely,

A. F. WALTERS.

Cardigan.

ISLE OF MAN BELLS

Dear Sir,—Regarding Mr. Marchant's inquiry regarding Peel bells, Isle of Man, I looked over the bells about 1941. They were cast by Warners (diameter of tenor 42 inches). They could then have been rung by removing some hammers; the tower was clean and had a set of ropes. Bells 2, 3 and 4 had ropes, the remainder were in the tower. I think some trouble had been caused by visiting ringers.

If anyone wants to look over the bells the clock winder should be contacted. — Yours faithfully,

W. FARRIMOND.

Coppull, near Chorley.

ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, PERTH

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. G. A. Hall's letter in "The Ringing World" dated January 22nd, I would like to advise that, although Dr. Geiger was consulted by the University of Western Australia during its research into the structural safety of the Queen Victoria tower and bells at St. George's Cathedral, Perth, his suggestions were not acted upon.

Following discussion with Mr. F. Sharpe and Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough, the back four of the ring are to be "tucked up" and roller bearings and new wheels fitted throughout the octave. It is hoped this will be undertaken in 1966. The University has found that the sway in this 100ft. brick tower is well within acceptable limits, but minor structural alterations may be desirable.

I apologise to those concerned for the lateness of this reply.—Yours faithfully,

L. R. REYNOLDS.

Perth, Western Australia.

WIVELISCOMBE (SOMERSET) TENOR

Dear Sir,—What a wonderful tenor that at Wiveliscombe must be—it grows and shrinks every few years.

Once its weight was stated in a peal report as 19½ cwt. About a couple of years later to another peal it had grown (without recasting) to 23 cwt.

Earlier this year I read where the bell-founders gave its weight as 16 cwt. with some odd quarters and pounds, no mention of it being recast to my recollection.

Since then, on going through "Dove," I notice it has grown again to 20 cwt. And, whilst quoting "Dove," I don't know whether he has actually been up and seen the five small bells (buried in rubbish as they are) at Swineshead, Beds. I have, and may I state that he is very wide of the mark in giving nine cwt. as this tenor's weight; 5½ cwt. is much nearer the true figure. The two trebles, in fact, you could lift out of their badly rotted frame with one hand almost, the last time I went up and saw them, which was about 1950.—Yours faithfully,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

MASONIC RINGERS AT LINCOLN

The annual informal gathering of Masonic ringers was held this year at Lincoln on May 29th. The day opened with ringing at Caythorpe (8), and included Stedman, Kent and Little Bob. After lunch we moved on to Lincoln Cathedral, where Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters were both well struck. On then to the very pleasant eight at St. Giles', where the best ringing was a touch of Double Norwich. Finally, Washingborough (8), where London met with success.

At Branston some 17 members enjoyed an excellent dinner, after which we retired to a private room. It was proposed and accepted that inquiries should be made into the possibility of holding next year's gathering at Derby. A further recommendation was that a register of ringing brethren be compiled and, to facilitate this, names and addresses should be sent to Mr. P. J. Stanforth, Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester.

It would be most useful if this report were brought to the attention of brethren who do not subscribe to "The Ringing World." After the handbells had been put to good use, proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Bro. Freeman, whose efforts had produced such an enjoyable day.

J. A. B.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Tonbridge District

A quarterly meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Seal and Seal Chart on June 26th.

The ringers attended a service at Seal Chart conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. M. C. Parks. The address was given by the Vicar of Seal, the Rev. P. Lea, who spoke of the beauty and purpose of ringing and commended the enthusiasm of ringers generally. A collection was taken by Mr. G. F. Acott and Mr. E. Drawbridge, representatives of the two towers.

After service we were kindly entertained to tea by the Vicar and Mrs. Parks. The business meeting was held and handbells were rung in the pleasant surroundings of the Vicarage garden. One new junior member—Bernard Powell, of Seal Chart—was elected, and the Kent one-day school at Leeds was discussed.

Ringling was enjoyed at both towers during the afternoon and evening.

W. H. D.

JOINT MEETING AT NORTH WINGFIELD

OVER 35 members and friends representing no fewer than 17 towers were present at North Wingfield on June 12th for the joint meeting of the Chesterfield District of the Derby Diocesan Association and the East Derbys and West Notts Association. During the afternoon a wide variety of methods, including the special one, Lincolnshire Surprise, was rung on the 19 cwt. octave until the company adjourned for cups of tea.

In the absence of the chairman, the Master of the East Derbys Association, Mr. B. Richards, took the chair at the short business meeting of the Chesterfield District. New members elected were: Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Scholfield (Bradford), and Mr. N. Mallet (Exeter) as life members, and the Rector of North Wingfield (the Rev. N. Joyce) as a resident member.

Following the usual vote of thanks, further ringing took place in the evening despite the periods of excitement caused by first a rope starting to break during the ringing, and then a stay breaking after the bells had been set.

Next meetings: Both July 10th—Kirkby-in-Ashfield (E. Derbys); Old Whittington (C. District).

M. P. P.

SOUTHWELL GUILD CRAWFORD CUP CONTEST

The Nottingham District round for the Crawford Cup Contest was rung at Trowell on June 19th. The judges were Mr. and Mrs. F. Bradley (Shelford) and the result was: Wollaton 55½; Ruddington 116½; and West Bridgford 128 faults.

S. A.

St. George's (Colegate) Week-end in Bucks

CAUTIOUSLY sniffing the alien air, the St. George's ringers went further afield this year for their main outing. On Friday, June 18th, we set out for Buckinghamshire in two parties, which converged on St. Lawrence's, West Wycombe, in time to join their practice. Shades of the Hellfire Club were dispelled by oil lamps and candlelight and Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung before returning to beer and sandwiches by courtesy of young George and the Dragon. Some were lulled to sleep by the roar of traffic on the A.40, while others roamed the corridors disguised as Chinese tenees, but all were up for breakfast in time to make the first tower of the day.

This was Hughenden and we got away to a good start with Plain Bob, Double Norwich and some fast, well struck Stedman. On to Beaconsfield and, enlivened with a skirmish with a lorry driver, we rang Grandsire, Double Norwich and Stedman. We enjoyed ringing the heavy eight at Denham. With warm sunshine in the churchyard and the scent of roses drifting through the open door, there seemed to be no better way of spending a morning. The tower will be remembered by our lady ringer for her first touch of Yorkshire and by somebody else for being left dangling on the tenor with both feet in the air after everyone else had pulled off!

Too idle to seek a proper lunch, we repaired to the Green Man for cider and sandwiches in the garden—fatal error! In the next three towers someone was continually "dropping off in a corner." We judged the eight at Farnham Royal just the right weight for after lunch and found that they went very well. We rang Erin Triples here among other things before going on to Burnham. These bells were unanimously elected as the nicest ring of the day and Superlative was probably the best touch of the whole week-end. Unfortunately we were called to a stand in Double Norwich due to a misunderstanding over times, and we made our way a trifle reluctantly to Slough. Having arrived, we had difficulty in gaining access to the tower and our programme only allowed us time for two plain courses of Erin Caters.

At Bray we encountered our heaviest ring of the day and we did not do very well. Plain Bob just about came round and one or two things were tried with little success. Suitably chastened, we went on to Cookham, where tea was taken in itinerant fashion between High Street and river. We rang Double Norwich, Grandsire Superlative and Stedman on the pleasant eight. Local enthusiasm provides a "method of the month" here on the notice board, complete with notes—an idea worth copying. Our last tower was Wooburn and although there was some talk of making it a quick grab, we rang some good Stedman with plenty of beat and pace together with courses of Kent and Cambridge.

After such a day it was a joy to sit down to a splendid supper provided by Mrs. Cornwall, to whom we are most grateful. Sunday morning completed our programme with ringing for service on the 12 at High Wycombe in

company with the local band. This was a fine climax to the tour and we made our way home well content.

The week-end could never have been such a success without David Cornwall's invaluable assistance, together with Joyce and John, and we are most grateful. Thanks are due to all those who gave us permission to ring, and lastly to Peter Adcock. We hope that this is only the first of many St. George's tours.

D. P. M.

EXPLORING CHESHIRE

MEMBERS of the band of All Saints', Ripley, Derbyshire, gathered in the market square at Ripley at 8 a.m. on July 3rd. Our mini-coach comfortably contained our small party and luggage and a two-hour journey through Staffordshire brought us to St. Mary's, Acton (near Nantwich). Here there is a fine hold Rudhall six in a very impressive tower, which is reminiscent of Somerset churches. Nevertheless our young band made good use of the bells, ringing Doubles and Minor methods.

Next tower was St. Chad's, Farndon, a tune-ful light eight. Unfortunately a false floor had been inserted, raising the level some two feet, and it appeared that the ropes had not been readjusted. This made ringing difficult and caused blisters. We continued along a devious network of "B" roads to Prestatyn, partaking of a prepacked lunch en route. At Prestatyn our Tower Master-cum-driver enjoyed a siesta whilst the others took advantage of the amenities provided.

The journey continued to Chester, where a good tea was "devoured." It had been our intention to ring on the six at Tarvin but unfortunately repair work had recently been started, so an effort was made to join the North Staffordshire Guild meeting at Cheddleton. However, in spite of making good time, ringing had finished when we arrived. We finally joined members of our Derbyshire Guild at the Grouse Inn, Darley Dale.

Everyone agreed that the 250-mile outing had been a success and our thanks are offered to incumbents, tower secretaries and captains. We also thank Mrs. Christine Taylor (a non-ringer), who carried out much of the organising and unselfishly suffered 13 hours of ringers' conversation.

T. T.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL

Saturday, June 13th, was chosen for the full-day coach outing of the Lichfield Cathedral ringers. The borders of North Wales and Cheshire were visited, and ringing during the day was enjoyed at Farndon, Gresford, Buckley (an excellent eight and well kept ringing room), Northop, Flint (another good but very light ring), Eccleston (well known as one of the best eights in the country) and the fine Gillett and Johnston ring of ten at Crewe. Ringing ranged from call changes and Plain Bob to Bristol Surprise and Little Bob Royal. Sincere thanks to all who gave permission for ringing, to those who met us, and to Lucy Smith for her organisation.

KLEEWAY

BALDOCK GUILD VISIT COLCHESTER AREA

It was nearing 7.30 a.m. of June 19th when the Baldock Guild of Ringers and their guests gathered, somewhat appropriately, outside the brewery in Baldock, to board their coach, which was to take them for a most enjoyable day into some of Essex's most beautiful countryside, around Colchester.

Arriving earlier than expected at St. Peter ad Vincula, Coggeshall, the coach party disembarked in search of coffee, returning in time for some good ringing on this easy-going eight, housed in a rebuilt tower, the old one having suffered bomb damage. These bells provide excellent ringing, although the tone was a little sharp, and methods ranged from Plain Bob to Bristol.

On then to St. Peter's, Colchester, the ring that all the ringers had awaited. The eight, in their 200-year-old frame, were as delightful as ever—and justice was done to them, with some good ringing. Lunch was taken independently, some having a picnic in the beautiful grounds of the Castle.

It was a short trip to the somewhat odd-struck eight of St. Mary's, Ardleigh, and ringing here was quite reasonable. We found the tower at St. Mary's, Stoke-by-Nayland, in splints as restoration work was being done on the masonry and it was here that two youngish ringers, prompted by offers of free refreshments later in the day, scaled the tower in a somewhat unorthodox manner. For those, however, who were ascending the tower in the normal manner, many a stop was required as the stairs are both steep and numerous, and once in the ringing chamber one had to have regard for one's eardrums, as there appears to be little or nothing between the chamber and the bells—at least judging by the noise.

Onwards to Bures, where we stopped for an excellent ham and salad tea and afterwards proceeded to St. Mary's for ringing on these easy-to-handle eight bells. Here the tenors were odd-struck and this, coupled with a trifle too fast ringing, proved the downfall of a band that attempted Yorkshire at a fair pace. One thing at Bures cannot go unmentioned—the really spotless belfry, and credit must be given to those responsible for its well polished appearance.

Our last church of the day was St. Andrew's at Earls Colne; here the fine eight with their long draught were put to good use and the band was joined by a local ringer (only 84 years old) in a course of London—well done, sir! As we left St. Andrew's the sun was beginning to set but we could not grumble—it had been shining all day without exception. Although weary, the ringers managed to rally enough to pause awhile at Bishop's Stortford to sample the local ale, and we eventually arrived back at Baldock at 11.15.

All participants in the outing would like to thank Mr. Buck for his excellent organisation, and the incumbents for the use of the bells.

J. K. O.

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STEDMAN TRIPLES—Its Construction and Calling

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

TO the beginner, the calling of Stedman Triples presents difficulties not met with in the Treble-dominated methods. Believing that a clear understanding of certain elemental principles is the beginning of wisdom and provides the correct and most enlightening approach, we have prepared these notes on the construction, pricking, calling and proof of this elusive principle. So vast a study cannot, of course, be comprehended in so short an essay as this; but we hope that those desirous of calling touches will, by patience in reading and practice with pencil and paper, find not only pleasure in the ability to conduct the ringing but also the appetite for further study of this fascinating subject.

1. THE ANATOMY OF THE METHOD

The general plan of the method is simply expressed. As Fabian Stedman first produced it on five bells the front three bells were required to ring the extent of six changes while the other two dodged behind. After six rows one of the bells behind moved into the front and one of the front three moved out to join the dodging behind.

It is well known, however, that there are two ways in which three bells work their six changes:

123	123
213	132
321	321
A 231	312 B
312	231
132	213
123	123

Either of these two ways may be used to construct something on Stedman's plan, but the results obtained will be very different. By using Plan A, a course may be obtained in which 1 and 2 never leave the front; the bell's come from the back simply hunt to lead and out again, and the whole thing is very dull and limited.

A	B
12345	12345
21435	21435
24153	12453
42135	12435
41253	41253
14235	42135
12453	24153
21543	42513
25134	24531
52143	25413
51234	52431
15243	54213
12534	45231

The use of plan B provides a much more interesting course. It runs to five sections and allows each bell to do the same work. It is, as many will readily recognise, what we now call Erin, and although six-scores of it are not easily obtained, on the higher number of bells it provides peals of Triples, Caters and Cinques.

For his Principle, however, Stedman was a little more subtle. He decided to use both A and B and to use them alternately; and an examination of a course of Stedman, whether Doubles, Triples, Caters or Cinques, shows this unvarying succession. The

number of sixes in a course is twice the number of bells engaged, and the work of each bell is far more extensive than is shown in the two primitive plans we started with.

A section of a course on Stedman's Principle is set out here, starting with a full six from 12345. The first six is on Plan B, and is called a Slow Six because the bell going into the front (No. 4 in this case) will stay there a long time and will do what is called the Slow Work.

The second six is on Plan A and is called a quick six because the bell going into the front (No. 5 in this case) will go straight to lead and straight out again doing what is called the Quick Work.

24153	So the sixes alternate, Quick, Slow, Quick, Slow, until after 10 sixes the bells come round.
42513	The course of Stedman Doubles shown to us in the text books differs in appearance from the example given here, but there is no real difference. Stedman decided to start his course in the middle of a Quick Six, and so the beginning, as usually presented, is as follows:
45231	
54213	
52431	
25413	
24531	
42351	
24315	
23451	
32415	
34251	
43215	
12345	
21354	Last two rows of a Quick Six
23145	
32145	Beginning of a Slow Six
23451	
24315	
etc.	

It is customary to begin Stedman in this fashion, but there is no reason at all why it should not be started with a full Slow Six, or a full Quick Six, or in several other ways. In peals of Caters and Cinques it is not at all uncommon for the composition to start with a Slow Six, and for ringers of Stedman Doubles it provides an interesting variation.

We have used the course of Stedman Doubles to illustrate the construction of the Principle, but we must now get on to our main task, that of examining Stedman Triples, its touches and its callings.

2. PRICKING THE METHOD

It must be emphasised at the very beginning that no intelligent approach can be made to this matter, or any sound progress achieved, unless the student is prepared to use pencil and paper.

1234567	1234567
2135476	2143657
2314567	1246375
	1423657
3241657	4126375
2346175	4213657
2431657	2416375
4236175	
4321657	4261735
3426175	4627153
	6421735
4362715	6247153
4637251	2641735
6432715	2467153
6347251	
3642715	etc.
3467251	
etc.	

First he must be able to write out the plain course of the method by pricking the sixes alternately Quick and Slow without reference to the printed course; and in this exercise it is valuable to write out a course starting from 1234567 as well as from the conventional 2314567.

The beginnings of each plan are shown here, and the setting out and studying of them should include careful note of what happens at "the parting of the sixes," the place where a new bell comes into the front.

Secondly, the would-be conductor must be able to prick out the method by the six-ends. Unlike most other methods, Stedman cannot be expressed by the Treble leads because there are no Treble leads to mark the ends of sections. In Stedman, the

unit is the "Six," and the end of each six marks the end of a section of the course. But to complicate matters there are two kinds of six and consequently two kinds of six-end.

If we start from 1234567 and ring a Slow Six we get the six-end 2416375.

If we start from 1234567 and ring a Quick Six we get the six-end 1246375.

These two things may conveniently be set out thus:

Effect of a Slow Six 1234567	Effect of a Quick Six 1234567
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2416375 1246375

We here venture to elaborate this explanation, hoping that in doing so we do not make the matter more obscure. If the reader is thoroughly conversant with this form of transposition he will not need what immediately follows. If it is strange to him perhaps the fuller exposition will help.

EFFECT OF A SLOW SIX (see above)

The bell that was in Firsts place has moved to 3rds place.

The bell that was in Seconds place has moved to first place.

The bell that was in Thirds place has moved to fifths place.

The bell that was in Fourths place has moved to 2nds place.

The bell that was in Fifths place has moved to 7ths place.

The bell that was in Sixths place has moved to 4ths place.

The bell that was in Sevens place has moved to 6ths place.

A study of the effect of the Quick Six will show that the bells in Firsts place and Seconds place remain in the same position, while the bell in Fourths place ends up in 3rds place. The remaining bells position themselves just as in a Slow Six.

It must now be realised and thoroughly understood that whatever six-end we start from, a Slow Six or Quick Six will move the bells in accordance with the above plans.

The Plain Course, therefore, can be set out by the six-ends, and a portion of the course is given here. Notice that the first six-end shown is 2314567. That is because the conventional start is in the middle of a Quick Six, and the first six-end is therefore 2314567.

2314567	
3426175 S	the six-ends is not so easy as
3467251 Q	the writing out of other
4735612 S	methods by the Treble leads.
4751326 Q	At first it is a rather laborious
7142563 S	procedure and one in which
7126435 Q	it is easy to make a mistake
1673254 S	that will throw all the bells
1635742 Q	wrong. But the would-be

conductor is strongly urged to master the process, and to extend his skill to the pricking of bobbed and singled sixes, a matter we shall deal with presently.

For first practice the beginner is recommended to write out numerous plain courses, starting from any row and going on until the starting row reappears after 14 sixes. If the original row does not appear after 14 sixes have been pricked, then it is clear that a mistake has been made.

(To be continued)

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ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF MINOR METHODS

Compiled by H. CHANT

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"M"

MAGNUS DOUBLE

x 14 x 36.14.5. 2nds 36245.
In Annable's notebook. Also known as
Chiswick Bob.

MALMESBURY ALLIANCE

36.14 x 36 x 14 x 1. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

MARCH DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 5. 6ths 34625.

MARDEN ALLIANCE

34.16 x 16.34 x 14.5. 6ths 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

MARIGOLD TREBLE BOB

See Pennine Treble Bob.

MARKET DEEPING

See Killarney.

MARKHAM DELIGHT

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.5. 6ths 46532.

MARLBOROUGH ALLIANCE

x 14 x 123 x 12 x 5. 6ths 64523.
Single change method.

MARPLE DELIGHT

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.1. 2nds 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

MARSDEN DELIGHT

According to A. Gill. See, however,
Tintern Delight.

MATHON SPECIAL ALLIANCE

36.14 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.3. 2nds 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

MELANDRA DELIGHT

36 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.5. 2nds 56342.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907. Also
called Waterloo.

MELROSE DELIGHT

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 3. 6ths 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1931. Also called Mum-
bles Delight.

MELTON SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.3. 2nds 54632.

MENDIP TREBLE BOB

36 x 34.16 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 5. 2nds 56342.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907. Also
called Hyacinth.

MENDLESHAM ALLIANCE

34.16 x 16 x 12 x 3. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

MERCHANT'S DELIGHT

x 56 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 1. 6ths 42635.
In "Bell News" by W. Walker, 1882-83.
and several other sources including the
notebook of "Uncle Joe" (J. E. Sykes).

MERCHANT'S RETURN

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 1. 4ths 52643.
Also called Oxford Delight.

MERROW ALLIANCE

36.14 x 36.12 x 12.5. 2nds 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

MERRY BELLS

A false method once rung in South York-
shire.

MERSTHAM ALLIANCE

36.14 x 36.14 x 14.5. 2nds 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

MERTON DELIGHT

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 3. 6ths 35264.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

MEWSLADE COURT BOB

See Laughton's Pleasure.

MIDDLESEX DELIGHT

36 x 34.16 x 12 x 123 x 34 x 5. 2nds 56342.
Single change method.

MIDDLEWOOD DELIGHT

See Kirkstall Delight.

MIDHOPE DELIGHT

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.1. 2nds 54632.

MILDENHALL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 123 x 34 x 5. 6ths 64523.
Single change method.

MILTON (DOUBLE) SURPRISE

x 56 x 14.56 x 12.36 x 12 x 5. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

MINCHINHAMPTON ALLIANCE

x 16 x 123 x 12 x 3. 6ths 64523.
Single change method.

MINEHEAD SURPRISE

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 5. 2nds 54632.

MINSTER BOB

x 34 x 16 x 56 x 36 x 34 x 3. 2nds 35264.
W. Walker, "Bell News," 1882-83.

MIRFIELD DELIGHT (I)

See Ecclesfield Treble Bob.

MIRFIELD DELIGHT (II)

x 36 x 14 x 56 x 36 x 14 x 1. 6ths 35264.
W. Walker, "Bell News," 1882-83. Also
in "Bell News," August 5th, 1893 as:
"a true and complete six-score of Frie-
land Surprise composed by Cyrus Leeves
for the Kirkheaton Ringing Contest on
May 23rd, 1893."

MITCHAM ALLIANCE

x 14 x 36.12 x 12.5. 6ths 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

MONSAL SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.3. 6ths 46532.

MORLAND SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 5. 2nds 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

MORPETH SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.1. 6ths 56342.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907

MORNING EXERCISE

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 5. 6ths 65243.
"Campanologia," 1702.

MORNING PLEASURE

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 3. 4ths 46325.
"Campanologia," 1702. Also Annable's
notebook. In Addy's notebook, 1865.
One of the methods that Addy wrote also
in place notation thus: 341612161236 14.
Apparently the crosses were taken for
granted. I do not remember meeting an
earlier example of place notation.

MORNING STAR

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 1. 2nds 35264.
"Campanologia," 1702. and in Annable's
notebook. Was claimed to be his own
"composition" by Shipway as Cumber-
land Exercise but was correctly named in
C.C. Collection, 1907.

MOTTRAM SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.5. 4ths 46325.

MUMBLES DELIGHT

See Melrose Delight.

MUNDEN SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 36.14 x 12.5. 2nds. 35264.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Tom Locke would like the use of a
portable tape recorder for Great Adventure II.

The peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major rung
at Burton Latimer (see page 471) consisted of
5,152 changes.

The peal rung at Kirby-le-Soken on June
19th was a compliment to Miss Rachel Orman,
ringer of the second, on being chosen Col-
chester Carnival Princess.

The peal rung at Lydd, Kent, on June 12th
(see page 436) was an engagement compliment
to John Warner and Lynn Taylor, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. W. Taylor, of Danehill, Sussex.

There were five first pealers in a peal at
Denby, Derbyshire, on June 24th. Congratula-
tions to conductor Trevor Taylor and all the
band.

We have good news concerning Mr. Reuben
Sanders, suffering from a blood infection at
St. James' Hospital, S.W.12 (Ward 5). He
is now recovering quickly but expects to be
in hospital for another week.

Rewards offered for selected peal attempts
are not confined to Newport. Mon. writes a
Stafford correspondent. A duck dinner awaits
a certain Stafford area conductor in return
for the successful conclusion of a peal of Erin
Triples.

Eleven-year-old Stephen B. Thompson im-
pressed those who rang with him in the peal
of eight Doubles methods at Blaby on June
26th by his competence on the treble. "A
magnificent performance," writes the con-
ductor, Brian C. Law.

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THE EDITOR'S THANKS

The Editor expresses his regrets at the inconvenience he caused at the Oxford Guild Festival through a sudden attack of sickness and thanks the many friends who helped him, especially Miss Marie Cross. While the meeting was proceeding he was lying down at Radley and in the evening had recovered sufficiently to enjoy a visit to Dorchester Abbey at a time when the Groton boys were inspecting the door erected to the memory of Malcolm Strachen, priest, chaplain and teacher at Groton School, Groton, Mass., and a descendant of the Holcomes of Devonshire.

He thanks Mr. W. Coles for deputising for him in the speeches. Totally impromptu, the Editor was told that it was one of the best speeches of the afternoon. After mentioning the giants of the Oxford Guild—Rev. F. E. Robinson, Canon Coleridge and Rev. Cyril Jenkyn—Bill told of Appleton's record peal of 21,000 Stedman Caters and the record made at Christ Church of Stedman Cinques. "I was very happy," he went on, "to have a small association with that last record because one of the ringers learned to ring in the same tower as I did, at the same time—we were choirboys together."

The Editor is also very much indebted to Miss Y. Eloise, one time secretary of the Salisbury District, who took his notebook and pencils and produced a most comprehensive report of the annual meeting which has been forwarded to the hon. general secretary to amplify the minutes, besides forming the basis of the report on this issue.

A LOSS TO TONBRIDGE

On July 2nd the ringers at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Tonbridge, paid tribute to their vice-captain, Mr. Cyril W. Hancock, who is leaving Tonbridge to reside in Thurston, Bury St. Edmunds.

In the Vicar's garden the company was graced by the presence of the Bishop of Tonbridge, who is president of the Tonbridge Society of Ringers, and churchwardens, Mr. Hancock, who has been a member of the band for 16 years and vice-captain for 10 years, was thanked by the Bishop for his loyal, long and valuable service to ringing in Tonbridge and presented with a Victorian plate salver—the gift of the ringers and churchwardens. Mrs. Hancock was presented with a sheaf of flowers by Miss Sandra Greenhalgh, a young member of the band. The captain expressed the wish of all the band that Mr. and Mrs. Hancock would be very happy in their new surroundings.

On June 20th eight of the local band, including Mr. Hancock, met to ring a farewell peal, which was unfortunately lost due to a broken clapper, after ringing only four courses of Plain Bob Major. W. H. D.

BOOKS ON RINGING WANTED

Mr. Raith Reynolds, of St. George's Cathedral, Western Australia, writes that his Society is interested in obtaining books on the art and history of ringing, such as those by the late Ernest Morris, for the tower library, as "we are finding it almost impossible to obtain these in Perth. We would be grateful to any ringers able to help us in this matter."—R. Reynolds, c/o The Deanery, St. George's Terrace, Western Australia.

MARYBELLE'S FAREWELL

Captain Marybelle E. Wissley, who has been stationed at Alconbury, near Huntingdon, and who learned to ring at All Saints' Huntingdon, has been posted back to the States. It was a very full programme over the final two weeks in this country with ringing and parties. Two peals were lost, one at Huntingdon and the other at Eaton Socon, but a quarter peal was scored by the Sunday service band at Hemingford Abbots on the last Sunday.

After her last appearance at the All Saints' practice night, friends present adjourned to a local hostelry and a very pleasant evening was spent. Marybelle insisted that all present told how they became interested in bellringing and many amusing stories were heard.

As a reminder of her happy association with English ringing, the All Saints' band presented Marybelle with a bellringers' car badge; the tower had previously received from her a gift of a set of ringing mats. The evening concluded with tunes being played on the handbells by three members of the All Saints' band. It is a pity that her home station is miles away from any bells, but she has already paid a visit to Washington Cathedral.

GIFT TO GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

The ringers at Capel, Surrey, where there is a light ring of six, followed up their generous contribution to the Guildford Guild's Cathedral Bells Fund by presenting a handsome electric wall clock for use in the ringing chamber, on July 2nd. The presentation was made by Mrs. H. Penfold and the gift was accepted by Canon A. C. G. Oldham on behalf of the Dean and Chapter. The Canon then handed the clock to Mr. Douglas May, Master of the Guild. Mrs. Penfold, the captain at Capel, had her band with her and they all had offered to them the privilege of ringing on the Cathedral bells. The Dean (Bishop George Clarkson) greeted the party at the foot of the tower and thanked them for their generous gift.

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

A visit to Washington Cathedral and seeing the bells has fired the enthusiasm of Mr. Frank L. Eldridge, music master at Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York. He writes that through the auspices of Mr. John Fanfani, assistant clerk of the works, he obtained the use of one issue of "The Ringing World." From this he secured the Editor's name and a list of books he hopes to acquire. "The whole art of ringing has been suddenly opened up to me and hope to bend much of my energies towards influencing people to give a bell tower and ring of bells to Ithaca College. It's all very exciting." Mr. Eldridge has been enrolled as a reader of "The Ringing World."

A CORNISH REUNION

Quarter peals from Mabe Burnhouse, Cornwall, are infrequent, as method ringing is not too strong in this area. A quarter peal was, however, rung on June 29th for Austin T. Wingate, of Hereford Cathedral, and also to welcome home C. D. Linnington from Singapore, and Mrs. E. Langley from Rhodesia. A visit was afterwards paid to Bradoc, where W. Sanders called 240 Grandsire Doubles, which he had not done for nine years.

MR. AND MRS. JEATER IN THE NEWS

All our postal subscribers, we are sure, will desire to join us in extending our warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jeater, of Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, who on July 17th celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. Jeater's quiet, conscientious service to "The Ringing World" as its accountant is highly appreciated by the committee. Mr. and Mrs. Jeater propose on July 16th to fly to the Scilly Isles for a brief holiday and will return to Cusgarne on July 21st.

A TRIO DISPERSING

Accompanying a quarter peal of London Surprise Royal, rung at Haslemere on June 30th, is the following footnote: "The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 7th would like to thank the Kippins and Housdens for so gently leading them through the intricacies of quarter peals of Surprise at monthly intervals over the last year or so. They are sorry this was the last." The trio are three school-teachers who are leaving West Surrey shortly. They are the Misses Pamela Gough and Pat Laycock, of Holy Trinity, Guildford, and Elizabeth Stevinson, of Godalming. Miss Gough is going into Sussex to teach (her home tower is Aldington), Miss Patricia Laycock is going on exchange for one year to Edmonton, Alberta, and Miss Stevinson from Godalming to Oxford Technical College.

BISHOP RINGS THE TENOR

At a service of thanksgiving for the restoration of Leighton Bromswold parish church on Whit Sunday, members of the Ely Diocesan Association (Huntingdon District) rang the five bells before and after the service. Parts of the service were introduced on the B.B.C. Television Service on the Monday evening. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. N. Gordon-Kerr, and the preacher was the Lord Bishop of Ely. After the service the Bishop went to the belfry and joined in the ringing, ringing the 21 cwt. tenor to rounds, which were both seen and heard on TV.

BENDIGO AWAITS TOURISTS FOR FIRST PEAL

It looks as though the first peal on the bells of Bendigo, Victoria, will now go to the English tourists. An attempt for Parker's Six-Part Grandsire Triples there on June 20th was lost only ten leads from the end. Organised by Ron Russ, with a strong Adelaide contingent, the band included the present tower captain, Bill Robertson, making his first attempt for a peal. Also ringing was Warne Wilson, the former captain, now at Ballarat, who did so much towards the recent restoration of the bells. Apart from a first for Bill Robertson, the peal would have been a triumph for Bill Pitcher, of Adelaide, making his first attempt as conductor.

Despite general advancement in Australian ringing, peal attempts remain extra special occasions, being few because of the distances involved in assembling peal bands. Undue emphasis comes to be placed on the need to score to make the occasion worthwhile, and the disappointment at losing an attempt is correspondingly more bitter. Australia needs more peal ringers!

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HOLFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., July 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents Plain Bob, and ten each of Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas, St. Simon and St. Martin. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. in B flat.
 John L. Aldridge Treble | Michael J. Stone 3
 Brian J. Wylde 2 | Cecil T. Clarke 4

Ronald D. Short Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Wylde.

First peal on the bells.

Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Association.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

MIDDLEHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Alkelda.

On Sat., July 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

Ronald Ducker Treble | *Christopher L. D. Munday 5
 *Eve Rimer 2 | †Howard C. Palmer 6
 †Graham K. Smith 3 | *Paul Scowston 7
 †Richard D. Gibson 4 | Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

* First peal of Major. † First of Little Bob. Believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.

LITTLE CHART, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Thurs., July 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being 2,160 and four 720's. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in B.
 Rev. Roger O. Fry Treble | *Rev. Richard N. Longridge 4
 Rev. John B. T. Homfray 2 | Canon C. Elliot Wigg 5
 Rev. Peter T. Robbins 3 | Rev. Roger Keeley Tenor

Conducted by Rev. Roger Keeley.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Cambridge Minor for the Guild.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHURCH LAWFORD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., May 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 IPSWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

Anthony Crowther Treble | Andrew K. Putman 4
 Raymond D. Hart 2 | David Lloyd 5
 *Arthur R. Wright 3 | Geoffrey Pratt Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Pratt.

* Has now "circled the tower." First in the method for all the band.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in six methods, viz.: (1) Beverley, (2) Cambridge, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) and (5) Kent, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 lb.

Richard T. Liggins Treble | Andrew K. Putman 4
 Raymond D. Hart 2 | Arthur R. Wright 5
 William Johnson 3 | Geoffrey Pratt Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Pratt.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DENBY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., June 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 20 extents Grandsire (10 callings), and 22 extents Plain Bob (4 callings). Tenor 9 cwt.

Doreen Land Treble | Veronica Walters 4
 Vivian Cheetham 2 | David W. Bailey 5
 Trevor Taylor 3 | Edic Gregory Tenor

Conducted by Trevor Taylor.

First peal for all except the conductor.

Rung to celebrate the 19th birthday of Miss D. Land.

OCKBROOK, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., July 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of London, Plain Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent, Oxford and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

Joseph C. Woolley Treble | David W. Friend 4
 Michael R. Blore 2 | David J. Marshall 5
 *Alec Humphrey 3 | Gordon A. Halls Tenor

Conducted by David J. Marshall.

* First of Minor.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

SOUTH MOLTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D.

D. Roy Bould Treble | Alan Carveth 5
 Gillian M. Hussey 2 | Richard J. Bowden 6
 Alan Tubb 3 | D. John Hunt 7
 John H. Taylor 4 | Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by M. Bruce.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Fri., June 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

*George S. Deas Treble | †William Davidson 5
 †Rodney A. Yeates 2 | †Christopher C. Brown 6
 Jennifer Sceeny 3 | †James Crowther 7
 †Andrew G. Craddock 4 | Michael Maughan Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* 250th peal. † First peal in the method.

Arranged and rung for the Feast of St. John the Baptist.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., June 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: (1) Double Oxford, (2 and 3) Cambridge, (4) Plain, (5) St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Plain. Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.

Yvonne A. Murray Treble | George E. C. Thoday 4
 Marion R. Panton 2 | James L. Towler 5
 Ian R. Panton 3 | Peter G. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Brown.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANDOVER, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 16 methods, comprising 640 of London, 320 each of Lincolnshire, Lindum, Cray, Yorkshire, Cambridge, Superlative, Wordsworth, New Gloucester, Rutland, Pudsey, Bristol, Wembley and Eastcote, and 160 each of Watford and Uxbridge, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

Ivor Goulter Treble | Brian Bladon 5
 Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2 | Anthony R. Peake 6
 Michael J. Hobbs 3 | Edward R. Venn 7
 Cyril A. Wratten 4 | Don C. Exell Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

The greatest number of Major methods to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

CAM, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sun., May 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16½ cwt.

Richard W. Sweet Treble | Alan Tubb 4
 Andrew Howard 2 | John H. Taylor 5
 Richard Hedges 3 | Bernard G. North Tenor

Conducted by Bernard G. North.

CASTLE EATON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sun., June 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of 1,800 of Plain Bob, 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. and 360 of St. Clement's.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

Anthony R. Peake Treble | E. William Ford 4
 Brian Hall 2 | Maurice A. New 5
 Roland T. Wakefield 3 | Brian Bladon Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. A. Harrison, upon resignation after 20 years as Rector of Castle Eaton, and to Mrs. Harrison.

TYTHERINGTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Fri., July 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 18 lb.

*Diane V. Simmons Treble | †William Lampard 4
 †Myra J. Gibbs 2 | Anthony W. Gibbs 5
 Michael H. Gregory 3 | William J. Cook Tenor

Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.

* First peal. † First of Grandsire Doubles. ‡ First in the method.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

THE GRESHAM'S SCHOOL SOCIETY.

SAXTHORPE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Sat., July 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 2 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.
*Jonathan A. Roys-Jones *Treble* *Andrew W. Sawyer .. 4
†Richard A. J. Bower .. 2 Frank H. King .. 5
†Peter N. Mackley .. 3 †Paul Roys-Jones .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Paul Roys-Jones.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor on tower bells. First peal of Minor as conductor. First Minor peal on tower bells for the Society.

Rung by past and present members of Gresham's School.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OLD WOKING, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., June 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.
Jill M. May .. *Treble* Roy Collins .. 5
*Peter J. Privett .. 2 Stanley G. Ponting .. 6
Christopher D. J. Webb .. 3 John F. M. Maybrey .. 7
Dennis G. Blows .. 4 Douglas A. R. May .. *Tenor*
Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.
* First peal of Major "inside." Rung for the Patronal Festival.

MERROW, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Thurs., July 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in F.
Douglas A. R. May .. *Treble* Harold A. May .. 4
A Pamela Warren .. 2 David J. Tubbs .. 5
Dennis G. Blows .. 3 Peter G. Smart .. *Tenor*
Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.

A farewell to Pamela Warren, captain of this tower since 1953, who leaves for Mooropaa, Victoria, on July 12th.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, Breconshire.—At the Church of SS. Cynidr and Peter.

On Tues., June 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.
John F. I. Turney .. *Treble* Robert A. Hatcher .. 4
Malcolm T. Johns .. 2 H. Lyndon Hatfield .. 5
Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 3 *Colin A. Lewis .. *Tenor*
Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.

* 50th peal.

Rung on St. Peter's Day for the 300th anniversary of the consecration of St. Peter's Church on its present site.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

KING'S LANGLEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., July 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.
Augustin V. Good .. *Treble* *Donald A. Bedford .. 5
*Keith D. Waples .. 2 *Peter W. Harper .. 6
*D. Joseph Goodman .. 3 *Brian M. Barker .. 7
*Robert J. Picton .. 4 Walter Ayre .. *Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 850th peal.
Rung within the Octave of St. Peter's Day.

CHENIES, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Mon., June 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Childwall, Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford, and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.
D. Joseph Goodman .. *Treble* Keith D. Waples .. 4
Brian M. Barker .. 2 *Donald A. Bedford .. 5
Walter Ayre .. 3 Peter W. Harper .. *Tenor*
Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal of seven methods "inside."

Rung to honour the wedding of Monica Barret, a ringer at this church, and Robert Gilmour, which took place the previous Saturday. Also a birthday compliment to H. P. and T. P. Ayre.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Stephen.

On Sat., July 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods, viz.: (1) Fulbeck Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob and Plain Bob, (2) College Bob, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Childwall, (6) Double Oxford, (7) St. Clement's. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.
David Rothera .. *Treble* Gerald Penney .. 4
*Sheila Brown .. 2 Geoffrey Dodds .. 5
Joyce Dodds .. 3 *Edic Edmondson .. *Tenor*
Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First peal in 12 methods.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

On Fri., July 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,184 Bristol, 1,280 each London, Cambridge and Superlative, 110 changes of method, and all the work for each bell. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Frederick J. Cullum .. *Treble* Edward Jenkins .. 5
Arthur G. Mason .. 2 Bernard F. L. Groves .. 6
*Judith M. Corby .. 3 Martin L. Howe .. 7
Herbert E. Audsley .. 4 Philip A. Corby .. *Tenor*

Composed by Albert J. Pitman (C.C.C. 13).

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

* First peal of spiced "inside."

CRAYFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Paulinus.

On Sat., July 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In two methods, comprising 3,520 London and 1,504 Bristol, with 56 changes of methods and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Martin L. Howe .. *Treble* David S. Osenton .. 5
Christopher T. Osenton .. 2 *John W. Coleman .. 6
Olive D. Tester .. 3 Colin A. Tester .. 7
Monty W. Gilbert .. 4 Bernard F. L. Groves .. *Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of spiced.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., July 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.
John W. Coleman .. *Treble* John R. Cooper .. 5
Ann E. Fellows .. 2 David S. Osenton .. 6
Olive D. Tester .. 3 Colin A. Tester .. 7
Martin L. Howe .. 4 Christopher T. Osenton .. *Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. Law James.

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church.

On Sun., July 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.
Lucile M. Corby .. *Treble* Edward Jenkins .. 5
Hilary F. Martin .. 2 Herbert E. Audsley .. 6
Arthur G. Mason .. 3 Robert W. Hinde .. 7
Judith M. Corby .. 4 Philip A. Corby .. *Tenor*
Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Thurs., July 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of London, Annable's London, Bourne, Beverley, York, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.
Robert J. Cooles .. *Treble* D. Paul Smith .. 4
Ian H. Oram .. 2 Tony Lewis .. 5
Richard G. Crosland .. 3 Ralph Bird .. *Tenor*
Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas, Pier Head.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.
Tudor P. Edwards .. *Treble* †Christopher K. Cooper .. 7
*Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. 2 †Peter S. Bennett .. 8
†Cyril Crosssthaite .. 3 †§Richard S. Starkie .. 9
†Maryl R. Crosssthaite .. 4 Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 10
†Philip J. Crosssthaite .. 5 John H. Fielden .. 11
*§Malcolm A. Phillips .. 6 †Jeffrey J. Fox .. *Tenor*
Composed by A. M. Tyler. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal on twelve bells. † First of Grandsire Cinques. ‡ First of Cinques. § 25th year together.

Rung with the best wishes of the rest of the band to Maryl Crosssthaite and John Fielden, on their engagement. Also as a farewell to the Liverpool University Society ringers, who are leaving Liverpool.

TARLETON, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Mon., June 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.
Cyril Crosssthaite .. *Treble* Christopher K. Cooper .. 5
Richard S. Starkie .. 2 *Malcolm A. Phillips .. 6
Philip J. Crosssthaite .. 3 John H. Fielden .. 7
*Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. 4 Tudor P. Edwards .. *Tenor*
Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Cyril Crosssthaite.
* First peal of Rutland.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PARBOLD, Lancashire.—At Christ Church, Douglas.

On Thurs., June 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite .. . 5
Tudor P. Edwards .. . 2	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. . 6
Jeffrey J. Fox .. . 3	Richard S. Starkie .. . 7
Malcolm A. Phillips .. . 4	John H. Fielden .. . Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.
First peal as conductor.

Conducted by Hazel A. Arrowsmith.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLABY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, St. Simon, St. Martin, April Day, and three extents each of Stedman and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. appox.

*S. B. Thompson (11) .. Treble	Brian C. Law .. . 3
Ron. Chapman .. . 2	Brian S. Chapman .. . 4

Richard A. Cobley .. . Tenor

Conducted by Brian C. Law.

* First peal. The tenor ringer has "circled the tower."

Rung for the rededication of the church clock, which has been made electric in memory of Albert Cooke.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

FULNEY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., June 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

Denis R. Woods .. . Treble	Maurice Bennett .. . 5
Frank Taylor .. . 2	Cyril R. Burrell .. . 6
Wendy Daw .. . 3	Brian Harris .. . 7
Derek J. Jones .. . 4	Raymond H. Daw .. . Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Raymond H. Daw.

First in the method for all except 6 and 7. First of Major as conductor and 90th peal.

Rung in memoriam Frederick Leggott, of Boston.

BRANSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., June 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

James H. Musson .. . Treble	Walter Tomlinson .. . 4
William R. Parker .. . 2	Philip C. Pitchford .. . 5
Amos Ingall (75) .. . 3	Louis Willders .. . Tenor

Composed by the Rev. E. Bankes James.

Conducted by Louis Willders.

Rung to mark the golden wedding anniversary of the ringer of third, and his wife, who became great-grandparents the day previous to the peal.

BLANKNEY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.

On Tues., June 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Christopher J. Sharp .. Treble	Richard E. Manton .. . 4
Jack L. Milhouse .. . 2	Harold F. Gibson .. . 5
Charles E. Brown .. . 3	Geoffrey R. Parker .. . Tenor

Composed by the Rev. E. Bankes James.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

In memoriam Frederick W. Stokes.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., July 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven six-scores (4 callings).

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

William Watkin .. . Treble	Leslie Walley .. . 4
*Caroline Stuart .. . 2	David Midgley .. . 5
Eric Young .. . 3	G. Arnold Moore .. . Tenor

Conducted by G. Arnold Moore.

* First peal of Bob Minor.

Rung for the golden jubilee of Father Broome, parish priest of St. Mary's.

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Church of All Saints, Childwall.

On Tues., June 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being three extents of Cambridge Surprise, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

*Malcolm A. Phillips .. Treble	Michael Pilgrim .. . 4
Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. . 2	Christopher K. Cooper .. . 5
Richard S. Starkie .. . 3	*John H. Fielden .. . Tenor

Conducted by Christopher K. Cooper.

* 25th peal together

AUGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Thurs., June 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

Richard S. Starkie .. . Treble	R. Fraser Mack .. . 4
Roger J. Shea .. . 2	Malcolm A. Phillips .. . 5
Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. . 3	John H. Fielden .. . Tenor

Conducted by John H. Fielden.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Wed., June 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5216 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Timothy G. Pett .. . Treble	Bert Gogle .. . 5
George P. Adams .. . 2	Kevin S. Hohl .. . 6
Ernest H. Mastin .. . 3	Nolan Golden .. . 7
Sidney Marshall .. . 4	H. William Barrett .. . Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

Rung in honour of Mr. and Mrs. George Adams' silver wedding anniversary. Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

GRESSENHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

George Sayer .. . Treble	Nolan Golden .. . 5
Shelagh R. Collins .. . 2	Kevin S. Hohl .. . 6
*Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville 3	H. William Barrett .. . 7
Timothy G. Pett .. . 4	David E. House .. . Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STONESFIELD, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great.

On Sat., July 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob, and one extent each of Kent, Oxford, St. Clement's and Single Oxford. Tenor 8 cwt.

Peter Pearce .. . Treble	Peter G. Holden .. . 4
J. Stuart Anderson .. . 2	Brian W. Hall .. . 5
James F. List .. . 3	D. Kay Adkins .. . Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOLT, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Katharine.

On Tues., June 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in nine methods: three extents each St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, St. Nicholas and Winchendon; 12 extents Plain Bob; eight Reverse Canterbury seven Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb.

*Miss E. Thorpe .. . Treble	R. J. Purnell .. . 4
J. Nibbs .. . 2	D. Nibbs .. . 5
†C. Quarterley .. . 3	P. S. Gaisford .. . Tenor

Conducted by R. J. Purnell.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Marion Webb, previously a ringer at Stratton St. Margaret, Wiltshire, and Mr. B. Coggin, of Kidlington, Oxfordshire.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

RUDDINGTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ruth M. Blackshaw .. Treble	Charles W. Towers .. . 4
Maurice W. Harrison .. 2	Sydney Adams .. . 5
David Oliver .. . 3	*Albert Simpson .. . Tenor

Conducted by Sydney Adams.

* First peal.

Tenor 15 cwt.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Alfred T. Whitworth, verger of this church for 28 years.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Fri., July 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 70 methods/variations, viz.: (1) St. Osmund and Longworth, (2) S. Remigius and Harpley, (3) St. Martin and Welford, (4) Winchendon and Haddiscoe, (5) St. Simon and Braywood, (6) St. Nicholas and Fundenhall, (7) Eynsham, Elford and St. Jude, (8) St. Ignatius, (9) St. Alban, (10) Cassington, (11) St. Leonard, Austrey and St. Laurence, (12) St. Paul, (13) Churchill, (14) St. Peter, (15) St. John, Ryton and St. Crispin, (16) Chilton, (17) St. Miles, (18) St. Luke, (19) Lapley, Shreshill and St. Mary, (20) Heywood, (21) Plain, (22) Kennington, (23) April Day, Litchurch and Seighford, (24) May Day, (25) Old, (26) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (27) Southrepps, (28) Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston and St. David, (29) Royston, (30) St. Columba, (31) Grandsire and Newborough, (32) St. Helen and Longparish, (33) Daffodil and Bluebell, (34) St. Anne and Middleton, (35) St. Quintin and St. Lucy, (36) Allestree and St. Frisewide, (37) Ladbroke and Zennor, (38) Keysoe and Pinks, (39) Rushall and All Saints, (40) Marchington, (41) Reverse St. Bartholomew and Northrepps, (42) Fortune.

*Gilbert Butler Treble	Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.
Elisabeth J. Foster .. 2	George A. Dawson .. 3
	Peter R. Humphrey .. 4
Simon Humphrey Tenor	

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

* First peal away from tenor. Most methods/variations to a peal for all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.
Rung after meeting short for Minor.

THE SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD.
NEW ALRESFORD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Miss H. Waters Treble	John H. Taylor 5
†Miss P. Drew 2	Malcolm M. Powell .. 6
Miss R. J. Kemp 3	David J. Forder 7
Michael D. Trigg 4	Peter J. Joyce Tenor

Composed by Arthur M. Tyler.

Conducted by Peter J. Joyce.

* First peal. † First of Major. First of Major as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the Master of the Guild, Michael Trigg. Tenor 16 cwt.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
LITTLE ASTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., July 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being 12 methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (2) London, (3) Wells, (4) York, (5) Durham, (6) Surfleet, (7) Beverley. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

Richard G. Paxton .. Treble	Edward W. Colley .. 4
D. Kay Moore 2	P. George Golder .. 5
Marilyn C. Smith .. 3	Michael W. Fairey .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Fairey.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
CROYDON, Surrey.—At the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., July 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in C sharp.

Roydon Davies Treble	Anthony R. Kench .. 7
Claudia A. Critchley .. 2	Richard C. Stevens .. 8
Michael P. Moreton .. 3	Jack S. Dear 9
G. William Critchley .. 4	Stewart F. Kimber .. 10
David P. Hilling 5	Frederick E. Collins .. 11
Raymond E. Finch 6	A. Patrick Cannon .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Frederick E. Collins.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ANGMERING, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Mon., April 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Mary E. Chauvet .. Treble	Michael J. Bew 4
Angela M. Wright .. 2	Bernard J. Stone .. 5
Peggy Taylor 3	Bernard G. North .. Tenor

Conducted by Bernard G. North.

* First peal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
BRIERLEY HILL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Wed., June 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

Arr. J. E. Groves .. Treble	Michael J. Fellows .. 5
Clifford Skidmore .. 2	John C. Eisel 6
Arthur D. Fellows .. 3	Martin D. Fellows .. 7
A. Bryan Ellsmore .. 4	Stephen Mallen Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Clifford Skidmore.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam John Lloyd, who was a ringer at this church for 58 years and was cremated this day at Stourbridge.

OLD SWINFORD, Stourbridge, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., June 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Peter J. Brown Treble	Michael J. Fellows .. 5
*William H. Cooper .. 2	*Edward W. Colley .. 6
Martin D. Fellows .. 3	John C. Eisel 7
*M. Irene Ellsmore .. 4	*Clifford A. Barrow .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major.

In memoriam John Lloyd, of Brierley Hill.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIRSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 1,600 each of Rutland and London, and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Pudsey, Yorkshire, Superlative and Lincolnshire, with 129 changes of method. Tenor 22½ cwt.

Iris M. E. Lemare .. Treble	Rev. Frederick Ross .. 5
W. Eric Critchley .. 2	†J. Henry Fielden .. 6
*Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 3	†John F. Bryant .. 7
*Vernon Bottomley .. 4	Richard E. Price .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

* 100th peal together. † 300th peal. ‡ 100th peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At "Bombay," 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.

On Wed., June 9, 1965, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being 7 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Alan McFall 1—2	††Neil Bennett .. 3—4
	‡Robert B. Smith (cond.) 5—6

* First peal of Oxford T.B. on handbells. † First of Oxford T.B. Minor on handbells. ‡ 100th peal together.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At All Saints' Bell Tower.

On Wed., June 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Alan McFall 1—2	Robert B. Smith .. 5—6
†Brian J. Woodruffe .. 3—4	‡Derek Butterworth .. 7—8

Composed by John Reeves. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal of Kent T.B. on handbells. † 100th peal for the Guild. ‡ First of T.B. on handbells.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At All Saints' Bell Tower.

On Fri., June 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Derek Butterworth .. 1—2	Alan McFall 5—6
Robert B. Smith .. 3—4	Michael W. Crowder .. 7—8

Arranged from E. M. Atkins'. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 22, Castleton Grove.

On Thurs., June 17, 1965, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, viz.: (1) St. Clement's Bob, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (4) Reverse Bob, (5) Double Bob, (6) Double and Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.

*David J. Marshall .. 1—2	Rodney A. Yeates .. 3—4
	Andrew G. Craddock (cond.) 5—6

* Most methods to a peal on handbells. Most methods to a peal as conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(and The Gresham's School Society).

HOLT, Norfolk.—At Gresham's School.

On Thurs., July 1, 1965, in 1 Hour and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent in each of the following 42 methods: St. Matthew, St. Silvester, St. Mark, St. George, St. Osmund, St. Ambrose, Church Gresley, St. Remigius, Ascension, Thames, St. Veronica, Charton, Morning Star, Pluto, Jupiter, Neptune, Norfolk, Broadwas, St. Catherine, Baldon, Gresham, Bale, Old Doubles, St. Columba, Cassington, St. Thomas, St. Peter, St. Luke, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Alban, St. Nicholas, St. Paul, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, Southrepps, St. Simon, St. Giles, St. Martin, St. Miles, Folke, Cadbury. Tenor size 15 in C.

Peter N. Mackley .. 1—2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3—4
	Paul Royds-Jones .. 5—6

Most methods rung to a peal by all the band and for the Society. First peal in 42 methods in the county and for the Association.

Gresham Bob Doubles is St. Martin with a Plain Bob bob and an Old Doubles Single as a single.
Bale Bob is Winchendon Place Bob with the same calls as Gresham Bob.

QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On July 4th, 1,260 Minor (three methods): Amanda Powell (first Minor) 1, R. Rayfield 2, Wendy Wallace 3, R. Bird 4, C. H. Macve 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. J. Lander (first of Minor) 1, E. D. Gibson (first of Minor "inside") 2, A. F. Hall 3, R. I. Gosling 4, E. D. Thomas 5, J. E. Collins (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Miss C. A. Carpenter and Mr. B. R. Manning, former Ringing Master.

ASKERSWELL, DORSET.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. M. G. Elsworth 1, D. B. Ellery 2, I. L. Andrews 3, A. Knight 4, M. J. Hiller (cond., 20th quarter) 5, A. D. Case 6.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On July 4th, 1,296 Minor (Cambridge and Plain Bob): A. Buck 1, M. Orme 3, S. Hutton 4, P. Flack 5, R. Castledine 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, D. Salisbury (cover).

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael's with St. Paul's, on June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): P. J. Devrell (first on treble) 1, Miss J. Webber 2, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 3, D. C. Hawkins 4, J. G. Hobbs 5, A. Swaton (first quarter) 6. First in six methods for 1, 2 and 4.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss S. Bird 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss H. Copperthwaite 3, F. Southwood (first quarter of Doubles) 4, Miss B. Fisher (cond.) 5. For Matins.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Phillips 1, J. Keyte 2, B. F. Trute 3, L. Pratley 4, A. Stayte 5, R. Darvill 6, A. Wright (cond.) 7, A. Pearce 8. For evening service, also to celebrate the 75th birthday of the 2nd ringer.

CARDIGAN.—On June 27th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): D. J. Morgan (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Thomas 2, A. F. Walters (cond.) 3, J. D. Thomas 4, R. Pateman 5, B. Griffiths 6. A compliment to Rev. D. Watcyn Morgan, curate, on the occasion of his ordination as priest.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dorothy Johnson (first quarter) 1, A. Frost 1, L. Cook (first "inside") 3, C. Bell (cond.) 4, H. Cook 5, A. Cairns 6, S. Livesey 7, K. Ginger 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of treble.

CLAPHAM COMMON, LONDON.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss I. Shanks (first quarter) 1, B. J. Imber (first in method) 2, J. R. Pratt (first in method) 3, A. R. Millidge 4, G. W. Shanks (first as cond.) 5, T. Farmer 6. Rung in honour of Bishop Cowderoy's elevation to the Archiepiscopacy.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On July 4th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Muffin Stevens 1, Peggy Butcher 2, D. Slater 3, A. W. Fuller 4, A. J. Butcher (cond.) 5, Betty Butley ("circled the tower") 6. First in four methods 1 and 6, 25th together 5 and 6. Rung to mark the birth of Amanda Frances Fuller, first grandchild of the ringer of the fourth.

DEANE, HANTS.—On July 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Fay Willshire 1, R. Christine Hassell 2, Kay Winterbourne 3, Cynthia Kemp 4, P. G. Holmes (cond.) 5, R. Hassell 6.

GODSHILL, I.W.—On June 16th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): C. Denness (cond.) 1, Mrs. E. Wyatt 2, C. Callaway 3, A. Harman 4, L. Bailey 5, R. Lale 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Bailey, on their silver wedding anniversary. Also on June 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Miss M. Daish 1, L. Bailey (cond.) 2, Mrs. E. Wyatt 3, A. Harman 4, A. Cheeseman 5, R. Lale 6. For the 49th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Canon C. Elliot Wigg 1, Rev. P. T. Robbins 2, Rev. J. B. T. Homfray 3, Rev. P. N. Bond 4, Rev. R. Keeley 5, Rev. A. Clayton 6, Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, Rev. R. N. Longridge 8.

HUNTINGTON, YORKS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. P. A. Pearce 1, Mary I. Hildred (first "inside") 2, Jennifer Pearce 3, Susan E. Thompson 4, A. C. Banton (cond.) 5. Rung on American Independence Day as a welcome to Rev. John Diehl, Rector of Lehigh, Pennsylvania, to the parish.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. W. Brown 1, A. M. Humphrey 2, R. H. Tribe 3, J. R. Norris 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. J. Trier 6. Rung in honour of Hilary Margaret Tribe, daughter of Robert and Margaret Tribe, who was baptised at this church this day.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On July 4th, 1,440 London Surprise Royal (No. 3): A. S. Bishop (cond.) 1, Alison M. Mann (first of London Royal) 2, Susan Newman 3, A. R. Patterson 4, Deborah Hopkins 5, M. J. Bangham 6, R. N. Harris 7, K. Newman 8, A. Bagworth 9, W. H. Jackson 10.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Layton 1, N. Whitehouse (first Doubles) 2, C. Peakman 3, A. E. Morgan 4, C. F. Jukes (cond.) 5, F. Preston 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong, also in memoriam Mr. J. Lloyd, a good friend to the ringers of St. Mary's.

LECHLADE, GLOS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Hardisty 1, Miss M. Walsh 2, Miss R. Lee 3, R. Haydon 4, G. Land (cond.) 5, W. Gearing 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. P. Harrison, retired headmaster of Lechlade C. of E. School, faithful churchman and servant of the community, who died during the previous night.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Susan P. Williams 1, S. J. J. Lancombe 2, M. W. Fairley 3, R. G. Paxton 4, S. C. Walters 5, J. H. Allen (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

MABE BURNHOUSE, CORNWALL.—On June 29th, quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Linnington 1, D. Stephens 2, E. H. Langley 3, A. T. Wingate (cond.) 4, W. Sanders 5, S. Pryor 6.

MARCHINGTON, STAFFS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Bagnall (first quarter) 1, P. C. Bowen (first in the method "inside") 2, L. E. Monk 3, C. W. Bowen 4, J. E. Dolman (cond.) 5, C. M. Smith 6.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.—On July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jean Griffiths 1, P. Downer (first "inside") 2, J. H. Jones 3, J. R. Williams (cond.) 4, J. C. Jones 5, W. Price 6. For Evensong.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 1, L. A. Whewall 2, J. G. Edgson 3, W. E. Burnell 4, P. M. Edgson 5, Lynda Hopkins 6. Rung for Confirmation service by the Rt. Rev. J. McKie.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's, Jesmond, on July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Diane M. Teller (first on eight) 1, J. G. White 2, Susan Elliott 3, S. J. Pardoe 4, J. A. Sturrock 5, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 6, R. A. Yeates 7, P. R. Martin 8. For Evensong.

NORTHENDEN, MANCHESTER.—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Twigg 1, Jean Cross (first "inside") 2, Marjorie Martin 3, P. Banks 4, D. Goodall 5, D. Gillespie (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 5. To mark the ordination in Manchester Cathedral of the Rev. David Gwyn Reid Thomas, curate of this parish.

OVER, CAMBS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. White 1, F. Hodson 2, D. Murfet 3, W. Bavin 4, J. Causar 5, A. Payne (cond.) 6. For the christening of Ruth Pamela, daughter of Joyce and Alan Payne.

OXFORD.—At St. Mary Magdalen's, on June 17th, 1,296 Surfleet and Beverley Surplice Minor: Miss M. A. Muir 1, Miss H. F. Pardoe 2, P. A. Brand 3, R. Wharton 4, R. M. Heyworth 5, B. Wakefield (cond.) 6.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. John's Church, on June 7th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: H. Goakes 1, J. Bluff 2, A. Waller 3, G. Davis 4, L. Brighton 5, G. Cowlin 6, F. Boyall 7, R. W. Spencer (first of Major as cond.) 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On July 4th, 1,134 Double Norwich Caters: J. Bruce 1, T. Hollis 2, E. Chaddock 3, J. Chaddock 4, N. Chaddock (cond.) 5, N. Donovan 6, D. French 7, D. Nichols 8, S. Armeson 9, M. Meadows 10. First by all except the conductor. For Morning Eucharist.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Rose (first quarter) 1, L. Wright 2, R. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, E. Nice 5, M. Rose (cond.) 6. A compliment to Derek Rose, on his 12th birthday.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—On June 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: I. W. Cherriman 1, E. F. Fosberry 2, C. R. Longhurst 3, K. A. May 4, G. C. Rix 5, F. R. Verrall (cond.) 6. To mark the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cherriman of Ivy View, Coolham, Sussex.

SOUTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Foreman 1, C. Catchpole 2, C. F. Philippo 3, R. Churchill 4, F. Arnold 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. First on the bells since rehanging. A compliment to the Rector for getting the bells rehung, and for the Festival of Flowers.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cooper 1, N. Brown 2, L. Cooper 3, H. Whittinger 4, D. Taplin 5, W. Lawrence (cond.) 6, D. L. Gullick 7, W. H. Munson 8. Birthday compliments to Miss O. M. Smith and W. Lawrence (81).

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. D. Barker (cond.) 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, Miss J. Wincomb 3, R. Lister 4, R. Newton 5, W. Birmingham, jun. 6, A. Newton 7, A. C. Tovey 8. First of Grandsire Triples 3, 4 and 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Trinity Sunday, at Christ Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. E. Jaques 1, Dr. C. G. Roworth 2, Miss J. Davidge 3, M. D. Penney 4, W. W. T. Daniell 5, M. Scowen 6, P. Minchin 7, P. Spackman 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, W. Merritt 10. Rung prior to Evensong, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of Rev. J. W. Jackson's ordination.

TEDBURN ST. MARY, DEVON.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Wannell 1, Valerie Mellich (first in method) 2, K. Wannell 3, D. Willis 4, A. White (cond.) 5, G. West 6. For St. Peter's Day, and as a wedding compliment to Ann and Ken Wannell.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On June 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Huley 1, H. White 2, A. Richardson 3, P. Warboys (cond.) 4, W. Waits 5, T. Camp 6. A 78th birthday compliment to H. White, who for over 50 years has given devoted service to the towers in this area.

TWYFORD, LEICS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss B. Smith 1, C. E. Cooper 2, W. Clamp 3, A. E. Hinman 4, R. C. Tyler 5, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Roger Malcolm Spencer, churchwarden and captain of the ringers.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On June 27th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: R. W. Young 1, Judith A. Robertson (first in method as cond.) 2, R. G. W. Robertson 3, P. R. Keough 4, M. J. Young 5, V. J. Baker 6. First in method 4 and 6. A compliment to the Rt. Rev. John Wellington, who is retiring on St. Peter's Day, the 25th anniversary of his consecration as Bishop.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On July 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Jenny Peel (first of Caters) 1, R. D. Bell 2, G. Aven 3, H. A. Bradbury 4, R. G. Smith 5, W. G. Paul 6, D. Laud 7, B. Matthews 8, R. G. Bell (cond.) 9, S. Laud 10. For the visit to Watford of H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, to inspect the 1st Battalion Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On June 17th, 1,260 Doubles (ten methods): D. Coomber (first Stedman) 1, Gillian R. Parsons 2, Valerie J. Howard 3, D. Slater 4, J. A. Howard (cond.) 5.

WHITSTABLE, KENT.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. C. Darke 1, Miss D. E. Austin 2, Mrs. L. E. James 3, Miss G. James 4, S. E. James 5, M. Ostler (first as cond.) 6. A farewell to the Rev. H. J. Wilson, returning to the United States.

WILLINGDON, SUSSEX.—On June 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. Percy (cond.) 1, B. Linacre 2, Miss S. Percy (first "inside") 3, Miss J. Percy 4, R. Percy 5, C. Percy 6. A welcome to Rev. A. N. Oliver, assistant curate at this church.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On June 27th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. Sharples 1, Miss C. Hales 2, Miss A. Ba'dwin 3, D. Smith 4, S. Sage 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. C. Rees, curate and ringer at this church.

WIMBORNE MINSTER, DORSET.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Maureen Bishop 1, A. G. Rose 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, A. F. R. Matthews 4, R. E. Groves 5, E. A. Bishop 6, L. J. Lockyer (cond.) 7, M. Jenkins 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bishop.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. A. Orme 1, R. C. Underwood 2, B. R. M. Johnson 3, C. W. Daws 4, J. E. Spice 5, R. Dyckhoff (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 3.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Single Oxford, Double Oxford and Oxford Treble Bob: C. R. Daft 1, Elizabeth J. Foster 2, J. C. Shonfeld 3, P. R. Humphrey 4, Susanna Popplestone 5, S. Humphrey (cond.) 6. First in the method "spliced."

WOOTTON, BEDS.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Cambridge and Single Oxford Bob Minor: S. Wooler 1, Miriam Pettitt 2, R. Sharp 3, R. Chapman 4, K. Fleming 5, R. Law (cond.) 6.

WORCESTER.—At All Saints' Church, on June 24th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. J. M. Grosvenor 1, L. J. Haines 2, A. P. White 3, D. G. Franklin 4, M. J. Robinson (cond.) 5, P. D. Ross (first quarter) 6.

YARNTON, OXON.—On June 27th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. G. Holden 1, J. F. List 2, D. Floyd 3, P. J. Heritage 4, E. R. Venn (cond.) 5, V. Griffin 6.

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ENGAGEMENT

STRATHDEE—SMITH.—The engagement is announced between Andrew James, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Strathdee, of 1, Bickley Avenue, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, and Jill Wendy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Smith, of 76, Wentworth Crescent, Harlington, Hayes, Middlesex. 7235

RETURN THANKS

KNIGHT.—Mrs. M. W. Knight writes thanking all who paid such wonderful tributes to her dear son, F. C. W. Knight, whose untimely death was such a grievous tragedy to her. 7226

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

FROST.—Alan and Diana now live at 7, Faulkners Way, Stoke Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Beds. Telephone: Leighton Buzzard 2346. Ringing friends welcome. 7236

PAMELA WARREN.—As from July 12th, please write to Pathology Dept., Mooroopna and District Base Hospital, Victoria Australia. 7234

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MISCELLANEOUS

EXETER.—The Dean and Chapter have granted permission for the Salvation Army to hold their centenary celebrations in Exeter Cathedral on Saturday, July 17th, 1965, and there will be no practice for bellringers this month. 7238

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HECKINGTON, Lincs.—Ringing from 10-12 noon on Saturday, July 24th. Bring your own lunch and stay to the show and sports commencing at 1.30 p.m. 7228

TEIGNMOUTH, St. Michael's.—Ringing every Sunday, 8.15-9 p.m. for the Holiday-makers' Service, from now until the middle of September. Visitors welcome. 7223

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CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Joint meeting with DERBY ASSOCIATION at Fairfield (Buxton), July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. E. Ellison, 70, King's Road, Fairfield, Buxton. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 7216

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Salford Priors on Saturday, July 17th, next. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. Names for tea to Mr. M. C. Homans, 29, School Road, Salford Priors, Evesham, please.—J. L. G. H. 7158

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Joint meeting with the Chester Guild, St. Peter's, Fairfield, Saturday, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. For teas please advise Mrs. E. Ellison, 70, King's Road, Fairfield, Buxton.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 7193

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting at Langham on Saturday, July 17th. Service 4.30, followed by tea, etc. Bells (6) 2.30 and after tea. Names to Mr. Frank Smith, Holly Cottage, Langham, Colchester. 7174

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Radwinter (8) on Saturday, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m., followed with ringing at Hempstead (6) during the evening (with permission of the N. District).—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 7209

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Bentley on Saturday, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mrs. Raggett, Church Cottage, Bentley, Farnham, Surrey. 7219

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Albury Saturday, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing at Great Hormead. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. S. Kent, 8, The Bourne, Clapgate, Albury, Much Hadham, Herts. This is the first meeting at Albury since their augmentation.—D. Kingston.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Kimpton, July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton.—R. Brown, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Borden on July 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting 6.15 p.m. in tower. Please make own arrangements for tea (nearest cafe 3 miles, so I suggest bring sandwiches)—public house open 6 p.m. for liquid refreshment!—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7200

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Laurence-in-Thane (Ramsgate) on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, cost 2/6 per person. Those requiring tea must notify, together with cash, Mr. G. J. Richards, 47, Station Approach, Ramsgate.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Half-annual meeting at Worsley (10) on Saturday, July 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea (approx 3/6) at 5 p.m. followed by meeting.—J. Brannan, Branch Sec. 7216

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Summer meeting, Alwalton, Saturday, July 17th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Secretary.—R. H. Daw, 97, Fane Road, Peterborough. 7214

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wimborne St. Giles (8), Saturday, July 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Cranborne (8) from 7 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Robertson, Creech Cottage, Tarrant Keyneston, Blandford. 7093

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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Diocesan Festival, July 17th at Manacpan (6). Guild office 4.30, followed by tea. Towers open: St. Keverne (8), Helston (8), St. Anthony (8), St. Mawgan (6). All bells available 2.30-4.15 and after tea, please.—A. J. Davidson, Gen Sec., Tyneholme, Barrack Lane, Truro. 7207

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 17th, at Bramley, Hants. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in Village Hall. Names, please, to John Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 7206

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, July 20th, at 8.15 p.m. Forthcoming practices, all commencing 6.30 p.m.: July 20th, St. Paul's Cathedral; July 27th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; August 3rd, St. Lawrence's, Jewry; August 10th, Southwark Cathedral; August 17th, St. Giles', Cripplegate. The 328th anniversary dinner will be held at Saturday, November 6th, 1965, at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge. Full details will be published later.—John Chilcott. 7240

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Dunstable, Saturday, July 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea, own arrangements, 5 p.m. Business in belfry at 5.45. 7232

OBITUARY

MR. W. T. BEESON

West Surrey has lost an outstanding ringer who did much to encourage the advancement of the art, in the person of Mr. William T. Beeson, of Cranleigh, who died in the King George V. Hospital, Milford, on July 5th. He was 67 years of age. About last Whitsuntide "Bill" had two strokes and it was from the effects of these that he died.

He learned to ring at Godstone, Surrey, where his father was captain of the tower. As a member of the Surrey Constabulary, he was stationed at various centres and while at Guildford was in the Holy Trinity band with Mr. A. H. Pulling, with whom he rang many peals, his total being about 800. Much of his recent peal ringing had been in Sussex with various Surprise bands.

His years of retirement had been spent in Cranleigh, where he did much to stimulate interest in the art. "Bill" had a second great love—flowers and gardening. Skilled and knowledgeable, he thus helped to make the earth brighter and more beautiful.

To his widow and daughter the sympathy of hosts of friends is extended. The funeral took place on July 8th at Ewhurst and was attended by old comrades of the Surrey Constabulary, including Supt. R. J. C. Hagley, who served with him and rang in many of his peals.

MR. BERTIE CLARKE

A ringer at Market Bosworth (Leics) for over 50 years, Mr. Clarke passed away peacefully at the age of 82 on June 22nd. He re-joined the old M.C.A. in 1939 and was a regular service ringer until ill-health forced his retirement a few years ago. The bells were rung half-muffled to short touches after the interment.

MR. ARTHUR WHEELER

A churchwarden and ringer at Kirby Bellars (Leics) since the last war, Mr. Wheeler was widely known with the late Mr. Bailey as the "Kirby Twins," who entertained at many bell-ringers' socials. He died on July 3rd, aged 63.

T. C. B.

LADIES' GUILD (N.W. District) and LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Bolton Branch).—Joint meeting, Saturday, July 31st, at Horwich. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at moderate charge. Names to F. Brownlow, 68, Church Street, Horwich, by Wednesday previous. Ribbles buses 122, 126 and 130 from Moor Lane, Bolton, to Brown Cow, Horwich (facing church).—Mrs. H. L. Horn and J. Thornley, Hon Secs. 7247

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Scole, Saturday, July 31st. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. F. W. Philippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich (NOR 01X), by Wednesday, July 28th. 7229

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting, Eardisland, on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Pembroke (5) also available 6-7 p.m. Names for tea to L. Evans, The Brouch, Eardisland, Leominster.—A. J. Lewis, Dis. Sec. 7230

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Postponed meeting on August 21st. Ringing at Northiam from 3 p.m. Tea or service at 4.30. Ringing again at 6.15 at Beckley. Own arrangements for tea.—D. West, Sec. 7218

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual Dinner-Dance will be held on Saturday, October 9th, 1965, at the Mollington Banastre Hotel, Parkgate Road, Chester. Meet 5.45-6.15 p.m. Tickets 23/- each. All applications for tickets to Gen. Sec. before October 1st, together with remittance. The following towers will be open: St. Mary's, Handbridge (8), St. Mary's-within-the-Walls (8), Hoole (6), Backford (6), Shotwick (6).—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec., 63, Parkgate Road, Chester. 6251

MR. FRED LEGGOTT

With regret we report the passing of Mr. Fred Leggott, of Boston, on June 18th, aged 68 years.

Fred had been a ringer since the age of 15 years and he will be sadly missed in local ringing. First learning at Frampton, of late years he was a most regular attender at Boston Stump, where he rang every Sunday. He was laid to rest on June 22nd and a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Boston Stump that day. W. E. C.

MR. J. MARSH

The death occurred on June 8th of Mr. James Marsh, of Ormskirk, at the age of 87 years, after having been confined to hospital for the past two years.

A native of Aughton, near Ormskirk, he had been a ringer at Christ Church, Aughton, for over 70 years. He was baptised, confirmed and married at the church and had been a sidesman for nearly 60 years and Ringing Master for the last 40 years. A member of the Lancashire Association since 1894, he had rung over 100 peals. His favourite method was Stedman Triples, in which he was an expert conductor. His ringing record is unique as he rang a peal in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897 and on her death in 1901 a peal at Aughton in the morning and at St. Peter's pro-Cathedral, Liverpool, in the afternoon. He was the last surviving member to ring a peal at St. Peter's pro-Cathedral before demolition, and was well known all over Lancashire, being a contemporary of the late G. R. Newton, T. Hammond, E. Caunce and A. Tomlinson; only the latter now survives.

"Jim," as he was known, loved his ringing and even when approaching four-score years was always willing to master a new Surprise method. He was laid to rest near to the tower in which he had had so much pleasure, many local ringers being present. Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled before and after the service. At the graveside a touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung by J. Ridyard 1-2, N. Heaps 3-4, R. Kenrick 5-6. It can be truly said of Jim Marsh—Well done, good and faithful servant. E. A.

MR. B. M. SPENCER

Ringers of the Melton District heard with regret of the death of Mr. Roger Malcolm Spencer at home in Melton on Friday, June 25th, after a long illness.

Born at Twyford, he was one who helped to augment the ring from three to six in 1946 and when a team was formed he was elected captain. He had not been able to take part in ringing for some time owing to illness.

The funeral was at Twyford on June 28th and a quarter peal of Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled on July 3rd by District ringers. He was a member of the Leicester Guild. He had been churchwarden for a number of years. J. H. C.

GUARANTEE ONE MINUTE!

The B.B.C. are broadcasting a service from St. Mary's Church, Selly Oak, Birmingham, on July 25th at 10.30 a.m. The B.B.C., writes Mr. W. B. Cartwright, have promised to include the bells, but they will not guarantee more than one minute.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane M. Hough 1, J. M. Elaine Dixon 2, Rachel J. Sinden 3, Vivienne M. Dye 4, G. R. Mordaunt 5, A. E. Davies 6, A. P. S. Berry (cond.) 7, J. F. Wellard 8.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On June 27th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): M. T. Symonds (cond.), 1, D. Howe 2, F. Hunt 3, C. Poulson 4, H. Hollocks 5, R. Chambers 6. For Evensong.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. H. Payton (cond.), 4201 1, A. Hoar (first "inside") 2, Diane Street (cond.), 4803 3, T. Weller 4, Elizabeth Stevenson (cond.), 360 5, Rosemary Weal 6.

DEVON GUILD.—N. and N.W. Branch.—Summer meeting at Holsworthy, Saturday, July 24th. Bells (8) at 3 o'clock. Usual arrangements. Tea 5 o'clock. Bridgule in evening. Visitors welcome.—R. Pearce, Sec. 7237

ELY ASSOCIATION (Wisbech Branch) and LINCOLN GUILD (East Elloe Branch).—Joint meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, K. R. Davey. 7243

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly, July 24th, Bovey Tracey. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.15. Ringing after meeting. Chudleigh 6.15-4.30 Names for tea essential.—A. B. Shingler, 8, Ness View Road, Teignmouth. 7222

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Luke's, Bromley Common, Saturday, July 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday the 21st to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. 7244

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough and Leicester Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Kibworth on Saturday, July 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., St. Wilfred Hall. Names for tea to A. Martin, Kimberley Street, Kibworth, by July 22nd. Church Langton bells not available.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 7241

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—First District meeting at Gadesby on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea by July 21st, Mr. T. Clarke, 5, Barrow Crescent, Gadesby, Leics.—M. Stimson, Dis. Sec. 6252

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting on Saturday, July 24th, on the rehung bells (6) at Lane End. Ringing 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Miss Hague. 7225

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Amesbury, July 24th. Bells 3 to 7.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, 20th, to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton. 7221

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, July 24th, Ogbourne, St. Andrew's and St. George's, afternoon and evening respectively. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 7249

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 24th, at Tversal-with-Sutton. Tversal bells (5) 3-5.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Sutton-in-Ashfield bells (8) 6-8.30 p.m. Business meeting.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 7233

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at Mendlesham (6) on July 24th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. for those notifying Mrs. A. Godfree at 2, Fleece Cottages, Mendlesham, Stowmarket, by Wednesday, July 21st. Wetheringsett bells (5) also available from 6.30 p.m.—L. E. Last. 7218

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Wadhurst (8), Saturday, July 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to G. M. FitzHugh, 36, London Road, Hailsham, Sussex, by Wednesday, July 21st.—G. FitzHugh, Hon. Div. Sec. 7192

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Evening practice meeting at North Creak on Wednesday, July 28th. Bells (6) available 6.30. Please make every effort to attend.—C. Tovell. 6253

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Supplementary meeting at Great Leighs (5) on Saturday, July 31st. Bells 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea; no business. Names for tea to J. P. Brandon, 424, Baddow Road, Chelmsford (72100), by previous Thursday. Ringing afterwards also at Terling (6). Please come and make this meeting a success. 6254

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Chertsey, Saturday, July 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names to Rev. G. S. Archibald, The Vicarage, Chertsey. Note change of date. 7188

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REASONS FOR PEALS

Sermon preached by the Rev. F. F. Rigby, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, in Christchurch Priory, on Saturday, July 4th, 1965, at the annual service of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

SOME years ago I rang in a peal which had been arranged, as peals usually are, several days beforehand. Quite by chance, it happened that the local football team had won the match in a cup final and were returning home at the time of the ringing. Next day, the local evening newspaper had a paragraph headed something like this: "Bells ring out to welcome victorious team." In fact, there was no connection whatever between the two events; it was the newspaper reporter who had linked them together.

But suppose there had been a connection; suppose the ringers had decided to ring the bells because the football team had won. Would it have been right, or wrong, to ring the church bells on such an occasion? Would it have been right to use the bells, sacred objects which had been dedicated to the glory of God, on such an occasion as this? This poses for ringers an important question; we are plunged right into the centre of a theological discussion which has been going on for a number of years. The question is this: should the Christian separate the sacred and the secular?

I was reminded of this theological discussion in May. The Welsh rugby team had won an international match. Now I live in an area near to the border of England and Wales, and many of the local Rectors and Vicars are Welshmen. When you speak about Wales, tears come into their eyes. When you speak about rugby they become quite lyrical. And when you speak about Wales and rugby together, you would think they had seen the Beatific Vision, especially if Wales happens to have won.

There is only one way I can make them speechless, and then only for a few moments. It is when I tell them that if they want to see rugby at its best they should watch a Rugby League match as played in the north and not the fifteen a side hugging mugger of Rugby Union. I know that the limit to the number of times I shall dare to say this is rapidly approaching and that one of these days I shall be tackled from all sides, for so intensely do they feel about their game. So I was not a bit surprised when I saw in "The Ringing World" that a peal had been rung simply because the Welsh rugby team had won a match. Now, was it right or wrong to ring this peal?

A ringer who lives in Twickenham, where rugby is a gentlemanly game, was greatly distressed about the whole episode. For all I know he may like rugby. But he objected in a letter to "The Ringing World" because the peal had been rung. Some of the points he made were good ones. But, in my judgment, he made a basic mistake. He tried to separate the sacred from the secular. He thought, for example, that the peal could have been excused if it had been rung on bells in a secular tower. He thought that no one would quarrel with a peal rung to mark a Saint's Day, and this notwithstanding the fact that some of us think there are a number of the Saints who ought to be de-Sainted. He thought there were plenty of what he called ecclesiastical events if a reason was needed for ringing a peal. This separation of sacred and secular is wrong.

Is it not the task of Christianity to make holy, to make sacred, that which we call secular? All the world is God's world and thirty rugby players are still in God's world, even though they are playing in Wales. It is because Christians believe that there ought not to be a separation between the sacred and the secular that we have Industrial Chaplains and University Chaplains. The task of Christianity is not to make Christians into members of a little closed shop but to help all people in God's world, in the whole of it. Jesus Christ spent nearly all His time in what we should call secular situations, amongst ordinary people doing ordinary jobs, and often illustrating what He wanted to say by secular illustrations.

In practice, what does all this mean for ringers? There is no reason at all why bells should not be rung for secular occasions and a good number of reasons why they should. But we need a sense of balance, a sense of proportion, for if we ring for all secular occasions of note, we shall be ringing for ever and the public would get tired of listening to us.

There is a partial analogy with an orchestra. Normally, an orchestra gives a concert because people like to hear it and I hope, too, because the members like playing. So ringing a peal need not always be for something, except that the ringers like doing what they are doing. They need not always be finding an excuse for ringing.

But the orchestra analogy breaks down. Those who want to listen to an orchestra buy tickets. They are prepared to pay for the pleasure of listening. Ringers, however, thrust their sounds on the multitudes, and the multitudes do not buy tickets to listen. So, if we are ringing a peal for a secular event, we should do well to make known the reason for our ringing beforehand. If we are ringing for our own pleasure, we should be prepared to say so. We must drop the habit of ringing a peal first, and then deciding what it was for afterwards.

That is what often happens. A peal is finished. Then someone remembers it is Aunt Jemima's birthday. So it appears in "The Ringing World": "Rung in honour of Aunt Jemima's birthday." Everybody knows it wasn't. Ring for secular events by all means, but as the public have to listen, let them know why the bells are being rung and, above all, let the events be worthwhile secular events.

Of course, there always remains the first reason for ringing, which is associated with church worship. But there are good reasons why bells should enter the lives of the people, just as they do at weddings and funerals. We need to examine the reasons for our ringing apart from service ringing. If the Church is to enter the lives of the people, I believe the bells have their part to play. If my own village team were to win an important football final, I see no reason why the bells should not ring for them. Sickness in the vicinity might decide otherwise, but we need not always think in terms of a peal where the ringing is prolonged. Ringing is not sacred and football secular; they both belong to God's world.

I see from my records that in 1935 I called a peal at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, when the Vicar left the parish. This was hardly a sacred event. We liked him, so we thought we would give him a good send-off. He and his wife knew what we were doing. The ringers knew what they were doing. So did many of the public. It was a proper occasion to ring a peal, an occasion which I would certainly not call an ecclesiastical event.

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EAST RIDING VETERANS' TEA

The ninth annual gathering of veteran ringers of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association took place recently at the now regular venue of Eastrington, where there is a handy ground-floor ring.

Twenty-four people sat down to an excellent tea provided, as usual, by Mrs. J. J. Taylor, of Goole, but only three could claim the distinction of having over 50 years' membership, the unofficial qualification to attend this "do."

They were the Rodwell brothers, Harry, from Sutton-on-Hull, now in his 86th year, and Len, from Patrington, in his 84th year; Tom Goodwin, also in his 84th year, was the third of the trio and still very much a stalwart and regular Sunday service ringer at Sutton-on-Hull.

All three in fact still get in quite a bit of ringing despite advancing years. A party travelling to Withernsea to ring for a special service recently met one short and called on Len to complete their number. He quickly changed from Wellington boots, left his farm work and rang the treble. Not bad for someone turned 83 and just released from C.B. by the doctor!

The afternoon at Eastrington was filled with ringing of standard methods, a short but pleasant service conducted by the Vicar, followed by tea.

During the brief after-tea "business" a vote of thanks was proposed to Mrs. J. J. Taylor by Mr. K. Kirk for organising this event. He also thanked the principal guests for the ringing they had perpetuated and handed down since the turn of this century, saying it was to men of this calibre that we owe so much for what we enjoy today.

Other members qualified to attend are Mr. F. Atkinson, of York, and Mr. H. Morley, of Selby, both of whom were unable to attend due to either health or transport difficulties. Friends of Mr. Morley will be pleased to know that he is in good spirits and health, but his legs will not permit him much activity.

The day was rounded off with further ringing of standard methods up to Cambridge. A touch of Kent showed us that Len has not forgotten how to handle a tenor, this perhaps proving to be the best touch of the day.

R. D.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Those who arrived early for the monthly meeting of the Biggleswade District at Silsoe on July 10th were entertained by a wedding. Once the wedding party had departed general ringing got under way under the direction of Mr. T. P. Harris, the local tower captain, and many of the plainer Minor methods were rung.

At the business meeting, which followed tea in the Village Hall, it was decided to send flowers to Miss Steel, who is unfortunately in hospital again. A service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Byen, at which Mr. Harris played the organ, and a wide range of methods, including the special methods, Double Bob and Kelso, were rung during the evening.

Next meeting: Potton, August 14th.

A. R. A.

REASONS FOR PEALS

(Continued from front page)

Ringers need to create a good public image. Before all else, our ringing must be worth listening to. As we thrust the sound of the bells upon the public, it is hardly possible to separate the sacred from the secular. Indeed we should not attempt to do so. It is bad theology to try to do it.

Here is something we need to think about very seriously. Why do we ring bells? On what occasions apart from service ringing are we to ring them? Perhaps, as the Twickenham ringer said, this is something for the Central Council to think about. To do this intelligently, they will need the help of modern theologians who are interested in the relationship between the sacred and the secular in theology. I hope the Central Council will do this, for it is by proper discussion that good often comes out of controversial issues.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 23



MISS JULIE A. V. CALIGARI
The Hereford Diocesan Guild

Like all Guilds and Associations today, Hereford has its fair quota of young members including, of course, those of the fair sex, one of whom has become No. 23 of this series.

WORTHIES OF CHARLES CHURCH

Dear Sir, — C. I. J., on page 464, reminds me of many keen Plymouth ringers I knew in the late '90's and in the early years of this century. Walter H. Marsh was very keen on a good rise in peal, and once hurt his ankle badly while strapping a tenor. His son, Ernest W. Marsh, was also a fine ringer who came from Plymouth to Hersham on March 27th, 1913, desiring a peal of Major with the Shepherd family. William Hiscott must have been a good craftsman by trade, for he made a fine gold bell pendant, which was presented to me nearly 50 years ago. Two other Plymouth worthies who are still remembered sincerely by me are Messrs. E. Taylor and G. H. Myers.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

South and West District

There are few churches now left in Middlesex encircled by open fields, but one such is to be found at Harefield, and it was in these pleasant surroundings that the South and West District held a successful meeting on July 3rd. Some 30 members and visitors attended at various times throughout the day, about 20 being present for tea and the business meeting.

Three new members—Mr. J. Walters and Mr. R. Summer (Heston) and Mr. A. E. Cokeley (Harefield)—were elected, and a discussion took place on the possibility of organising a series of weekend evening practices at various towers throughout the District. The secretary agreed to find out whether the idea was practicable and whether sufficient support was likely to be forthcoming.

The ringing ranged from call changes to London and Oswald, the standard of striking being on the whole quite good, with a few occasional scrunches to prevent us becoming over-complacent.

Thanks are due to the Rev. T. G. A. Connor for the use of the bells, to Mrs. Cokeley and Mrs. Butler for preparing the tea, and to Frank Corke for making the arrangements.

W. S. D.

Julie Carigari was born in Hereford on December 9th, 1947. She now attends Leominster Grammar School. Her success to date, at this school, includes nine G.C.E.'s at "O" level. She is now in the Lower Sixth studying French, biology and chemistry.

At the age of 14 Julie had her first ringing lessons. These took place at St. Margaret's, Wellington, her instructor being Mr. George T. Cousins. It was not long before she became a member of the St. Margaret's Sunday service band, which rings regularly each Sunday for Evensong. Steady progress was made, which gained for her her first peal at the first attempt. This was on March 31st, 1964, when she rang the treble to a peal of Bob Minor at Weston-under-Penyard, conducted by George Cousins.

By May of this year Julie's peal total had reached six. She takes advantage of District meetings and has already attended three weekend courses in Hereford, finding them most enjoyable, helpful and instructive.

NORVING.

OBITUARY

MR. DAVID FENN

With deep regret we record the passing of Mr. David Fenn, of Norton Subcourse, Norfolk, on June 15th. He was aged 88 years, and had been a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association for nearly 50 years.

David had lived in the district all his life. He started ringing at Raveningham at the age of 16 and eventually became Master of this company. He held the same position at Thurlton when he moved there and for 40 years he was a loyal and respected ringer at Norton Subcourse. An excellent striker, he did not take part in any peals but could be relied upon to ring many methods from Plain to Surprise for service and practice. David was also a keen churchgoer.

Norton bells were rung half-muffled prior to the funeral service on June 18th, and the whole pull and stand was rung as the cortege arrived at the church. Plain Bob Major was rung on handbells at the graveside following the committal service, and as a last tribute a half-muffled peal was rung in his memory on the following day.

David had been in poor health for the last few years of his life, during which time he lived with his daughter and son-in-law, who gave him every care and attention. H. W. B.

MRS. LE BLANC SMITH

For the past 30 years a member of the Southwold, Suffolk, band, Mrs. Le Blanc Smith died on July 9th, aged 84. In spite of her advanced years, she had been an active Sunday service ringer and apart from holidays and visits to her children had twice a Sunday climbed the 50 steps to the ringing chamber and taken part in all ringing.

It would be difficult to find a better example of sustained keenness and punctuality than was set by her. She showed that regularity and punctuality are the backbone of Sunday service ringing. Her loss is mourned but she has gone as she would wish, scoring her usual two attendances the Sunday before she died.

R. S. P.

MR. A. E. WHEELER

Mr. Arthur Edward Wheeler, of Kirby Belars, Leicestershire, passed away in the War Memorial Hospital, Melton Mowbray, on July 2nd. He was a churchwarden at St. Peter's Church and also a ringer. A member of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, he was well known in the District as a superintendent of the Special Constabulary and also as one of the famous "Kirby Twins," who were at one time in great demand at parties.

A large congregation attended the funeral service on July 6th, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. G. Frostick.

In the evening a half-muffled quarter peal of 1,260 Doubles was rung on the bells by J. H. Cook 1, A. E. Hinkman 2, H. T. Bonshor (conductor) 3, R. Looker 4, R. H. Cook 5.

Bristol University Society Summer Tour

IN spite of attempts during the year by the more radical members of the Society to substitute a barge holiday for a cycling tour, tradition triumphed and, as in previous years, the mode of transport was the bicycle in 1965. The arrangements had been made by Derek B. Williams, and he and C. Martin Foster were to be in charge of ringing throughout the ten days of the tour.

On June 19th, the first day, Derek's airy words "it never rains on the summer tour" were, so far at least, borne out as there was hardly a cloud in the sky, but the ringing at the first tower, Charlton Kings, is best left blanketed by thick cloud as the main body of the company did not arrive at this fine church. As in so many cases, the bells are spoilt inside by bad acoustics and are heard to their best advantage outside. Two more churches were visited on Saturday—Prestbury and Swindon Village; but at neither were bells or ringing outstanding—at the latter it sounded as if a Roman army were on the march when the bells were ringing.

At the end of the day the party, now 20 strong, was faced with a long hard slog to Cleeve Hill Youth Hostel, about 800 feet above sea level on Cleeve Hill (1,070 feet). However, the glorious views to be had from the summit of the hill partly mitigated the exhaustion induced by the climb. Since all our party, bar three, had now arrived, it was an appropriate time to examine the machines, which were to carry the party for the next ten days; they ranged from pre-war to the latest sports models; while pride of place had to be given to a very good looking tandem, rode, as might be expected, by an engaged couple, Martin Foster and Christine Snelling. Any hopes of a restful night were quickly dashed when it was discovered that a party of schoolboys was occupying the men's dormitory in the "care" of a gentleman named Wally.

GREAT HOSPITALITY

Sunday dawned an even hotter day than Saturday; but shorts were now much in evidence and so the heat was not felt. We rang for morning service on the pleasant eight at Bishop's Cleeve, a reasonable course of Cambridge Major being the service touch. We were also pleased to meet Miss Anna K. Sadowska, well known by a certain prominent member of the Society, who unfortunately had to miss the tour. Kenneth J. Darvill joined us here and his skill as a ringer and personal charm made him a welcome addition. After an enjoyable service we were entertained to sherry by the Vicar, who also showed us around his ancient house, parts of which date from the 13th century. This was only the first of several occasions when we met with great hospitality.

After lunch there was a leisurely ride to Toddington and as the day was clear, miles and miles of rolling countryside could be seen on all sides, which made one understand why Britain is sometimes called the most beautiful country in the world. The bells here are rung infrequently, a great pity, as they are a musical light six. Although one or two of the less experienced had difficulty, having been used to the rough bells at St. Michael's, Bristol, the more experienced enjoyed London. Before the long climb home the six bells at the part-Norman church at Alderton were rung for Evensong. After the mile-long one-in-four hill it was as well that the local hostelry was only two minutes away from the hostel: solace was found here.

We were disappointed at Tuesday's first tower, Winchcombe, where the father of one of the Society, Rosemary Appleton, is Vicar, for the bells can hardly be heard in the ringing room and are very difficult to ring. However, a generous meal on the Vicarage lawn more than made up for this. We were then faced with yet another long hill before reaching the next towers, Temple Guiting and Guiting Power. Keats' lines best demonstrate the feelings of some of us at this stage:

My heart aches and a drowsy numbness pains
My sense

O for a draught of vintage! that hath been
Cool'd a long age in the deep delved earth
Tasting of Flora and the country green.

The first of the fives we visited is a rather light ring and is a bit of a handful; but the second (Guiting Power) are well-tuned bells. The day was finished on the fine heavy eight at Stow, where there was some good ringing, outstanding of which was a course of York shire. Owing to the selfishness of a peal band which took in all five hours to get a peal, no peals are now allowed here, a great shame.

The youth hostel at Stow, the base for the next three days, is literally sandwiched between public houses—to the great delight of certain members of the company.

RAIN, RAIN, RAIN

It was pouring next day and all arrived very wet at Bourton-on-the-Water; but the ringing was good including a course of London Major and several half-courses of Cambridge, in which three of our members rang their first Surprise Major. After lunch at Ken Darvill's there was a long wet ride to Windrush, which proved to be hardly worth the effort. A long time was spent later in the day in the American tourist's dream of Bourton; among the many picturesque attractions is a model of the charming village in which, appropriately, organ music issues from the Anglican church, congregational singing from the Baptist Chapel. In the evening at Stow, Anthony H. Smith joined the party, which meant we were now accompanied by two from London University, as Roger Powell, the Master, had met us earlier. Both ringing and social life were enlivened by their presence.

It was even wetter early on Wednesday than the previous day and so it was not a pleasant ride to Longborough, where the tower carries an average ring of six. After some fair all-round ringing we journeyed to Blockley, where lunch was eaten, appropriately enough, in the Bell Inn. Ringing was enjoyed here, London, Cambridge and Spliced Surprise all coming round in fine style—before we arrived at Bourton-on-Hill to ring on the odd, anticlockwise six which has, however, a fine tone. Moreton-in-Marsh has a ring of superlative quality; and so it was a pity that the ringing did not match the bells. The last night at Stow was celebrated in traditional style in the White Hart.

On Thursday morning we were sorry to have to say goodbye to two of the many pretty girls in the party—Rosemary Appleton and Mary Suthers; their lively presences were to be missed and it was noticeable that one gentleman in particular did not smile again for the rest of the tour! The ride to Chip-ping Campden proved most satisfying; first a three-mile gradual climb through country as fine as anywhere in Britain; and then a long plummet down to the valley where lies Chipping Campden, once the centre of a flourishing wool trade, but now removed from main in-

dustry. Of the many historic buildings which testify to its past prosperity the church is unquestionably the finest, and it has a grand old ring of eight.

ONLY ACCIDENT

It was next decided to visit Church Honeybourne, even though this has not been previously arranged, and on the way the only accident of the tour occurred, Sue Evans having an unpleasant fall; but after extensive medical treatment she was able to continue. The Vicar proved most agreeable but warned us that the last visitors left in a state of collapse. The bells in fact go quite well; but one of the clappers flew out after a short while. There had, however, been enough time to ring a perfect 120 of Reverse Canterbury. The base in the next three days was in the village of Broome, where the youth hostel is of "historic interest": the Broome Inn was also of especial interest to some; and two of the company were to spend each evening there, finding the country cider much to their liking.

It was again wet on Friday morning when we started for Norton (a light eight). By now the many learners on the tour had improved: thus touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob were quite reasonable. Evesham was the next tower with a ring that needs little introduction. Ringing here was good. So stiff were the bells at Church Lench that it is doubtful if they have been rung in the last six months. The evening was spent by nearly all round the hostel piano; Ben Walter and Tim Samuelson deserve a mention here for their singing and piano playing respectively.

The six at Cleeve Prior are a good ring and some spliced went rather well. The next two rings visited, Badsey and Bretforton, are pleasant inside but horribly loud outside—so many rings are ruined for outside listeners because of a lack of proper sound control. On the other hand, Salford Priors, the last of the day, sound even better outside than in.

THE EVENING OF THE TOUR

Sunday, June 27th, was one of the most enjoyable days. We first packed the tiny church at Broome for Matins, to the delight of the Vicar, and then moved on for coffee and lunch on the Vicarage lawn at Bidford, situated—delightfully—on the banks of the Avon. After ringing on the eight bells here, which included some eight spliced, Mr. Broome, the tower captain, showed us the ancient plate the church possesses, one chalice alone of which is worth £3,000. Mr. and Mrs. Broome also kindly gave us tea. The party then split, six going to ring a quarter of Cambridge on the excellent six at Welford: Sue Jenkins 1, A. H. Smith 2, M. G. R. Zobel 3, J. T. Parsons 4, R. Powell 5, N. W. H. Simon (conductor) 6; while the remainder travelled to Clifford Chambers. After supper a relaxing row was enjoyed on the Avon at Stratford. For many this was the evening of the tour.

The ladies had trouble next day before ringing at Stratford; a clergyman would not allow them into the building while they were wearing shorts on the grounds that they were indecently dressed (your correspondent makes no comment); so the girls had to hurriedly change into jeans and the like before they could ring. Stratford, Holy Trinity, has very good bells, and the perfect acoustics in the ringing chamber demonstrated just how bad they are in most belfries. Stedman Caters here.

Thanks are due to Derek Williams for ensuring excellent arrangements and to those who entertained us.

N. W. H. S.

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BELL CONSULTANTS BUSY IN DERBY DIOCESE

Although the attendance of 40 was far less than in recent years, no fewer than 14 towers were represented at the Association's summer quarterly meeting held at Darley Dale on July 3rd. Ringing during the afternoon took place on the eighties at Bakewell and Darley Dale prior to the service at Darley conducted by the Rev. W. J. Hill.

Following a short break for tea, the business meeting began with Mr. D. Cooper in the chair, apologies for absence being received from the Rector, the Rev. D. St. John Smith, who is still convalescing after his recent operation, and his daughter, Ann, who had to attend her school speech day.

Reporting on the Bell Repair Fund, the secretary (Mr. G. A. Halls) was pleased to state that with six new subscribers so far this year, almost 80 Parochial Church Councils were now affiliated and out of these only three were in arrears with their subscriptions. With recent visits to Staveley, Dronfield, Denby, Breadsall and Baslow the bell consultants had also been busy, advice having already been given to eight churches this year.

After congratulating Mr. J. Frank Smallwood on his election as an honorary life member of the Central Council, the meeting was reminded of the residential course for instructors which is to be held at Lea Green, Matlock, on November 12th to 14th. As only a very limited number could attend this course, members were urged to apply to Mr. D. J. Marshall, the Education Officer, as soon as possible.

A suggestion to mark the 50th anniversary of Sir A. P. Heywood's death in April next year by a ringing festival in and around Duffield met with unanimous approval. The meeting concluded with the general secretary, Mr. B. P. Morris, proposing the vote of thanks.

Further ringing took place on the six bells at Edensor in Chatsworth Park, home of the Duke of Devonshire.

Next quarterly meeting: Staveley, October 2nd.
M. P. P.

RIPPINGALE

Friends from a wide area joined in the Rippingale outing on June 19th into Leicestershire. An early start was made and beautiful weather favoured the day. The following towers were visited: Skeffington, Great Glen, Misterton, South Wigston, Leire and Broughton Astley. A good variety of methods was rung including Spliced Minor, Cambridge and Primrose, London and Wells, Beverley and Surfleet, York and Durham (the Cambridge Six), Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Little Bob Major, Cambridge Major, Double Norwich.

A high standard of striking was maintained throughout the day and the lovely bells were appreciated by all.

A surprise awaited the 19 ladies of the company at Broughton Astley, where they were kindly entertained to refreshments at the home of Mr. Marsh's daughter, Janet, while the gentlemen "refuelled their tanks" for the homeward journey at the local.

Thanks are extended to the clergy and local ringers for their warm welcome and to Mr. W. R. Marsh for yet another excellent outing.
J. A. M.

TOWER CAPTAINS MARRY



The wedding of Miss A. Frances Proctor and Mr. Howard Oglesby took place on June 19th at Hitcham, Buckinghamshire. The bride and bridegroom are captains of their respective towers, Amersham and Hitcham.

A peal was rung at Hitcham on the eve of the wedding and at Amersham on the morning of the ceremony.

The bride wore a full-length white classical gown and veil. She was attended by five bridesmaids. The best man was Mr. Dick Proctor, brother of the bride.

The reception for 130 guests was held at the bride's home, Orchard End, Amersham, and the honeymoon was spent touring the West Country.

CANFORD SCHOOL SOCIETY

On July 3rd Brian Pocock, of Canford School Campanology Society, organised a tour of South Dorset, just north of Blandford Forum. Leaving Canford at 1.45 p.m. in three cars, Dorchester was reached at 2.30, where some very nice touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung. Grandsire collapsed ten changes from the end, when Hugh Saville called inadvertently "That's all!"

The 15 cwt. six at Shillington were rung well after a shaky raise. The nine-call extent of Grandsire Doubles was successfully called by Brian Pocock. Here there was a half-hour intermission for tea, which was kindly provided by Mrs. Frewers.

At Okeford Fitzpaine, where we were met by the Rev. R. N. Longridge and Mr. Ridout, we did not do justice to the well-going, if loud, 11 cwt. six. The Rector and Mrs. Longridge kindly provided much appreciated refreshments.

After a slightly devious route to Shroton, the bells were rung to Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. Our last tower was the newly rehung 12 cwt. six at Stourpaine, where two plain courses of Bob Minor were rung.

We would like to thank Dr. Brown and his two daughters and Mr. G. Elmes for their invaluable assistance on the Society's most ambitious afternoon's ringing yet. B. W. P.

OUTINGS

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT

The outing this year was the outcome of an invitation given two years ago by a Weldon ringer, Richard Webster, when on a visit to Barnsley. After a speedy dash down the A.1 our coach, with Richard as pathfinder, took us to Cottesmore in Rutland, where the six, rung from the ground floor, were much to our taste. The church is a gem, well cared for, a revelation to us all.

The midday break was at Oakham, surely a real example of Old England; our desire to linger over lunch was rudely disturbed when we were heaved from the festive board to ring at All Saints'. We surprised even ourselves by the opening course of Bob Major on the beautiful bells reminiscent of the eight at Skipton. We were joined here by Martin Thorley, an exile from South Yorkshire.

A short journey to Preston, with a good ground floor ring which adapted itself to strange methods such as Duke of York and Violet; here we found on the priest's desk copies of "The Ringing World" and learned that bats had deserted the belfry and invaded the nave! A light six rung between the nave and chancel was found at Glaston, where we rang our party piece, Vale Royal, and Christopher Groome, a native of these parts, joined us in Cambridge.

Tea was taken in Corby, a new town in great contrast to the villages previously visited, although there was an old-fashioned market which reminded some of the "Tykes" that vegetables would be needed for the Sunday dinner. St. Mary's, Weldon, a church with a lantern tower and six bells rehung by the Whites of Appleton, has a very fine ring. Deene, our final tower, stands in the grounds of Deene Hall, and we all felt that here we had met the best of the day's bells. The touch of Woodbine we heard from the edge of the park was a fitting climax to our fleeting visit.

We took our leave of Richard, who had made the ringing arrangements, and we owe him our gratitude and to the local incumbents and ringers who met us. Thanks are also due for the weeks of effort by our organising secretary, Christopher Moxon. N. F. M.

APPLETON

June 26th was again the date of the Appleton outing, and it only seems a very short while since the previous year. This time Frank White had planned a new route and at the end of the day it was voted as being a great success.

Our first tower had the very nice ten at Luton, and then on to the lovely noble Norman tower at Bury St. Edmunds, with another good ten. After the usual Appleton lunch of beer and bread and cheese we moved off to the glorious bells at St. Neots in Hunts and these were voted as being the best bells of the day. Then, after a good tea, on to Buckingham and another fine eight, followed by a visit to George Holland.

We had the usual Appleton evening, and after songs and handbell ringing the company was rather surprised at the brilliance of a pianoforte duet by the Hibberts. Appleton was reached at 2.45 a.m. on Sunday, and such was the happiness of the whole company the two hours on the roadside waiting for a refill of petrol passed in no time, with the usual "Songs of Praise."

Now we look forward to March 4th; in the meantime the writer will undoubtedly have a few week-ends at the Plough before that date.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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STRIKING COMPETITIONS

Essex Association Final

FOR many years the ancient village of Orsett has remained quietly hidden from the madding crowds. The street past the church and the old timbered Post Office, once the Church House, is normally very quiet—until the afternoon of Saturday, July 3rd! One by one the cars swung into the street and parked opposite the church until they were bumper to bumper from the War Memorial to the bus stop.

Ringers were gathering from all over Essex to listen to, and take part in the striking competition. Six teams had battled through the preliminaries to the final, and this was the great day! The two judges, Peter Eves and Alf House, selected a sheltered spot under the trees at the bottom end of the churchyard. The local captain, Fred Blatch, had all in readiness and the draw for the order of ringing was soon arranged by the Deputy Master, Harry Turner, and the Master of Ceremonies, Mike Hallett.

The draw was made, and Urban Wildney's team from Kirby-le-Soken ascended the tower. After the few trial rounds to get the "feel" of the bells, the ringing to be judged was started and a good steady beat maintained. One slight trin was quickly corrected without too many faults being scored, and the judges, marking harshly as is necessary to determine an order of merit with teams of this calibre, recorded 66 faults.

Don Cobb's team, from Waltham Abbey, rang next with better rhythm, although it was noted that double faults were being recorded, where a slight gap in one change was invariably followed by an equally slight clip in the next. The team was marked with 61 faults.

Colchester's young team, under the capable leadership of Peter Pitt, delighted the listeners with a beautiful piece of ringing that would have been a credit to a much more experienced band. A good beat, just right for the bells, was soon under way, and if a small error in a change was made, the ringers, all alert, immediately compensated for this and the next change was perfect. They might have felt very pleased with only 43 faults.

Now the pace had been well set and the next team, Danbury "B," again a young team, led by Ivan Saunders, could be excused feeling slightly anxious as they set off. This anxiety may have been reflected in their ringing, for although their striking was of a high standard generally, one or two trips spoilt it and resulted in 71 faults.

Prittlewell (Bernard Sadler in charge) followed and in their trial rounds it was obvious that they were going to try a slower beat. The preceding teams had each rung Plain Bob Minor, but Prittlewell decided to ring Doubles, and perhaps for this they tried to ring too slowly, for their ringing was rather hesitant and did not hold together well. Nevertheless it was a good performance and their 65 faults were mainly for irregularities.

In the four previous years that the Essex Association has held a striking competition, Danbury "A" team, led by Dick Roast, have won on no less than three occasions, and this year, firm favourites, they were generally expected to complete a "hat-trick." All good, experienced ringers, they struck off with a fine beat, well maintained by forceful back-end ringing, and away into changes, steady, firm—these could win again! But then—inexplicably—a trip, quickly covered up, at least three faults, then, later, another, and then a double—something was amiss. Fine ringing though it was, it could not be as perfect as they had hoped, or the keen ears below had expected, and the judges, noting it all, made 54 faults.

After tea the M.C. announced the names of the teams and a proud Peter Pitt received the trophy from the hands of the Master of the Essex Association, Mr. Robert C. Heazel, and bore it back in triumph to the applause and congratulations of all. A wonderful performance by St. Leonard's Colchester, a comparatively unknown quantity, to enter and win.

This was not the end, however. Many changes were rung until late in the evening when the rain came. Old Fred, leaning over the churchyard fence, heard them all. "Come again," he said. Some lingered awhile, some drifted away, and gradually the village was silent again.

P. J. E.

Barnsley and District Society

Friezland, whose tower is familiar to thousands for the ringing on the record accompanying Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd's book, "The Sound of Bells," won the shield at the Barnsley and District Society's contest at Wentworth on July 10th. The test was 720 changes, which followed a 120 changes practice, and the judge (Mr. Harold Chant), with Miss Sheila Chinney as marker, gave them 49 faults. Others were Warsop 5 penalties, 86 faults = 91; Shelley 111 faults; Barnsley 150 faults, 5 penalties = 155. The shield was received by Mr. Joseph Burgess, and each member of the team was given a torch flash lamp.

The Rev. A. King presided at the business meeting, during which members stood in silence as a tribute to Mr. Andrew Hoyle, of Shelley, and Mr. Eric Burton, of Kirkburton, who collapsed while ringing at practice on June 15th and the fire brigade was summoned to carry him down the tower. He died the next day.

Nine new members from Roughtown and Felkirk were elected, and the next meeting, on August 14th, will be a joint one at Rotherham with the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association. It was reported that the outing was again successful and special thanks were accorded to Mr. Christopher Moxon, the organiser, and to the guide, Mr. Richard Webster, of Weldon. The vote of thanks to the ladies for the excellent tea, and the judge, was proposed by Mr. J. Burgess.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

The quarterly meeting at Warminster on July 3rd was well attended. In the absence of the Vicar the Guild service was conducted by the Rev. A. Stott, Vicar of Longbridge Deverill, with Mr. P. Binns, the Minister organist, at the organ. The tea was the gift of the Warminster ringers.

The business meeting was presided over by the Branch chairman (Mr. N. G. Knee) and three new members were elected. Mr. C. Palmer and Mr. G. Davis were proposed from Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon, and from Warminster the new member was William Davies, of East Grinstead, and who is at present a student at The Lord Weymouth School, Warminster. He is one of the many pupils trained by Mr. Brian D. Price.

From Devizes came notice of the possibility of a bellringing course sponsored by the local education authority, and the Branch Committee was requested to look into the matter with a view to assistance in instruction.

Ringing at the Minster continued until after 8 p.m. and ranged from Plain Bob to the Surprise methods. A goodly proportion of time was allotted to rounds, and the Ringing Master, Mr. Norris, did not hesitate to call on the advanced ringers to help in this important practice: it was gratifying to see how readily they responded.

Dorchester Branch

The Rector, the Rev. S. Hampton, gave a warm welcome to members of the Dorchester Branch at the quarterly meeting held at Piddihinton on July 3rd. Ringing preceded the Guild service and an excellent tea was served in the school by Mr. T. Jeanes and Mr. and Mrs. G. Lord.

The business meeting was conducted by the Branch chairman, the Rev. C. F. C. Brinkworth. Subject to the approval of incumbents, evening practices will take place at Frampton, July 31st; Litton Cheney, August 14th; Piddletrenthide, August 28th; Cattistock, September 11th; and Fordington, October 9th.

West Dorset Branch

Good weather and a nonular light ring of bells attracted several visitors to the Branch's quarterly meeting at Evershot on June 26th. They were made most welcome. During the afternoon and evening 13 methods (six Minor and seven Doubles) were tackled, the highlight being Carter's Doubles.

The Rector (the Rev. A. F. Andrews) conducted the Guild's service and also gave an address on bells through the ages. Local ringers and their wives prepared an excellent meal in the Village Hall.

In the unavoidable absence of the chairman, the Rector took the chair at the business meeting. Subject to confirmation, the following practice nights were announced: Broadwindsor, August 11th; Lyme Regis, August 19th; Bradpole, September 8th; Evershot, September 17th; Symondsburry, October 13th.

J. D.

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STEDMAN TRIPLES—Its Construction and Calling

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

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We now come to the question of calls and their effect on the succession of the sixes. Bobs and singles are called at the fifth row of the six but the effect of the call is not completely revealed until the end of the following six.

The example given here shows a bob at the fifth row of a Slow Six. Note carefully that even if no bob had been called, the six-end 2416375 would still have been rung. It is at the parting of the sixes that the bob is made and the result is manifested at the end of the following six. So if six-end 2416375 had not been bobbed, the six-end 2467153 would have resulted. Seeing that a bob is called, the six-end 2463175 is produced. The impact of the bob (if we may use such a term) is, in this example, on a

Quick Six, and we may therefore call this a specimen of a "Quick Bob-Six."

If the student will take the trouble to write out a similar example, calling his bob in a Quick Six and causing it to have effect in a Slow Six, he will have an example of a "Slow Bob-Six."

For pricking touches by the six-ends, therefore, we shall need these two scales in addition to the scales for pricking Plain Sixes; and, moreover, seeing that singles are extensively used, we shall also require the scales for "Quick Single-Six" and "Slow Single-Six." Here is the complete schedule of scales.

Effect of Quick	Effect of Slow	Effect of Quick
Bob-Six	Single-Six	Single-Six
1234567	1234567	1234567
1245367	2415376	1245376

We are now fully equipped for the pricking of touches of all kinds by the six-ends, and at this point we would again urge the would-be conductor to make himself thoroughly acquainted with this process and adept in its manipulation: for no intelligent conducting can be contemplated without a complete comprehension of the construction of touches and their expression in figures.

3. SIMPLE CALLINGS

Broadly speaking, there are two classes of touches. The one type is based on the principle of having an observation bell not affected by calls. The second type has,

perhaps, fixed bells, but they are affected by calls. Touches of the first class provide, generally speaking, the easiest modes of calling: touches of the second class usually produce the best music.

First let us consider touches with an observation bell undisturbed by the calls, and for this purpose let us use the 7th as observation bell. Later on we shall perceive that what is done with the 7th may be done with any other bell.

An examination of the course given here will show that if the 7th is to ring plain courses, calls can be made only at the sixes marked 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

12 and 13. The bob (or single) at 3 is called where the 7th dodges in 4-5 down before going in slow. The calling position is therefore said to be "In slow": the call at 4 is put

as the 7th is doing its First Whole Turn; the bob at 4, therefore, is designated "First Whole."

The calls at 12 and 13 are where the 7th goes In and Out Quick. The first of these is called as the 7th is dodging in 4-5 down, and the second one just as the 7th leaves the lead.

These calling positions are set out below with their "official" names attached to them, and the would-be conductor must be thoroughly familiar with their meaning and with the exact spot at which these calls must be put. He must know, for instance, that a bob at 7 is called when the observation bell is leading full at the fifth row of the six, and that a bob at 5 is called when the observation bell is making thirds before doing its First Half Turn.

The soundest and most satisfactory plan is to write out the full course of Stedman Triples (every row) and to mark the exact spot where each call will have to be made. "The Ringers' Diary," that mine of information, very kindly does this for us, but the beginner's study will be enriched if he takes the trouble to write out a course for himself.

Here, now, are the calling positions of the observation bell unaffected by calls. The 7th is used as observation bell.

Call at	Name	Called when
3.	In Slow	7th dodging in 4-5 down.
4.	First Whole Turn	7th leading a hand-stroke blow at fifth row of six.
5.	First Half Turn	7th making Thirds before leading one blow.
6.	Second Half Turn	7th in seconds place before leading one backstroke blow.
7.	Last Whole Turn	7th leading full at fifth row of six.
8.	Out Slow	7th making thirds before leaving front.
12.	In Quick	7th dodging in 4-5 down.
13.	Out Quick	7th just leaving the lead.

Here are two simple specimen touches made by the use of these callings. Both of them run to three full courses, that is, 252 changes, and both are easy exercises for the beginner.

2314567	2314567
3426175	3426175
3467251	3467251
4732651	4732651
4725316	4751326
7541263	7142563
7516432	7126435
5673124	1673254
5632741	1635742
6254317	6514327
6741533	6542173
2167455	5267431
2173654	5274631
1325746	2453716
1354267	2431567
Repeat	Repeat
twice	twice
5324167	2143567
2314567	2314567

The second touch is made by calling the 7th In Quick (bob at 12). This produces the course end 2431567, and if this is twice repeated we shall get back to rounds.

Incidentally, both these touches have some musical value. In No. 1, note how 4, 6 and 7 come into their rounds position at the end of each course. This means that the pleasant-sounding rows ending in 746 will occur in each part. In No. 2 note that 567 come home at each part end, which means that we shall have this musical "roll-up" in each of the three parts.

Now seeing that one solitary bob thus produces a course end that will repeat twice

and give a touch of three courses, it will be clear that any isolated bob at 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12 or 13, will do the same trick. By the very elementary use of the above callings, therefore, we have eight touches of 252 changes.

Moreover, if using the 7th in this manner will produce touches three courses in length, we are brought to discover that calling ANY BELL in this fashion will give us touches of three courses too. Here is an example of using the Treble as observation bell and calling it "In Quick." A course end 2317546 is produced, the course end now being, of course, where the Treble is in her rounds position. The repetition of this calling twice will bring first 2316574 and then 2314567, and a quite nice musical touch has resulted.

The student should note very carefully that any bell may be used as observation bell. It should, of course, be the aim of the young conductor to call from a non-observation bell, but the approach to that skill is not often a smooth one, and in the early stages he may have to rely on calling from the fixed bell. At this degree of competence it is useful to know that any bell may be made the observation bell and that the callings shown above may be applied equally well to whichever bell the conductor has to ring. (To be continued)

SUFFOLK GUILD

S.E. Branch

About 50 members and friends assembled for the quarterly meeting of the S.E. Branch at Blaxhall, when under the watchful eye of Mr. Howard Egglestone, the Ringing Master, the bells were kept going constantly. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. S. Browne, with his wife as organist, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Shaw and helpers provided a good tea.

At the meeting, the chairman, Mr. G. R. Goodship, made three suggestions: (1) Younger members bring their problems to quarterly meetings, as they may be of interest to the Branch and Guild; (2) As a high dignitary of the Church at a recent gathering had seen fit to discredit ringers, that incumbents with rings of bells be entertained to a social evening during which it might be possible to convey that ringers in general are active church people and workers; (3) That sympathetic and active support be given to St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, Appeal.

A detailed report of the Central Council meeting was given by Mr. C. W. Pipe, who urged more support of "The Ringing World." Evening ringing was at Tunstal.

Next meeting: Coddensham, September 11th.

W. L.

West Lindsey Outing

The main feature of the Branch's outing on June 26th was a visit to Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s foundry at Loughborough, which was thoroughly enjoyed by ringers and friends. Mr. H. Marcon was an excellent guide, and there was ringing on the light ten.

A recital was arranged for us on the carillon in Queen's Park, and the younger members who climbed the tower were rewarded by splendid views from the balcony. Ringing during the afternoon was at St. Mary-in-the-Elms, Woodhouse and Quorn; we returned to Loughborough for a salad tea at the Boulevard Café.

On the return journey some of the party found difficulty in handling the long draught of the unguided ropes at Langar (5). The last tower visited contained the heavy melodious eight at Colston Bassett. Thanks for the Branch's most successful outing to date must be expressed to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Mr. Marcon, incumbents and ringers of the churches visited. T. A.

ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF MINOR METHODS

Compiled by H. CHANT

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NAVIGATION BOB

x 56 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 34 x 1. 6ths 64523.
Reversed Oxford Treble Bob if bobbed with treble behind. One of the methods in the 15,120 peal at Wath-on-Deane in 1816. William Finch, a Wath ringer, wrote out all the 21 methods and callings in a notebook dated 1825.

NAVIGATOR'S DELIGHT (I)

x 36 x 14 x 56 x 16 x 12 x 3. 4ths 35642.
In Addy's notebook, 1865.

NAVIGATOR'S DELIGHT (II)

x 36 x 14 x 56 x 16 x 34 x 3. 6ths 52364.
W. Walker, "Bell News," 1882-83.

NEASDEN DELIGHT

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 5. 6ths 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

NELSON'S DELIGHT

As given by William Woodcock. See, however, Royal Sovereign.

NELSON'S TREBLE BOB

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 3. 6ths 35264.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907. Also called Denton and Lytham.

NELSON'S VICTORY

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 1. 6ths 46532.
Also called Duke of Cambridge and Earl's Victory.

NETHERSEALE SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 3. 2nds 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907. In C. D. Potter's notebook as London College Treble Bob.

NETHERWOOD SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.5. 2nds 42563.

NEW BOB

"Campanologia," 1677. A name given by Stedman to a variation of Plain Bob.

NEWBURN SPECIAL ALLIANCE

36.14 x 12 x 16.34 x 12.3. 2nds 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

NEWCASTLE SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.1. 2nds 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

NEW DEWSBURY DELIGHT

x 34 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 14 x 1. 6ths 56342.
Finch's notebook, 1825.

NEWDIGATE DELIGHT

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 12.5. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1931. Also called Poynton.

NEW DOUBLES

34.16 x 36 x 36 x 36 x 14.36. 2nds 35264.
Asymmetrical. Annable's notebook.

NEWHALL DELIGHT

See Braintree Delight.

NEWINGTON BOB

x 14 x 36.14.36 x 16 x 14 x. 6ths 35264.
Asymmetrical. Annable's notebook.

NEW LONDON PLEASURE

36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 1. 6ths 52364.
"Campanologia," 1702. City Treble Bob in Annable's notebook. Also known as City Delight.

NEW MILL DELIGHT

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 1. 4ths 46325.
Found, amongst other places, in C. D. Potter's notebook.

NEW MILL VICTORY

56 x 56.14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 1. 4ths 62534.
In C. D. Potter's notebook.

NEWTON COLLEGE BOB

x 14 x 123 x 3. 2nds 42563.
Single change method.

NEW TREBLE BOB

See Kent Treble Bob.

NEW VIOLET

See Cambridge Delight.

NOAH'S ARK

x 34 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 34 x 3. 4ths 62534.
W. Walker, "Bell News," 1882-83.

NORBURY TREBLE BOB

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.5. 2nds 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

NORCROFT TREBLE BOB

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 1. 2nds 42563.
Rung and named at Cawthorne.

NORFOLK SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 1. 6ths 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1907. Lord Raglan in William Woodcock's notebook.

NORMANTON SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 1. 6ths 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

NORTHAW ALLIANCE

x 16 x 36.12 x 14.5. 6ths 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

NORTHERN STAR

x 36 x 14 x 56 x 36 x 34 x 3. 6ths 56342.
W. Walker, "Bell News," 1882-83.

NORTHORPE SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.5. 6ths 46532.

NORTHUMBERLAND SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 1. 2nds 56342.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

NORTON-LE-MOORS TREBLE BOB

36 x 34.16 x 12 x 16.34 x 12.3. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

NORTON SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 1. 2nds 65324.

NORWICH DELIGHT

See College Bob IV

NORWICH SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 1. 6ths 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1907. Norwich Treble Bob in Annable's notebook.

NORWICH TREBLE BOB

See Norwich Surprise

NORWOOD ALLIANCE

x 14 x 36.12 x 14.3. 6ths 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

NOSTELL DELIGHT (I)

See Edinburgh.

NOSTELL DELIGHT (II)

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.5. 2nds 54632.

NOTTINGHAM BOB

x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 14 (Bob) x 16 x 12, etc. "Campanologia," 1677. As can be seen, this is nothing less than a lead of Normanton Special Alliance followed by a lead of Bastow Little Court. This, and Nottingham Single Bob, may well have been the inspiration of E. Banks James and others in formulating Alliance methods. One of a group of methods described as "Nottingham Peals."

NOTTINGHAM MIXT PEAL

"Campanologia," 1677. As Plain Bob except that "Singles" were used instead of plain leads.

NOTTINGHAM SINGLE BOB

x 16 x 16 x 14 x 14 x 16 x 16 x 16 x 14 (Bob) x 16 x 14 x 16 x. 2nds. "Campanologia," 1677. Although the path of the treble up to the Bob differs (in 5-6) from modern Alliance methods, the method after the Bob is pure Little Bob.

NOTTINGHAM TREBLES AND DOUBLES

See Single Court.

In the early attempts at change ringing, as can be seen from "Tintinnologia," 1688, and "Campanologia," 1677, methods were built up from "Single" changes (i.e. one pair of bells changed between consecutive rows). As the Art progressed, "Doubles," and finally "Trebles and Doubles" were employed. Recently there has been a partial reversion to "Single" changes.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. H. Wild, of 30, Rochdale Road, Bacup, has succeeded Miss Eileen Garrard as secretary of St. Saviour's, Bacup, Society.

Avon Amateurs are pleased to announce their first matrimonial success. Congratulations "Bertie and Barbara," see you at the church on September 11th. A. A.

A peal was lost at Leatherhead on July 10th when the clapper of the ninth broke after about an hour of very good ringing, writes Mr. John R. Ketteringham.

The ringers of St. Andrew's, Sutton, Cambs, appeared in a programme on the Fens, which replaced the feature "Tonight" on B.B.C. 1 on July 20th at 7 p.m.

Mr. Alan F. Scholfield, of Hyde, inquires as to particulars of the restored ring at Bradford-on-Tone, mentioned in the report of the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Association.

Many Suffolk ringers will join us in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert R. Goodship on their golden wedding on July 9th. Mr. Goodship rang the tenor at Barking, Suffolk, to a peal in four Minor methods on the anniversary day.

Will the ringer who has asked for permission for a peal attempt at St. Andrew's, Hampton, Evesham, in the first or second week in August, get in touch with Mr. N. Mills, Ringing Master, 19, Highfield Road, Hampton, Evesham.

The Master and 11 past Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on July 10th. The senior Master participating was Mr. E. P. Duffield (1934).

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ANOTHER CLERIC RINGS HIS FIRST PEAL

By ringing a peal of Bob Major at St. Andrew's, Hampton, Evesham, on June 19th, the Rev. R. W. Thomas joins the ranks of peal ringing clergy. When he was appointed Rector of St. Florence, near Tenby, he found four bells in the tower and set about adding two trebles. The six were dedicated in December, 1964, and it was then that Mr. Thomas set about learning to handle a bell. To get the necessary practice to gain proficiency he had to travel long distances, and it was the writer, a friend of 15 years' standing, he asked if a peal attempt could be arranged in Evesham while on holiday.

Permission was given by the Vicar for an attempt on the delightful light eight at Hampton. As Mr. Thomas is a capable organist and good musician the writer considered he would have no difficulty with striking, and this opinion proved correct. A good peal was duly rung and the forecast is that this will be the first of many peals. G. J. H.

RINGERS' SUNDAY AT CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY

The first ever "Ringers' Sunday," held at Christchurch Priory took place on July 4th and proved to be most successful.

In the afternoon the belfry was open to visitors, who were able to see the ringers at work and also, through a window let into the ringing chamber door, to view the bells themselves in motion. Between touches, short explanatory talks were given to Mr. A. V. Davis to the non-ringing visitors, over 100 of whom availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the tower.

The Vicar of Christchurch, the Rev. Leslie H. Yorke, conducted Evensong, which was attended by a large congregation. The choir rendered the French carol "Ding Dong Merrily on High" as an Introit, and the anthem was Purcell's "Bell Anthem." The lessons were read by Mr. Gerald Scragg, Priory captain of bells, and Mr. William T. Godfrey, of Milford-on-Sea. Canon K. W. H. Felstead, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, was the preacher.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Mrs. A. V. Davis 1-2, A. A. Price 3-4, A. V. Davis 5-6, R. Kiddle 7-8 immediately after the Blessing.

Ringers from several towers in the Christchurch District and other visitors took part in the ringing during the day, and others from Ringwood, Milford, Hordle, Sopley and St. Peter's, Dorchester, attended the service with the Priory ringers. A. V. D.

MORE ABOUT STAVELEY PEAL

The recent peal of Boh Major at Staveley Derbyshire (page 435) was rung as a belated farewell compliment to the former Rector, the Rev. T. L. Weatherhead, who was inducted as Dean of Nassau in the Bahamas on May 30th.

In addition to it being her first peal at the first attempt, young Verena Simpson is to be congratulated on becoming the first ever female member of the local band to ring "inside" to a peal.

WITH THE LATE CAROLYN VIBERT IN MIND

From Here would I comfort you, and tell you
of my bells on High,
You whom I loved, and too soon left;
Stand not inactive and bereft
As tho' for one quite lost! I gain the Tower
of the Sky.

A ringing chamber having neither ceiling,
walls nor floors,
Yet, mystically, so very near
To you, dear hearts, it does appear
To me as if the belfry all divine is next to
yours.

The Captain, whom I joy to see in our vast
Holy Room,
Joins with the saintly ones of old
Music to make on bells of gold.
And I am there . . . to hear Heaven's Treble
Light and Tenor boom.

At morn and eve, my ringing love-filled notes
fall on your brow,
Like tinkling kisses from Above.
And yours come back to me, in love.
From cherished steeples known and shared on
Earth . . . and thought on Now. E. M.

DAVENTRY'S NEW TEN

The first peal on the ring of ten bells at Daventry was rung on June 27th, three weeks after the dedication. It was not the first attempt, as on June 12th a Peterborough Guild band met short for Grandsire Caters, and on June 18th the same method was lost after 1½ hours' ringing. Several visiting bands have booked peal dates already, and it is hoped to attempt peals at fortnightly intervals.

The local band is settling down to teaching a group of 20 beginners, most of whom are 11-year-olds, and who will, it is hoped, form the future band at Daventry.

The bells have been very highly praised by all who have heard them, and it as been said by many that they are among the very best of the lighter rings of ten in the country. writes P. I. C.

RINGING FOR METHODIST CONFERENCE

The Methodist Conference was this year held in Plymouth, and on Sunday, July 4th, a united service was held at St. Andrew's Church, the preacher being the president of the Conference, the Rev. W. Walker Lee. The delegates numbered about 600, and they were joined by many clergy of the Church of England and members of other denominations. The bells were rung for this very historic service, the band being representative of the Branch. St. Andrew's ringers were joined by those from Tavistock, Whitchurch, Plymouth, Emmanuel (Plymouth) and a visitor from Blackpool, who is an unattached member of the S.W. Branch. History, too, was made on July 3rd, when the Roman Catholic Bishop of Plymouth, the Rt. Rev. Mervyn C. R. Restieaux, spoke at the Conference in the Guildhall: the Bishop was accompanied by the Anglican Bishop of Plymouth, the Rt. Rev. W. Guy Sanderson. This was the first time a Roman Catholic Bishop had ever attended a Methodist Conference.

ST. GEORGE'S BARKINGSIDE

Situated on the busy North Circular road east of London, and almost lost amongst the surrounding suburbia, lies the modern brick-built Church of St. George, Barkingside.

Built in 1932, the church owes its tower and bells to the industry and perseverance of the Vicar, who was personally responsible for raising the money for them. The bells, from Mears and Stainbank's foundry, were hung as and when the money became available, six before the war, the seventh in 1947, and finally the 10 cwt. tenor in 1954, and although cast and hung over a period of almost 20 years are a very good octave. Recently the pages have been closed on the first chapter in the history of the bells with the departure to West London of John Barrance, tower captain for the past 15 years. He will be greatly missed and we wish him luck in his new area.

During the construction of the tower insufficient money made it impossible to build it to its full height and as a result it has a small temporary "top hat" 20 feet below the designed height. The low height of the tower and the close proximity of the surrounding houses have presented problems owing to noise, and for night practices the bells have had to be tied or fully muffled. John, having been requested by the Vicar to form a band, started from scratch and with one or two visiting ringers taught a band up to the standard of Grandsire Triples and Stedman Doubles. This band has now broken up. John being the last to leave, and now we are starting again with a fully muffled practice and a keen band of youngsters.

At present we can only manage call changes and plain hunting. Any ringers will be very welcome on Tuesday evening practice sessions or for Sunday service ringing at 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Touring bands are also welcome and should now contact me at the following address: D. Ellisdon, 161, Redbridge Lane East, Ilford, Essex.

NOW NINETY

The 90th birthday of Mr. Geo. E. Symonds was happily not allowed to pass unnoticed by members of the Suffolk Guild. On July 11th a quarter peal of Spliced Yorkshire, Cambridge and Superlative was rung at Framdsen. A peal had been intended but unfortunately the band assembled late.

MONUMENTAL BELL CONCERT

Seventy ringing bands and bell choirs attended the ninth national convention of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers held in Washington, D.C., on June 23rd-25th. Probably never before have so many bells been used at the same time as during the festival concert in the Cathedral, as 58 bell choirs (1,000 players) from 36 States and Canada participated. The contest was described as "a shimmering bombardment that bathed every corner of the church with golden echoes."

Mr. Frederick Sharpe was again invited but had to decline. Scott Parry, Wayne Dirksen, and girl tower ringers demonstrated the Cathedral bells on the day of the convention visit, and Ronald Barnes, the carillonneur, lectured. The film, "The Tower of Washington," was shown in the Resurrection Chapel.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
DURLEIGH, Bridgwater, Somerset.—At the Parish Church.

On Wed., July 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 4 lb.
*John L. Aldridge . . . Treble Brian J. Wylde . . . 4
Tom Stephens . . . 2 †Cecil T. Clarke . . . 5
Audrey Short . . . 3 Ronald D. Short . . . Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Wylde.

* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., July 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.
Stephin Ivins . . . Treble John B. Long . . . 6
Walter F. Judge . . . 2 Robert L. Piron . . . 7
Avril Ivins . . . 3 Philip Mehew . . . 8
George W. Massey . . . 4 Edgar J. Smith . . . 9
Rodney H. French . . . 5 C. Michael Orme . . . Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

Rung as a compliment to Donald Thompson, a ringer at this church, on the 70th anniversary of his first peal.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Peter-de-Merton.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.
Avril Ivins . . . Treble James H. Edwards . . . 5
*Mary E. Edwards . . . 2 Peter Border . . . 6
Sheila I. Smith . . . 3 Alfred E. Rushton . . . 7
Ronald J. Sharp . . . 4 Stephen Ivins . . . Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

* First peal of Bristol. First peal of Bristol on the bells.

WOBBURN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.
Angela Grainger . . . Treble Michael J. Bew . . . 5
Catherine M. Powell . . . 2 Ivor N. Pett . . . 6
Angela M. Wright . . . 3 John B. Long . . . 7
John R. Norris . . . 4 Martyn J. Marriott . . . Tenor

Composed by J. Armiger Trollope. Conducted by Martyn J. Marriott.

First peal of Major as conductor.
Rung for the 100th anniversary of the commencement of the building of the church.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RUNCORN, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., July 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.
*Peter Hall . . . Treble Geoffrey Graham . . . 5
John Oultram . . . 2 William E. Allman . . . 6
Denis Maddock . . . 3 John R. Bibby . . . 7
Walter Allman . . . 4 John Hayes . . . Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by Walter Allman.

* First peal.
Rung for the 61st birthday of Harold Hayes, local ringer and father of the tenor ringer.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.
Joyce Grainger . . . Treble Peter J. Wycherley . . . 5
Sidney Hough . . . 2 Jeffrey Brannan . . . 6
Allen Twyman . . . 3 John Robinson . . . 7
Alan J. Brown . . . 4 Giles B. Thompson . . . Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by John Robinson.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

STUDLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of the Nativity of the

Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., June 26, 1965 in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.
*Thomas Griffiths . . . Treble Michael V. White . . . 4
Frederick C. Lyne . . . 2 F. Mark Robottom . . . 5
*John W. Perkins . . . 3 Ian C. Maycock . . . Tenor

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the wedding of Richard Spray and June Smith, both ringers at this church.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

PLYMPTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Maurice.

On Mon., July 5, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*William G. Lavers . . . Treble	Thomas G. Myers . . . 5
Margaret A. Bould . . . 2	Robert A. Southwood . . . 6
Ann Jenner . . . 3	†D. Roy Bould . . . 7
A. William Myers . . . 4	Stanley Jenner . . . Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Cambridge Major. First of Surprise on the bells.

Rung to celebrate the 514th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

LEWTRENCARD, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., July 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being four different extents and one 2,160 Tenor 8 cwt.
Ann Jenner . . . Treble Robert A. Southwood . . . 4
*Margaret A. Bould . . . 2 †D. Roy Bould . . . 5
†Thomas G. Myers . . . 3 Stanley Jenner . . . Tenor

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. † 50th peal together. ‡ 100th peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

Rung as a belated birthday compliment to Mr. W. A. T. Brimacombe, of Lifton.

CLOVELLY, Devon.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., July 7, 1965, in 2 hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent Oxford Treble Bob, one Cambridge Surprise, two Kent Treble Bob and three Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

*Margaret A. Bould . . . Treble	†Michael H. Sinden . . . 4
Ann Jenner . . . 2	*†Thomas G. Myers . . . 5
Harry Stacey . . . 3	Stanley Jenner . . . Tenor

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* 25th peal together. † First peal in four methods. First peal on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St.

Michael.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5021 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS

Tenor 17 cwt.

*Peter G. Brown . . . Treble	†Alfred J. House . . . 6
*Joe E. G. Roast . . . 2	*Robert J. Chapman . . . 7
*James L. Towler . . . 3	*Philip J. Rothera . . . 8
*Donald E. Cobb . . . 4	*Dennis A. S. Symonds . . . 9
*Ian R. Panton . . . 5	*David E. Belcham . . . Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett. Conducted by Alfred J. House.

* First peal in the method. First in method for the Association.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., July 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods, viz.: (1) Chester, Munden, (2) Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning, (3) Bourne, (4) London, Wells, (5) York, Durham, (6) Beverley, Surfleet, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 7 cwt.
Josephine A. Quilter . . . Treble Robert J. Lindsell . . . 4
Jennifer M. Syder . . . 2 Alan R. Syder . . . 5
John A. Warner . . . 3 Patrick W. Saltmarsh . . . Tenor

Conducted by Patrick W. Saltmarsh.

First peal of 13 Surprise Minor by all.

GREAT TOTHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., July 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being the following extents: London, Wells, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich, Cambridge. Tenor 7½ cwt.
Michael Edwards . . . Treble Joe E. G. Roast . . . 4
*Anne Edwards . . . 2 George E. Thoday . . . 5
Dennis A. S. Symonds . . . 3 James L. Towler . . . Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* First peal of seven Surprise.

A birthday compliment to Anne Edwards.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WARMLEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.
*Elizabeth A. Webb . . . Treble †William Lampard . . . 4
Myra J. Gibbs . . . 2 †Brian K. Lewis . . . 5
†Edric Owens . . . 3 Anthony W. Gibbs . . . Tenor

Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.

* First peal. † First of Minor. ‡ First of Plain Bob Minor. First of Minor by a local band.

Rung as a compliment to Henry and Janice Taysom on the birth of a daughter. Also an engagement compliment to Brian Metcalfe and Barbara Dench.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
EARL'S CROOME, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
 On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Consisting of seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 14 lb
 *Ken O'Beirne ... Treble *John Brown ... 4
 Marilyn Jackson ... 2 Peter Robertson ... 5
 Anna Sadowska ... 3 *Stephen Pouncey ... Tenor

Conducted by Peter Robertson.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First in the method by all.
 Rung for the ringer of the 4th, who is going abroad.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 864 Rutland, 672 each of Pudsey and London, 640 each of Cambridge and Superlative, 608 Adelaide, 544 Brighton and 384 Bristol with all the work of each method for every bell and with 146 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Peter S. Muchlinski ... Treble Robert W. Hinde ... 5
 David S. Osenton ... 2 Christopher T. Osenton ... 6
 Andrew J. Corby ... 3 Bernard F. L. Grove ... 7
 *Monty W. Gilbert ... 4 Martin L. Howe ... Tenor

Composed by Richard G. Crosland.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of eight spiced.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WORSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt.

Richard Starkie ... Treble Allen Twyman ... 6
 Sidney Hough ... 2 Peter Wycherley ... 7
 Brian Tomlinson ... 3 Dennis Latham ... 8
 John Robinson ... 4 Jeffrey Brannan ... 9
 John Booth ... 5 Denis Mottershead ... Tenor

Composed by J. Carter.

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

CHORLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sun., July 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 CHORLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

Arthur Rigby ... Treble Richard J. Parker ... 5
 Cyril Crossthwaite ... 2 Philip J. Crossthwaite ... 6
 Richard S. Starkie ... 3 Derek Butterworth ... 7
 Bernard Moss ... 4 Tudor P. Edwards ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

The first peal in the method (H. & M. 2,038).

Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Archbishop of York in connection with the 600th anniversary celebrations.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Syston District)

SWITLAND, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Plain Bob, (3) St. Clement's Bob, (4-7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
 Michael Copson ... Treble Rupert A. Clarke ... 4
 Michael W. Brown ... 2 Julian M. Morley ... 5
 David F. Moore ... 3 Rod W. Ellway ... Tenor

Conducted by David F. Moore.

A coming-of-age compliment to the District Ringing Master, Maurice Kirk.

WANLIP, Leicestershire.—At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, consisting of (1) Bourne, (2) Durham, (3) York, (4) Wells, (5) London, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge.
 Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in B flat.

*Roger S. Starbuck ... Treble John E. Cook ... 4
 †Malcolm E. Wade ... 2 Roland H. Cook ... 5
 William A. Lacey ... 3 R. Kingsley Mason ... Tenor

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* First peal. † First in seven methods and 50th peal.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

CAYTHORPE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Vincent.

On Tues., July 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Joyce M. Gurnhill ... Treble Jack L. Millhouse ... 5
 David Vincent ... 2 George H. Randles ... 6
 Norah M. Randles ... 3 John Walden ... 7
 Geoffrey R. Parker ... 4 Peter A. Sharp ... Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Peter A. Sharp.

CHORLEY S.M.

—38—14—12—38—14—1258—16—58. 2nds place l.e. 14263857

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., July 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

H. Reginald Woods ... Treble Vaughan P. Evans ... 4
 Thomas A. Relf ... 2 Graham J. N. Colborne ... 5
 Charles F. Baxter ... 3 David R. Baxter ... Tenor

Conducted by David R. Baxter.

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*Janet M. Hudson ... Treble John F. Underwood ... 4
 Melvyn Rose ... 2 G. Leslie A. Lunn ... 5
 John F. Pearson ... 3 Louis Willders ... Tenor

Conducted by Louis Willders.

* First peal, first attempt, and first extent in any method.
 Rung with the best wishes of the band to the treble ringer, who is leaving the village to join the Metropolitan Police Force.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARNES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sun., July 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

C. Martin Press ... Treble Leonard J. North ... 5
 John R. Ketteringham ... 2 William Birmingham ... 6
 David J. Herschell ... 3 Wilfrid G. Wilson ... 7
 *Anne Horsford ... 4 Alan R. Patterson ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.

* First peal "inside."

Rung to commemorate the 750th anniversary of the consecration of this church and prior to the dedication of the new organ.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B.

Tenor 10 cwt.

Norman P. J. Cossey ... Treble Thomas J. Brock ... 4
 James W. Forder ... 2 Godfrey G. Walpole ... 5
 Ernest A. Long ... 3 H. William Barrett ... Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

Rung half-muffled in memory of David Fenn, a member of the local company for over 40 years, who died on June 15th, 1965.

FORNCETT ST. PETER, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Thurs., June 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 13 methods, viz.: three extents each of St. Remigius, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Martin, St. Simon, St. Osmund, St. Peter, Cassington, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Old, two extents of April Day and five extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Charles H. Blake ... Treble David Cubitt ... 3
 Robin Churchill ... 2 Frank C. J. Arnold ... 4

H. William Barrett ... Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

Rung in honour of the treble ringer's granddaughter, born in March last, and a 21st birthday compliment to his son, Robert.

GAYWOOD, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Faith

On Wed., July 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) St. Clement's Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

*Roger J. Harrop ... Treble Leslie W. Houghton ... 4
 Shelagh R. Collins ... 2 Ernest A. Shipp ... 5
 David L. Cawley ... 3 Norman V. Harding ... Tenor

Conducted by Norman V. Harding.

* First peal.

Rung to the glory of God, and as a farewell to David L. Cawley, who is shortly leaving the district.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SLOUGH, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 UPTON COURT BOB ROYAL

William Birmingham ... Treble Geoffrey K. Dodd ... 6
 D. Kay Adkins ... 2 William Birmingham ... 7
 Anthony D. Sansom ... 3 Giles R. Shedden ... 8
 Michael Hatchett ... 4 Wilfrid G. Wilson ... 9
 Reginald W. Rex ... 5 Alan R. Pink ... Tenor

Composed by R. Roger Savory.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

The first peal in the method. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

UPTON COURT BOB ROYAL

x14x30x10x10x90. 2nds. Bob 4ths. l.h. 907856342.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Society of Roving Ringers.

HUGHENDEN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Christopher C. Clarke .. Treble	Keith J. Walpole 5
Diana Reeves 2	Robert A. Reeves 6
Jennifer Sceeny 3	Edward R. Venn 7
Dennis C. Bowen 4	Noel R. Waite Tenor

Composed by G. H. Cross.. Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

A wedding compliment to Mr. Howard Oglesby, a former Master of this Society, and Miss A. Frances Proctor, whose wedding took place earlier this day; also to Mr. Anthony D. Smith and Miss Susan E. Burt, whose wedding took place on June 12th; all being members of this Society. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

HITCHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., June 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In eight methods, being one extent each of Amersham Alliance and Little Bob, Hitcham Delight, Cambridge, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Single Oxford, Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb.

Giles R. Sheddin .. Treble	Christopher C. Clarke .. 4
Ronald J. Snack 2	Edward R. Venn 5
Anthony K. Fortin 3	Howard Oglesby Tenor

Conducted by Howard Oglesby.

Rung by an all bachelor band on the eve of the marriage of the conductor, captain of Hitcham, with Miss A. Frances Proctor, captain of Amersham.

AMERSHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents (C.C. numbers 31, 35, 36, 39, 40, 48, 49). Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

Ronald R. Snack .. Treble	Anthony K. Fortin 4
Jennifer Sceeny 2	Christopher C. Clarke .. 5
William Birmingham .. 3	Edward R. Venn Tenor

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

A wedding compliment to Mr. Howard Oglesby and Miss A. Frances Proctor, married later this day.

LANE END, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in B flat.

*Colin Meakes Treble	Sidney J. Smith 4
Colin Hagger 2	Walter Avery 5
Kenneth Seymour 3	Roger G. Hazell Tenor

Conducted by Roger G. Hazell.

* First peal first attempt. First peal on the bells since being re-tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

NANTWICH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

Anthony P. Foster .. Treble	Raymond Crawford 5
Hilary F. Pardoe 2	Bruce Wakefield 6
*Gillian M. Wilce 3	M. Roger Ashmore 7
*Alice M. Baldwin 4	John W. Thorp Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted to John W. Thorp.

* First peal. First of Surprise Major as conductor.

In celebration of the 21st birthdays of the ringers of 3rd and 4th.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

KIRTLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 HENLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Raymond A. Vickers .. Treble	Barry E. Saunders 5
Graham C. Paul 2	Alan A. Paul 6
Roger W. Smith 3	Charles E. Truman 7
David J. Marshall 4	Patrick I. Chapman Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

First peal in the method.

HENLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

58x58. 14x58x38x14x58x16x5. 2nds. 17856342.

ISHAM, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

*Sara R. Goodbody .. Treble	Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.
Edward C. Buckley 4	
†Brian A. Vickers 2	†Terry G. Smith 5
Richard J. Cowley 3	Roger L. Coley Tenor

Conducted by Roger L. Coley.

* First peal. † First of Minor. First as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cowley upon the birth of a son.

CALVERTON, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., July 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being extents of Carlisle, York, London, Wells, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*Daphne Webb .. Treble	Barry R. Eglesfield 4
William A. Yates 2	Charles E. Truman 5
Alan A. Paul 3	James Linnell Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

* First peal.

COLD HIGHAM, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in B flat.

*Dorothy Mann .. Treble	Ronald Russell 4
*Heloise Leleux 2	George F. Roome 5
Jacqueline A. Downing .. 3	Royland A. Eldridge .. Tenor

Conducted by George F. Roome.

* First peal attempt.

GLASTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods—(1) Double Oxford, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Single Oxford, (4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

E. Alan Jacques .. Treble	J. Martin Thorley 4
Janet E. Hubbard 2	Keith R. Davey 5
Edwin T. Chapman 3	Alan G. Payne Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

A birthday compliment to Charles Green, President of the Rutland Branch.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Stedman, 22 Grandsire.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Margaret E. Chilton .. Treble	Frederick G. Hooper 4
David D. Parsons 2	George A. Dawson 5
Susan J. Moxon 3	Bernard J. Plummer .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

LANGAR, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Wed., June 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods, being seven extents each of Rushall, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Kennington and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.) in F.

John R. Pratchett .. Treble	Maurice W. Harrison .. 3
Simon Humphrey 2	George A. Dawson 4
William L. Exton 3	

Conducted by William L. Exton.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

LEIGH, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Jennifer M. Beech .. Treble	Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.
Richard J. Warrilow 4	
*Ruth A. E. Fairbrother .. 2	Frank Beech, jun. 5
Edward R. Fairbrother .. 3	George E. Morrall Tenor

Conducted by George E. Morrall.

* First peal "inside." First of Minor as conductor.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD

BARKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Fri., July 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extant St. Clement's, one Oxford Treble Bob, two Kent Treble Bob and three Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Robert E. Lester .. Treble	E. James Lockwood .. 4
Mrs. E. J. Lockwood .. 2	Alice E. J. Lester .. 5
Neville F. Whittell .. 3	Gilbert R. Goodship .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert E. Lester.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert R. Goodship, on the occasion of their golden wedding (July 9th, 1965).

THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew, Hampton.
On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

Michael G. Selby .. Treble	*Richard Bateman .. 5
Ian Lloyd .. 2	†Rev. Russam W. Thomas .. 6
James Attwood, jun. .. 3	Arthur C. Berry .. 7
John Clements .. 4	Geoffrey J. Hemming .. Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Geoffrey J. Hemming.

* First peal "inside" on eight. † First peal.

PERSHORE, Worcestershire.—At the Abbey Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt.

*Martin J. Boskett .. Treble	Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 5
*Raymond J. Adams .. 2	*Ian Lloyd .. 6
*James Attwood, jun. .. 3	Gerald C. Hemming .. 7
*John Clements .. 4	*Arthur C. Berry .. Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Geoffrey J. Hemming.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. Arthur C. Berry has now

"circled the tower."

Rung at the conclusion of the Pershore Festival.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

OSSETT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., July 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 27½ cwt.

John Booth .. Treble	Charles Webb .. 6
John Robinson .. 2	Peter Wycherley .. 7
Allen Twyman .. 3	Neil Lomas .. 8
Richard Starkie .. 4	Jeffrey Brannan .. 9
Dennis Latham .. 5	Dennis Mottershead .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

THRYBERGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Wed., June 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 Oxford T.B., 1,440 Kent T.B., 2,880 Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

J. Hedley Wale .. Treble	M. Alec Beaumont .. 4
Elizabeth M. Snell .. 2	Christopher Lomax .. 5
*Richard J. Tibbetts .. 3	Michael R. Meadows .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael R. Meadows.

* First peal of Minor.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of 3rd.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

EATON SOCON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., June 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

Geoffrey K. Cook .. Treble	Anthony P. Foster .. 5
Paul A. Brand .. 2	Roger M. Heyworth .. 6
Richard Wharton .. 3	M. Roger Ashmore .. 7
G. Robert Mordaunt .. 4	Stephen Ivlin .. Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Stephen Ivlin.

This is the first peal of Bristol by all except the conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

BEDWORTH, WARWICKS.—On June 6th, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: J. Webb 1, A. Crowther 2, Mrs. J. Pratt 3, R. D. Hart 4, R. T. Liggins 5, I. P. Unsworth 6, B. Pratt 7, G. Pratt (cond.) 8.

BESTON, NOTTS.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Twigg (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Allen 2, P. Woolven 3, J. G. Hallett 4, J. C. Coleman 5, E. Shuttleworth (cond.) 6. Also on June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Yates (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Allen 2, R. C. Woodward 3, J. G. Hallett 4, P. Woolven 5, R. C. L. Brown (cond.) 6. Both by Nottingham University Society for Evensong.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On May 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Spree (first of Minor) 1, Elizabeth Stewart 2, P. Jarvis 3, W. W. Ring 4, J. Richards 5, G. Stewart (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and to mark the silver wedding anniversary of the treble ringer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Spree.

BILSBORROW, LANCS.—On June 23rd, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: R. J. Shea 1, Hazel A. Arrowsmith 2, J. J. Fox 3, M. A. Phillips 4, R. S. Starkie 5, C. K. Cooper 6, C. Crosthwaite (cond.) 7, J. H. Fielden 8. First of Bristol 1, 2, 4. Rung by members of the Liverpool University Society.

BOSTON, Lincs.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Freeston 1, Mrs. R. Reynolds 2, A. Freeston 3, R. Stephenson 4, P. Reynolds 5, J. Petch 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7. T. Freeston 8. For the Patronal Festival, and the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury, who was a former curate at this church. Also on June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Freeston 1, Mrs. R. Reynolds 2, A. Freeston 3, P. Reynolds 4, R. Stephenson 5, J. Petch 6, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 7. T. Freeston 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Fred Leggett, a ringer at this church, who was laid to rest this day.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On June 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Lockwood 1, M. H. Whittell 2, A. R. Walters (first "inside") 3, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5. For Evensong.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sylvia A. Hayward 1, Anne Willard 2, E. T. Stith 3, E. W. Furbank 4, A. Pryke 5, D. A. Bedford 6, P. Bedford (cond.) 7, J. H. Stith 8. To celebrate the installation as Hon. Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral of the Rev. J. S. Willard.

EXETER.—At St. Michael's, Heavitree, on June 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Colton 1, Miss J. Smith 2, N. Mallett 3, F. Willis 4, M. Lock 5, C. Reeves 6, F. Wreford 7, C. G. Bryant (cond.) 8.

GREAT BARRINGTON, GLOS.—On July 1st,

1,260 Doubles (three methods): B. Bladon 1—2, D. Dancy 3, A. R. Peake (cond.) 4—5, P. Tombs 6.

GREAT CHEVERELL, WILTS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Sturges 1, Pamela Osborne 2, B. Osborne 3, R. Whiting (first Grandsire "inside") 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 6, R. Bailey 6.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On June 30th, 1,440 London Surprise Royal: Rhoda Housden 1, Patricia Laycock (first "inside" on 10) 2, Pamela Gough (first on 10) 3, Hilary Kippin 4, F. W. Housden 5, Jessie Kippin 6, Elizabeth Stevinson (first on 10) 7, T. Page 8, R. C. Kippin 9, C. H. Kippin (cond.) 10.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On May 23rd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. Hough 1, M. E. Nissly 2, J. K. A. Cook 3, A. J. Davey 4, D. E. Cobb 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung with best wishes to ringer of 2nd, who was returning to the U.S.A. Also on June 20th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, R. B. Davey (first of Kent "inside") 2, P. E. Wells 3, J. R. Hough 4, A. J. Davey 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HEMINGTON, SOMERSET.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Dawn White 1, Sandra Weaver 2, H. Hawkins 3, Jennifer Durston 4, G. Pomeroy (cond.) 5, R. Weaver 6. On the Church Gift Day.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On June 29th, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. P. Bird 1, Miss D. Colcombe (first "inside") 2, Miss G. Mooring 3, Miss J. Warner 4, P. Henry 5, J. Bailey 6, H. Colcombe 7, B. W. White (cond.) 8. For the Patronal Festival.

HOLT, NORFOLK.—On July 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Mackley 1—2, R. Roys-Jones 3—4, J. Ashby (first quarter) 5.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on June 23rd, a quarter peal of Minor: M. Brighton (first of Minor) 1, J. R. Hough 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, M. J. Dyer 4, L. Brighton 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rector, Rev. H. T. W. Nesbitt.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On June 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): Wendy B. Everest 1, Agnes F. Millam 2, Edna M. Everest 3, Dylis M. Smith 4, R. E. Peckham (cond.) 5, C. Robinson 6. Rung with the best wishes of the band for Christine Peckham, at the commencement of her nursing career in London.

LODSWORTH, SUSSEX.—On July 10th, 1,272 Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minimus: Stella G. Rice (first of Minimus) 1, K. Sansom (cond.) 2, Lesley Read 3, D. Hughes 4. A birthday compliment to Miss Stella G. Rice. Believed to be first quarter on the bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On June 22nd, a quarter peal of Cambridge S. Minor: Valerie M. Howell 1, Heather Walters 2, Rosemary J. Kemp 3, A. J. Luxford 4, P. J. Joyce 5, M. D. Trigg (first of Cambridge as cond.) 6. First of Cambridge 1, 2, 3 and 4.

STANTON HARCOURT, OXON.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: Miss S. Cantwell 1, A. Hicks 2, A. Cantwell 3, R. Jones 4, N. Deam 5. A 21st birthday compliment to the Witney and Woodstock Ringing Master, David Floyd.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On June 4th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: R. T. Lindell 1, Josephine Quilter 2, Jennifer Syder 3, A. R. Syder 4, P. W. Saltmarsh (cond.) 5.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Smith 1, A. D. Fellows 2, P. J. Brown 3, M. J. Fellows 4, D. H. Watson 5, J. Warr 6, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7, R. Smith 8. By the local band for Parish Communion, and in memoriam John Lloyd, of Brierley Hill.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan C. McLean 1, Marion Addy 2, W. Ledward 3, J. Curd 4, D. R. McLean (cond.) 5, T. Hobbs (first quarter) 6. For Confirmation service by the Bishop of Chichester.

WANSFORD, PETERBOROUGH.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Smith (first quarter) 1, W. Culpin 2, A. Waller 3, R. C. L. Brown (cond.) 4, Gillian Waller 5. For morning service.

WILTON, SOMERSET.—At St. George's, on July 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. Cullen 1, Brenda Bindon 2, Marian Beale 3, D. Sheldon 4, F. Avery 5, R. F. Arscott (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to Mr. Johns, Methodist Superintendent Minister, who conducted the service.

WORCESTER.—At St. John Baptist-in-Bedwardine, on July 11th, 1,259 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Mrs. T. W. Lewis 1, D. G. Franklin 2, R. J. M. Grosvenor 3, L. J. Haines 4, M. J. Robinson (cond.) 5, T. W. Lewis 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the Rt. Rev. C. E. Stuart, Assistant Bishop of Worcester, on retirement.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Mary Bragg 1, Sylvia Tate-Mitchell 2, D. Elsmore 3, Cathie Williamson (first "inside") 4, R. Clist 5, T. Page 6, W. Viggers (cond.) 7, F. Williamson 8. For Evensong.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan L. Hood (first quarter) 1, Stella G. Rice (first as cond.) 2, Margaret 1. A. Fisher 3, Pamela R. Gough 4, Valerie Mephum 5, D. Hibbett 6. For Whitsun Festival. Also on June 13th, 1,260 Mixed Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Wendy Morris (first in two methods) 1, Ann E. Sharpe 2, Stella G. Rice (cond.) 3, Margaret 1. A. Fisher 4, Valerie Mephum 5, D. Hibbett 6. Rung to celebrate the priesting of Rev. Ross C. Baxter (curate).

ALREWAS, STAFFS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: E. J. Dolman (cond.) 1, E. Dolman 2, P. Corfield 3, J. Middleton 4, G. Holden 5, W. Fisher 6. For Evensong.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On July 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. H. Cook 1, Mrs. D. Day 2, A. E. Hinman 3, C. E. Cooper 4, J. L. Day 5, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. B. W. Schollar (organist) and Mrs. Schollar on the birth of their second daughter.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On June 13th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): R. E. Lester (cond.) 1, Mrs. E. J. Lockwood 2, Mrs. R. H. Rogers 3, E. J. Lockwood 4, J. J. Prentice 5, R. H. Rogers 6. For Evensong.

BATHEASTON, BATH, SOMERSET.—On July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. D. Taylor 1, Miss M. Pidgeon 2, W. G. Brown 3, J. E. Newman 4, P. Giles 5, M. Blanchard 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam James Smart, ringer at Batheaston and Bathford.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Corderoy 1, H. Wells 2, F. E. Golden 3, H. W. Dunsden 4, D. Vince 5, C. Corderoy (cond.) 6, R. B. Blond 7, P. Corderoy 8. For Evensong on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Reading, Rt. Rev. E. H. Knell.

BLUNHAM, BEDS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Butler 1, S. Franklin 2, A. Jobson 3, G. McIlhone (cond.) 4, R. Partridge 5.

BRADFORD, DEVON.—On July 6th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. E. Bissat (first of Cambridge) 1, Mrs. G. Bishop 2, Ann Jenner 3, C. Bishop 4, H. Stacey 5, S. Jenner (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge "inside" 2 and 5.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Bayes 1, T. E. Sone 2, Miss C. A. Sone 3, R. E. Lambert 4, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 5, M. R. T. Lambert 6, R. T. Lambert 7, J. Pocock 8. For Evensong.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, on June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Peckham 1, Janet Kipling (first "inside") 2, C. W. T. Riddleston 3, Angela Grainger (cond.) 4, Angela Wright 5, S. E. Armstrong 6, A. W. Bond 7, D. P. Snoswell 8. St. Peter's Day Evensong.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral, on June 25th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: M. J. Hobbs 1, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 2, Miss D. M. Chapman 3, R. J. Bowden 4, Miss G. M. Hussey 5, P. Bridle 6, J. R. Taylor 7, R. G. Edwards 8.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Squires (first quarter) 1, Rosemary F. D. Thompson 2, Valerie J. Meadows (first "inside") 3, Jean M. Hall 4, Janet M. Bailey 5, K. C. Knight 6, D. L. Hall (cond.) 7, A. Brown 8.

CLIFTON, NOTTS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Fisher 1, R. Blackshaw 2, M. Harrison 3, D. Oliver 4, S. Adams (cond.) 5, L. Butler 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of S. J. Mann, a ringer of this church.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Avery (first of Minor) 1, V. Hemming (cond.) 2, R. Rice 3, W. Rice 4, P. J. Hall 5, J. S. Walton 6.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Todd 1, H. Thompson 2, M. Pearson 3, J. Vickery 4, W. Tyson (cond.) 5, R. Skelton 6, S. Zvegintov 7, G. Ratcliffe 8. First in method 1 and 2. For Evensong, and a tribute to the Vicar, who is leaving the parish.

CRANTUCK, CORNWALL.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Duck 1, J. Roberts 2, A. Locke 3, D. A. Trethewey 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, W. C. Boucher 6.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. L. Bishop 1, G. W. Bishop 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, L. F. Cox 4, C. J. Garlick 5, J. H. Napper 6, M. Bishop (cond.) 7, C. Corderoy 8. For Confirmation service.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 1, R. J. Everest (first of Triples "inside") 2, E. C. Leigh 3, D. J. M. Cox 4, H. W. Evans 5, J. E. Warner 6, E. J. Jenner 7, P. R. Everest 8. Before evening Holy Communion on St. Peter's Day.

FILTON, GLOS.—On July 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Gooding (first quarter) 1, Rachael M. Morse 2, Ruth C. J. Sheldon 3, Mary N. Haslam (cond.) 4, A. Howard 5, D. C. Haslam 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

FLORE, NORTHANTS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Fonge 1, Judith Ashby 2, J. F. Thorne 3, T. G. Hill 4, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 5, Ann Bradbury (first quarter) 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On June 27th, 1,344 Kent T.B. Major: G. Cecil 1, S. Penfold 2, C. E. Wright 3, Miss J. Peacock 4, J. McDonald (first away from treble) 5, J. Fowler 6, J. W. Stephenson 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. Also on July 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, P. Over (first away from treble) 3, R. Newman 4, S. Penfold 5, J. Fowler 6, J. McDonald 7, A. J. Salisbury 8.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.—On June 27th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. J. Hough 1, G. Green 2, D. Vincent 3, R. W. Worrall 4, C. J. Jones 5, H. W. Howard (cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival.

LANGDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Over 1, S. Penfold 2, F. G. Richardson 3, J. W. Stephenson 4, F. V. Gant (cond.) 5, J. McDonald 6. For the Patronal Festival.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On July 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. Evenden 1, T. E. Sone 2, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 3, L. Head (cond.) 4, F. Hogan 5, G. Evenden 6, T. Cullingworth 7, F. Thwaites 8. For Evensong.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On July 6th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Clement's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): L. Childs 1, L. Derrick 2, P. Blake 3, C. Kortwright (cond.) 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.—On July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Claydon 1, Miss J. Twinn 2, G. Trendell 3, V. Buttle 4, T. Bird 5, W. Arnold (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. E. G. Lambert, secretary of the P.C.C.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: June Bennett 1, Jane Walker 2, Valerie Rushforth 3, K. Waller 4, K. Tipper (cond.) 5, K. Sansom 6. For Evensong.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—On July 4th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. Duguid (first quarter) 1, R. Baldwin 2, A. Page 3, Mrs. S. K. Baldwin 4, A. Burbidge 5, W. Tate 6, T. R. Taylor (cond.) 7, M. Siddons 8. For the Patronal Festival.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On July 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Laken (first in method) 1, P. Bedford 2, Sylvia Hayward 3, F. May 4, D. Belcham 5, R. Tomlin 6, A. House (cond.) 7, T. Jones 8. For Evensong.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol Kemp 1, Josephine Quilter 2, Yvonne Murray 3, Rosemary Frith 4, Jennifer Syder (cond.) 5, Anne Edwards 6. For Evensong.

ROTHAMHAM, YORKS.—On July 6th, 1,369 Double Norwich C.B. Caters: J. Bruce 1, Tessa Hollis 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, J. N. D. Chaddock 4, N. Donovan 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6, D. G. French 7, D. Nichols 8, S. Armeson 9, M. Meadows 10.

RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.—On July 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: E. Buckby 1, R. Coley 2, Miss S. Staley 3, Miss J. Marlowe 4, T. Smith 5, R. Cowley (cond.) 6. Rung with the best wishes of all the band to Murray Coleman and Mary Bloxham, who were married this day.

STOULTON, WORCS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. A. A. Topp 1, Miss R. Porter (first as cond.) 2, A. Topp 3, A. Collett 4, A. A. Topp 5, B. Collius 6. A birthday compliment to conductor.

STRENSHAM, WORCS.—On June 25th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: C. Haylings 1, P. S. Robertson 2, M. Hawkes 3, M. J. Boskett 4, D. Price 5, J. Clements (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, 3 and 4.

TAVISTOCK, DEVON.—On June 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. G. Myers 1, R. A. Southwood 2, Ann Jenner 3, M. J. Bray 4, D. F. Wheeler 5, H. Stacey 6, S. Jenner (cond.) 7, D. R. Bould 8.

TEWIN, HERTS.—On July 4th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Wilsner 1, Paula Healing 2, Eileen Maskel 3, Susan Farnes 4, P. Owen 5, D. Digby (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 5 and 6. Average age of band 16 years 8 months.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Smith 1, June Sinfield 2, R. Stripp 3, R. J. Scott 4, I. R. Knox 5, A. G. Stripp 6, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 7, W. G. Sear 8.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On July 11th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): K. G. Weeks 1, W. Lampard 2, Elizabeth A. Webb 3, E. Owens 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, D. M. Smith 6. First in four Doubles methods for all except conductor. For Matins.

WEEDON BEC, NORTHANTS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Hill 1, J. F. Thorne 1, I. R. Nightingale 3, R. J. Edden 4, T. G. Hill 5, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 6, R. J. Danby 7, R. Fonge 8.

WESTBURY-ON-TRYM, BRISTOL.—On July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Huddleston 1, R. Sweet 2, P. Ebsworth 3, D. Huddleston 4, R. Huddleston 5, A. Howard (cond.) 6. For the 700th anniversary of the first Parliament.

WESTLEIGH, DEVON.—On June 29th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. A. Large 1, Rev. J. Shephard-Walwyn 2, Margaret A. Ladd 3, Ann Jenner 4, M. H. Sinden 5, S. Jenner (cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on July 11th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. Cattermole 1, A. P. White 2, G. L. Bowen 3, D. R. Sayers 4, R. Adams 5, R. G. Morris 6, R. Shepherd 7, D. R. Morris (cond.) 8, D. Beacham 9, J. I. Stanier 10. Rung before Evensong as a farewell to the Rt. Rev. C. E. Stuart, M.A., retiring Assistant Bishop of Worcester and Canon Residentiary.



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IN MEMORIAM

POOLE, Harold Joseph.—Passed away July 14th, 1955. Also Phyllis, March, 1958. With love and gratitude we remember them.—Peter and Jill. 7273

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WILLINGTON, EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—There will be a Ringers' Service on Sunday, August 1st, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Ringing 5.30–6.30. Light refreshments after service.—R. W. R. Percy. 7188

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MEETINGS

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Monthly practice meeting at Wapley on Thursday, July 22nd. Bells (5) from 7.30 p.m.—A. W. Gibbs, Branch Sec. 7269

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, West Lydford (6), July 24th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 7227

DEVON GUILD.—N. and N.W. Branch.—Summer meeting at Holsworthy, Saturday, July 24th. Bells (8) at 3 o'clock. Usual arrangements. Tea 5 o'clock. Bridgerule in evening. Visitors welcome.—R. Pearce, Sec. 7237

ELY ASSOCIATION (Wisbech Branch) and LINCOLN GUILD (East Elloe Branch).—Joint meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 24th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, K. R. Davey. 7243

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Quarterly, July 24th, Bovey Tracey. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.15. Ringing after meeting. Chudleigh 6.15–7.30. Names for tea essential.—A. B. Shingler, 8, Ness View Road, Teignmouth. 7222

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting on Saturday, July 24th, on the rehug bells (6) at Lane End. Ringing 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Miss Hague. 7225

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Meeting on July 24th at Rushton (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to M. Coleman, 20, Copelands Road, Desborough, by Monday previous. Special methods: Single Oxford, York Surprise.—M. A. C. 7257

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 24th, at Teversal-with-Sutton. Teversal bells (5) 3–5.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Sutton-in-Ashfield bells (8) 6–8.30 p.m. Business meeting.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 7233

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at Mendlesham (6) on July 24th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Village Hall 5 p.m. for those notifying Mrs. A. Godfree at 2, Fleece Cottages, Mendlesham, Stowmarket. Wetheringsett (5) also available from 6.30 p.m.—L. E. Last. 7218

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Evening practice meeting at North Creake on Wednesday, July 28th. Bells (6) available 6.30. Please make every effort to attend.—C. Tovell. 6253

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice meeting at Toddington (6) on Friday, July 30th, at 7.30. All welcome.—J. B. T. Homfray, Hon. Sec. 7258

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Barnby Dun, Saturday, July 31st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. R. Stephenson, 25, Stainforth Road, Barnby Dun, Doncaster. 7267

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Supplementary meeting at Great Leighs (5) on Saturday, July 31st. Bells 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea; no business. Names for tea to J. P. Brandon, 424, Baddow Road, Chelmsford (72100), by previous Thursday. Ringing afterwards also at Terling (6). Please come and make this meeting a success. 6254

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Chertsey, Saturday, July 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names to Rev. G. S. Archibald, The Vicarage, Chertsey. Note change of date. 7188

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Combined practice, Cleobury Mortimer, Saturday, July 31st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 7268

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Wittersham, Saturday, July 31st. Bells (6, tenor 16 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Denne, 11, The Street, Wittersham, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 7269

LADIES' GUILD (N.W. District) and LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Bolton Branch).—Joint meeting, Saturday, July 31st, at Horwich. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at moderate charge. Names to F. Brownlow, 68, Church Street, Horwich, by Wednesday previous. Ribbles buses 122, 126 and 130 from Moor Lane, Bolton, to Brown Cow, Horwich (facing church).—Mrs. H. L. Horn and J. Thornley, Hon. Secs. 7247

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's Church, Singleton, near Blackpool, on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. 7271

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Guiseley, Saturday, July 31st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. C. Walsh, Dunster, Oxford Avenue, Guiseley, near Leeds, by previous Thursday. 7262

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Scole, Saturday, July 31st. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to C. F. W. Phillippo, 1, Council Houses, Bunwell, Norwich (NOR 01X), by Wednesday, July 28th. 7229

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at Penkridge, on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (8) available 6.30–8.30 p.m.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 6256

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting, Eardisland, on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Pembridge (5) also available 6–7 p.m. Names for tea to L. Evans, The Brouch, Eardisland, Leominster.—A. J. Lewis, Dis. Sec. 7230

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Ringwood, July 31st, 3–4.30. Tea (4/–) in The Old Cottage. Service 5.15. Sopley bells from 6.30. Names essential to L. F. Cobb, 182, Southampton Road, Ringwood, by Wednesday, 28th. 7265

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Brampford-Speke on Saturday, August 7th, 6.30–8.30 p.m.

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Burmarsh, Saturday, August 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. R. Wratten, Marshlands Farm, West Hythe, Kent.—S. M. D. 7220

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and BARNLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Rotherham, August 14th. Ringing Thrybergh and Eastwood before tea and Parish Church evening. Details later.—J. W. Buxton and M. King. 7266

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual Dinner-Dance will be held on Saturday, October 9th, 1965, at the Mollington Banastre Hotel, Parkgate Road, Chester. Meet 5.45–6.15 p.m. Tickets 23/- each. All applications for tickets to Gen. Sec. before October 1st, together with remittance. The following towers will be open: St. Mary's, Handbridge (8), St. Mary's-within-the-Walls (8), Hoole (6), Backford (6), Shotwich (6).—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec., 63, Parkgate Road, Chester. 6251

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Leatherhead District

A most successful and enjoyable meeting was held at Stoke D'Abernon and Cobham on July 3rd. Ringing was under the direction of Mr. David Herschell, and a variety of methods was rung on the light six at Stoke during the afternoon. The service was led by the Vicar, whose interesting address was on the history of the bells with particular reference to the inscriptions. The organ was played by Miss V. Martin, a Guild member from Seale.

Tea, which had been competently prepared by the local ringers, followed. At the business meeting, with the Master in the chair, four new members from Stoke were elected. Those present were reminded of the annual joint meeting with the Surrey Association at Leatherhead on August Bank Holiday (August 30th) and the next District meeting at Mew and Clandon on October 30th.

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STRIKING COMPETITIONS

Archdeaconry of Stafford Society

A successful striking competition was held at the six-bell Church of St. Mary, Shreshill, near Wolverhampton, on July 3rd. Two minutes were allowed for practice after which each team had to set their bells and then ring the test piece of 120 changes of either Plain Bob Doubles or Minor. Towers entering the contest were Bilston, Cannock, Lichfield Cathedral, Little Aston (two teams), Penn. Rushall, Stafford and Willenhall. Messrs. A. Ballard (Hinckley), J. P. Fidler (Loughborough) and D. P. Jones (Church Gresley) were the judges. The first three winning teams were Little Aston "A" 26 faults; second, Lichfield Cathedral 36 faults; third, Rushall 61 faults. Rushall deserve special mention as they are a newly formed band and had never entered before.

Prior to the results, light refreshments were partaken of on the Vicarage lawn, and Mr. H. Butler and the Shreshill ladies are thanked for this kindly gesture. C. M. S.

Guildford Diocesan Guild

The Guildford District held its first striking competition on July 10th at Puttenham and five of the 16 towers sent teams. The judge, Mr. G. L. Grover, found it difficult to reach a decision between the first two. Shalford (conductor L. Hunter) had 20 faults, and Holy Trinity, Guildford (conductor D. Tubbs) 22, but the latter were awarded a bonus of three points for good leading and rhythm. Other placings were: Chiddingfold (J. Payton), Godalming (Miss E. Stevinson) and Stoke-next-Guildford (W. Savill). Mr. J. Payton (District Secretary) was organiser and Miss W. A. Oliver marker.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile, on July 8th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. K. Smith 1, A. E. Rowley 2, E. Deakin (first touch in the method) 3, J. W. Cotton 4, R. Hughes (first of Surprise Major "inside") 5, R. J. Clifton 6, R. H. Cook 7, R. K. Mason (cond.) 8.

MILBORNE PORT, SOMERSET.—On July 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Field 1, Mrs. P. Cross 2, T. Cross 3, R. Fox 4, T. Setter 5, K. Prime (cond.) 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Mitchell, ringer at this church for 42 years and sidesman for 40 years.

SOME OF THE JULY OUTINGS

BURES HAVE A WEEK-END IN SURREY

Due to marriage and employment, the Bures (Suffolk) company were reduced from Surprise Major to Plain Minor, so it was with great satisfaction that after building the company up again the Ringing Master was able to announce that they were now good enough to take on tour. All the members travelled on Friday, July 9th, to Chertsey, which was to be the headquarters for the week-end.

On Saturday morning they were met at Old Woking by the Guild Ringing Master and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. R. May, who extended to them a very warm welcome. Other towers visited were Send, Merrow, Shalford, Bramley, Womersley, Albury, Shere and West Clandon. Methods rung ranged from Plain Bob Minor to Yorkshire at towers where one local was able to ring it.

Chobham and Egham were visited on Sunday morning to assist with service ringing, and during the afternoon an invitation to visit Sandgate Convent was accepted and a demonstration of change ringing on handbells was greatly enjoyed by the residents.

Evensong at Guildford Cathedral provided the opportunity for the younger members to ring their first rounds on ten bells, whilst the others enjoyed Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

HUNTINGDON DISTRICT IN NOTTS

The first Saturday in July again proved to be a very enjoyable day for the Huntingdon District of the Ely Diocesan Association and their friends.

This year's tour was around the outskirts of Nottingham, and after an early start (too early for some) Bingham was reached in good time. Perhaps we had not yet overcome the effects of early rising, but anyway we did not do justice to the musical eight. We were even less successful at Holme Pierrepont, where the short draught had some of our less experienced members in trouble.

After a first-class lunch at Radcliffe-on-Trent, however, we came into our own, and the magnificent eight here were put to good use. The stately six at Cotgrave were also much enjoyed and so was the excellent tea, so kindly laid on for us at Riddington by Sid Adams.

Difficulty in hearing the bells here led to some rather mediocre ringing, but at the last tower of the day, Barton-in-Fabis, the Minor ringers let themselves go, and a most enjoyable hour was spent on these bells.

Our thanks are due to the incumbents, those who met us, Paul for arranging the tour and Sid Adams for all his help.

LUTON

On July 3rd the ringers of Luton Parish Church, with visiting ringers from Harpenden and Totternhoe and a number of non-ringers, spent a happy day in East Anglia.

Bury St. Edmunds, rich in historic associations, was the first stop, and whilst the ringers enjoyed a pull on the ten bells in the famous Norman tower of the Cathedral, others were able to see some of the beauties of this ancient and interesting town. A run of 40 miles brought us to Norwich, where lunch was taken, after which the ringing enthusiasts visited East Dereham and found an excellent ring of eight, now, fortunately, no longer hung anti-clockwise. A splendid day put us all in good shape for the long homeward journey, a stop being made at Cambridge for a ring on the grand Taylor octave at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, and, of course, for refreshment. A very satisfying trip ended in a reasonably early arrival back in Luton, allowing those who lived in outlying places ample time to catch buses, etc.

This was a day of great enjoyment for ringers and non-ringers alike, and the thanks of the visitors were very gracefully expressed by Mr. O. H. Wagstaff, a churchwarden at Luton Parish Church.

Incumbents and friends both old and new who met us, and Basil Hulatt for his efficient arrangements, are sincerely thanked. A. E. R.

WRINGTON AT GUILDFORD

July the first was a red letter day for Wrington ringers and friends. Leaving Broad Street at 6 a.m., and travelling east through the Somerset Lakeland, a very scenic trip brought us to Andover and a call for coffee before ringing on the musical bells of the Parish Church. It may have been the 70 quaint steps leading to the ringing chamber which caused nerves, but certainly the striking did not do justice here.

Next came the tower of the day—Guildford Cathedral—where, through Mr. Herbert Knight's efforts in conjunction with other forces, permission had been granted for our visit even before the bells were in the tower, and it proved that we were the first visitors as a party. The long climb of 144 steps completed, all were longing to hear the music of this new ten. Led by Mr. Knight and nine others, a reasonably good "rise" and eight leads of Grandsire Caters was accomplished before setting the bells. It was agreed by all that the tone was unquestionably grand. Touches were also rung on the back eight. Two rather disappointing factors here were: (1) The straight line of the front bell ropes, and (2) the vast circle, which one would think unnecessary, but there may be reasonable answers to both. After a good "fall" in peal it was time to refuel the inner man.

Next on the list was Holy Trinity, to which we were able to walk. On looking at the visitors' book the writer found that he visited the tower on September 25th, 1938. Some good striking was heard here. After tea, Farnham bells were tried.

Methods rung during the day comprised Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Cambridge and Plain Bob Major, numerous methods of Triples and rounds. Wrington was reached at 12.30 a.m. Thanks are due to all who met us at the various towers having everything ready and to Mr. Herbert Knight for his enterprise in organising such a successful and pleasant outing. We were all very glad to meet Mrs. John Chilcott and Mr. Mark White and have them join us at Guildford Cathedral and at lunch.

CALVERLEY, YORKS

Calverley ringers and friends made an 8 a.m. start in their 49-seater coach on July 3rd for their outing. An hour's ringing took place at Holme-on-Spalding-Moor, after which all proceeded to Beverley for lunch, a company of 60 sitting down to an enjoyable meal.

Partington bells proved to be well worth the effort of having to crawl along a three feet high passage to reach the ringing chamber. At Withernsea there was some doubt as to whether we were at the right tower as according to "Dove's" the bells should have been at St. Mary's, but the only church to be found with bells was St. Nicholas'.

The final tower contained the melodious eight at Howden, where methods rung included Cambridge, Stedman, Double Norwich and Plain Bob.

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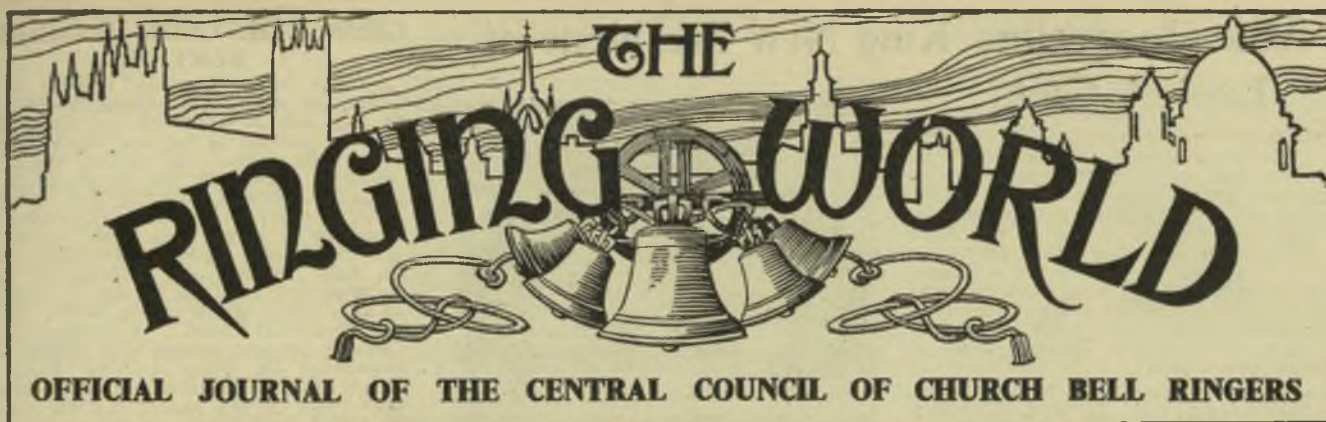
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THE REWARDS OF RINGING

IN June, 1940, the actions of an individual named Hitler, and the strong possibility of an invasion of this country by his forces, put a stop to ringing, or, more correctly, limited the sounding of church bells to a warning signal should that invasion take place. He could not have been aware of the dislocation this caused in an Oxfordshire village, where arrangements had been made by the ringers to mark the wedding of one of their number in an appropriate manner. The bridegroom had taught many of them to ring, and was associated with them also in the choir, as they were choirboys as well as ringers.

There was nothing for it but to postpone the attempt, and hope that nothing would interfere with plans to mark the silver wedding instead. In the thick of the evacuation from Dunkirk this was giving hostages to fortune with a vengeance, but a recent "Ringing World" contained a report of the quarter peal of Doubles duly rung in the Oxfordshire tower on the 25th anniversary, with four of the original "boys" taking part. Boys? Grown men with families, but still faithful to their church.

The bride and bridegroom had, in 1947, moved to South Wales, near a four-bell tower, and it was not long before these bells were being rung every week. Most ringers would agree that six bells are preferable to four, and, after three years, two trebles were dedicated and the old four rehung. Teaching continued and the tower has never been without a band, though it has had its ups and down. Good progress would be made, competent ringers would move from the area, and we were back where we started. When learners predominated, ringing was mainly call changes, though at the present time it is half-a-dozen Doubles methods and half-a-dozen Minor.

For the silver wedding anniversary the happy couple were touring Wales. On his return the bridegroom asked: "Did you have a good practice last week?" and was merely told "Yes." It transpired that instead of a practice six of the ringers had on the anniversary rung a quarter peal of Doubles in four methods, and all but one of the ringers had been taught from scratch in the South Wales tower. The other ringer, not to be outdone, had prepared a beautifully written scroll commemorating the occasion, and had decorated the borders with the diagrams of the methods rung. This was presented by the oldest ringer, who, at over 70, is still learning new methods.

Now this tale is not related in any way for self-glorification, but to point out one of the rewards of ringing. When you teach someone, you never know what you are starting; often it is a false start—learners get part of the way and for various reasons are seen no more. Occasionally you have put someone on the road to Surprise Maximus (it has happened here). Sometimes your recruit is proficient years afterwards only on the treble or drumming behind, but you know he will always be there, and it is your job as captain to try to blend the varying capabilities.

Above all, when you look back over the years and give thanks for 25 years of married happiness, it is an added joy to know that those you taught to ring so many years ago are still serving their church and that they in turn have taught the next generation. May it still be so if we are spared to see our golden wedding.

L. J. M

PAST MASTERS' PEAL AT CRIPPLEGATE

WHEN Jack Phillips came to the end of his year of office as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths last November and made the number of surviving past Masters up to 18, he decided that the time was ripe for another "Past Masters' Peal." There were to be two differences from previous such peals; first, it was hoped that the band would be drawn entirely from past Masters (previous peals had included the present Master), and secondly, the method should be Cambridge Surprise Maximus instead of Stedman.

However, when it came to arranging the band for the original attempt on March 13th, it was found that only eleven past Masters were available, and so the present Master was included. The band duly met at Cripplegate on March 13th, but unfortunately the noise of pile-driving just outside the tower in connection with the Barbican redevelopment scheme was too distracting, and the attempt came to an end after about an hour. This was particularly unfortunate because the present Master, Rodney Meadows, had invited us to be his guests at an informal dinner that evening at the George, Southwark. We had the dinner, and enjoyed it very much, and we are very grateful to the Master for it, but it was not quite the same as if we had scored the peal. For that evening we were joined by two other past Masters—Ernest Fenn and Frank Smallwood—and by the senior and junior stewards.

It was soon decided that we were not going to accept defeat, so later in the evening diaries were produced, and it was found that we were all free on July 10th. So on that day the same band as before met again at Cripplegate, and this time, with no outside noises to distract us, we were successful. After the peal we refreshed ourselves on humbler fare than on the previous occasion, at the Bell, and no one objected when Ted Duffield announced that, as senior past Master present, he was going to buy the first round!

As far as I know, only two "Past Masters' Peals" had previously been rung by the College Youths—Stedman Caters at Stepney on April 14th, 1956, and Stedman Cinques at Croydon on July 12th, 1958. We also wonder whether any other Society has rung such a peal.

The band wishes to associate with the peal the name of J. Frank Smallwood (elected Master in 1950) as a compliment to him on being elected a life member of the Central Council.

Besides those who took part in the peal, other living past Masters of the College Youths are: James Bullock (elected 1928), Ernest Fenn (1938-45), George Cecil (1946-7), Thomas Fox (1949), Frank Smallwood (1950), Cyril Watts (1954) and Michael Moreton (1960).

W. T. C.

Mrs. Jacqueline King New President of Ladies' Guild

THE annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Eastbourne, Sussex, on July 3rd, and nearly every District was represented. Twelve towers were open during the day, and members, many of whom had travelled long distances to be present, made full use of the opportunity to "collect" a number of towers. In fact, it was a Ringing Master's dream meeting, with touch following touch in quick succession; one member of the "Supporters' Club" was heard to remark that one almost needed starting blocks in order to grab a rope!

The service was held at St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. March. We think we fulfilled the hopes he expressed in his opening remarks, the singing of the 90 or more ringers present proving to be of a high standard.

Tea was held in the beautiful Tudor Hall of the Old Parsonage, linked to St. Mary's Church by a cloister, one of the finest halls in which our meeting has been held. The Vicar joined the members for tea, and also present were Mr. K. V. Johnson, the Master of the Sussex County Association, and the general secretary, Mr. R. W. Percy.

After an excellent meal prepared by Mrs. Percy, Miss R. Earl and members of the Sussex District, the Guild president, Mrs. O. Barnett, welcomed those present and expressed the thanks of the Guild to all who had worked so hard to make the meeting a success, the incumbents for the use of the bells, the Vicar of St. Mary's for taking the service, the organist and the officers and members of the Sussex District for making all the arrangements. The Rev. W. March thanked Mrs. Barnett for her kind remarks and welcomed the Guild to Eastbourne. Mr. Percy also welcomed the Guild on behalf of the Sussex County Association and hoped they would have a good meeting. The men then left the hall, some to ring at St. Mary's and some to the kitchen, where they kindly did all the washing-up so that the ladies could attend the business meeting.

FOUNDER MEMBER PRESENT

This was the largest meeting for several years, and present were one founder member (Mrs. Hairs) and two who had been members for over 50 years (Miss S. Thursfield and Mrs. E. Mitchell).

In her opening remarks the president mentioned three Districts in which peals had been rung since the last annual general meeting—South Wales, Sussex and Kent—and also congratulated the band which rang the first peal of Cinques for the Guild at Leicester.

After the reading of the minutes and apologies for absence, the members stood in silence in memory of six members who had died since the last annual general meeting—Miss Ffoulke, Mrs. Hazelden, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Rowley, Miss Nora Shorter and Mrs. Ada Wall.

The election of new members provided more interest than usual, in that two were elected from Northern Ireland, two from Scotland and two from England.

According to the rules of the Guild, Mrs. Barnett, who had served three years as president, could not be re-elected. Two nominations had been received, but one nominee asked for her name to be withdrawn, and Mrs. J. S. King, of the South Wales District,



MRS. JACQUELINE KING,
the new President.

was duly elected president for the ensuing year. The remaining officers were re-elected.

The treasurer, Miss Joan Beresford, reported an enviable position—an excess of income over expenditure to the extent of some £12. Needless to say her report was adopted, with the very grateful thanks of the Guild for the work she had done during the year.

The District concerned proposed that the annual general meeting next year should be held at Exeter on July 2nd, 1966. (Will all members who were not at Eastbourne please make a careful note of this.)

Members then dispersed for further ringing in Eastbourne or to find suitable camp sites for the night. We hope the two members who slept in the car in a lay-by on Friday night thoroughly enjoyed the accommodation so kindly offered them by another for Saturday night. The enthusiasm of those who founded the Guild is still shown today in the many and varied means they employ to get to the annual meeting.

D. C.

OUTING

EMMANUEL, PLYMOUTH

For their 19th post-war annual outing Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, rang in four towers—Twerton, Dunster, Minehead and Huntsham. Lunch and tea were provided at Woods Cafe, Dulverton. Although the party numbered 31, including the Vicar (Preb. Young) and the curate, there were only 13 ringers due to a clash of holidays and one, Mr. F. R. Hocking, being in Canada. The ringing, however, was thoroughly enjoyed, and of a very high standard, and at Minehead Grandshire Caters was rung. The scenery was very fine, especially the many miles along the beautifully wooded and winding Exe Valley.

H. H. T.

GEORGE H. CROSS MEMORIAL SERVICE

At the recent quarterly meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, held on July 10th at Greenwich and Lewisham, a memorial service to the late George Herbert Cross took place. The service, which was conducted jointly by the curate of St Alphege's, Greenwich, and the Rev. Peter N. Bond, was very well attended by members and a number of friends from other Societies.

In his address, the Rev. Peter Bond took as his theme "Victory and Thanksgiving," using 1 Corinthians, xv, 57 as his text: "Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." A personal reminiscence of his first meeting with George Cross emphasised the warm welcome which was always extended to visitors who attended practices where he was Master, and the standard of ringing he desired.

During the service a bob course of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells. It was a great pleasure to have Mrs. Marjorie Cross and her son and twin daughters present, and many old memories were revived. They also attended the tea, which was very well prepared by the ladies of the Society, and the meeting which followed, to which they were warmly welcomed.

At the beginning of the meeting, apologies were received from many old friends, who regretted being prevented from attending. The Master, Mr. Dennis Beresford, paid tribute to the ringing of George Cross for the Society. He was Master for 17 years with the exception of one year, and this included the whole period of the second World War. He represented the Society on the Central Council for the period 1935 to 1955. He rang 71 peals for the Society and conducted 54 of these, a number of them being first in the method for the Society. Among the notable performances, he took part in the first peal of Cambridge Maximus for the Society, and called the first peal of Stedman Cinques "in hand" for the Society. It was through his friendship during his period of office as Master that the Society has strong membership in various parts of the country. He had presented to the Society all his "Ringing Worlds" up to the time of his leaving London, and Mrs. Cross has most kindly given the subsequent "Ringing Worlds" and, a number of his books and papers to the Society.

The Master then read a number of tributes which had been received. The meeting stood in silent respect to his memory and the memory of other members who had died recently.

The question of a permanent memorial to George Cross was discussed at some length, and is referred to in more detail in a letter in this issue. The resolution of the meeting was that a memorial fund should be opened and that the secretary should write to "The Ringing World" giving details. The meeting then went on to consider the other business, which concluded with the usual omnibus vote of thanks.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John-the-Divine, on June 13th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Buckley (first of T.B.) 1, M. E. Wade 2, R. S. Starbuck (first of Surprise "inside") 3, S. Harrison 4, I. J. Fraser 5, R. K. Mason (cond.) 6, G. W. Mason (covering) 7. For Evensong.

USPISIRE, KENT.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: A. G. Terry 1, F. Pack 2, Mrs. E. S. Palin 3, W. S. Palin 4, B. E. Jemmett 5, F. C. Farnsworth 6, E. T. Eades (cond.) 7, W. Epps 8. Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar, Rev. P. W. Allen.

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University of London Society's Summer Tour

THE summer tour of the Society took place this year in the lovely counties of Devon and Cornwall. The weather during the week was fairly good, which was just as well, as all but two of the party stayed under canvas, the others preferring the comfort of bed and breakfast. The quality of the bells was very high, the choice of towers being largely due to the advice of Mr. W. A. Theobald, to whom we are very grateful. The quality of the ringing, however, fluctuated, but was on the whole better than one or two had anticipated.

The ringing on the first day proper of the tour was in the westernmost tip of Cornwall. Before lunch we rang at Penzance (6) and on the fine six at Paul. Lunch and the tour photographs were taken at Land's End, where we also rang handbells before a large audience of vociferous seagulls. Then on to Land's End Parish Church (Sennen), where we were shown around the church by the Rector. Zennor (6) gave most people a new letter in "Dove." We then went to Carbis Bay for the first peal attempt of the tour, but after 50 minutes of not very happy Grandsire Caters, a rope slipped wheel, and the bells were stood. The Rev. A. S. Roberts, who had met us, invited us to have another attempt in the evening, but due to time considerations we decided to go for Minor on the front six. Alan Frost, bewildered by the yards of rope on the tail-end of the treble, finally opened it out and stuffed it down his trouser leg! A very good peal was rung, the first of Minor on the front six.

120 PASTIES

Sunday saw us up early for an extra tower, Stithians, where we were staying, before the day's programme. Camborne was the first tower, and after Holy Communion there we drove to Marazion for lunch and a visit to St. Michael's Mount. Lunch consisted of Cornish pasties. As the week wore on our appetite for pasties seemed to increase, and one estimate was 120 pasties eaten during the week. Helston (8) and picturesque Landewednack (6) were visited in the afternoon, before Evensong at St. Keverne (8), where we rang call changes with the local band, who then donned robes and became the choir. Goonhilly Down satellite station was an attraction on the way home.

Monday's ringing started with the lovely six at Perran-ar-Worthal, where we were so impressed that we immediately arranged an extra peal attempt with the consent of the Vicar, who also rang with us. The eights at St. Kea and Probus, a fine ring in an equally fine tower, were visited before another pasty lunch, after which a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung at Kenwyn, Truro. In the evening we rang at Truro Cathedral, and were surprised to find that bells which sound so lovely outside could sound so dreadful inside. We were met at Truro Cathedral by Anthony Davidson and Alan Carveth (who had also given advice on the choice of towers).

St. Austell proved a difficult town in which to park, and consequently we were a quarter of an hour late at the Parish Church on Tuesday morning. On to the bells of dubious character at Lanlivery, and then to Cardynham, where Yvonne Edwards had the bad luck to slip and open a nasty wound on her shin while climbing the stairs. Between this and her cold she had a rather unfortunate week, but a visit to Bodmin Hospital soon had her ringing again. Meanwhile the rest were sampling the good bells at Bodmin, and a day of eights was completed at St. Columb Major. In the evening while a peal of Surprise Minor was being rung at Perran-ar-Worthal, the rest of the party went to the practice at Truro Cathedral.

Next morning we packed up to move to Devon, the first stop being for the pleasant six



Members of the University of London Society, who took part in their summer tour in Devon and Cornwall. Left to right: Susan Smith, Richard Tibbets, Roger Bailey, Tim Pett, John Seager, Pauline Fennell, Peter Bushell, Tony Smith, Yvonne Edwards, Richard Humphries, Robert Dennis. Also Alan and Diana Frost, Derek Elderkin and Roger Powell (who took the photograph).

at Lostwithiel, where the local captain told us of the achievements of his call change band. After ringing at Liskeard, Jumbo proved his worth by sniffing out an excellent pub, where we had a snack lunch and played crib, dominoes, etc. Indeed, Jumbo's ability to find good pubs and restaurants was a feature of the week. Because of early closing in Liskeard, we moved on to Launceston to do our shopping and then to ring. Last was one of the best rings of the week, the superb eight at Tavistock. The rain had by now settled into a downpour, so instead of pitching camp, Jumbo's nose twitched in the direction of Newton Abbot, and he drove straight to a first-class Chinese restaurant. The rain abated, luckily, enabling us to pitch the tents, and we exchanged Derek Elderkin for Pauline Fennell in Exeter.

During the night the weather had changed again, and we travelled through some glorious countryside to Widecombe-in-the-Moor, only to be disappointed by the extent of the commercialisation. However, we were quite impressed by the good ring of six. Buckland-in-the-Moor was next, and there we fixed up yet another peal attempt. Lunch was taken in Ashburton at Jumbo's advice (right again), before our ring at Buckfast Abbey. Unfortunately, Father Paulinus could not meet us, and so we were not able to swing "Hosannah," though we did go up to look at the bells from above. Mr. Aubrey Bennett took us on to Buckfastleigh and invited us to ring at his tower, Dean Prior, if we lost our peal at Buckland. Our conductor for the peal (Double Norwich) must have been a tower grabber at heart, for somehow he worked out that the bells were hung 12354678, and stood the peal up because he thought 4 and 5 had got crossed over. So off we went to Dean Prior and to see Mr. Bennett's lovely colour photographs.

Ashburton bells proved difficult to ring on Friday morning but Plympton St. Mary's bells were excellent. We rang six-spliced Plain Major at Plympton St. Maurice's, before moving to the heavy ten at Plymouth, where Mr. Tom Myers made us welcome. These bells are hard to hear, but nevertheless a good four course touch of Stedman Caters was rung. Perhaps the worst ringing of the tour came at Emmanuel, Plymouth, probably due to tiredness from a day of heavy rings of

bells. The last tower of the day was the strange ring at Ugborough, whose bells are certainly not a diatonic octave.

BEST BELLS, BEST RINGING

Saturday was partly a day of rest, there being only three towers, although they were all over a ton. Staverton bells made hard work, even for a 21 cwt. six, but the eight at Totnes were a complete contrast, for, although the heaviest octave of the week (28 cw.) we found them fairly easy to ring. The Shaw handbells in the tower were of excellent quality, and one must envy the Totnes ringers. In the afternoon we all managed to get to Broadclyst, which had possibly the best bells of the week. We also had some of the week's best ringing during the peal of Grandsire Triples rung there.

Sunday was a day looked forward to by both treble and tenor men. In the morning we rang first at Withycombe Raleigh, and then on Mr. Frank Mack's little ring. Although it took us about half an hour to learn to handle them, we were eventually able to ring the first touch of spliced Surprise Minor on the bells. Last tower of the tour was Exeter Cathedral, where, helped by the Cathedral band, we rang satisfactory rounds and Little Bob Maximus, but a touch of Stedman Cinques only just made it. Our tenor rings were out in force, naturally enough, but only one had the courage to remove the strap-rope, although the bells go quite well for their weight.

We all then split up to go our separate ways, a trifle tired, perhaps, but nevertheless happy after a very enjoyable week. We thank the incumbents and local ringers who made us feel very welcome, also our drivers, who stuck to their task soberly (while driving, anyway!) and, of course, Richard Humphries, who made all the arrangements. R. E. J. D.

YORKSHIRE CAPTAIN IN HOSPITAL

Mr. C. Moxon, captain of Hemsworth bell-ringers, is in hospital at Pontefract. St. Giles' ringers were informed of this when they applied for Hemsworth bells for an evening outing. Mr. Moxon had a fall and broke his thigh bone; he has been in hospital for 22 weeks. A St. Giles' ringer visiting him found he had received a setback with foot trouble.

Letters to the Editor

A FAIRY TALE FOR MR. AMOS

Dear Sir,—Yes, the tenor at Wiveliscombe is a truly wonderful bell. In bringing it to the public notice, as any Westcountryman will tell you, Mr. Amos has revealed one of the unsolved mysteries of West Somerset. For this bell is not only known to grow and shrink between peals—it can change from week to week and even from hour to hour.

Now many West Country towers have "expanding" tenors; one is even known to have an expanding tenor box! But Wiveliscombe's must be the queen of them all. Many have attempted explanations of this phenomenon—some say it's the weather, others, more darkly, blame the devil. The scientifically minded used to blame the fumes from the old brewery or the geological structure of the surrounding hills. Personally I have never believed this—I know it's the local fairies.

I remember one New Year's Eve, some years ago now, when I was a member of the band, I pulled up the tenor when the bells were raised at 7 p.m. She went like a top at her 16 cwt. Afterwards we adjourned, as was the custom, to the Anchor for our jar of cider. At 11.30 p.m. that evening I rang that bell again and, believe me, she went like 23 cwt. As they said when we took the muffles off and chimed midnight, "She've growed tonight all right."

If Mr Amos does not believe me, let him try an evening at Wiveliscombe one New Year's Eve. Beware the local fairies though, they've a nasty habit of slipping gin in your cider. But I know they'd been in that bell chamber because the bell looked bigger, and anyway they'd left a large pink elephant in the corner!—Yours, etc., P. J. BIRD.

Kingswood, Bristol.

MINIMUS AT BISHOPTHORPE

Dear Sir,—I see that another peal of Minimus has been scored at Bishopthorpe, Yorkshire. Firstly, I should like to congratulate the band on scoring a peal on this heavy ring of four bells. Apart from the methods rung this time, this recent peal differed from the one rung on the bells about two years ago in that it was rung for the Yorkshire Association and not non-Association. Has the peal secretary of the Yorkshire Association "lowered" his standards since 1963, when he told the conductor of the first peal at Bishopthorpe that a peal of Minimus was not worthy of the Yorkshire Association, thus causing it to be a non-Association peal? Whilst not claiming myself that either of the peals was superior to the other is it that the recent peal is thought to be superior to the previous peal due to the difficulty of counting 210 identical extents, whereas 10 methods were rung in the previous peal to facilitate the counting? Perhaps the Yorkshire Association peal secretary can explain his inconsistency in the acceptable standards.—Yours faithfully

Benhall, Suffolk.

CHRIS. K. COOPER.

KEY OF WOLVERHAMPTON TENOR

Dear Sir,—In "The Ringing World," No. 2,820, The Tyneside and Birmingham ringers, during their peal week, rang at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, and stated that the tenor of 33 cwt. 21 lb. was in the key of C sharp. In the issue No. 2,791 the tenor is recorded as being in the key of D flat. I am convinced that the key of D flat is correct, as the peal was rung by the St. Peter's tower resident band. Perhaps the visiting band was misinformed.—Yours faithfully,

JULIAN W. LITTEN.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO MR. G. H. CROSS

Dear Sir,—In my recent letter to you, I indicated that a memorial to the late George Herbert Cross would be discussed at the quarterly meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. A full discussion took place, and I would be grateful if you would allow me to announce in this letter the proposals which resulted.

It was suggested that the memorial should be in two parts. The first, it is felt, will appeal to all ringers who knew and respected George Cross, and will take the form of a fine oak table and bookcase for the belfry of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, where he was leader of the ringers for so many years.

The second will appeal particularly to members of the Society, and will take the form of a chain to replace the ribbon which at present supports the badge of office of the Master of the Society. This idea was suggested by Mrs. Cross as being something in which George Cross had taken a great interest himself. It would be particularly fitting in view of the length of time he served as Master.

It should be mentioned that the proposed memorial has the approval and encouragement of the Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and Mrs. Cross has also indicated that she feels this would be a most suitable memorial.

It is hoped that ringers will respond generously to this appeal so that we may proceed to provide a fitting memorial to one who has done so much for ringing in general. I shall be pleased to receive contributions at the address given below and, unless otherwise stated, they will be applied on the basis of allocating contributions from members to the chain, and from others to the table and bookcase. All contributions will, of course, be gratefully acknowledged.—Yours faithfully,

D. E. SIBSON,

Hon. Secretary,

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.
15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road,
Putney, London, S.W.15.

"PINK'S SINGLE"

Dear Sir,—I should be pleased if someone could give me clarification on a matter of some Doubles ringing.

I have records from "The Ringing World" of at least five peals having been rung within the last few months, with variations including: St. Cross, Freeland, Stanton, Longparish, St. Frideswide, Middleton, May Day and Royston. These variations, together with many others, employ what is known as a Park's Single, which according to my information is:

2 5 4 3 1
2 4 5 1 3
4 2 1 5 3
4 1 2 5 3
1 4 2 5 3
1 4 2 3 5
4 1 2 3 5
4 2 1 3 5
2 4 3 1 5
2 3 4 5 1

My understanding of "variations" is that a variation is made up of methods, i.e. the plain course is either that of a method or made up of leads which are the calls of methods; and the calls are either the plain leads or the calls of methods.

Taking a section of the preface to the Central Council's Doubles Methods Collection. I quote: (b) No bell shall strike more than four consecutive blows in any one place. If four blows are struck they shall only be allowed when the treble is leading or lying. Three blows may be allowed, however, at any position of the treble (actually these are always before and after the treble's leading or lying).

Thus the "Pink's Single" is not permissible in terms of a method and therefore neither is it a variation.

These arguments are quite apart from the ugliness of so many consecutive places within a lead, and it is for all these reasons that I suggest such "variations" should not be accepted or rung.—Yours faithfully,

ANDREW HARRISON.

Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On June 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. W. Brown 1, D. M. Hunns 2, Catherine M. Powell 3, M. J. Bew 4, S. W. Brown 5, J. R. Norris (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to the Rector and Mrs. R. A. Hook.

A PLYMOUTH GOLDEN WEDDING

The ringers of Emmanuel Church had a very special engagement on July 7th, when five of their members visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Collier, of 57, Higher Compton Road, Plymouth, to extend to them the very sincere congratulations of all their ringing friends at Emmanuel on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. Armed with Mr. George Goddard's set of handbells, they heralded their arrival by ringing in their garden; it was a complete surprise. Invited to partake of light refreshment, they found their little drawing room adorned by the many beautiful bouquets, including one from the Vicar, Prebendary Young, and Mrs. Young, 46 greeting cards and several telegrams. Some more ringing in the garden, after handing over a little gift, and we took our departure, leaving Mr. and Mrs. Collier smiling happily, and we trust they will be spared for many years to come to enjoy complete happiness.

Mr. Collier, "Bill," as he is affectionately known, after serving an apprenticeship as a

carpenter and joiner, joined the Royal Navy. During the first World War he lost two ships, one in the Dardanelles and the other north of Ireland. He had retired before the outbreak of the second World War but was recalled to the colours, and in all spent about 28 years in uniform.

Bill started ringing at Blackawton, but a naval career prevented his entering fully into the art. It was just before the last war that Bill became a member of Emmanuel band, then he was off again, and after the war he felt it was too late to enter change ringing, but he rings an excellent tenor to Stedman or Grandsire, and if there is a rope to be spliced or a stay to be replaced, not only at Emmanuel, but also at Egg Buckland or Plymstock, where his son-in-law is a ringer, it is "Bill" who is called to the rescue. He possesses a wonderful cheerfulness, which he radiates to all. A very keen Freemason, he rarely misses a meeting of his Lodge, but here again a naval career prevented his taking the active part he would like to have done. H. H. T.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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STEDMAN TRIPLES—Its Construction and Calling

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

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4. CALLINGS IN COMBINATION

Some reference must now be made to the use of the above callings in combination, and this is best dealt with by looking at some actual examples. The following are all touches of two courses, 168 changes, and all start in the usual way and use the 7th as observation bell.

Calls at	Produce Course End
7, 12	2541367
3, 8	4352167
3, 4	5364217
5, 6	3214657
7, 8	5413267
12, 13	2463517
3, 4 12, 13	5413267

Repeat once for rounds in each case.

Once again we remind ourselves that any bell may be taken as observation bell and the above callings used to produce touches of two courses. But in changing the observation bell

2314567	2314567
3426175	— 3425167
3467251	— 3456271
— 4732651	4637512
— 4726351	4671325
7645213	— 6143725
7651432	— 6137425
6173524	1762354
6132745	1725643
1264357	7514236
1245673	7543162
2517436	5376421
— 2574136	5362714
— 5421736	3251647
5413267	— 3216547

Observation Bell, and the Treble is called precisely as the 7th in version I, but the calling has to start in a different place. Thus we must call the Treble:

Out Quick: In Slow, First Whole Turn: In Quick.

We cannot, therefore, label the touch 3, 4, 12, 13, although we are actually using these calling positions for the Treble instead of the 7th.

If for practice (and this is excellent practice) the touch is pricked out with other bells as observation, the student will learn a great deal. If the 6th is used as Observation, the calling will be found to run:

In Quick, Out Quick: In Slow: First Whole Turn, and the bobs will come at 2, 3 and 7, 8.

If the 4th is used as observation the calling will appear the same as for the 7th, but the bobs will be at 1, 2 and 10, 11.

It is perhaps worth while to give at this point the complete table of course ends produced by combinations of the twin-bob callings introduced above. This table appeared in C. D. P. Davies' "Stedman" early in this

century, but this book, and the subsequent revision of it, are unfortunately out of print and this valuable schedule is thus no longer available in ready form for study purposes.

TABLE OF COURSE ENDS				
123456	3, 4	5, 6	7, 8	12, 13
526413	—	—	—	—
256431	—	—	—	—
346521	—	—	—	—
351426	—	—	—	—
241536	—	—	—	—
123456	—	—	—	—
146253	—	—	—	—
543216	—	—	—	—
213465	—	—	—	—
643125	—	—	—	—
615423	—	—	—	—
245163	—	—	—	—
543216	—	—	—	—
526413	—	—	—	—
146253	—	—	—	—

The first thing to note is that the Table gives its transpositions from 1234567 and not from 2314567; but this should present no difficulty if the student has mastered the principles of using a transposition table.

The second thing to note is that some numbers appear at the end of each line. These figures show how many courses will be produced by repeating the calling. Thus the calling 3, 4 may be repeated to give a touch of two courses; the calling 3, 4, 5, 6 may be repeated to produce a touch of five courses (420 changes).

It will thus be seen that the Table, as it stands, is capable of providing 15 different touches of varying length, all these with the 7th as observation bell. And seeing (as we have pointed out above) that any bell can be used as observation, clearly there is a great number of possible touches to be extracted from these figures.

The Tables may also, of course, be used for the composing of touches by the combining of one calling with another. Two examples of this are shown here, and the enterprising

2314567	3, 4	12, 13
541326	—	—
231456	—	—

2314567	5, 6, 7, 8
641235	—
321465	—
231456	—

student may obtain much pleasure and profit from working with this table and trying to obtain touches with special qualities.

It is doubtful if he will secure anything original on this rather rigid framework for most of the possibilities have long been worked out. We must, however, still urge the importance, to the would-be conductor especially, of plenty of experimental work in pricking out touches both by six-ends and course ends. The greater the knowledge of the construction of a method and its touches the greater the confidence in the ringing of it and the more accurate the business of conducting it.

The above touches are all on what is called the twin-bob plan. There are, of course, other callings having an observation bell undisturbed by calls and having isolated bobs. Some specimens of these are given here, and attention is drawn to the following points. An examination of A and B will show both touches to be called in the same way, but the first has the 7th as Observation and the second has the 4th Observation. In both touches the Observation is called "In Slow," "Out Slow." And it should now be clear that any bell could be called thus to produce a touch of two courses.

A	B
2314567	2314567
4352167 3, 8	2514376 1, 6
2314567 3, 8	2314567 1, 6
C	D
2314567	2314567
2541367 7, 12	4312567 9, 14
2314567 7, 12	2314567 9, 14

C and D show a similar likeness. They are one and the same touch, the Observation being called "Last Whole Turn" and "In Quick." In C the 7th is the fixed bell, and in D the Treble is used. It will be noted, of course, that in these short touches certain other bells are undisturbed, and the student will find much profit in discovering how the touches could be called from these bells.

The touches with single bobs will, in the main, give more scope for musical progressions than can be secured by twin bobs; but both plans will provide plenty of short touches, and by varying the Observation bell a vast number of variations is ready at hand, so that there can be no excuse for the very limited number of touches conductors often seem to have at their disposal.

(To be continued)

MR. B. CORBISHLEY'S 100 PEALS

Mr. Barry Corbishley, of Macclesfield, rang his first peal as far back as 1948 under the guidance of "Tab" Crawley, a well-known Cheshire "character" (now deceased). Since then a further 49 towers have been pealed, rung for six Associations or Guilds, in the company of 20 first-pealers. Analysed, they are as follows:

- Maximus.—Plain Bob 1, Kent T.B. 1.
- Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Oxford T.B. 1, Cambridge 2.
- Caters.—Grandsire 2.
- Surprise Major.—Cambridge 9, Yorkshire 9.
- Bristol 4, Aldenham 1, Sedburgh 1, Superlative 1, Rutland 3, Lincolnshire 2, Gainsborough 1.
- Pudsey 2, Belgrave 1, London 2, two-spliced 1, three-spliced 1.
- Other Major.—Plain Bob 12 (c. 2), Kent 1, Oxford 1, Kent and Oxford 1, Little Bob 1, Double Norwich C.B. 5.
- Triples.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 3, Plain Bob 1 (1).
- Minor.—Plain Bob 8 (4), Duke of Norfolk 1 (1), four methods 2 (1), five methods 3 (1) seven methods 2, seven Surprise 1, 25-Spliced 2, 35-Spliced 2.
- Doubles.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 1, two methods 1, 25 methods 1.

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HOW DEWSBURY TRAINED ITS NEW BAND

By Jeanne E. Bottomley

ON Sunday, April 5th, 1964, Vernon Bottomley, accompanied by his wife, Jeanne, gave a talk to the would-be ringers of Dewsbury Parish Church. During the talk he explained a little of the hard work involved and the resulting joy in bellringing. As Dewsbury bells at that time were at Taylor's foundry, it was decided to hold practices at Liversedge, the Vicar and the ringers there having already given their permission. It was agreed that the 14- to 17-year-old section should start on April 16th, whilst those ringers who had previously rung at Dewsbury Parish Church would wait and then join the new ringers when they had achieved good bell control.

The first practice took place as arranged, and all the early practices were with tied clappers, thus avoiding a disturbance to the local inhabitants. Seven learners arrived, and whilst Vernon gave them each in turn backstroke practice, he catching the sally each time. Jeanne tried to explain a little of the art of change ringing, mentioning, at this stage, course bells. Handbells were produced and whilst one at a time had tower bell practice the remaining six practised theory on one handbell each.

The second practice saw another new learner—making the number six boys and two girls. The original seven had, each in turn, handstroke practice and all started to ring plain hunting on six handbells, ringing one handbell each. Course bells were again mentioned and this subject was repeated for many months.

SETTING THE BELL PRACTICE

After four practices, four learners were handling alone and the next practice saw another two handling alone. The next practices were spent gaining some very good bell control and the learners tried to stand the bell both strokes without dropping the bell or touching the stay for as many consecutive pulls as possible. Some very encouraging results were beginning to show and consequently much time was spent correcting small faults in handling style. At the tenth practice rounds were attempted—still with tied clappers. We now had seven learners handling—one having given up en route.

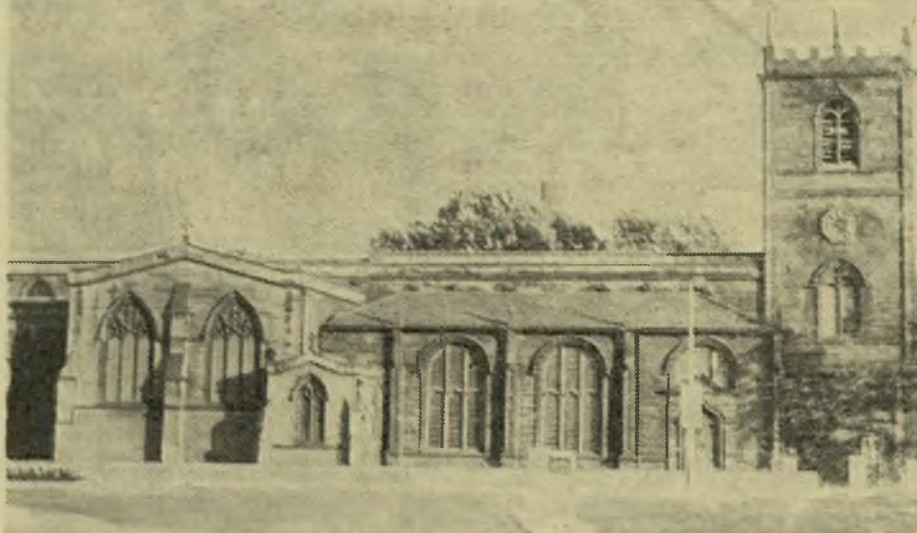
On Monday, June 29th, four senior ringers started to learn. It quickly became evident, however, that bellringing was not for two of these and in due course the remaining two progressed and joined the Thursday night practice. Also that week, on July 2nd, two senior ringers, who had already done some ringing, joined the practice and much time was spent on silent rounds. July 16th saw the start of call changes and several weeks were spent polishing these. Meanwhile the handbells were now rung rarely and almost everyone was occupied ringing tower bells all evening. If anyone had to stand out there was, of course, much to be learned by watching the others.

During the next few weeks the band consolidated and learned how to raise and lower a bell. On September 10th we achieved plain hunting on six tower bells—this with Jeanne and Vernon in the band. The next week, however, six learners rang plain hunting on six of the bells. This was perhaps the greatest achievement so far and was due to enthusiasm and good attendance.

October 8th saw, or rather heard, the first practice with bells "open." It was indeed a great revelation to the band, as many of them had never consciously heard bells ringing before. At this stage we reverted to rounds only and made much ado about striking. Quick progress was made and we rang plain hunting on six bells within a month of first ringing "open."

FIRST SERVICE RINGING

On Sunday, October 25th, we rang Liversedge bells from 8.15 a.m. to 9 a.m. for the Holy Communion service—an arrangement which suited the Vicar and also the ringers,



CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, DEWSBURY, YORKS

in spite of making Sunday mornings somewhat hectic. This arrangement continued every Sunday until Dewsbury bells were again ready for ringing. Since the practices had been "open" the Vicar of Liversedge had received a few complaints about noise and so the tower bell ringing was curtailed to one hour. Usually a short handbell practice was held to put into practice the theory which was still occupying "homework" time. On Sundays we rang rounds and concentrated on rhythm and striking, whilst on Thursdays rounds, call changes and plain hunting occupied our time.

We were now able to lower five bells in peal but did not as yet raise in peal. A couple of practices were held at Earlsheaton Parish Church and progress was maintained in spite of its being the first new tower for many and also their introduction to Yorkshire ends.

As Christmas, 1964, approached, excitement mounted. The bell-hanger had arrived at the beginning of December and worked wonders in very difficult conditions, but it was not until two or three days before Christmas that we knew we would be able to ring in Christmas at Dewsbury. The work on the tower was not yet finished and the ringing chamber was in a very dirty and incomplete condition. The bells had been tuned and rehung in a new steel frame and the ropes, of course, were new.

CHRISTMAS—OWN BELLS

The Devil's Knell was rung on the tenor and this started about 10.45 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Meanwhile the other bells had their clappers tied and the rest of the band practised on the silent bells to get the feel of their "new" bells and to take some of the stretch out of the ropes. At the midnight service the Vicar had arranged to give a short talk on the bells and during a pause at midnight the bells were to ring out for the first time. It seems that the timing worked perfectly and at midnight eight of the new ringers who had worked so hard and so well rang out the old message anew. Ringing continued until about 12.30 a.m. and many people expressed pleasure on hearing them. The bells sounded very sweet and "went" beautifully. A very good job by Taylors!

It had been arranged that the kind Vicar of Liversedge should not be left in the lurch on Christmas morning and so we rang at Liversedge from 8.15 to 9 a.m., as on Sundays. Then came the dash for breakfast and ringing again on our own bells of Dewsbury Parish Church from 9.45 to 10.30 a.m.

The bells were rung twice on Sunday, December 27th, as they will be every Sunday in future, to rounds and call changes on the eight bells. A special practice was held on December 28th and plain hunting on eight bells was tackled for the first time. The Old Year was rung out with the bells half-muffled late on New Year's Eve and, after some very quick work with the muffles by Vernon, the New Year was rung in with the bells "open."

1965

On Sunday, January 24th, came the sad news of the death of Sir Winston Churchill, and as a mark of respect to this great man we rang that day with the bells half-muffled, ringing also for the memorial service in the Parish Church the following Sunday, for which the church was packed.

At the end of January we started to train four more young learners. As we are certain to lose at least two ringers in 18 months' time, to higher education, we must keep up the numbers for the band! These beginners should learn quite quickly, having the others to listen to and to watch.

On January 31st we rang plain hunting on eight bells for the first time on a Sunday, the main emphasis always being on striking for service ringing and practice on practice night.

THE REDEDICATION

The bells were rededicated on March 14th by the Ven. C. O. Ellison, B.Sc., Archdeacon of Leeds and president of the Yorkshire Association. The church was full for the service and everything went off well. The timing was perfect, thanks to the co-operation of Harold Fothergill, one of the band, who "spotted" for us. The band for the rededication was: Jeanne E. Bottomley 1, David Barraclough 2, Vernon Bottomley 3, Lesley Boothroyd 4, John Henderson 5, John Whiteman 6, Geoffrey Richardson 7, Douglas Carruthers 8. The bells were available for visiting ringers after the service and many of the congregation and ringers came to see the bells.

We rang for the Mothers' Day service on March 28th, making three times in all. When we arrived on April 1st for practice we found that the new floor had been put in. The ringing chamber was now complete and looked a picture. Three months in the dirt seemed a very long time. For the two weeks before Easter we had silent practices; the first because there was a play on in church and the second, of course, because it was Holy Week.

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QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On July 11th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Amanda Powell (first of Treble Bob) 1, R. Rayfield 2, Carol Cousins 3, Wendy Wallace 4, Deborah Hopkins (cond.) 5, E. G. H. Godfrey 6. First in method 1, 3, 4 and 6. For Evensong. Also on July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol Becraft 1, Amanda Powell (first of Minor "inside") 2, Wendy Wallace 3, Carol Cousins 4, J. Preston 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On July 10th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. N. Tubbs 1, K. Maundrell 2, C. W. Daws 3, J. M. H. Hunter (cond.) 4, R. H. Youdale 5, R. Dyckhoff 6, W. Young 7, M. J. E. Best 8. First of Major for 2, 5, 6.

AUGHTON, LANCs.—At Christ Church, on July 17th, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: S. Livesley 1, J. Lunham 2, V. Draper 3, E. Cook 4, R. Kenrick 5, D. R. Jones 6, R. E. J. Dennis 7, J. Rldyard (cond.) 8. In memoriam James Marsh, ringer at this church for over 70 years, who died on June 8th, 1965.

BEDWELLY, MON.—On July 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. Humphries 1, Mrs. H. Fisher 2, Miss A. Davies 3, Mrs. E. Price 4, A. R. Price (cond.) 5, A. Williams 6. First quarter 1 and 3. For Matins.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. Payne 1, Miss L. Payne (first "inside") 2, Miss V. Relf 3, Miss C. Wood 4, H. Baker 5, B. Johnson 6, H. Deacon (first as cond.) 7, E. Clifton 8. First in the method 3, 5, 8.

CANNINGTON, SOMERSET.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Fackrell (first of Minor) 1, B. Williams 2, R. Ballam 3, S. Lewis 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, G. Davis 6.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Higdon 1, L. Sherrell 2, T. Higdon (cond.) 3, W. Higdon 4, J. Nicholls 5, W. Sherrell 6. Rung half-muffled for Evensong and in memory of Mr. H. Millborne, 60 years ringer at All Saints'.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Pickett 1, Jacqueline S. Young 2, Caroline Cole 3, A. J. Slade 4, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 5, R. Durrant 6, R. J. Chapman 7, D. S. Billmore 8. First of Triples "inside" 2 and 3. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. V. Chown (cond.) 1, D. J. Marshall 2, P. I. Chapman 3, J. K. Foot 4, H. M. Johnson 5, Miss S. A. Ward 6. A compliment to Mary Marshall, on gaining her M.A. Rung on the front six.

DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—On June 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Rawlings (first quarter) 1, S. G. Elsey 2, G. Johnson (age 74, first of Minor) 3, M. Bryan 4, V. Bowen 5, E. H. Mastin (cond.) 6.

DYMOCK, GLOS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Butcher 1, L. Smith 2, E. D. Wilson 3, K. Tyler 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, R. Chew 6. Rung with the best wishes of the band, following the marriage at Upleadon Church of John Hill and Anne Thackwell, both ringers of this tower.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's, on July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Shirley Jessop (first on eight) 1, Rosemary Earl 2, Mrs. R. Reynolds 3, Janet Percy 4, I. White 5, H. Reynolds 6, A. Baldock (100th quarter, 50th as cond.) 7, P. Fox 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter (Jacqueline) to Jean and Ian White on July 4th.

EASTCHURCH, SHEPPEY, KENT.—On July 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan Hayward 1, P. Beal 2, N. Chesson 3, N. Crane 4, P. Wilkinson 5, H. Gardener (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Joan Taylor 1, Anne Parry 2, Linda Wilkinson 3, Doreen Metcalfe 4, J. Coates 5, Mary Poyner 6, H. Poyner (cond.) 7, D. Chambers 8. Longest length of Triples 1, 2 and 3. For the Patronal Festival of St. Swithun.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On July 11th, 1,360 Single Oxford Bob Major: T. Culver 1, Miss C. Lawrence 2, J. Sims 3, P. Clarke 4, G. Clarke (cond.) 5, K. Small 6, R. Clarke 7, F. Hurrell 8. First in the method by all the band. For Evensong.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Reeve 1, A. Heath 2, D. Reeve 3, H. Ivings 4, H. Fuller 5, N. Watson 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, S. Booker 8. First of Grandsire 2 and 8. In honour of the 27th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul.

ESSENDON, HERTS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Stephanie Green 1, M. J. Sherrick 2, Eileen Maskell 3, S. P. Darvill 4, Paula Healing (first as cond.) 5, K. J. Walpole 6. For American Independence Day.

EYNSHAM, OXON.—On July 9th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss L. Pimm 1, J. Betts 2, A. Hicks 3, J. Browning 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. A birthday compliment to D. Floyd, Branch Ringing Master, of Eynsham.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On July 10th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Mitchell 1, Gillian Boyd 2, Renee Sturgess 3, G. Gammon 4, J. Gunstone 5, S. A. Scott 6, A. Sturgess 7, J. Hunt (cond.) 8. Rung in farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Watkins, M.A.

FECKENHAM, WORCS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): R. H. Hunt 1, M. Leek 2, Mrs. B. White 3, J. W. Perkins 4, M. White 5, Mrs. J. Newton 6, E. Styler (cond.) 7, R. C. Barker 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Trent (first quarter) 1, M. J. Napper 2, N. H. F. Tull 3, S. Franklin 4, D. R. Reed 5, J. A. Beaumont 6, W. J. Irving (cond.) 7, F. J. Hiscock 8. For the Patronal Festival.

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HOW DEWSBURY TRAINED ITS NEW BAND

(Continued from page 514)

ON "PERMANENT LOAN"

At Easter the latest recruits rang for their first service. They were then put on the attendance sheet. We rang our first Bob Major on Thursday, April 29th, with the help of two visitors. One of these, Harry Marsden, though over 80 years of age, now comes regularly on Thursday and Sunday evenings, for which help we are most grateful. The Confirmation service on March 10th was preceded by three-quarter hour's ringing. The striking is now generally very good and progress is being made with Bob Minor.

When we arrived at practice on May 27th we were greeted by Hemingway Dransfield, of Earlsheaton, who presented us with two octaves of beautiful handbells by Shaw's, to be on "permanent loan." For these we were most grateful and we were pleased to have Hemingway with us, he having only been discharged from hospital some two or three weeks previously. He did, however, manage to have a pull and pronounced the bells very good.

During June we managed several courses of Bob Major with the help of one or two visitors and can now ring it with a local band. We have also tried touches of Bob Minor during this time and bobs and singles are beginning to penetrate. Perhaps it will not be long now to a 720 or quarter peal.

On Trinity Sunday we rang for the procession of witness. We were in the tower for over two hours in the afternoon and at one stage had one hour's unbroken ringing. The day was hot and it was the longest stretch of ringing for many of the band but the striking remained near perfect. The following is an extract from the July Parish Magazine, written by the Vicar:

THE BELLRINGERS

"Many remarks were passed on Sunday last about the joy it was to hear the bells as we left the church in procession and then returned to church along Church Street to the accompaniment of the bells. It is obvious now that such great improvement has been made by the team under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. V. Bottomley, for we can all hear the precision of the ringing. There is a sensation of life around the church as the bells are pealing and as the team advances into more and more difficult methods we shall have the benefit. The team is very keen, and this is largely due to the fact that they are expected to persevere and attempt harder things. Somehow I feel there is a lesson in this for all of us—if little is expected we often give little—if much is expected we rise to it."

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A pleasurable achievement had Mr. Trevor Taylor in conducting five ringers through their first peal at Denby, Derbyshire, on June 24th.

An attempt to ring a peal of Minor at Florence, Pems, on July 10th failed. Not to be disappointed, the "Happy Band" rang two quarter peals.

The bells of Tolleshunt D'Afay, Essex, were due for removal to the foundry on July 25th for repairs. An announcement will be made when ringing can be resumed.

In the peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Old Swinford (see page 488) the tenor was rung by Clifford A. Barron and not as printed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Frank Stenson, of Crewe, celebrate their golden wedding on July 31st. "Half the happiness," writes Frank, "has been 25 years in the ringing world."

A reader has kindly sent a quarter's subscription to "The Ringing World" to enable an old age pensioner to enjoy our journal. We should be glad to receive names of pensioners who cannot afford the subscription.

St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, is particularly fortunate in its new curate, the Rev. D. V. Cossar, who, while attending Chichester Theological College, helped out with the ringing at Bosham. A welcoming quarter peal was rung on June 20th.

As a birthday compliment to Mr. Leonard Parry, who has been connected with the bells at St. Peter's, Martley, for 50 years, a peal was rung in this church on July 17th. Mr. Parry participated by ringing the treble, and this was his first peal on the bells.

A literal in the report of the Oxford Guild Festival has caused amusement (page 478). In the election of C.C. representatives it states "a ballet took place with Messrs. Alec Gammon and Alan Pink as tellers." It should, of course, read "ballot."

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JACK BRAY, "A GENTLEMAN," RETIRES

This is the appreciative title in "The Appleby-Frodingham steel works, Scunthorpe, recording the retirement of Mr. J. A. Bray on reaching his 65th birthday. On his birthday he received presentations, and no fewer than 14 speakers, before a large audience, paid tribute and extended good wishes to him.

Mr. J. L. Gaskell, director and chief engineer, made the presentations, and referred to Mr. Bray's gentlemanly conduct in all his activities and said that all the time he had known him that had been one of his outstanding qualities.

Mr. Bray came to the Appleby steelworks in 1919 and except for a period of three years in the early 1920's had been with the company ever since. He became an assistant engineer in 1947 to help with the first of the post-war developments, was made assistant electrical engineer at Frodingham in 1949 and then plant electrical engineer in 1956. Four years later he took over as plant electrical engineer at Appleby steelworks.

Mr. Gaskell presented Mr. Bray with his certificate of long service from the company and said some of Mr. Bray's colleagues had already presented him with a garden chair, and those who had contributed to his presentation felt it was appropriate that this should be made into a pair. He also asked him to accept a wallet of notes.

On page 454 we published a peal of Minor in three methods which Mr. Bray conducted and submitted without any comments. It now transpires that this peal was one of his greatest ambitions to celebrate the end of his working life and to be rung by employees of Appleby-Frodingham. Those participating with him in the peal were: Ron Chafer, order department; Robert Bridge, a technical apprentice; Michael Crowder, test house; Roger Lord, an electrician; Maurice Lings, a supervisor in the metallurgical department.

For the past five years Jack has been Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, having previously been secretary for 14 years. He has been a member of the Central Council for 30 years, and has been a churchwarden for 20 years. Another of Mr. Bray's interests is chess. He has been chairman of the works' chess club for three years and has played for Lincolnshire and acted as match captain.

We are certain the Exercise at large, and the Lincoln Guild in particular, will join with us in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Bray many happy years of retirement.

"JACK THE RIPPER" STOPS JUBILEE PEAL ATTEMPT

To mark the 60th anniversary of the inaugural service of the Diocese of Southwark on Saturday, July 3rd, members of the London County Association's Sunday evening company met to attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral.

However, after about 65 minutes' ringing, violent buzzing of the belfry telephone brought a halt to the ringing. It transpired that the bells were competing with a howling Whitechapel mob taking part in the filming of "Jack the Ripper" in the Thameside yard adjoining the Cathedral.

GREAT ADVENTURE II TO INCLUDE NEW ZEALAND

We hear from Mr. Tom Lock that Great Adventure II is to be extended to include New Zealand and a return home via America. Departure is from London Airport on Sunday, September 5th, at 3 p.m., arriving at Perth about 2 a.m. on Tuesday, September 7th. The party leave Perth on the Thursday afternoon for Adelaide, where they stay until Sunday, September 12th. Melbourne will be headquarters from September 12th until September 23rd, but during that time there will be various visits—to Ballarat, to Bendigo and to Hobart (from Friday, September 17th, to Saturday, September 18th). A day will be spent in Canberra and Sydney reached on Friday, September 24th.

On September 30th there is a trip into Queensland, to Maryborough, where a night will be spent before returning to Sydney. The journey to New Zealand—some six hours—is on Tuesday, October 5th. Wellington, Christchurch, Hamilton and Auckland are to be visited. Departure from Auckland to America is on October 8th, and San Francisco reached on Friday, October 8th (having gained 24 hours by crossing the date line). A night is spent in San Francisco before crossing on Saturday morning for Boston, a 3½ hours' journey. The final flight across the Atlantic from Boston is on Sunday night, London being reached on Monday, October 11th, at 7.10 a.m.

Mr. "Jim" Pipe has already left to join the party in Australia, and Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Burton and Mr. Arthur Mason sail on August 6th.

MR. GEORGE SYMONDS

A brief reference was made in our last issue to Mr. George Symonds' 90th birthday. A fine picture of him appeared in "The East Anglian Daily Times" of July 17th with the news that he and his wife had been married 58 years that day. Their wedding took place at St. Peter's Church, Wangford, Suffolk.

Mr. Symonds has been singing in choirs for over 80 years, 45 of them at All Saints', Ipswich, and he has been a bellringer for nearly 79 years. He retired this year after 43 years as secretary of the tower ringers, and is the longest serving member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

George has rung nearly 500 peals. In 1951, when he was visiting relatives in Canada he had the pleasure of ringing in Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, Vancouver Island.

After the peal at Thornham Magna in honour of his 90th birthday the band, including Mr. Symonds, was generously entertained to tea by Mr. F. Clover and Miss Abrey. Presiding at the tea was Mrs. O. Howlett, aged 92, who had spent her childhood days with George in the adjoining village of Thornham Parva.

An esteemed correspondent points out that the honour of being the "longest-serving member" of the Central Council should go to Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, who has been a member since 1915. This was overlooked by the writer of "The Working of Democracy" in the issue of July 16th.

FIRST PEAL ON GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL BELLS

The first peal on the bells of Guildford Cathedral was rung on Sunday, July 18th, in 3 hours and 33 minutes. Shortly after the dedication there was a peal attempt but this was lost after one and a half hours' ringing by the second and third bells "swopping over. The same method—Grandsire Caters—was rung on the second occasion and the ringers who participated in the first attempt took the same bells. All four Districts were represented and two ladies—Mrs. Jessie Kippen and Mrs. Jill May. Afterwards the Master expressed himself as well satisfied with the standard of ringing. The bells were rung quicker, an advantage, than when the first attempt took place.

MR. TOM SONE'S 70th BIRTHDAY

Mr. Thomas E. Sone, the well-known Kent ringer, conducted his 50th peal at Marden on July 16th to honour his 70th birthday. His first peal was rung at Marden on January 19th, 1911, and he writes that it is with a sense of gratitude to ring 50 peals in the tower where his father taught him to ring. He shared the birthday honour with Mrs. H. Baker and Mr. G. Kenward, whose names were associated with the peal. The peal enabled Mr. E. J. Ladd to complete "the circle" of this tower to peals—the 18th tower he has on his "circle" list. With so many personal compliments associated with the peal it was appropriate that the Vicar, the Rev. H. F. Biddell, and Mrs. Biddell should entertain the band after the peal. They are sincerely thanked for their hospitality.

SAME LEADERS FOR 19 ANNUAL TOURS

Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, held their 19th annual outing on the usual date, the second Saturday in July. By means of these outings they have visited 236 cathedrals and churches—12 a second time. All eight bell towers in Cornwall have been visited, and churches in Gloucestershire, Somerset, Dorset and, of course, Devon. All these trips have been supervised by the captain, Mr. J. P. Sims, whilst the hon. secretary for the whole period has been Mr. H. H. Thomas.

LADY RINGS IN 5 hr. 26 min. PEAL

Mr. Brian J. Woodruffe conducted a long length of 10,000 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Llanfeigan, Breconshire, on July 3rd. This is the longest peal for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association. The treble was rung by Miss Penelope J. Welch: there are few ladies who have rung in a peal longer than 5 hours 26 minutes, the time taken in this peal.

AND SILENT IT REMAINED

During a "silent" quarter peal of Doubles in four methods at Radley on July 18th, Miss R. Cross and her band were unexpectedly confronted by two visitors coming into the tower while they were ringing. One was a Dane and the other a visiting priest, who apparently came up to congratulate the band on the standard of ringing. Fortunately he knew enough about ringing not to say anything until the quarter was finished.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY SUMMER TOUR

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints.
On Sat., July 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Oxford Bob, Oxford T.B., Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's College Bob, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 4 cwt. 7 lb. in E flat.
Alan J. Frost Treble Richard O. Humphries .. 4
Timothy G. Pett 2 Robert E. J. Dennis 5
Anthony H. Smith 3 Rogner D. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

First peal of Minor on the front six.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Piran.
On Tues., July 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Bourne, Durham, Surfleet, York, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.
Edward D. Elderkin .. Treble Roger D. Bailey 4
Robert E. J. Dennis .. 2 Richard O. Humphries .. 5
Timothy G. Pett 3 Anthony H. Smith Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

BROADCLYST, Devon.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb. in E flat.
Anthony H. Smith Treble Roger D. Bailey 5
Pauline Fennell 2 Timothy G. Pett 6
John Seager 3 Richard O. Humphries .. 7
Robert E. J. Dennis 4 Roger W. Powell Tenor

Conducted by Richard O. Humphries.

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

TRURO, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Keyne, Kenwyn.

On Mon., July 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.
Roger D. Bailey Treble John Seager 5
Edward D. Elderkin 2 Timothy G. Pett 6
Richard J. Tibbetts 3 Robert E. J. Dennis 7
Anthony H. Smith 4 Richard O. Humphries .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Giles, Cripplegate.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 34 cwt. 6 lb.
John Chilcott (1953) .. Treble John S. Mason (1955) .. 7
Wilfred Williams (1958) .. 2 John Phillips (1963) .. 8
William T. Cook (1961) .. 3 James G. Prior (1951) .. 9
Rodney B. Meadows (1964) 4 Jack A. Waugh (1948) .. 10
Edward P. Duffield (1934) 5 Frederick E. Collins (1952) 11
Philip A. Chalk (1957) .. 6 Michael V. Chilcott (1962) Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench.

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

Rung by the Master and Past Masters.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

COMBE ST. NICHOLAS, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., July 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.
Raymond E. J. Baker .. Treble David J. Orledge 4
Derrick J. Withers 2 David A. Burt 5
Frances M. Massey 3 George W. Massey Tenor

Conducted by George W. Massey.

First peal on the bells.

Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Association.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

MARKET WEIGHTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., July 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being seven extents, viz.: (1) Cambridge, (2) Plain Bob, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's, (6) Kent, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in A.
*Michael J. Wilson Treble Howard C. Palmer 4
†Eve Rimer 2 Richard D. Gibson 5
Christopher L. D. Munday 3 Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Richard D. Gibson.

* First peal of Minor. † First in five methods.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

KIDSGROVE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.
Christine Birks Treble Dennis Latham 5
Norman Sherratt 2 Frank Moreton 6
*Geoffrey R. Gardner .. 3 †Raymond J. Ballard .. 7
Paul J. Atkins 4 †Roy Worrall Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Dennis Latham.

* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First in the method. ‡ 100th peal. First as conductor in the method.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Wed., July 14, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.
Joyce Grainger Treble Kenneth R. Davenport .. 5
*Christopher T. Billinge .. 2 Jeffrey Brannan 6
*Derek D. Davenport .. 3 Alan McFall 7
Robert B. Smith 4 John Robinson Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Alan McFall.

* First peal. 300th peal on the bells.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

FAIRFIELD, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.
Brian J. Woodruffe .. Treble Gladys Richardson 5
John E. Ellison 2 *Barrie Bateman 6
*Timothy Wylie 3 Alan G. Kirk 7
David Kingman 4 Alex Richardson Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal on eight bells.

FAIRFIELD, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.
John E. Ellison Treble Barrie Bateman 4
*Timothy Wylie 2 Alan G. Kirk 5
Brian J. Woodruffe .. 3 Alex Richardson Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal away from treble.

EDENSOR, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.
Barrie Bateman Treble Alan G. Kirk 4
Gladys Richardson 2 Alex Richardson 5
Timothy Wylie 3 Brian J. Woodruffe Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

Rung as a coming-of-age compliment to the Marquis of Hartington, son and heir of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire.

DENBY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Thurs., June 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 20 extents of Grandsire (10 callings), and 22 extents of Plain Bob (4 callings). Tenor 9 cwt.
Doreen Land Treble Veronica Walters 4
Vivien Cheetham 2 David W. Bailey 5
Trevor Taylor 3 Eric Gregory Tenor

Conducted by Trevor Taylor.

First peal for all except conductor.

Rung to celebrate the 19th birthday of Miss D. Land.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MORPETH, Northumberland.—At the Watch Tower.

On Wed., July 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.
William Davidson .. Treble Michael Maughan 5
M. Elaine Murcott 2 Rodney A. Yeates 6
*Frank J. Lee 3 George S. Deas 7
James Crowther 4 Eric N. Harrison Tenor

Conducted by Eric N. Harrison.

* First peal on an "inside" bell.

BAMBURGH, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Aidan.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in F.
Rodney A. Yeates .. Treble Eric N. Harrison 5
*Frank J. Lee 2 James Crowther 6
M. Elaine Murcott .. 3 William Davidson 7
Janet Warwick 4 Michael Maughan Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal in the method.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
MUNDFORD, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., June 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, two Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.
M. Rowland Reed .. Treble | Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville 4
*David Feek 2 | Ernest H. Mastip 5
†Shelagh R. Collins .. 3 | David L. Cawley Tenor

Conducted by Ernest H. Mastip.

* First peal in six methods. † 150th peal and 100th tower bell peal in different towers.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
HARLOW, Potter Street, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Thurs., July 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

Charles W. Sams Treble | William H. Aley 5
Frederick Whitby 2 | *Roy Walker 6
*John Collins 3 | *James Aley 7
Daniel Hayden 4 | John H. Soanes Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by John H. Soanes.

* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

Rung for the centenary of the parish.

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Fri., July 16, 1965, in 2 hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 EASTCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Ian Foster Treble | Joe E. G. Roast 5
Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 2 | George E. Thoday 6
Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 3 | James L. Towler 7
Peter G. Brown 4 | Ian R. Panton Tenor

Composed by Derek Ogden.

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

First in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9½ cwt.

Robert J. Isgar Treble | Neil V. Avis 5
Peter G. Pitt 2 | Stephan D. Humphrey .. 6
Miss Leslie Ward 3 | Urag W. Wildney 7
Frank B. Lufkin 4 | Walter Arnold Tenor

Composed by J. W. Barker.

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Werburgh.
On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

Hugh N. Evans Treble | Andrew Howard 4
*Richard W. Sweet 2 | *Paul Ebsworth 5
David Huddleston 3 | Alan Tubbs Tenor

Conducted by Hugh N. Evans.

* First peal "inside."

Rung as a compliment to Henry and Janice Taysom on the birth of a daughter.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.

On Sun., July 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in D.

Edward J. Bragg Treble | Stanley G. Ponting 6
Jill M. May 2 | Douglas A. R. May 7
William H. Viggers 3 | Tom Page 8
Jessie M. Kippin 4 | A. Patrick Cannon 9
Charles W. Munday 5 | John F. M. Maybrey .. Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler.

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.

First peal on the bells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
BUSHEY HEATH, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

Ellen F. Norris Treble | Bryan C. Burrough 5
Clive W. Simpson 2 | Leonard J. North 6
*Patricia A. Norris 3 | Bernard E. Matthews .. 7
Thomas H. Norris 4 | Kenneth R. Dunston .. Tenor

Composed by George Francis.

Conducted by Bernard E. Matthews.

* First peal in the method.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MARDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Fri., July 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

Reginald E. Lambert .. Treble | Reginald L. Sills 5
Cyril S. Jarrett 2 | Martin L. Howe 6
Thomas E. Sone 3 | *Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Robert T. Lambert 4 | *Ernest J. Ladd Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

* 50th peal together. The 18th tower the tenor ringer has "circled."

The conductor's 50th peal on the bells.

Rung as a (70th) birthday compliment to the conductor, and also

Mrs. H. Baker and Mr. K. Kenward.

TUNSTALL, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5120 UFFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in A flat.

Stanley Jenner Treble | Ralph Bird 5
Doris E. Colgate 2 | Ian H. Oram 6
Ann Jenner 3 | Thomas Cullingworth .. 7
Arthur S. Richards 4 | Dennis A. Chapman .. Tenor

Composed by Mark S. Lancefield.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., July 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: (1) Double Oxford and Single Oxford, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*Michael H. O'Callaghan Treble | Ian H. Oram 4
Richard G. Crosland .. 2 | John Manley 5
D. Paul Smith 3 | Tony Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Topy Lewis.

* First peal.

Rung on St. Swithin's Day.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WHITWORTH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in F.

Derek Butterworth .. Treble | J. Colin Ashworth 5
Richard Parker 2 | Jeffrey Kershaw 6
Margaret E. Fort 3 | Edward Jenkins 7
John P. Partington 4 | Tudor P. Edwards Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Mon., June 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Ronald Chafer Treble | C. Aubrey Harrison 5
*John H. Parker 2 | †Harold Judd 6
Michael W. Crowder .. 3 | †Arthur Pashley 7
†Geoffrey Bromfield .. 4 | John Hall Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First in the method. First in the method as conductor.

LONG SUTTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., July 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 TRURO SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

Janet E. Hubbard .. Treble | Alan G. Payne 5
Denis Woods 2 | David S. Osenton 6
George W. Massey 3 | Maurice Bennett 7
Derek J. Jones 4 | Brian Harris Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne.

Conducted by George W. Massey.

First peal in the method by all the band.

WHITTLESEY, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

Christopher J. Sharp .. Treble | George H. Randles 5
Norah M. Randles 2 | Peter A. Sharp 6
Joyce M. Gurnhill 3 | John Walden 7
Jack L. Millhouse 4 | Geoffrey R. Parker .. Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

A wedding compliment to Miss Janet E. Mayer and Mr. Ian Spencer-Knott, who were married at All Saints', Bracebridge, this day.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

ELSHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Plain Bob and three of Single Oxford, rung alternately.

Robert T. Harrisop .. Treble	Maurice Lings 4
*Pamela A. Gill 2	Harold Judd 5
John Hall 3	Michael W. Crowder .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

* First peal at first attempt.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LLANFEIGAN, Breconshire.—At the Church of St. Meugan.

On Sat., July 3, 1965, in 5 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 10,000 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

Penelope J. Welch .. Treble	Roger G. Havard 5
Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 2	M. Jack Pryor 6
Geoffrey J. B. Stickland .. 3	David J. Llewellyn 7
Thomas Yeomans 4	Brian J. Woodruffe .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood (C.C.C. 57).

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

The longest peal for the Association

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., July 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Elsie K. Hart Treble	H. George Hart 5
*Susan E. Smith 2	Edward Jenkins 6
*Julia A. Fellows 3	John R. Mayne 7
Arthur G. Mason 4	William S. Deason .. Tenor

Composed by John L. Morris.

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., July 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 WYRARDISBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

John R. Mayne Treble	Thomas J. Lock 5
Joan Beresford 2	G. William Critchley .. 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	Dennis Knox 7
Alick Cutler 4	Robert C. Kippin .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Dennis Knox.

The first peal in the method.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., July 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

*Susan Jenkins Treble	†H. George Hart 5
†Elsie K. Hart 2	William S. Deason 6
†Susan E. Smith 3	G. William Critchley .. 7
Claudia A. Critchley .. 4	John R. Mayne .. Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

Rung in memory of F. A. Vincett, a past member of the local band.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SAXTHORPE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Wed., July 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and four extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 3 cwt.

John R. Smith Treble	*Derick J. Gray 4
Derick W. Pardon 2	Walter Ford 5
F. Charles Goodman .. 3	Roy E. Cullington .. Tenor

Conducted by Roy E. Cullington

* First peal in four methods. First peal as conductor.

WYRARDISBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

—58—14. 58—58. 36—14—58. 14. 36—18

2nds place i.e. 16482735. 4ths place bob.

CASTLE ACRE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. James.

On Wed., July 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Roger J. Harrop Treble	Ernest A. Shipp 4
*David W. Wittchell 2	Norman V. Harding 5
Shelagh R. Collins 3	David L. Cawley .. Tenor

Conducted by Shelagh R. Collins.

* First peal "inside." Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in G sharp.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—At the City Church of St. Martin and All Saints.

On Wed., July 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

Francis A. White .. Treble	Neil I. Allnatt 5
Frederick A. H. Wilkins .. 2	Alan R. Pink 6
Peter J. Heritage 3	Nicholas J. Martin 7
Philip Walker 4	Walter F. Judge .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. F. Trotman.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. O. Philbey, to mark his completion of 15 years as churchwarden at this church, from which office he has just retired.

WITNEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., July 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

Alan R. Pink Treble	Peter Pearce 5
*Terence J. Hester 2	Brian W. Hall 6
†James F. List 3	D. Kay Adkins 7
Frederick W. Soden 4	Bertram J. Coggins .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise Major "inside."

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clarke.

HIGH WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., July 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 VERMONT SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G sharp.

Joyce I. Barton .. Treble	Frederick R. Scott 5
Sydney M. Bailey 2	Frank W. Lewis 6
David A. Cornwall 3	Brian J. Luff 7
Dennis Knox 4	J. Keith Ward .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

RAUNDS, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 768 each of London and Rutland, 640 of Bristol, and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 142 changes of method.

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb. in E flat.

Sydney M. Bailey .. Treble	J. Keith Ward 5
Frederick R. Scott 2	Thomas J. Lock 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	David P. Hilling 7
G. William Critchley .. 4	John R. Mayne .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.

ST. FLORENCE, Pembrokeshire.—At the Church of St. Florence.

On Thurs., July 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods: (1, 2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Plain Bob, (4, 5, 6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.

*Anthony Johns .. Treble	Philip C. Rogers 4
Rev. Russel Thomas .. 2	Harry Jenkins 5
Richard C. Warburton .. 3	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

* First peal.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

YARDLEY.—At the Church of St. Edburgha.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Alan S. Burbidge .. Treble	Maurice G. Ingram 5
John R. Insley 2	*James Insley 6
*Paul McEvilly 3	Philip G. K. Davies 7
William J. V. Conduct .. 4	Geoffrey Davies .. Tenor

Composed by A. R. Kench.

Conducted by Geoffrey Davies.

* First peal of Rutland.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

WALSALL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., May 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 19 lb. in D.

Andrew J. Strathdee .. Treble	*Kenneth Newman 7
Ann M. Fellows 2	*Edwin A. Barnett 8
*Sheila M. Dobbie 3	Peter Beresford 9
*Peter M. Fleckney 4	*Derek E. Sibson 10
*John S. Barnes 5	Edmund Malin 11
Walter H. Dobbie 6	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by F. Dench.

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

In memoriam George H. Cross, Master of this Society, 1936-1947 and 1949-1953, member of the Central Council 1929-1955.

DUNSTABLE, Bedfordshire.—At the Priory Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

Rodney French Treble	John S. Barnes 5
Joan Beresford 2	Roger Baldwin 6
Ronald J. Sharp 3	Peter Beresford 7
Peter M. Fleckney 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

In memoriam George H. Cross.

TOTTENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Sat., June 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 lb.

Joan Beresford Treble	John S. Barnes 5
Patricia Diserens 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
Yvonne Edwards 3	Ronald F. Diserens 7
Peter M. Fleckney 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland.

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

HENLEY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., July 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

*Leslie P. Brain Treble	Margaret Egglestone 5
*Laurence J. Parry 2	Roy C. Groom 6
Stephen J. Hammond 3	C. Stanley Bloomfield 7
Colin F. Loke 4	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

* First peal of Major. First peal ever rung on the bells by a local company.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., July 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise and one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

*Timothy Gooderham .. Treble	Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.
†Stephen J. Hammond .. 2	Christopher C. K. Cooper .. 4
Alice E. J. Lester 3	†Roy C. Groom 5
	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

* First peal. † Most methods to a peal.

THORNHAM MAGNA, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., July 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double Oxford, (3 and 4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5 and 6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

William Clover Treble	Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr.
George E. Symonds 2	Thomas E. Spight 4
Frank C. Arnold 3	Ronald W. Steward 5
	Leonard E. Last Tenor

Conducted by William Clover.

A 90th birthday and a 58th wedding anniversary compliment to our well loved G.O.M.—George Symonds.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Bell Tower.

On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.

Thomas W. Lewis Treble	John C. Eisel 5
Edward W. Colley 2	Martin D. Fellows 6
Geoffrey J. Hemming 3	Michael J. Fellows 7
Arthur C. Berry 4	Gerald C. Hemming Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

The conductor's 100th peal of Surprise Major.
Rung to coincide with the arrival of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Michael Ramsey, and the speaker of the House of Commons, Sir Harry Hylton Foster, in Evesham for the Simon De Montfort celebrations.

MARTLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

Leonard Parry Treble	Frederick C. Pugh 4
Walter H. Raxter 2	Frederick Davis 5
James Ranford 3	Cecil Deakin Tenor

Conducted by Walter H. Raxter.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Leonard Parry.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

OSSETT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 27½ cwt.

Jeanne E. Bottomley .. Treble	*Eric Robinson 6
Patricia Lockwood 2	Robin Brown 7
Ian North 3	Irvin Slack 8
Frederick Bennett 4	Mark L. Lockwood 9
*H. Rodney Stephenson .. 5	Vernon Bottomley Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope.

Conducted by Vernon Bottomley.

* First 10 bell peal.

Rung for the centenary of the church.

THORNER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., July 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 27 lb.

Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. Treble	Frederick A. Munday .. 5
Maurice J. Thurmott .. 2	Roy Bettley-Cooke 6
Michael Staniforth 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton 7
Harold B. Schofield 4	Alan Hartley Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

Rung within the octave of the Patronal Festival, immediately after the dedication of the two new trebles and restoration work. Also for the arrival of a daughter, Susan Jane, to Arthur and Jean Fidler.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—In the Belfry of All Saints' Church.

On Wed., July 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor size 19 in F.

*Alan McFall 1—2	*Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
Robert B. Smith 5—6	

* First peal of Surprise on handbells. First of Surprise Minor on handbells for the Guild.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

COVENTRY.—At 68, Warwick Avenue.

On Wed., July 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

Ernest Sibley 1—2	Hubert E. Ashley 5—6
Frank W. Perrens 3—4	Geoffrey Pratt 7—8
Hubert G. Summers 9—10	

Composed by J. E. Groves.

Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(and The Gresham's School Society).

All at HOLT, Norfolk.—At Gresham's School.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 1 Hour and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. NICHOLAS COLLEGE BOB MINOR

Peter N. Mackley 1—2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3—4
Paul Royds-Jones 5—6	

On Sun., July 11, 1965, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GOWER COLLEGE BOB MINOR

Peter N. Mackley 1—2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3—4
Paul Royds-Jones 5—6	

On Tues., July 13, 1965 in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 HEATHERSLADE COLLEGE BOB MINOR

Peter N. Mackley 1—2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3—4
Paul Royds-Jones 5—6	

On Wed., July 14, 1965, in 1 Hour and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 RODBOURNE COLLEGE BOB MINOR

Peter N. Mackley 1—2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3—4
Paul Royds-Jones 5—6	

A birthday compliment to Paul Royds-Jones.

On Thurs., July 15, 1965, in 1 Hour and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LAUGHTON PLEASURE BOB MINOR

Peter N. Mackley 1—2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3—4
Paul Royds-Jones 5—6	

All the peals were the first in the method by all the band and for the Society.

Tenor size 15 in C for all peals.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
All peals rung at Morawelon, Lon Derw, Tycoch, Swansea,
Glamorgan.

On Mon., May 24, 1965, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents of Oxford T.B., one of Kent and four of Plain Bob.

Hazel Way 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6

On Fri., May 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

In 19 methods: (1) Pinehurst Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Thelwall Bob, Childwall College Bob, St. Clement's College Bob and Buxton College Bob, (2) Gower College Bob and St. Nicholas College Bob, (3) Horsmonden Bob and Cumberland Bob, (4) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and Abertawe Bob, (5) Fulbeck Bob, Reverse Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Double Plain Bob and Plain Bob, (6) Ullswater Bob and Mewslade Court Bob, (7) St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob, 96 changes of method.

Hazel Way 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6

On Fri., June 11, 1965, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 17 methods: (1) Double Oxford, Pinehurst, Thelwall, St. Clement's College, Buxton College and Childwall College, (2) Fulbeck, Reverse Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Double Plain Bob and Plain Bob, (3) Ullswater Bob and Mewslade Court Bob, (4) Cumberland Bob and Horsmonden Bob, (5) St. Nicholas College Bob and Gower College Bob, (6) St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob, (7) Plain Bob, with 96 changes of method.

Hazel Way 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6

400th peal as conductor.

On Sun., June 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 18 in G.

Hazel Way 1—2 | J. Arthur Hoare 5—6
*Penelope J. Welch 3—4 | Brian J. Woodruffe 7—8
Edmund J. Morris 9—10

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal on 10 handbells.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

In 24 methods: (1) College Bob, Rodbourne College Bob and Waver-tree College Bob, (2) Double Oxford, Pinehurst, Thelwall, St. Clement's College Bob, Buxton College Bob and Childwall College Bob, (3) St. Nicholas College Bob, Gower College Bob and Heatherslade College Bob, (4) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Abertawe Bob and Velindre Bob, (5) Horsmonden Bob and Cumberland Bob, (6) Mewslade Court Bob and Ullswater Bob, (7) Fulbeck, Reverse Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Double Plain Bob and Plain Bob, with 166 changes of method.

Hazel Way 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6

First peal of Minor in 24 methods on handbells by all and for the Guild.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

ALDERGROVE, Northern Ireland.—At 6, Slessor Road.

On Sun., July 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 12 in G.

*Mrs. H. A. Mann 1—2 | Anthony R. Mann (cond.) 3—4
†Rosemary Thompson 5—6

* First peal. † First handbell peal. First attempt for a handbell peal by 1—2 and 5—6.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

RETFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At 9, Richmond Road.

On Wed., July 14, 1965, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being one extent of Spliced Double Bob and Plain Bob, and six extents of Plain Bob, differently called.

Tenor size 11 in G.

Mary C. Poyner 1—2 | Harry Poyner (cond.) 3—4
*David R. Chambers 5—6

* First peal in two methods.

FLORENCE, PEMBES.—On July 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Johns 1, Jean Thomas (first of Minor) 2, A. Walters 3, R. Warburton 4, Rev. R. W. Thomas 5, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 6. Also on July 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon and St. Martin): R. Warburton 1, Jean Thomas 2, A. Walters (cond.) 3, P. C. Rogers 4, Rev. R. W. Thomas 5, A. Johns 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On July 20th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. W. White 1, Carolyn White 2, Pamela R. Gough 3, H. R. May 4, Diana M. Gough 5, S. G. Ponting 6, D. J. Tubbs (cond.) 7, E. R. Warner 8. A farewell to Miss Patricia Laycock, who is going to Canada, and Miss P. R. Gough to Sussex and later to Singapore.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On May 30th, 1,280 St. Clement's Major: Margaret Egglestone 1, S. J. Hammond 2, Janet Rogers 3, R. H. Rogers 4, C. F. Loke 5, R. C. Groom 6, C. S. Bloomfield 7, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 8. For Evensong. Also on June 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. P. Brain 1, L. J. Parry 2, S. J. Hammond 3, Margaret Egglestone 4, C. F. Loke 5, R. C. Groom 6, C. S. Bloomfield 7, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 8. For morning service.

HERTFORD.—On July 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob), with two bells covering: B. Foley 1, D. Pullin 2, V. Tubby 3, C. Springham 4, J. Kemp (cond.) 5, P. Searle 7, J. Game 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Brian Foley, ringer of treble.

HESSLE, E. YORKS.—On July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Moss 1, D. Towne 2, V. Beaumont 3, R. Hawtree 4, J. Singleton 5, Rev. F. Ross (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 3. First "inside" 2 and 4. For Evensong.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Meredith 1, Miss S. Meredith 2, Miss R. Blackshaw 3, T. Dutton 4, M. W. Harrison 5, J. Meredith (cond.) 6. Rung for the christening of David John Meredith, and also as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thomas.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On July 4th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. K. Smith 1, Lynda B. Dalton 2, K. Kirk 3, A. B. Cooper 4, F. C. Hobson 5, H. C. Palmer (cond.) 6. A welcome to the new curate.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On July 11th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Butcher 1, A. Neilson 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherton 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Evensong. Also on July 18th, 1,260

QUARTER PEALS

Doubles (five methods): B. Butcher 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherton 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Evensong.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.—On June 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Robinson 1, J. Adcock 2, Mrs. F. Adcock 3, W. Adcock 4, Mrs. M. Robinson 5, F. Adcock 6, S. W. Fossey (cond.) 7, S. E. Denby 8. For Evensong, and as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Adcock, and for St. Peter's Day.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.—On July 17th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: H. Vennell 1, Doreen Bradley (cond.) 2, F. Bradley 3, G. Carter 4, G. Wareham 5, G. Davis 6.

NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, SOMERSET.—On July 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): A. J. Gould 1, D. J. Gale 2, V. H. James 3, R. G. Gale 4, F. G. Sandy (cond.) 5, S. Ford (first quarter) 6. For the 75th anniversary of the Bath and Wells Association.

PUTWORTH, SUSSEX.—On July 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Janet Hazeldene (first of Major) 1, H. F. Wood 2, F. Fosberry 3, I. Robinson 4, C. M. Godfrey 5, R. A. Banner 6, H. Franklin 7, W. L. Weller (cond.) 8. For Festival of Flowers, and to mark the birth of a son (Richard) to the ringer of the fifth.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On July 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's and Plain Bob): P. R. Dawes 1, Daphne J. Pollard 2, D. P. Sturge 3, Marie R. Cross 4, D. J. Salter 5, C. A. Milward 6. Rung "silent." First "silent" quarter by all except 4. Rung for the birthdays of Daphne J. Pollard, Margaret Hockham, D. P. Sturge and Deborah Jones (age 7), all members of the local band.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Duckling 1, Mrs. M. Poolman 2, E. Williams (cond.) 3, Miss A. Rowland 4, W. Poolman 5, D. Heath 6.

STURRY, KENT.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary MacKenzie (first quarter) 1, Christine Bouldin 2, Barbara Bouldin (first "inside") 3, Jacqueline Parr 4, R. Button (cond.) 5, D. Harrison 6. For Evensong.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On July 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Grace Burchall 1, Susan Moxon 2, R. Beresford 3, N. Moxon 4, Eleanor Rose 5, D. Williamson 6, D. Parsons (cond.) 7, Katharine Burchall 8. First of Stedman 3, 6 and 7, and first in the method by an entirely local band. For Flower Festival at All Saints' Church.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On July 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Munnings 1, R. J. Fuller (25th quarter) 2, Christine M. Fuller 3, F. Hilda J. Oakshett 4, A. J. Munnings 5, W. Damer 6, D. R. Fuller 7, M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 8.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On July 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. R. Hutley 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, A. Richardson 3, F. Bird 4, H. Watts 5, T. Camp 6. For Confirmation service.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. C. F. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, C. A. Gray 3, E. C. Steele (first quarter other than covering) 4, J. A. Hales 5, D. W. Gray 6, J. M. Steele (first in the method as cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. Rung to welcome the Rev. D. V. Cossar to St. Matthew's as Deacon.

WEST BRIDGEFORD, NOTTS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Penny Miller 1, P. K. Else (cond.) 2, D. Crossland (first "inside") 3, Juliet Stamper 4, J. W. D. Miller 5, W. L. Ratcliffe 6. For Evensong, and best wishes to Mr. G. Karunaratne, returning to Ceylon.

WINTERBOURNE ZELSTONE, DORSET.—On July 12th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: J. C. Sawtell 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, C. N. Dalton (first of Minimus) 3, R. G. Robertson (cond.) 4. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On July 9th, 1,320 Jackanapes Doubles: M. Green 1, M. Goss 2, P. Watts 3, G. Dodd (cond.) 4, A. Green 5. First quarter in the method by all.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On July 12th: H. Hardwidge 1, J. Yeates 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, J. Evered 4, P. Gardner 5, N. Bull 6. Rung half-muffled on back six in memory of William Vowles, who was lately a ringer at this tower.

ZENNOR, CORNWALL.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Linington 1, D. Stephens 2, L. R. G. Taylor 3, E. H. Langley 4, F. M. Bowers (first as cond. of Grandsire) 5, W. S. Pryor 6. Rung for West Penwith R.D.C. civic service.

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JUDGE. — On July 22nd, 1965, William Judge, ringer at St. Mary's, Kidlington, Oxon, for over 60 years, having rung his first peal in the tower in 1905. Aged 75 years. 7288

IN MEMORIAM

MYERS.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Blanche, who died July 24th, 1961. Loved and remembered always. 7295

RETURN THANKS

JEATER.—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jeater desire to express their sincere thanks for the cards and greetings received on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary from the Central Council, the Editorial Committee and many other friends.

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Great men are not always wise; neither do the aged understand judgment.—Job xxxii, 9.

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ST. ANDREW'S, HOLBORN. — Thursday lunchtime ringing. Lunchtime service discontinued during summer, and therefore no ringing. Regular ringing at 12.30, Thursdays, will be resumed Thursday, September 16th. 7287

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WILLINGDON, EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX. —There will be a Ringers' Service on Sunday, August 1st, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Ringing 5.30–6.30. Light refreshments after service.—R. W. R. Percy.

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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—Meeting, Chertsey, Saturday, July 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names to Rev. G. S. Archibald, The Vicarage, Chertsey. Note change of date. 7188

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.—July 31st, Liss, 11.45; West Meon 2.15; East Meon 3.30; Petersfield 5.30.—D. L. Gullick, Hon. Sec. (Stevenage 54309.) 7281

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Asford District.—Meeting at Wittersham, Saturday, July 31st. Bells (6, tenor 16 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. A. Denne, 11, The Street, Wittersham.—C. T. H. 7269

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Whittington on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to the Rev. G. H. Griffiths, The Rectory, Whittington, Carnforth, Lancs. — P. Handley, Branch Sec. 7276

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Practice meeting, Ringwood, July 31st, 3–4.30. Tea (4/–) in The Old Cottage. Service 5.15. Sopley bells from 6.30. Names essential to L. F. Cobb, 182, Southampton Road, Ringwood. 7265

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, August 2nd, 7 p.m. 7283

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION — Taunton Branch.—Practice meeting, Saturday, August 7th, Hillfarrance, 6.30 p.m.—8 p.m. Oake 8 p.m.—9 p.m.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 7301

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Exeter Branch. — A practice meeting will be held at Bramford-Speke on Saturday, August 7th, 6.30–8.30 p.m.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — Evening meeting, Cranfield, Saturday, August 7th. Bells (5) from 5 p.m. onwards. All welcome.—C. M. Payne, Dis. Sec. 7285

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Warwick Archdeaconry District.—The next meeting will be held on August 7th. Whichford bells 3 to 5; Long Compton bells 6 to 8. There will be no service. There will be a room available for our use at Whichford, in which anybody who brings the equipment may make their own tea. Food may be eaten here as well.—P. S. Bennett, Dis. Sec. 7297

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting, Saturday, August 7th, St. John's, Newcastle, 3–5 p.m.; St. Stephen's, Low Elswick, 6.30–8. Business meeting and election of officers at St. John's 4.30–5. Own tea arrangements. 7303

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting, Saturday, August 7th, at Histon. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Rampton bells (5) after tea. 7300

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District. — Meeting, August 7th, Abbots Langley, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing at Langleybury. Names for tea to Miss B. Harris, 34, Abbots Road, Abbots Langley.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7277

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Burmarsh, Saturday, August 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. R. Wratten, Marshlands Farm, West Hythe, Kent.—S. M. D.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Monthly meeting at Christ Church, Parbold, on Saturday, August 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. All visitors welcome.—D. R. Jones, Hon. Sec. 7280

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Gisburn, Yorks, on Saturday, August 7th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m., business meeting to follow. Ribbles buses: X27 from Whalley at 13.32, 15.32; Clitheroe at 13.46, 15.46; 294 from Colne at 13.35, 14.35.—Brian A. Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 7302

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, August 7th, Newtown Linford. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to A. J. Poyner, 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leicester, by August 4th. 7305

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Heydour, on Saturday, August 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. followed by meeting in church. Bring your own teas.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 7299

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—Summer meeting at Cotterstock, August 7th. Bells 3. Service 4, followed by meeting. Will those attending please bring their own picnic tea.—A. H. Hinton, Hon. Sec. 7296

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, August 7th, Great Cheverill (6), usual arrangements. Names to A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge, Wilts. 7292

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, South Anston, August 7th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. All welcome.—J. Seager. 7304

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, August 7th, Stanwell (6) 3–4 p.m.; East Bedfont (6) 3.30–4.30 p.m.; Feltham (10) 6–7.30 p.m. Tea at East Bedfont. — W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7248

SUFFOLK GUILD. — N.E. District. — Quarterly meeting at Peasenhall (6) on Saturday, August 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to the Swan Inn, Peasenhall, by Wednesday, August 4th. Yoxford bells (6) also available 2.30–4 p.m. and during evening.—T. N. J. B. 7275

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Fairwarp (8), Saturday, August 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Picnic tea.—Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 7278

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, August 14th. Ringing: Farnborough 3–4.30; Burton Dassett 6–9. Names for tea to Mr. J. Spraggett, Mill Hill Farm, Fenny Compton, Leamington Spa, by Monday previous. —F. W. Hancock. 7291

5,280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR By MICHAEL S. BRUCE

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Has all 12 678's, 9 867's and 12 combinations of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District Annual Meeting

THE annual meeting of the Eastern District was held at Goole on June 19th, with an extremely disappointing attendance, as only eight names were sent in for tea, although about 20 actually attended the business meeting presided over by the vice-president, Mr. H. Walker, of York.

Messrs. G. F. Terry (Hemingbrough) and T. H. Foster (Selby) were re-elected to the District Committee for a further period of three years. Mr. H. Morley, of Selby, having completed over 33 years as hon. District secretary, did not seek re-election, as for health reasons he had been unable to attend meetings as regularly as he would like, and felt it was time a younger person took over. Mr. R. Ducker, of Sutton-on-Hull, was proposed and unanimously elected. One new member was elected, Mr. D. R. Swan, of Selby.

There were no invitations for the place of the next meeting, but September 25th was proposed as the date, and it is hoped to visit Hutton Cranswick, subject to confirmation.

Mr. K. Kirk thought that the meeting should record the members' appreciation of the service given by Mr. Morley over so many years. Mr. H. Walker said that he intended to raise this matter at the Yorkshire general meeting to be held at Selby in September.

A hearty vote of thanks was made to the Vicar, and ladies for having served tea, by the vice-president, which concluded the business.

Further ringing in the standard methods took place up to 9 p.m., but the sparseness of ringers did not do anything to indicate that this was an annual meeting. R. D.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Frome Branch

A cold showery day and a similar meeting in the next village probably contributed to the poor attendance at the summer meeting of the Frome Branch at Timsbury on July 10th.

After the service, conducted by the Rector, 30 members were put to the task of consuming a sumptuous tea laid originally for 60.

The business meeting followed with the Branch secretary, Mr. E. Chivers, reading various apologies and giving a word of welcome to visitors from Gloucester and Bristol and Chew Branch. Five new members were elected. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a discussion on the proposed striking competition to be held next year.

Mr. Chivers, in proposing the vote of thanks, made special mention of Mr. Cottle for making the local arrangements. Ringing continued on handbells and in the tower until approximately 8.30 p.m.

Next meeting: East Harptree, October 9th. D. T. H. R.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD

On June 12th the East Grinstead and District Guild met at Warnham, situated on the boundary of our area, which for many members was a new tower. We were welcomed by Mr. G. Francis and also, at the service, by the Vicar (the Rev. M. R. Newman). A picnic tea was enjoyed on the common and afterwards a game of cricket-cum-rounders was played by the more energetic members, ending with a lost ball.

The business meeting was held in the churchyard, during which time the chairman performed the very pleasant duty of presenting our treasurer, Mr. Cyril W. Hancock, with a five guinea book token, a card containing signatures of the members, and chocolates for Mrs. Hancock. Cyril has served the Guild for seven years in the capacity of treasurer, and we all hope that he and Mrs. Hancock will enjoy living in Bury St. Edmunds. In replying, Mr. Hancock said that he had found great friendship within the Guild and thanked everyone on his and Mrs. Hancock's behalf for the gifts. Returning to the tower and joined by more ringers we made the most of Warnham bells. M. A. L.

MARCH ST. WENDREDA

The Norfolk Broads were this year's venue for St. Wendreda's bellers on the occasion of their 17th annual outing; friends from Chatteris and Wilburton accompanied them.

Elvedon, Suffolk, was reached on time and the highly musical octave set ringing over the famous park with immense firs and pines. The memorial twin-towered church is as lovely as any of its kind built in our day, having been fashioned into something incredibly rich and strange—a masterpiece of an era which did so much injustice to mediaeval fanes. Cloisters and bell tower were built in 1922 in memory of Lady Iveagh. Nearly everything is enriched with excellent ornament. The vaulted roof of the tower frames an unforgettable picture of the hall and grounds, the former built last century by the Maharajah Duleep Singh, who lived here long enough to find England as much a home as his native land. He lies, as does the famous Admiral Augustus Keppel, in a tomb amidst all this impressive man-made and natural splendour.

St. Peter's, Thetford, was next on the programme, non-ringers displaying interest in the statue of its famous, or infamous son, Thomas Paine, who successfully and deliberately severed the American colonies from the mother country. A sumptuous lunch was enjoyed at Wymondham opposite the Priory, which seems to impose its very unusual Norman and mediaeval proportions in a sudden burst of glory. The magnificent tower at Blofield was soon echoing to fine touches on a heavy sonorous six. At Wroxham all boarded a commodious launch for the 1½ hour journey to Ranworth amid picturesque tranquil river scenery. A short walk was taken to Ranworth Church, "Queen of the Broads," the lofty flint tower affording an unsurpassed view of this well known aquatic region.

The leisurely journey back to Wroxham with its vision of a silver sheet of water fringed with reeds and the sails of yachts heeling over in the breeze brought the party to the last ring of the day. Excellent touches were enjoyed on six light bells. T. B.

TALGARTH (BRECON) RINGERS IN OXFORDSHIRE

AFTER leaving Talgarth at 8 a.m. on July 10th and picking up more people at Glasbury and Eardisley, we reached the first tower, Prestbury (8, tenor 13½ cwt.) shortly after 10.30. A few made a perilous ascent into the belfry by way of a rickety stepladder only to find that halfway up the tower was an external door with a stone staircase leading to the ground outside! Some good changes were rung on the easy-going eight, methods including Oxford Bob and Stedman.

Entering Oxfordshire, we proceeded along the Windrush valley to Witney. The bells of St. Mary's were quiet inside the belfry, though from outside the tone could really be appreciated. We rang Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major on the eight (tenor 16 cwt.); the Stedman was particularly good.

Owing to a late start after lunch, ringing had to be cut short at Bladon (6, tenor 6 cwt.). We had some difficulty getting into the church because it is now kept locked during the week for fear of tourists coming to see the grave of Sir Winston Churchill and taking away souvenirs. A groundsman let us in and a quarter of an hour later we were ringing the bells down. We left the well-kept churchyard by the "one-way system."

The other church is the parish is St. Mary Magdalene's, Woodstock, where the Vicar's daughter had just been married. So here we were ringing wedding bells with local ringers; again there was some very good Stedman. Many of the party visited Blenheim Palace, which is less than half a mile from the church. By six o'clock we were covering the 16 miles to the last tower of the day, Burford (8, tenor 17 cwt.). These bells were probably the finest of the day and the changes rung were worthy of such a fine ring. M. R. T.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CLOSE on 70 members attended the Northern Branch striking competition held at Yaxham on June 12th by permission of the Rev. D. Moll. The president (Mr. F. N. Golden) and Messrs. A. Mitsem and R. Lester from Suffolk were the judges.

Seven teams competed, with the following results: 1 St. Peter Mancroft; 2 South Norfolk; 3 St. George's Colegate; 4 Dereham; 5 Gresham School. Aylsham and St. Giles' failed to complete.

After refreshments four teams competed in the handbell competition, with the following results: 1 Gresham School; 2 Aylsham; 3 Loddon; 4 Norwich. This was judged by Mr. D. House, who commented on the very good performance of the boys from Gresham School and the other teams.

The president played on tape the jingle, given in very broad Norfolk, by an anonymous local ringer of the "doings" of the Yaxham ringers of years ago.

The Branch chairman, Mr. G. Sayer, thanked the clergy for the use of their bells where ringing had taken place prior to the competition, to the judges and to the Association Ringing Master, Mr. F. C. Goodman, for the work he had put in arranging the competition. The president endorsed this and commented on the higher standard both in tower- and in handbell ringing. He also mentioned that Mr. W. Dunfield, of Buxton, had been admitted to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, and asked the secretary to send a letter of good wishes from the members. C. B.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A QUARTERLY meeting of the Guild was held in the delightful village of Lapworth on July 3rd. The bells have recently been augmented to six by the addition of a new treble and the whole rehung in an iron frame, due to the interest and energy of the Rector of Lapworth, the Rev. E. H. Fenwick. The proposed striking competition was discussed, and some simple rules were formulated and agreed upon. It is hoped to hold the competition during the afternoon of the next quarterly meeting, on October 9th.

John Perry, of Perry Barr, and John Cranmer, of Lapworth, were elected resident members, and the following tower elections as life members were duly ratified: David J. Marshall (Daventry), M. Roger Ashmore (Worcester), Kenneth J. Darvill (St. Albans), Christopher H. Rogers (Isleworth) and Hadley (Hunter) (West London).

The Master, Mr. R. C. Ingram, referred to the record peal of 16,368 Cambridge Maximus which had been rung since the previous meeting, and extended congratulations, on behalf of the Guild, to the ringers who had taken part in this fine performance.

The members are indebted to the Rev. E. H. Fenwick for making all arrangements for this meeting, including the service, tea and raising the bells.

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QUARTER PEALS

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On June 16th, 1,280 Wembley Surprise Major: H. W. Knight 1, Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 2, G. H. Pullin 3, E. T. Lee 4, J. Brain 5, A. E. Cox 6, J. R. Taylor 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8. Also on July 7th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. W. Knight 1, Diana Chapman 2, P. Bridle 3, P. J. England (first of Cambridge Major) 4, E. T. Lee 5, D. G. Yeo 6, A. E. Cox 7, J. Brain (cond.) 8.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On June 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): K. Warner 1, Mrs. A. Crampion 2, Miss P. Fox 3, A. Crowson 4, J. Crampion 5, D. Ellison (cond.) 6, G. Lonsdale 7. A farewell to J. Barrance, tower captain for 15 years, who has left the area.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Peter's, on July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Price 1, Kathleen Fleicher 2, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3, J. Blachford 4, R. Peckham 5, R. Pike 6, C. Conway (cond.) 7, J. Price 8. To commemorate the centenary of the Salvation Army.

BRADFELD, W. YORKS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): P. Brookes (first quarter) 1, M. King (cond.) 2, G. R. Hiner 3, G. W. Pilkington 4, D. Hunton 5, T. Cairns 6. By Rawmarsh and Wentworth team as all but one of the Bradfield team had just been confirmed by the Bishop of Sheffield.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On July 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. Gudge 1, I. L. Andrews 2, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 3, D. B. Ellery 4, M. J. Church 5, A. D. Case 6. First of mixed Doubles by all.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.—On July 11th, 1,280 Spliced Yorkshire, Cambridge and Superlative: W. W. Miller 1, M. R. Page 2, A. E. J. Lester 3, W. J. Button 4, A. R. Bridges 5, H. Leather 6, W. Ruffles 7, L. G. Brett (cond.) 8. In honour of the 90th birthday of George E. Symonds.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On June 20th, 1,440 Bob Minimus: R. Blackshaw 1, W. J. Marsh 2, D. Barker 3, M. W. Harrison 4. Also on June 27th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: W. G. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, S. J. Dowse (cond.) 3, R. Blackshaw 4, M. W. Harrison 5, C. R. Larkin 6. In memoriam Mr. T. Musson, grandfather of conductor. Also on July 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: S. J. Dowse 1, R. D. Marsh 2, W. J. Marsh (first quarter "inside") 3, R. Blackshaw 4, C. R. Larkin 5, M. W. Harrison 6. All for Evensong.

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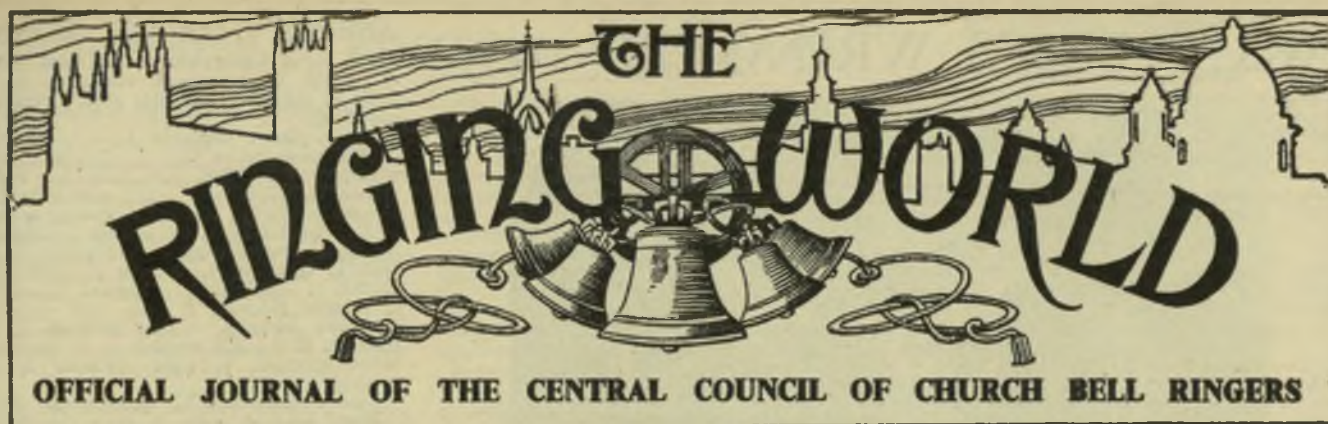
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ARE OUR MEETINGS DEMOCRATIC ?

By WILLIAM BUTLER

IT has been said before that one of the strongest opponents of democracy is apathy. This is quite evident from the reports of many of our meetings.

Cast your mind back to the last general meeting of your Association. When the officers were re-elected, as no doubt at least ninety per cent. of them were, how many nominations were received for each post? Did anyone vote against the election of the officers? Did the chairman even ask if there were any votes against? Even if the candidate for the post was the best available in the eyes of the majority, surely out of a gathering of about a hundred people, all with widely differing tastes and opinions, someone did not agree.

The lack of time is always a drawback at most meetings, and one of the items on which as little time as possible is spent is on the election of officers. One procedure is to use the "en bloc" election for committees. A proposition is put forward that the committee be re-elected en bloc, and this is hastily seconded. A good secretary will read out the names of those on the committee, otherwise one of them might be dead for years before anyone noticed. (This actually happened once.) Each member of a committee should be proposed and seconded, so that those present can express their opinions on each individual.

Of those present, who has the right to vote? This is one point that is often not made clear. How can members and non-members be separated? Do non-resident life members and those resident members in arrears with their subscription have the right to vote?

Another "undemocratic" method by means of which a small number of determined individuals can impose their ideas upon others is by relying on the general apathy of the majority and "packing" a meeting, i.e. by gathering supporters for their particular motion and ensuring that they all turn up for the meeting.

"One man, one vote" is well established as a basic principle of democracy. One can imagine the uproar

that would spread around the country if, for instance, bank managers, doctors, etc., were allowed two votes at a General Election. Yet we tolerate, indeed encourage, such a system in the election of our Central Council representatives. Let us take a hypothetical case: A woman graduate of London University, who joined the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths whilst at college, who on leaving took up a post with the Oxford City Police. She would then have seven votes, i.e. for the London University Association, the Universities Association, the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the Ladies' Guild, the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths, the Oxford Society and the Police Guild. This is obviously absurd, yet many ringers, up and down the country, do have two or even three votes. Such a system is patently unfair to the majority and thus is undemocratic.

What is the solution to these problems?

Taking the first point, if competition exists for posts, then members will have to think before voting. The method by which the Master of the College Youths is replaced in turn by his senior and junior steward is excellent, and one that could well be copied by other Associations. It does ensure that the official does not regard himself as the kingpin of the Association without whom it would collapse.

With reference to en bloc re-elections, these should never be permitted; each member should be proposed, seconded and elected as an individual.

The right to vote should be clearly laid down in the rules and standing orders, and should be made clear by the chairman before any voting takes place. Visitors and those not entitled to vote should sit at the back of the hall or somewhere separate from those taking part in the meeting.

To prevent packed meetings, agendas should be circulated to all members well before the meeting, and the chairman should not allow items of a controversial nature to be introduced under Any Other Business.

Regarding "one ringer, one vote," the only logical suggestion would be to restrict elections to territorial Associations. However, I feel that such a motion would not be well received at a Central Council meeting, as it would mean too many people would lose their seats.

WRATTEN'S WRINGERS 1965



WRATTEN'S WRINGERS, after the peal of Langley Surprise at Badsey, Wores. 8.11.65
Left to right: John Hunt, Cyril Wratten, Ted Venn, Brian Bladon, Chris Kippin, Vic Griffin, Gill Hussey, George Cousins, Mick Hobbs, Peter Bridle, Tony Kench.

14 Peals out of Six Attempts

CYRIL WRATTEN'S South Midlands Peal Week, once again based on Cheltenham and once again contributing unofficially to the Cheltenham Festival of Music, was held this year from July 10th to 17th. As usual, half the party stayed with Cyril and Margery, while the other half stayed in a hotel, this time The Fleece.

The party consisted of Brian Bladon, Peter Bridle, George Cousins, Vic Griffin, Mick Hobbs, John Hunt, Gill Hussey, Tony Kench, Chris Kippin, Ted Venn and Cyril Wratten.

A two-pronged attack was launched on the first Saturday, with the help of some occasionals, and while a peal of Zurich was scored at Deddington, an attempt at Doddrell was unfortunately miscalled. This was soon forgotten as the rendezvous at The Fleece got under way, and that evening was happily spent catching up on all the gossip and renewing acquaintance with the local Oriental restaurateurs.

After ringing at Cheltenham for morning service on Sunday, it was off to Kirtlington for a peal of Watford, where George Thoday, the Ron Clarke of the ringing world, knocked seven minutes off the previous fastest time, and then left the party with the traditional farewell of stones in his hubcaps.

Monday morning brought an early clash with the authorities over the disc parking system, but we eventually got away to Chipping Norton, where a leisurely peal of New Cambridge was rung. In the afternoon five-spliced went well on the best eight of the week, at Hook Norton; meanwhile, Deadeye Mick Hobbs and Mexican Pete Bridle, water pistol in hand, went off to shoot up that hive of activity, the cinema at Chipping Norton. In the evening the party divided into drinkers and stompers (the Peal Week without the festival hop would hardly be the same!); the stompers had perhaps the more interesting time, with one non-driver, who for the sake of his lady friend shall be nameless, receiving a driving lesson at 2 a.m. from an all-American college girl!

This had nothing to do with Chris Kippin miscalling Belgrave at Ledbury the next morning, his second unsuccessful attempt to call a peal there. The afternoon saw a singularly unenjoyable peal of York at Lydney.

By now the sound of billiard balls was regularly to be heard into the night at The Fleece, while back at the Wrattens' the only

trouble seemed to be the delays caused by Ted Venn playing with his toy boats in the bath. Wednesday was the most enjoyable day of the week; the weather broke fine at last, and the long drive into the depths of Monmouthshire was rewarded with excellent peals of Northill at Caerleon and five-spliced at Usk, where Chris showed what a good lad he really is. Brian Bladon had some trouble with his trousers, but nobody let this upset the ringing.

THE LUSTY MALES

On Thursday morning it was Heythrop at Leckhampton, with the smallest tenor ringer in the world, Mick of the splay-footed action, contemptuously turning down offers to go slower. After lunch Ted Venn tenored a peal on the very peculiarly tuned bells at Norton, Glos, and then John engineered us a short ring at Sandhurst, which was Brian's last ringable eight in Gloucestershire. Thursday evening was highly entertaining; after the Cheltenham practice we met Hugh Evans, the well-known three-bell ringer, who, after a few drinks, told us all about Bob Minor, and explained how when he says "Go Plain Bob" they all laugh! We could not imagine why. To let George out of the car park, the lusty males of the party lifted somebody's Anglia 30 feet out of the way with the greatest of ease, and then it was stomping in the street for everybody.

Going north on Friday, Langley and four-spliced were scored at Badsey and Norton. Wores, respectively, with an excellent lunch for some at the Royal Oak, Evesham, in between. For the traditional last evening celebration, we all went to the Cheltenham pub christened the "grot-house," where you can sing any song you like and the barmaid will very likely join in. Chris afterwards walked the car park railings, but unfortunately took more steps than there were railings. It seemed a good idea at the time!

The best peal of the week was rung at Bishopstone the next morning; the villagers came flocking to listen, and vowed it was the best ringing there in living memory. One of them brought a gallon of beer after two hours, and was most disappointed to find the door locked! The afternoon saw the 11th different tenor ringer of the week at Stratton St. Margaret, and then, after the peal, Tony Peake, who we regret could not be with us for the whole week, insisted on showing us how he can ring two bells to Stedman Triples. Meanwhile guest conductor John Mayne was presiding over London Royal at Christ Church,

ANDREW J. CORBY'S 100 PEALS

Mr. A. J. Corby, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby, of Sevenoaks, completed his 100 peals at Maunstone on June 19th. Details are appended.

Minor.—Seven methods 2.

Triples.—Stedman 2.

Major.—Plain Bob 2, Cambridge 8 (conducta 2), Superlative 3 (1), Yorkshire 9 (3), Lincolnshire 3 (1), Rutland 3, Pusey 4, Bristol 6, New Cambridge 1, Foracombe 1, London 5, Zelan 1, Peterborough 1, Poughnoy 1, Lincoln 1, Quonden 1, Ipswich 2, Cornwall 1, Hinton 1, Ollesthorpe 1, Watford 1, Oxonridge 1, Double Norwich 1.

Spaced Surprise.—Two methods 1, four methods 12 (1), five methods 1, six methods 1, seven methods 1, eight methods 2, nine methods 1.

Caers.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 1.

Royal.—Cambridge 4 (1), Yorkshire 2, Oakham 1, Pomeract 1, York 1, London No. 3 2, Rittwell 2 (1), Lindsey 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 1.

Maximum.—Cambridge 1, Yorkshire 1.

See also "Beltry Gossip."

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Cheltenham Branch

On June 26th the Cheltenham Branch held its half-yearly meeting at Blockley. There was some enjoyable ringing on the ring of eight before Evensong was sung in the choir of the church. Members then had tea at the Railway Inn; an unusual sight to see cups of tea being served from the bar of a pub! After the business there was more ringing at Ebrington, where a new member was elected—Christopher Povey, who showed great promise as a ringer. Finally the party made for the village of Stanway, where Patrick Newman was ready to receive us—it was the first time the Branch had ever visited this tower! Whatever the weight of the tenor might be, it certainly took a very long time to raise—as did the other three bells. However, with great skill and effort, the experts managed Bob Minimus on these dissonant bells, and our efforts were well rewarded afterwards with the Cotswold brew called "Stun 'em," i.e. plum wine. It was a meeting enjoyed by all.

J. B. T. H.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Joint Meeting at Hackney

Three towers, quite closely and conveniently situated, in an eastern district of London, were chosen as the venue for the annual gathering between members of the London County Association and the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. Service, tea and ringing took place at St. John-at-Hackney, whilst the bells at St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, and at St. John, South Hackney, were available during the afternoon.

The day, July 17th, was pleasant enough to attract a "stable" company of 40, but there were others who flew in and flew out. Among those who stayed were welcome visitors from Hatfield, Bexley, Lewisham, Plymouth and Worthing, who were able to enjoy ringing in a variety of methods on these three well cared for and easy going octaves. The meeting was successful and a very pleasant one (there being no business to discuss titles or change of titles!) and the gathering voiced its thanks to the incumbents and tower captains for the arrangements made. T. J. L.

Swindon, and then it was time for farewells in the Cross Keys.

Fourteen peals were rung out of 16 attempted, and it was the best Wratten Week yet, with a splendid harmonious spirit throughout. Our thanks to everyone who met us and allowed us to ring; thank you, Margery, for putting up with us again; and thank you, Cyril, for arranging such an excellent and enjoyable week. A. R. K.

Winchester & Portsmouth A.G.M.

Peal Fees a Matter of Conscience

AFTER two years' departure from tradition, the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild annual general meeting returned to the first Saturday in July for 1965. The venue was Christchurch, and although it had been stated that this was the first to be held there, George Pullinger, in his letter of apology for absence, proved quite correct when he said that the 1932 meeting was held at the Priory.

Ringling took place at some six towers in the morning, members converging on the Priory after lunch where, unfortunately, ringing on the 12 was curtailed by a wedding.

The business meeting was held in the Church Hall, where over 60 members, representing all Districts, were welcomed by the Master (Canon K. W. H. Felstead), who was supported by the general secretary (Mr. R. R. Savory) and the auditor (Mr. L. Bailey), who was deputising for the treasurer (Mrs. M. Chapman), the arrival of whose second child was imminent. The best wishes of the Guild were expressed by Canon Felstead. We were sorry that Mr. George Pullinger could not be with us; this was only the third meeting that he had missed since 1918.

After other apologies, the Master mentioned the absence of the Guild librarian, Mr. J. R. Faithfull, who had been seriously injured in a tragic road accident on Whit Monday, which had resulted in the death of another of our dearly loved and most promising young members, Miss Caroline Vibert. Canon Felstead said that he understood that Mr. Faithfull was making good progress in the South Hants Hospital, Southampton. The meeting then stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect for ten members who had died during the last 12 months.

The minutes of the 1964 annual general meeting were read by the general secretary. There were no matters arising. The treasurer's report, read by Mr. Bailey, showed the Guild finances to be in a sound state, although he pointed out that a triennial report was due next year and that this would consume a substantial proportion of the reserves. Mr. D. T. Matkin presented his usual very comprehensive report as peal recorder. This showed the Guild to have been quite active during 1964, 99 peals having been rung by 232 ringers in 57 towers. Thirty-seven had rung and three conducted their first peal. Mr. Geoffrey K. Dodd was both leading ringer and conductor.

PEAL FEES

Mr. Matkin said that he had had difficulty in collecting booking fees for three peals, two of which had been rung under the leadership of Mr. R. F. Diserens. Mr. Diserens had written expressing his objections to paying peal fees as a matter of principle. The Master asked the meeting how they felt about visiting bands ringing peals for other Associations or non-Associations. After some discussion, Mr. C. H. Kippin said that he would suggest that Mr. Matkin reply to Mr. Diserens to the effect that "he should follow the dictates of his own conscience, having regard to the etiquette of peal ringing." This was approved. Mr. Matkin was applauded for his report.

In the absence of the librarian, his report was read by the secretary; this indicated that the books and handbells were in good order. Mr. J. Hartless presented the report of the Central Council representatives, highlighting some of the features of the 1965 Central Council meeting.

There was a motion on the agenda in the names of Messrs. J. Hartless and M. J. Thomas "That a sub-committee be formed to look into the possible need for reorganisation of District boundaries." Mr. Hartless explained that in the Southampton District especially it was becoming somewhat embarrassing to have to keep going to the same towers for meetings. He thought that with modern transport facilities there was a case for larger Districts. After considerable discussion, the motion was carried and Messrs. Hartless, Thomas, Jackson and Chapman were appointed to form the sub-committee.

Referring to the 1965 striking competition, the Master stated that a competition would be held although the response to date had not been any better than in previous years. The contest would still be for either six- or eight-bell bands.

NEW GENERAL SECRETARY

For the election of officers, Canon Felstead left the chair, but quickly returned when he was unanimously re-elected. As indicated at the 1964 annual general meeting, Mr. Savory did not wish to stand for re-election; the Master paid tribute to his service over the past six years, and this was greeted by applause from the meeting. Mr. D. J. Forder was elected to the position of general secretary. All the other officers, treasurer Mrs. M. Chapman, peal recorder Mr. D. T. Matkin, auditor Mr. L. Bailey, librarian Mr. J. R. Faithfull and Central Council representatives Messrs. A. V. Davis, J. Hartless, R. R. Savory and Canon Felstead were all re-elected for a further three-year period.

The date of the next meeting was agreed as July 2nd, 1966, and the venue Alton.

The service, which followed in the Priory, was conducted by the Vicar of Christchurch, the Rev. Leslie H. Yorke; the preacher was the Rev. F. F. Rigby, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, whose address has been published in "The Ringing World."

On returning to the Church Hall we were confronted by a magnificent tea which had been prepared by the ladies of the Christchurch District, at which we were joined by the Vicar and the Rev. F. F. Rigby.

After votes of thanks a film show, organised by Mr. Davis, was given in the Priory School. This included the Canadian "Ringers Required," a short film made by a local club, of ringing at Fordingbridge, featuring Ron Marlow in the star role, and "The Tower of Washington," a very well produced film which we would recommend as being well worth seeing by all ringers. D. J. F.

KING'S SCHOOL, WORCESTER

Ten members of the King's School Society had their annual outing on July 20th. Their first tower, Croome d'Abitot, added distinction to members' lists, as it is given as unringable in "Dove's." The six bells went fairly well and ringing ranged from Cambridge Minor to rounds. The six at Elington are unique in being the only complete ring cast by Sanders of Bromsgrove remaining. Other towers included Bredon's Norton, Beckford and Hinton-on-the-Green. At the last tower, with the arrival of Mr. Newman, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Paul Cattermole was the organiser. He, incumbents, tower captains and the coach driver are thanked. M. J. R.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Chesterfield District

Over 30 members and friends—representing 10 towers—were present at the July meeting of the Chesterfield District held at Old Whittington. Ringing in a wide variety of methods was followed by an excellent tea prepared by the wives and friends of the local company.

The business meeting began with a welcome from the Rector (the Rev. J. K. Robinson), who kindly agreed to act as chairman. Miss E. Coleman, of the local band, was elected a new member. The forthcoming District outing is now to be held a week later than expected—on September 18th—the venue being the Beverley district of Yorkshire.

In proposing the vote of thanks to the Rector and local company, Mr. F. A. Adams (a vice-president) spoke warmly of the welcome that was always extended to visitors at Old Whittington. The meeting ended with a 360 of Bob Minor rung "in hand" by G. Goodall 1-2, L. Goodall 3-4 and C. Hughes 5-6, after which further ringing was enjoyed following a short break for Compline.

Next meeting: August 14th (joint with Peak District). Special methods: Gainsborough Little Bob and Ashbourne College Bob.

M. P. P.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS

Visitors from Melton Mowbray (Leics) and Chorlton (Lancs) were welcomed by Mrs. D. E. Hood, the chairman, at the meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch at Bovey Tracey on July 24th, when ringing consisted of touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.

Messrs. R. H. Cook and Bernard Moss and Miss Pauline Taylor were elected non-resident members, Miss Edith Holman, of Boston, U.S.A., an honorary member, and Mrs. Dunn, of Teignmouth, a performing member. A certificate was presented to Mr. Martin Dodd, also of Teignmouth.

The Rev. D. E. Hood, of Teignmouth, conducted the service, with Mr. Weeks acting as organist.

Next meeting: Joint with South Devon Association at Torquay, September 4th, and Buckfast Abbey, September 18th (subject to usual arrangements).

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Northern Branch Discuss Division

At the meeting of the Northern Branch at Paston and Knapton on July 17th, the Rev. W. F. P. Kelly asked the meeting again to consider the division of the Branch into two parts. He contended that it would be beneficial if reorganised, as it was too big.

The president (Mr. N. P. Golden) explained that from 1877 to 1928 the Branch was in two parts, but was then reorganised into one after finding it did not work as two small units. After much discussion, voting was against a division being submitted to the Branch annual general meeting.

The Rev. W. F. P. Kelly said he would try to organise practice meetings in the District; he regarded them as essential if they were to get all towers, where it was possible, ringing for Sunday service. Mr. G. H. Pullin was elected a member.

The president thanked the Rev. H. A. A. Thur for the use of the bells, and Mr. Kelly for conducting the service. The collection for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to £1 3s. 6d.

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Letters to the Editor

OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY?

Dear Sir,—It is very rare indeed that I am moved to comment on the administration of any Association other than my own, but the pompous hypocrisy of some of the statements in "The Ringing World" of July 16th relating to the workings of the Oxford Diocesan Guild have driven me to put pen to paper.

It appears that the general feeling at the Oxford Diocesan Guild annual meeting was that they had become tired of setting a good example to the rest of the Exercise and that they should stop making their annual donation of £40 to "The Ringing World" because no other Guild had followed suit.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild must be unique in the country in having close on £4,000 in its bank account. With interest rates at more than three per cent., the full extent of the sacrifice made by this Guild must be less than one-third of the money they earn in interest, i.e. it is no sacrifice at all (albeit that it is very welcome to "The Ringing World"). If my Association were to match this example on this basis our payment to "The Ringing World" would be 10s. But then my Association does not wring 10s. out of every non-resident member to swell its funds and subsidise the subscriptions of the residents, nor does it begrudge itself an annual report, neither does it have "secret sources of (unearned) income."

If the Oxford Diocesan Guild wishes to set an example to the rest of the Exercise as a philanthropic association, then let its members put their hands in their own pockets and not in those of non-residents, and not rely on money earned as interest.

I usually enjoy the articles written by W. G. W., but I completely fail to see the logic of the recent leading article. After extolling the democratic way the elections of the Oxford Diocesan Guild were carried out, in which Mr. A. D. Barker was unfortunate not to be re-elected a member of the Central Council, he goes on to suggest that the Central Council should nullify this democratic act by electing Mr. Barker an honorary member.

I earnestly hope that no Central Council member will follow this suggestion. The choice of embarrassing Mr. Barker by rejecting him yet again or, alternatively, of upsetting the 1,900 members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild who no longer want him as their representative, is best avoided.—Yours faithfully,
G. A. HALLS.

Derby.

FIVE SATISFIED YEARS

Dear Sir,—With regard to the recent criticism of the delays and damage to "The Ringing World" when received through the post, I would just like to point out that since I became a postal subscriber some five years ago I have invariably received my copy on Thursday or at the latest Friday, and have never yet had one damaged. In fact this week, far from being late, my copy came by the second post on the Wednesday!

In view of this and both the increased profit and the Editor's assurance to replace free of charge any copies that may be damaged, is it not time we forsook the newsagents and wholeheartedly became postal subscribers?—Yours sincerely,
MALCOLM PHIPPS.

Chesterfield.

SURPRISE OVER LAVENHAM TENOR

Dear Sir,—On Saturday, August 28th, at 2.30 p.m., a rededication takes place in one of the best known towers in England. Scarcely a ringer has not either visited or seen photographs of Lavenham, often described as one of our very finest churches.

Equally notable is the ring of eight hung in the impressive tower, and every care has been taken in this renovation to retain the character of these bells. They have been rehung with all new fittings in a metal frame, two of the bells slightly retuned and provision made for the addition of two or four trebles. The work has been done by John Taylor and Co.

Whilst at the foundry something quite remarkable was discovered. The tenor (1625) has always been known as 23 cwt., already an uncommonly light weight for the note of D flat—"she" is in fact only just over 21 cwt., some 12 to 15 cwt. lighter possibly than a D flat bell today.

The Suffolk Guild has looked forward to this dedication for many months now, and we hope that as great a number of ringers as possible from our own county and beyond will come to Lavenham on August 28th. A particular welcome is extended to visitors.—Yours truly,
GEORGE W. PIPE.

P.S.—Talking of 21 cwt. in D flat reminds me of a dictum that used to be made by one of our grand old Suffolk worthies, Garnham A. Blaxcell. He used to say "You can't get a big note out of a little bell—yer gotta hev the wayte!" Obviously the exceptional thinness of Lavenham tenor has contributed to this exception.—G. W. P.

FIRST OUTING AT GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

Dear Sir,—Under the heading "Wrington at Guildford" in a recent issue, there is a statement which is not true for, on June 26th, the Apsley ringers had their outing and were privileged to ring on the Cathedral bells at Guildford, permission also having been given prior to the dedication.

Further, we rang the bells backwards for, as we were told, a recording to be made for the B.B.C. archives. I wonder if they will be used in times of disaster as were the bells of Sutton in the 1947 flood scenes during the B.B.C.1 broadcast on July 20th.

When the inside acoustics are properly dealt with, ringing at the Cathedral will be a delight.—Yours faithfully,
Hemel Hempstead. WALTER AYRE.

WOLVERHAMPTON TENOR

Dear Sir,—With regard to Mr. Julian Litten's letter concerning Wolverhampton tenor (page 512) I would like to say that if Mr. Litten's musical knowledge extended far enough, he would know that a single bell does not have a key, only a note, it is the actual ring which has the "key." Also, the note of this tenor is given in "Dove" and also on the board in the belfry as C sharp. Also, I do not know whether Mr. Litten knew that D flat as a note is exactly the same as C sharp.

Another point. In the peal rung by "the St. Peter's tower resident band" only two of the people taking part were actual members of the St. Peter's band.

Perhaps Mr. Litten was misinformed.—Yours faithfully,
PHILIP R. JOHNSON.

Codsall, Staffs.

OBITUARY

MR. CYRIL NORMINGTON

The name of John Cyril Normington will mean little to the younger generation, as he had done no active ringing since about 1930, but his passing, on July 18th, merits more than a passing thought.

He was one of the band who gathered around J. T. White, of Felkirk, at the end of the second decade of this century when first attempts were made at change ringing, and was a member of the first local band ever to ring a 720.

Coincidentally we were only talking about him on the day he died, although we did not even know he was ill. How he gathered around him a bunch of boys and taught them how to handle both tower bells and handbells; tune ringing and change ringing; how he used to take his cassock and surplice into the belfry and dash down the steps to join the choir as it went up the aisle; how for many years he was organist at Archbishop Holgate Hospital; how he taught himself to play the 'cello and the violin; how he went into the woods at midnight with his 'cello to woo the nightingale into song; how we used to travel with him all over the countryside with a bag of handbells and a case of music; how he used to be at one time president of the Barnsley and District Society. What a character he was.

He introduced many ringers to the art, including Dan Smith, Arnold Cole, myself and many others. He was 75 when he died and was interred at Brierley in the Parish of Felkirk.
H. C.

FORMER LORD ABBOT OF BUCKFAST

The death took place at Buckfast Abbey, Devon, on July 18th, of the Rev. Father Bruno Fehrenbacher, who was appointed Lord Abbot of Buckfast in 1939 and who resigned in 1956 owing to indifferent health. After his resignation he acted as assistant chaplain to the Benedictine Nuns at Stanbrook, near Worcester. He had a serious operation in a Birmingham hospital about 12 months ago but was able to return to Buckfast some time before Christmas last year.

The funeral took place at the Abbey on the morning of July 22nd and, prior to the service, the Community ringers, with Mr. A. L. Bennett on the treble, rang the minor eight half-muffled, as is their usual custom on the death of a member of the Community.

MR. GEORGE BALLS

In the passing of Mr. George Balls at the age of 85 in Notley Hospital, Wormingford Church has lost a true and faithful servant. His ringing began in 1919, when the three old bells were rehung and three new bells added. It was a red letter day for him when he took part in the first peal on the bells. George was for some years a member of the Essex Association, also a chorister and member of the Church Council for half a century.

In 1963 he was the recipient of the Queen's Maundy money in Chelmsford Cathedral and celebrated his diamond wedding last year. His body was laid to rest on July 23rd, when a quarter peal of Bob Doubles was rung half-muffled on the bells he loved, by D. Culham 1, B. Lord 2, J. Avis 3, M. Warren 4, E. Leggett (conductor) 5, R. Perkins 6.

Well done, thou good and faithful servant.
E. L.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

SEE BACK PAGE

STEDMAN TRIPLES—Its Construction and Calling

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

(Continued from page 513)

5. OBSERVATION BELL AFFECTED BY CALLS EXTENDED TOUCHES

It remains to deal with touches in which an Observation bell is affected by calls, and of these there are two chief kinds. In one type the calling may be learned off for a particular bell: as, for instance, the excellent 252 which, called by the Treble, reads: "Call Treble Out Quick, Once Right (6-7 up). Once Wrong (6-7 down), Make the Bob after Slow." This course to be twice repeated. The Text Books and "The Ringers' Diary" give a number of touches that may be learned in this way.

— 2314567

— 3425167

3456271

4637512

4671325

6124753

6125437

1563274

— 1532674

5217346

— 5273146

— 2351746

2314567

fact that the bobbed pair of bells actually rings one six behind before the bob has to be made, and so the caller has plenty of warning.

Several good touches may be called by this plan and the student will find it valuable practice to write out one or two in full. Here is a good specimen:

"Two bobs on 67, two on 74, two on 46, repeated."

And here is one almost the same:

"Call the 4th to make the bob after slow. Two bobs on 74, two on 46, repeated."

Now these two touches may easily be com-

FINCHINGFIELD OUTING

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Finchingfield ringers as their coach party of 41 passed through the Dartford Tunnel into Kent for their annual outing on July 3rd. Are they the first to ring under the Thames or in the tunnel?

Ringling started on the good eight at Northfleet followed by the musical eight at Swanscombe. The ring of six at Cobham and the unique brasses in the chancel impressed all, but the Gillett and Johnston eight at Wrotham were the bells of the day; surely they are one of the best rings in the county. We had a short stay at Seal Chart (a ring of six) and after tea at Tonbridge tried the light eight at Shoreham. "Terrible," someone told us, but we rather liked them; we noticed that some of the bells were cast in 1635.

Our thanks to all who helped to make the outing a success.

F. R.

bined to make a longer touch, as follows: "Two bobs on 67, two on 74, two on 46; call 4th to make the bob after slow; two bobs on 74, two on 46. Repeat the whole."

This will give a touch of 408, one well known to Stedman conductors, and one that produces music as good as may be obtained in this method.

The above is a good example of the splicing of two touches to make one, and this is a device often adopted when a conductor wishes to improvise a touch or lengthen one. The general principle is a simple one. Consider the calling shown here. It is a touch of two courses obtained by bobs at 3.4 repeated. In the second course the bells re-enter the Plain Course at the Point A. Being now in the Plain Course we are in exactly the same position as if we had started from rounds and called no bobs at all. We could therefore, if we wished, start, as it were, a new touch from this Plain Course. Suppose, for instance, that we now called bobs at 12.13 (7th in and out Quick), and repeated this; we should find that we had returned to the Plain Course again just as the 7th left the Quick, and the result would be that we had added a course to our original touch, making three courses instead of two.

2314567

3426175

3467251

— 4732651 A

7645213

7651432

6173524

6132745

1264357

1245673

2517436

2573164

5326741

5364217

again just as the 7th left the Quick, and the result would be that we had added a course to our original touch, making three courses instead of two.

Again, consider the short touch of 75 changes shown here. It is very simple to call, especially from the Treble. It runs thus:

Call Treble:

Once in 6-7 up.

Once in 6-7 up with a Single. (Treble lies in 7ths.)

75

2314567

3426175

3467251

— 4732651

4725316

7541263

7516432

5673124 A

5632741

S 6257314

6771543

2164735

2143657

The bells run round at handstroke the change after 2143657.

Now let us see how this touch can be extended. We know that if we call a bell In and Out Quick TWICE we shall return to where we started from. Having, therefore, called the first bob in this little touch, let us call the Treble In and Out Quick, repeated. We shall then be switched out of the original

touch for a short time, but as soon as we call the Treble Out Quick for the second time we shall find ourselves back in the original touch at the row 5673124 (the point marked A), and from here we carry on to call the Single and to bring the bells round at hand. We have added a whole course to the touch making it 157 changes instead of 73.

The student should prick out the whole of this touch, for by doing so he will gain more knowledge than can be conveyed by many

lines of print; and the really earnest seeker will find much amusement and profit in finding at what places other courses can be spliced into this useful little touch.

There is another useful touch of 117, shown here by the six-ends at which calls are made. The plan is simple. A single is called at 1 (the 7th making 7ths place); then the 7th is

called once in 6-7 up. The bells run round at handstroke the row after 2143657. There are several ways in which this touch could be extended.

Suppose, after the bob has been called, that we call the 7th In Slow and First Whole Turn Repeated. We shall eventually return to the point B, having added a course to our touch. If we wish to add two courses we may call the 7th In Slow, twice repeated. This will also return us to our original touch the six before B, and from here the bells may run home.

Experiment with pencil and paper will show almost infinite possibilities in this matter of splicing one touch into another; and with practice the conductor will find it reasonably easy to improvise in the tower and to lengthen his touches to suit the time he has available.

Two points must however, be kept in mind. The first is that this process will not

necessarily produce the most musical touches (though some experimental work will show how this important matter may receive consideration); the second is that we cannot always be sure of the truth of the changes. Truth is a traditional feature of change ringing, and it is desirable, especially in the composing of specific touches, that the composer should have some knowledge of the principles of proof.

(To be concluded)

CORRECTION

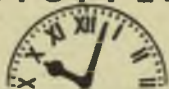
In column 1 on page 482 the examples of the changes on three bells are both incorrectly printed. They should read:

123	123
213	132
231	312
A 321	B 321
312	231
132	213
123	123

E. C. S

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Smith 1, A. D. Fellows 2, P. J. Brown 3, M. J. Fellows 4, D. H. Watson 5, J. Warr 6, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 7, R. Smith 8. For Parish Communion, and in memoriam John Lloyd, of Brierley Hill.

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Bell Ringing in Schools To-day: Points from Mr. King's Thesis

DEPOSITED with the Central Council library is a thesis of 15,000 words written by Mr. M. King, of Wentworth, during his final year at a teacher-training college at York on bellringing in the schools today. His first probe into the subject took place during the summer vacation of 1963 and the thesis was handed to his education tutor just before Easter, 1964. When returned, the comment was: "The only thing that was missing was a real bell!"

As a basis to work on Mr. King delved into back numbers of "The Ringing World" and had collected information about seven or eight schools, particularly Gnosall Primary School. The search proper began in September, 1963. First of all he wrote to the headmaster asking him to contact the master in charge of bellringers. To this member of the staff such questions were addressed as: "How old is your Society?" "Does it have regular tower bell practice?" "Do you ring tunes on your handbells?" A number of masters and scholars replied and some provided names of more schools. In this direction Mr. and Mrs. H. Poyner and Mr. J. L. Queen were most helpful.

A letter to "The Ringing World" in November, 1963, produced three replies. Mr. T. Ogden, of Shaw, Oldham, sent useful information about schools which he had visited during his sales travels and through this means contact was made with the Roman Catholic Abbey School at Ampleforth, near Helmsley, Yorks. Before the end of June, 1964, he had paid four visits to this school and also visited Robin Brown at Leeds and the youngsters of Bishopthorpe, near York.

Mr. King estimates that if every word submitted was written in the thesis it would have exceeded 35,000 words: in this respect Shebbear College Society, Devon, was most energetic. In the introduction he dealt with the history of bells—both tower bells and handbells—and their uses in schools. He stressed that bellringing was but a minor school activity and the percentage of young people who learn to ring tower bells to change ringing level was less than one per cent. of those under 18.

All types of school were written about from Primary to Public and two or more schools outside England and Wales where there are ringing societies. Three English towers were given as examples of where school age ringers "man" the bells, and without their perseverance these bells would be silent.

The thesis was typed by Mrs. Ron Plant, wife of the leader of the ringers at Bradfield, Yorks. Photographs and music sheets were in the file handed to the education tutor.

SCHOOLS COVERED—PRIMARY

1.—Bishopthorpe Primary, York. No shortage of volunteers; an odd set of 18 handbells; tunes rung from musical notation in combination with voice singing and other musical instruments. Mr. Clementson (headmaster, 1933) had a team which produced excellent results.

2.—Boxgrove Primary School, Abbey Wood Estate, London, S.E. School went "bell-mad" for quite a time.

3.—Gnosall Primary, Staffs. Mrs. Marion Key's use of handbells in the children's lessons have been most successful and the senior group has appeared on television. She has 17 bells, and with each child taking one bell they progress from tonic sol-fa to complicated musical notation harmony.

4.—Carr Hill Primary School, Retford, Notts. Mrs. Harry Poyner has been at a number of primary schools and always gets a team of youngsters ringing handbells. She hopes at Retford that her children will eventually progress to tower bell ringing. She has also been at Nettleham, Lincs: Syston, Leics: and Park College, Wellington, Somerset.



STARTING YOUNG. — Children aged between five and six years at Blackbird Leys Infants' School, Oxford, being taught handbell ringing by Mrs. Badger. There are two groups of six children learning and they are now capable of ringing call changes; it is to be hoped that they will soon be competent to learn change ringing. Are these children of the earliest age to start ringing on handbells? Inquires Mr. Harry Badger.

5.—All Saints' C. of E., Rochdale, Lancs. Mr. J. Taylor, caretaker of this school until it closed in August, 1963, took charge of a team of seniors and taught them tunes from his own notation system. His team no longer exists as Mr. Taylor is not at the new school and the three octaves he had were his own.

6.—C. of E. Junior, Shepshed, Leics. Only occasionally are handbells used at this school, usually at Christmas time.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

1.—Abingdon Grammar, Berkshire. A school team rings the bells of St. Helen's, Abingdon (10), especially for school services.

2.—Ashton-under-Lyne Grammar, Lancashire. Mr. J. Partington's girls ring a set of 17 handbells from musical notation with sheets supplied by Mr. T. Ogden. Under his guidance his team is assured of a future, especially when their name spreads through ringing outside the boundaries of the school.

3.—The Humphrey Perkins School, Barrow-upon-Soar, Leics. The Society here is well established, being formed in 1951. Tower bell ringing and change ringing on handbells is their chief concern but sometimes the whole set of 28 bells comes in handy for tune ringing, in which the bells are rung four-in-hand. The Society under Mr. B. S. Payne's leadership was 29 strong in October, 1963.

4.—Bangor Street, Blackburn, Lancashire. From the brief reply, I gathered that here is a team of handbell ringers displaying a considerable range of talent.

5.—Queen Elizabeth's Grammar, Blackburn, Lancashire. Mr. J. Parsons has a small number of boys tower bell ringing at Blackburn Cathedral (10). They also ring changes and tunes on handbells from a set of up to 15 handbells. The Society can ring up to Erin Triples if constant practice is achieved.

6.—Bradfield Secondary Modern, Yorkshire. Members of the staff and parents, with scholars, help to ring at St. Nicholas', Bradfield, and organise the ringing for the now annual carol service.

7.—Pate's Girls' G.S., Cheltenham, Gloucs. As they only had a set of handbells "on loan" up to December, 1963, this team may now be defunct.

8.—Cirencester G.S., Gloucs. In past years this was a very active School Society, visiting neighbouring towers. There are hopes of a revival.

9.—Cowbridge G.S., Glamorgan, Wales. Mr. I. Davies is in charge of the dozen or so boys who are boarders and who ring at Cowbridge Parish Church on Sundays. They also visit other towers and are members of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

10.—Ecclesfield G.S., near Sheffield, Yorkshire. Begun in 1933, with staff helping, and using an old set which once belonged to the Ecclesfield village team, they carried on until 1954. Since 1953, partly under the influence of Michael Meadows, Paul Thompson and myself, the tune-ringing team got going again, with little staff assistance. Now a handbell team is a regular feature of school concerts, although outside functions haven't been kept up. Ten ringers handle about 70 bells. If there are enough tower bell ringers in the school they ring St. Mary's, Ecclesfield, bells before and after the school's two annual carol services.

11.—Edmonton County G.S., Middlesex. The school's magazines of 1962 and 1963 show a spirited company of school ringers who ring at Edmonton and Enfield Parish Churches as well as doing some change ringing on handbells.

12.—Hampton's G.S., Middlesex. Mr. P. A. Brand's team ring Hampton's bells as well as changes on handbells: some of them are able to ring quarter peals.

13.—Leeds Central High, Yorkshire. Mr. Robin Brown has six handbells which he uses for change ringing purposes only. In 1963 he and two other boys could ring up to a 180 of Plain Bob Minor.

14.—New Parks Secondary Modern, Leicester. Nine boys, ringing four-in-hand and tunes from a number system, can ring up to excerpts from Stravinsky's "Symphony of Psalms." Together with other schools, they have joined in with combined school handbell meetings. Tower bell ringers ring at Sileby (8).

15.—Wyggeston Boys' G.S., Leics. Founded back in 1946, a very strong Society flourished in the mid-fifties. "Silent" in 1961-62 school year, they have since got going again. Change ringing (quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles in 1962) was revived as well as four-in-hand tune-ringing on the school's set of 23 handbells.

16.—Kettering High School for Girls, Northants. Twenty-nine handbells keep the Society's members busy with tune ringing. Firmly based, the Society's future looks safe for some time to come with 26 recruits alone in 1963.

17.—Retford Boys' G.S., Notts. Mr. Harry Poyner started a change ringing team here. With 13 handbells, they set about ringing Bob Minor and in less than a year a full peal in the method had been scored by Mr. Poyner and two of the boys. With Mr. Poyner at the helm, this Society should have a worthwhile future.

(To be continued)

ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF MINOR METHODS

Compiled by H. CHANT

(Continued from page 499)

"O"

OCKLEY TREBLE BOB

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 16.34 x 12.5. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931. Also called
Trowell.

OFFLEY SURPRISE

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 123 x 14 x 5. 2nds 64523.
Single change method.

OLD BUMPER

See Royal Bob.

OLD OXFORD DELIGHT

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 5. 2nds 42635.
Also called **Old Oxford (Modernised)**.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.

OLD OXFORD (MODERNISED)

See **Old Oxford Delight**. cf. **Old Oxford Treble Bob**.

OLD OXFORD TREBLE BOB

See **Woodbine**. In Annable's notebook.
The method from which, presumably, the
"modernised" version is derived by
altering the position of the places at the
half-lead and lead-end.

OLNEY ALLIANCE

x 16 x 16.34 x 34.5. 2nds 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

OMDURMAN

x 56 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 1. 6ths 65243.
William Woodcock.

ORIGINAL

Given in C.C. Collection, 1907, thus:
123456

214365

241635

etc.

together with Bobs and Singles and de-
scribed as a **Principle**. **Reverse** (called
Original Backwards in C.C. Collection.
1931), is also given, without figures, al-
though these are supplied for Bobs and
Singles.

ORSETT SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 123 x 12 x 5. 2nds 42563.
Single change method.

OSSETT DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 1. 2nds 36245.
Also called **Rose of England**.

OSWALD DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 5. 6ths 35264.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.
In "Bell News," June 15th, 1907, by
C. Sharples.

OVERTON ALLIANCE

x 14 x 36.12 x 12.3. 2nds 42563.

OVERTON TREBLE BOB

See **Capel Treble Bob**.

OXFORD BOB

x 14 x 16 x 1. 2nds 56342.
Oxford Single Bob in "Campanologia,"
1677 and 1702, also in Shipway's book.
Oxford Single in Annable's notebook.
Sometimes referred to as **Single Oxford**.
Simply **Oxford** in C.C. Collection, 1907.

OXFORD DELIGHT

See **Merchant's Return**.

OXFORD DOUBLE BOB

See **Double Oxford**.

OXFORD REVERSED

See **Navigation Bob**.

OXFORD RIDDLE (I)

x 14 x 16 x 56 x 36 x 16 x. 2nds 34562.
"Campanologia," 1677. Asymmetrical.
Also called **The Hermaphrodite**.

OXFORD RIDDLE (II)

In Annable's notebook; see **St. Asaph's**.

OXFORD (SINGLE) BOB

See **Oxford Bob**.

OXFORD SURPRISE

x 36 x 14.36 x 14.36 x 14 x 5. 2nds 42635.
In Annable's notebook. Rendered false
by path of treble.

OXFORD TREBLE BOB

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 1. 6ths 42635.
First published in "Campanologia," 1677,
and described as **Oxford Triple Bob the
Second Way**. This in contradistinction to
Oxford Triple Bob (Woodbine). In
Annable's notebook it was simply **Treble
Bob**. Was named correctly in C.C. Col-
lection, 1907.

OXFORD TRIPLE BOB

See **Woodbine**.

OYSTERMOUTH DELIGHT

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(To be continued)

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Southern District

Ringers converged on Leigh, near Reigate,
for the quarterly meeting of the Southern Dis-
trict on July 17th. This tuneful six were rung
to a variety of methods including Plain Bob
Doubles for the young ringers of Leigh.

The service was conducted by the Vicar,
Canon Crockford, and at his kind invitation
tea was served in the Vicarage gardens. At
the business meeting, under the chairmanship
of the Association's Master, Mr. F. E.
Collins, one new member, Mr. D. Robinson
(Leigh), was elected. Topics under discussion
included the holding of a combined young
ringers' practice once a month at Reigate and
the proposed joint meeting with the Kent
County Association, possibly in early Novem-
ber, at either Edenbridge or Westerham.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar
the young members of the Leigh band who
provided the sumptuous tea, and to Mr. C.
Dalton, whose hard work had made Leigh bells
a joy to ring. C. H. C.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The meeting on July 17th was held at
Kimpton. Afternoon ringing ranged from
rounds to Sliced Minor. Graham Sillis from
South Mymms, played the organ during the
service and a new member at the service was
an extremely well-behaved dog!

The Rev. K. Martin took the chair for the
meeting, which followed tea. It was announced
that the Ladies' Guild had requested to join
the meeting between the St. Albans District and
the N. and E. Middlesex Association at North
and South Mymms on August 21st. Names for
the District outing to Guildford and Chessington
on September 18th were required by the
secretary by August 21st. The car rally had
been arranged for October 2nd. After discus-
sion, it was decided to continue the ar-
rangements for the District dinner on Decem-
ber 4th. Members were reminded of the
Kimpton Cup on September 25th.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. K.
Martin, to the local ladies for an enjoyable
tea and to the organist. Evening ringing and
handbells followed. J. A. F.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

With the peal at Babworth, Notts, on July
24th, Geoffrey Pick became the first ringer
trained at the tower to ring a peal.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have prom-
ised to have the 12 bells of St. Peter Man-
croft ringing again by Christmas.

A welcome was extended to Mr. B. Gogle
at the meeting of the Northern District of the
Norwich Diocesan Association at being able
to drive himself again after an operation
on one of his eyes.

Mr. Richard Hough, a former Master of
Cambridge University Society, has started
teaching a band of ringers at St. Mary's,
Huntingdon, where there has not been a band
for 18 years.

The peal of Doubles for the Shropshire As-
sociation on Saturday, June 5th ("Ringing
World," page 438) was the Association's 500th
peal. It was also the most methods (15) to
a peal for the Association.

Mr. Gerald Moorhouse, of Cheadle Hulme,
Cheshire, made a welcome reappearance to
peal ringing with a peal of Bob Major "in
hand" at Marple. His last peal was Oxford
Treble Bob Royal "in hand" almost 35 years
ago.

It seems that the jinx referred to in the
recent note in "Belfry Gossip" about the
Bolsover outing was still present in the report
itself, as the last tower was Cookley and not
Castor, which is in Northants—nearly 100
miles away—and was in fact visited on last
year's outing!

Southampton ringers rang a peal of Rut-
land Surprise Major on July 17th in honour
of the silver wedding of Canon K. W. H.
Felstead and Mrs. Felstead. A wide circle
of friends will extend congratulations, es-
pecially those who have benefited from the
Canon's wide research into peals.

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COMPLETES HIS 100 PEALS AT 16

With a peal of London Royal at Maidstone, on June 19th, Andrew J. Corby, of Sevenoaks, completed his 100 peals. Surely few ringers have, at the age of 16, been able to show such a varied and impressive list.

Having rung his first, Plain Bob Major, at Sevenoaks on June 3rd, 1961, at the age of 12, this 100 has taken just four years to complete.

With a peal total standing at only nine, an opportunity to ring the first of Maximus came in April, 1962, when a band met one short at Canterbury. Andrew was called upon to stand in at the last minute, ringing the treble to Yorkshire.

His first of Royal was Cambridge, rung at Cudham on July 21st, 1962, and of Spliced Surprise Major "inside," all the work four rung at Withyham on March 2nd, 1963, having now reached the mature age of 14.

Andrew's 50th peal was his first as conductor, calling Middleton's Cambridge from the fourth at Edenbridge on March 14th, 1964, with sister Judith ringing her first peal on the second. Hence brother and sister had rung their first peal together in the same tower as their parents did in 1945.

The best achievement to date was to come on May 14th of this year, with the calling of A. J. Pitman's peal of four spliced "all the work" from the seventh, at Fairwarp. Although there were other conductors in the band who have called this composition, the writer can vouch that they gave no assistance whatever to Andrew during that peal, who can justly claim to be the youngest ringer to call this composition.

C. A. T.

"ALL HANDS ON DECK"

The party of ringers from Prittlewell, Brentwood and King's Langley who have just enjoyed an adventurous week cruising on the River Severn and the River Avon would like to thank Mike Hallett for arranging the week. All the 18 towers he planned were well worth a visit, particularly Pershore, Dursley, Bredon's Norton and All Saints', Worcester.

We would like to record that we bear him no malice for hiring the two oldest and leakiest boats available! Now we are all proficient at getting through locks, towing other boats, running aground, repairing engines and stopping leaks. Our only complaint is that we would have liked another week.

One serious note: If any other ringers are contemplating this sort of holiday on the River Severn, we are unable to recommend Bathurst's Yacht Co., Ltd., for hiring boats.

J. E. N.

MADE RINGABLE

The four bells at Grove, near Retford, are now ringable, after a visit of the King Edward VI Grammar School Campanological Society. The Magna Carta holiday was chosen for the task. Twenty sacks full of twigs were thrown from the parapet. The bells are by J. Taylor, 1872, and the tenor has a diameter of 27 inches and an estimated weight of four cwt.

COWBRIDGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY

The Cowbridge Grammar School Society of Change Ringers, which was inaugurated in April, held its first annual general meeting at the school on July 5th.

A constitution was agreed on after careful discussion. Among its provisions are that membership is open to past and present members of the school who are also members, whether resident or non-resident, of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association; and that the Society's object is "to carry out and promote change ringing of good standard on Sundays and on other occasions, and in general to further the Exercise within the framework of school, tower and Association activities."

Christopher Ricketts was elected Ringing Master for 1965-66 in succession to Ellis N. Thomas. Mr. Iolo Davies remains hon. secretary-treasurer. Mr. W. J. Lewis Groom was elected an honorary member. He has taken part in several peals in the past with ringers from the school, including the "record number of methods for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association" peal of Doubles in 46 methods/variations at St. Bride's Major in 1964.

Two peals have been rung for the Society since the annual general meeting, one at St. Athan and one at the "home" tower of Llanblethian (originally St. Bleiddian, now St. John's). Each of these peals was only the second on the bells. At St. Athan, where 14 methods/variations of Doubles were rung in 2 hours 30 minutes, the previous peal was as far back as May 9th, 1925, being Grand sire Doubles, conducted by the late Robert E. Coles. At Llanblethian the previous peal, also of Grand sire Doubles, was rung in 1963, conducted by William T. Petty.

The last-mentioned peal was a farewell to Ellis Thomas, who leaves school with 27 peals in his book, including one of Cambridge Royal. He has done much for ringing in the school and district and will be greatly missed. Our loss will be the gain of the Cambridge University Guild: Ellis will join Gareth Jones at St. John's College next term. Our best wishes go with him

I. D.

ALL TENOR MEN

Wratten Wingers had a good bunch of tenor men in the party this year. There were ten males who participated in the full week of the tour and each of them turned in at least one tenor to a peal. Of the two peals lost out of 16 attempts, both arose from miscalls after over two hours' ringing.

OPEN NIGHTS AT DERBY

Open nights were held in Derby Cathedral belfry on July 18th and July 20th, when the general public were invited to see a demonstration of bellringing, which explained the various stages in training a ringer, from bell handling to change ringing. About 30 visitors attended on the Sunday and about 60 on the Tuesday, writes Mr. G. A. Halls.

A NEW LOOK FOR DORSET TOWER

The south and west sides of St. Peter's tower, Dorchester, are now encased in scaffolding ready for the final stages of the tower repairs to be carried out. The north and east sides have been repaired, including the rebuilding of the north-east buttress, a completely new roof to the tower and the rebuilding of some of the pinnacles, cleaning and replacing defective stone and completely repointing from top to bottom. This time on the south and west sides two pinnacles which are leaning slightly will be repositioned and the stonework from top to bottom will be cleaned and repointed. This will give the whole tower a completely "new look" although there is evidence of the lower part of the tower being built in Norman times.

It is regretted that while repairs are in progress ringing will be restricted and possibly stopped altogether for a week or two to allow the mortar to harden, but the whole job is estimated to take six to eight weeks.

Intending visiting ringers should inquire concerning ringing from the captain and tower keeper, Mr. R. H. Duke, 1, Came View Road, Dorchester. Tel. 158 or Dorchester 1628 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

FLASH BACK

Mr. P. Amos writes: The recent tropical thunderstorms on July 19th and 20th reminded me of two outstanding days in 1934. On April 28th of that year, Cottesmore, Rutland, felt the full force of a tropical storm. Strangely enough it began as the bells were being raised for a peal which lasted three hours and two minutes, and by coincidence the storm ceased as the bells were being lowered immediately afterwards. So fierce was the thunder and lightning that at times the bells could not be heard above the noise of the thunder, and the Vicarage had to be reached for tea afterwards by wading ankle-deep through water.

Then on September 15th that same year a similar storm broke over Northampton within an hour of the writer entering a convalescent hospital close by. Lightning struck the chimneys as well as several newly-built houses in the vicinity. And on that same evening came the news over the radio of the terrible colliery disaster at Gresford, near Wrexham, when 264 men lost their lives and were never got out. That storm, too, lasted all night and rain was like an Asiatic monsoon.

THE WRONG VOWEL

The peal rung at Huphenden reported on page 503 was for the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Society of Raving Ringers. We regret that this was credited to the Roving Ringers. The bride and bridegroom and also Anthony D. Smith and Susan E. Burt are all Raving Ringers, Mr. Howard Oglesby being a former Master.

THE FARMER OBLIGED

Meeting short for a peal attempt of Plain Bob Minor at the remote village of Nemponett Thruwell, Somerset, a frantic search was made for a ringer to complete the band. To the delight of the company, Mr. Stuart Ford, a local farmer, left his work in the fields to come along and ring a very steady tenor to a quarter of Doubles. This was his first ringing for about two years.

THE 1965 SOUTH MIDLANDS PEAL WEEK

Arranged by Cyril A. Wratten

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEDDINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5125 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

Ivor Goulter Treble	Edward R. Venn 5
Peter J. Heritage 2	Cyril A. Wratten 6
Michael W. Coleman 3	Victor Griffin 7
Robert C. Kippin 4	Antony R. Kench Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

KIRTLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sun., July 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Brian Bladon Treble	Michael J. Hobbs 5
Edward R. Venn 2	Victor Griffin 6
Gillian M. Hussey 3	Cyril A. Wratten 7
Antony R. Kench 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by George Freebrey.

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

CHIPPING NORTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Mon., July 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Robert C. Kippin Treble	†Edward R. Venn 5
*Gillian M. Hussey 2	†George T. Cousins 6
Brian Bladon 3	Antony R. Kench 7
Michael J. Hobbs 4	Peter Bridle Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

* First peal of Major in the method. † First in the method.

HOOK NORTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., July 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, being 1,056 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Rutland, and 960 each of Yorkshire and Belgrave; with 68 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

George T. Cousins Treble	Victor Griffin 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	*D. John Hunt 6
Antony R. Kench 3	Robert C. Kippin 7
Cyril A. Wratten 4	Brian Bladon Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* 375th peal. First of 5-spiced as conductor.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LYDNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., July 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes

A PEAL OF 5152 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

*George T. Cousins Treble	*Antony R. Kench 5
††Michael J. Hobbs 2	*Edward R. Venn 6
†Cyril A. Wratten 3	*Peter Bridle 7
†D. John Hunt 4	*Victor Griffin Tenor

29-course block reduced.

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method.

† 100th tower for a peal. First peal in the method on the bells and for the Association.

CAERLEON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Cadoc.

On Wed., July 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 NORTHILL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

Antony R. Kench Treble	Peter Bridle 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Edward R. Venn 6
Brian Bladon 3	D. John Hunt 7
Robert C. Kippin 4	Cyril A. Wratten Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

USK, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., July 14, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, being 1,120 London, 1,088 Superlative, and 1,024 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Pudsey; with 107 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

D. John Hunt Treble	Robert C. Kippin 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Peter Bridle 6
Michael J. Hobbs 3	Edward R. Venn 7
Cyril A. Wratten 4	Brian Bladon Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

LECKHAMPTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., July 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 HEYTHROP SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. in A flat.

George T. Cousins Treble	Edward R. Venn 5
Antony R. Kench 2	Robert C. Kippin 6
Gillian M. Hussey 3	D. John Hunt 7
*Cyril A. Wratten 4	Michael J. Hobbs Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* 150th peal for the Association.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

NORTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Thurs., July 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Michael J. Hobbs Treble	George T. Cousins 5
Robert C. Kippin 2	Antony R. Kench 6
Brian Bladon 3	Peter Bridle 7
Victor Griffin 4	Edward R. Venn Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BADSEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Fri., July 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 LANGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

George T. Cousins Treble	Cyril A. Wratten 5
Victor Griffin 2	Peter Bridle 6
*Michael J. Hobbs 3	Brian Bladon 7
Antony R. Kench 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* 175th peal. The first peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

NORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Egwin.

On Fri., July 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative; with 11 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

Peter Bridle Treble	Brian Bladon 5
Michael J. Hobbs 2	Edward R. Venn 6
*Robert C. Kippin 3	D. John Hunt 7
Cyril A. Wratten 4	Victor Griffin Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

* 300th peal.

BISHOPSTONE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CHRISTCHURCH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

Gillian M. Hussey Treble	Cyril A. Wratten 5
D. John Hunt 2	*Peter Bridle 6
Brian Bladon 3	Victor Griffin 7
Michael J. Hobbs 4	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* 100th peal of Surprise. The first peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the tenor, on the bells, and for the Association.

In memoriam Frank Skidmore, died July 17th, 1960.

STRATTON ST, MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

Edward R. Venn Treble	Peter J. Heritage 5
E. William Ford 2	Michael J. Hobbs 6
Anthony R. Peake 3	Antony R. Kench 7
Peter Bridle 4	George T. Cousins Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version. Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

Ivor Goulter Treble	*Cyril A. Wratten 6
Brian Bladon 2	*†Victor Griffin 7
Gillian M. Hussey 3	D. John Hunt 8
James R. Taylor 4	John R. Mayne 9
*Eric Sutton 5	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe.

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal of Royal in the method. † 125th peal for the Association. First peal of London Royal in the county.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

HEYWOOD, Lancs.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Thurs., July 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1 Var. of Thurstans' ..	Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.
John P. Partington .. Treble	Ivan Kay .. 5
Edward Jenkins .. 2	Geoffrey S. Mills .. 6
J. Colin Ashworth .. 3	Derek Butterworth .. 7
Cyril Crossthwaite .. 4	Richard S. Starkie .. Tenor

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PITNEY, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John Baptist.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents April Day and 15 extents each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.	Tenor 7 cwt.
Thomas Bryant .. Treble	Mrs. Dorothy Crocker .. 3
Janet Crocker .. 2	Robert Parker .. 4

Francis J. White .. Tenor

Conducted by Francis J. White.

First peal in three methods by all the band. First peal on the bells. Rung for the 21st birthday of the ringer of the fourth.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., May 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version.	Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.
Harold C. Lonyon .. Treble	John Worth .. 6
Derek Yates .. 2	Derek Butterworth .. 7
Basil Jones .. 3	William H. Dowse .. 8
Robert J. Warrilow .. 4	Alan McFall .. 9
C. Kenneth Lewis .. 5	A. Peter Whitehead .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 PRIMROSE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.	
William H. Dowse .. Treble	Alexander J. Martin .. 6
Robert J. Warrilow .. 2	Robert B. Smith .. 7
Derek Yates .. 3	John Worth .. 8
Frank Osbaldiston .. 4	Alan McFall .. 9
C. Kenneth Lewis .. 5	A. Peter Whitehead .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

First peal in the method. Rung with a fourth's place bob.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.	
Gerald Parsons .. Treble	Raymond J. Ballard .. 6
Harold Dowler .. 2	Richard Wharton .. 7
Norman Sherratt .. 3	Barry Corbishley .. 8
Hilary F. Pardoe .. 4	Roy Worrall .. 9
F. Hector Bennett .. 5	Charles A. S. Webb .. Tenor

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis.

Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

First peal as conductor on 10.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Corbishley.

CHELFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Mon., June 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being sixteen 240's and ten 120's.	Tenor 8½ cwt.
Harry Callwood .. Treble	*Brian Schofield .. 4
Harry W. Howard .. 2	*Ernest Pimlott .. 5
Robert Barratt .. 3	David Harradine .. Tenor

Conducted by Ernest Pimlott.

* 100th peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Thurs., July 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings.	Tenor 9 cwt.
*Peter Leach .. Treble	†Robert Iscar .. 4
Lesley Ward .. 2	Frank B. Lufkin .. 5
Neil V. Avis .. 3	Peter G. Pitt .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Pitt.

* First peal. † First of Minor "inside." First as conductor.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob.

On Thurs., July 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

Peter Bridle .. Treble	James R. Taylor .. 5
Richard J. Bowden .. 2	*Michael J. Hobbs .. 6
Alan Tubb .. 3	John C. Slater .. 7
David J. Purnell .. 4	D. John Hunt .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* 100th peal of Surprise Major.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. Malcolm M. Widdecombe and Miss A. M. Jones.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Mon. July 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, and 832, each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative; with 127 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb in D.

Edgar R. Rapley .. Treble	*Douglas A. R. May .. 5
C. Martin Press .. 2	Robert C. Kippin .. 6
*Stanley G. Ponting .. 3	Derek E. Sibson .. 7
*Tom Page .. 4	W. Leslie Weller .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal of six-Spliced.

In memoriam William T. Beeson.

EWELL, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

(The "Cannon" peal). Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

*Martin Morris .. Treble	Peter J. Munday .. 5
Richard E. Fentiman .. 2	Dennis J. F. Oakshott .. 6
†Sally Parrott .. 3	John C. Davidge .. 7
†Kevin Taber .. 4	David J. Herschell .. Tenor

Composed by Frank C. W. Knight.

Conducted by David J. Herschell.

* First peal. † First of Major "inside." ‡ First of Major.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WATFORD, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., July 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

Richard G. Bell .. Treble	*Walter G. Paul .. 6
*Raymond G. Smith .. 2	†Leonard J. North .. 7
Vernon Green .. 3	*Bernard E. Matthews .. 8
†Thomas H. Norris .. 4	George W. Debenham .. 9
†R. David Bell .. 5	Geoffrey W. Seaman .. Tenor

Composed by David E. Parsons (No. 5).

Conducted by George W. Debenham.

* First peal of Caters in the method. † First on ten bells.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Rosemary Downward (daughter of the Vicar) to David Yarham, of Cromer, with the ringers' best wishes.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ORMSKIRK, Lancs.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

Derek Butterworth .. Treble	Richard J. Parker .. 5
Margaret E. Fort .. 2	Jeffrey Kershaw .. 6
J. Colin Ashworth .. 3	Cyril Crossthwaite .. 7
Edward Jenkins .. 4	Tudor P. Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SPALDING, Lincs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicolas.

On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Frank Taylor .. Treble	Bernard B. Tyrrell .. 5
Norman B. Fovargue .. 2	Denis Woods .. 6
*Janet Hubbard .. 3	Edwin T. Chapman .. 7
Derek J. Jones .. 4	Maurice Bennett .. Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden.

Conducted by Edwin T. Chapman.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

Rung to mark the dedication and opening of the new Church Hall the previous evening.

BIGBY, Lincs.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., July 19, 1965, in 2 Hours 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*Audrey Bains .. Treble	*Maurice Lings .. 4
*William Bains .. 2	Harold Judd .. 5
Melvyn Rose .. 3	John Hall .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Banks James.

Conducted by John Hall.

* First peal of Surprise.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
BLEANAVON, Mon.—At the Church of St. Peter.
 On Sat. July 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.
 Donald G. Clift Treble Reuben S. Clench 5
 Donald G. Clarke 2 David Pike 6
 Jacqueline S. King 3 David J. King 7
 David J. Hughes 4 James L. Fitzgerald Tenor
 Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by James L. Fitzgerald.
 First peal as conductor.

(and COWBRIDGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY.)

ST. ATHAN, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Tathan.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 3 methods and 11 variations, being 3 extents in different callings each of St. Simon, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Litchurch, Seighford, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Davids, Little Aston, Dedworth, Wychbold and Grandsire.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*†Paul Morgan Treble Christopher Ricketts 4
 *†Robert MacPherson 2 Ellis N. Thomas 5
 *David Barrington 3 Iolo Davies Tenor

Conducted by Christopher Ricketts.

* Most methods to a peal. † First of Doubles.

First on the bells since 1925, First peal for the Society.

(and COWBRIDGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY.)

LLANBLETHIAN, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John.

On Wed., July 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 2 methods, being 22 extents of Plain Bob in 4 callings, and 20 of Grandsire in 10 callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

Paul Morgan Treble Ellis N. Thomas 4
 Iolo Davies 2 Gareth H. Jones 5
 David Barrington 3 W. J. Lewis Groom Tenor

Plain Bob conducted by tenor, Grandsire by 4.

A farewell peal to the Society's first Ringing Master, Ellis N. Thomas, on leaving school this day.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
 On Tues., July 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 2 extents Plain Bob, and one 240 and 38 extents of Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt.

Graham A. Evans (13) .. Treble Harold Preece 4
 D. R. Lynn Jones 2 William T. Petty 5
 D. Walford Davies 3 *Thomas E. Hiddins .. Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

* Has now "circled the tower."

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
TWICKENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Saturday, July 17, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERES

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

Rosamund M. Rawlings Treble Kenneth J. Darvill 6
 Christopher H. Rogers .. 2 C. Martin Press 7
 Harley Hunter 3 Harold W. Rogers 8
 Olive L. Rogers 4 Alan R. Patterson 9

*Vanessa C. A. Rodrigues 5 *Anne Horsford Tenor

Composed by A. S. Hudson Conducted by C. H. Rogers.

* First peal on ten bells.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM, ST. MARY, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Wed., July 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's variation. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

C. Frank W. Philippo .. Treble Wilfred G. Saunders 5
 William Clover 2 †Robin Churchill 6
 *Frank C. J. Arnold 3 Henry Tooke 7
 David Heighton 4 Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Christopher H. Rogers.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. † First touch of Surprise Major. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

A compliment to Ernest Whiting of the local company on his 79th birthday the previous week.

KING'S LYNN, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sun., July 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

Shelagh R. Collins Treble Kevin S. Hohl 5
 Sidney Marshall 2 Roger D. Bailey 6
 Edward Howes 3 Timothy G. Pett 7
 Keith R. Davey 4 Norman V. Harding .. Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Norman V. Harding.
 Rung for the King's Lynn festival week.

SCOLE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., July 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 4½ cwt.

Harry B. Fuller Treble Albert G. Harrison 4
 Robin R. Churchill 2 †Charles R. Catchpole 5
 *Frank C. J. Arnold 3 C. Frank W. Philippo .. Tenor

Conducted by C. Frank W. Philippo.

* 200th peal for the Association. † 50th peal for the Association.
 Rung by members of the Southern Branch of the Association, being the first peal on the bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 23½ cwt.

Albert Diserens Treble †Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
 John N. Diserens 2 Brian J. Luff 8
 *Frederick R. Scott 3 †David P. Hilling 9
 J. Keith Ward 4 *Frank W. Lewis 10
 †Patricia Diserens 5 Ronald F. Diserens 11
 †Helen M. Diserens 6 Noel J. Diserens Tenor

Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.

* 50th peal together. † First of Yorkshire Maximus.

Mr. G. K. Dodd's 400th peal.

DORCHESTER, Oxfordshire.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Tues., July 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LUTTERWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

D. Kay Adkins Treble Frederick R. Scott 5
 Jennifer Sceeny 2 Edward R. Venn 6
 Anthony D. Sansom 3 J. Keith Ward 7
 William Birmingham 4 Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler (D.8.). Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Tipler, of Lutterworth, to mark their golden wedding anniversary (July 5th).

The first peal in the method on the bells, and by all except the treble and tenor ringers. Keith Ward's 100th tower for a peal.

STANTON HARCOURT, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Mon., July 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

David Floyd Treble Peter G. Holden 4
 *Roy H. Jones 2 D. Kay Adkins 5
 James F. List 3 Bertram J. Coggins Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

* First peal in seven Minor methods.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to David Floyd.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PETERBOROUGH.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Spliced Oxford and Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford and two extents of Plain Bob.

Geoff Davis Treble Bernard Branston 4
 Wendy Daw 2 Roy W. Spencer 5
 Gibert Conlin 3 Raymond Daw Tenor

Conducted by Roy W. Spencer.

The ringer of the thira has "circled the tower."

Rung by a Sunday service band to commemorate the induction of Rev. Philip Canwood to the living of this parish. Tenor 8½ cwt.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
GREETHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 8 methods—(1) Double Bob; (2) Cambridge; (3) Single Oxford; (4) Oxford T.B.; (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's; (6) Kent T.B. and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.
Robert C. Woodward .. Treble .. Roger D. Bailey .. 4
Derek J. Jones .. 2 .. Alan G. Payne .. 5
J. Martin Thorley .. 3 .. E. Alan Jacques .. Tenor
Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HODNET, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.
On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

E. Marion Key .. Treble .. John K. Smith .. 5
Remi M. Hodister .. 2 .. Reginald H. Newton .. 6
Ian Friend .. 3 .. *Richard E. Morris .. 7
Richard J. Warrilow .. 4 .. Barnabas G. Key .. Tenor
Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
NETHERTON DUDLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., June 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 2,880 Yorkshire and 2,208 Lincolnshire with 56 changes of method, and all the work of both methods for every bell.
Pittsow's. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.
Philip R. Johnson .. Treble .. *Maurice G. Ingram .. 5
James Insley .. 2 .. *Paul McEvilly .. 6
J. William V. Conduct .. 3 .. †Philip G. K. Davies .. 7
Michael W. Fairey .. 4 .. Edward W. Colley .. Tenor
Composed and Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † 100th peal of Surprise.
Believed to be the first peal rung in these two methods spliced.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Boys' Brigade H.Q. (St. Mary at the Quay).
On Fri., July 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.:—Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.
Robert E. Lester .. Treble .. Roger L. K. Whittell .. 4
*Mrs. E. J. Lockwood .. 2 .. Frank B. Lufkin .. 5
Brian B. Hullah .. 3 .. Neville F. Whittell .. Tenor
Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal in seven methods "inside."
A 90th birthday compliment to George E. Symonds, of Ipswich.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 minutes,

A PEAL OF 5055 STEFMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.
William Hibbert .. Treble .. Roger F. Overington .. 6
Kathleen E. Chilcott .. 2 .. John Chilcott .. 7
John W. T. Hibbert .. 3 .. James Phillips .. 8
Patricia J. Hibbert .. 4 .. John H. Crampion .. 9
Raymond E. Finch .. 5 .. Frank E. Darby .. Tenor
Composed by David E. Parsons. Conducted by John Chilcott.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 43 lb. in F.
Stephen Kirby .. Treble .. *Peter J. Joyce .. 5
Thomas H. Francis .. 2 .. John Hartless .. 6
David J. Forder .. 3 .. David E. House .. 7
Tom Chapman .. 4 .. R. Roger Savory .. Tenor
Composed by Charles J. Sedgley (No. 14).
Conducted by R. Roger Savory.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
First peal in the method on the bells.
A compliment to the Vicar, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, M.Sc., R.D., and Mrs. Felstead on the occasion of their silver wedding.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CLAINES, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp
Composed by Joseph J. Parker. Arranged by James E. Groves.
*Lawrence J. Haines .. Treble .. †Edward W. Colley .. 5
Anthony P. White .. 2 .. Martin D. Fellows .. 6
Raymond J. Adams .. 3 .. John C. Eisel .. 7
Michael J. Fellows .. 4 .. Reginald Woodyatt .. Tenor
Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal, first attempt. † First of Grandsire Triples.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wilson, of Claines, upon the occasion of their golden wedding.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral.
On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 3 Hours 14 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.
Frederick A. Munday .. Treble .. Barry Sullivan .. 6
Harold B. Schofield .. 2 .. J. Henry Fielden .. 7
Susan Jackson .. 3 .. Norman Chaddock .. 8
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 4 .. Roger Lumley .. 9
Neil Donovan .. 5 .. John N. D. Chaddock .. Tenor
Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
Rung to welcome David Guy, adopted son of Margaret and Roy Bettley-Cooke.

(and The SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Tues., July 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5093 DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS

Tenor 34½ cwt. in C sharp.
Tessa Hollis .. Treble .. Norman Chaddock .. 6
Elsie Chaddock .. 2 .. David G. French .. 7
J. Henry Fielden .. 3 .. John A. Harrison .. 8
John N. D. Chaddock .. 4 .. Stuart Armeson .. 9
Neil Donovan .. 5 .. Michael Meadows .. Tenor
Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
First peal of Double Norwich Caters by all the band except 4 and 6.
A farewell to Michael Meadows, who is shortly moving to Guildford.

CONISBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Thurs., July 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.
Graham C. Paul .. Treble .. Charles E. Truman .. 5
Alan A. Paul .. 2 .. Harold B. Schofield .. 6
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 3 .. John A. Harrison .. 7
Roger W. Smith .. 4 .. Wilfrid F. Moreton .. Tenor
Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

(and The SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

RAWMARSH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., July 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.
Elsie Chaddock .. Treble .. Michael Meadows .. 5
*Alan Howland .. 2 .. †Geoffrey Pilkington .. 6
John N. D. Chaddock .. 3 .. Neil Donovan .. 7
David G. French .. 4 .. Norman Chaddock .. Tenor
Composed by John E. Burton. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal. † First on 8 bells.

BATLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 Oxford T.B., 2,160 each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.
*Richard Box .. Treble .. †Lawrence Sheard .. 4
Shirley A. Pygott .. 2 .. Kenneth B. Sissons .. 5
†Robert Pygott .. 3 .. †James Buckley .. Tenor
Conducted by Kenneth B. Sissons.
* First peal. † First of Minor in 3 methods.
Rung by the local band as a farewell and congratulations to James Buckley who leaves after 10 years to become headmaster of a Grammar School in Ireland.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At All Saints' Bell Tower.
On Wed., July 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.
Alan McFall .. 1—2 .. Giles B. Thompson .. 5—6
Robert B. Smith .. 3—4 .. *Gerald Moorhouse .. 7—8
Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal for 35 years.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At 33, Bridge End Road.
On Thurs., July 22, 1965, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.
*E. William Ford .. 1—2 .. Brian Bladon .. 3—4
Anthony R. Peake (cond.) 5—6
* First peal on handbells.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire.—At Wavside Cottage.
On Tues., July 6, 1965, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
Sheila Brown .. 1—2 .. Gerald Penney .. 3—4
Roger D. R. Brown (cond.) 5—6

QUARTER PEALS

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On July 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Pettigrew 1, A. Burbidge 2, Miss C. Jennings 3, R. C. Ingram 4, R. Liggins 5, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 6, M. G. Ingram 7, B. Downie 8, D. T. Finnemore 9, D. R. Ingram 10. First of Plain Bob Royal 1, 3 and 5. For Evensong.

BATHFORD, BATH, SOMERSET.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (6 methods): R. L. Coles 1, Shirley A. Cox 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, T. W. Harris 4, J. E. Newman 5, A. Cannings 6. First in 6 methods for all except conductor. A 100th birthday compliment to Mrs. Alice Sankey.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary, on June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. A. Benn 1, R. J. Cooles 2, G. W. Shanks 3, Alison Mann 4, E. E. Dodds 5, A. R. Millidge 6, T. Lewis 7, M. J. Uphill (cond. 150th quarter) 8. For Sir Walter St. John's School, Battersea, Founder's Day. Also on July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. A. Benn 1, Jean Henderson (first Minor and first "inside") 2, E. G. H. Godfrey 3, N. O. Skelton (first Minor "inside") 4, R. J. Cooles 5, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 6.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On July 7th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Diane Wickens (first quarter) 1, Carol Wickens 2, D. Nicholson 3, I. Wickens (cond.) 4, G. Wickens 5. Also on July 11th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Diane Wickens 1, Carol Wickens 2, J. Nicholson 3, I. Wickens (cond.) 4, J. Ede 5, G. Wickens 6.

EPSOM.—At St. Martin's, on June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sue Aronson (first quarter) 1, Adrienne Gibson 2, Sally Parrott 3, Sally M. Hooper 4, R. D. Mills 5, L. D. Kingswood 6, J. C. Davidge (cond.) 7, J. B. Helder 8. A farewell to Sue Aronson, leaving for Perth, Australia; and for Rev. M. R. Hawes (leaving for a chaplaincy in the R.A.F.), and his wife. Also for the engagement of Anne Deverell, member of local band.

EPWORTH, Lincs.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Bains 1, W. Bains 2, M. A. Rose 3, M. Lings 4, J. F. Underwood 5, P. North 6, H. Judd (cond.) 7, E. Golland 8. Rung for the Isle of Axholme Rural District Council civic service.

ESSENDON, HERTS.—On July 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Pettitt 1, Stephanie Green (first "inside") 2, Eileen Maskell 3, Susan Farnes 4, Paula Healing 5, M. J. Sherrick (cond.) 6.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On July 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (Tenor cover): Rosemary Walton 1, K. Sansom 2, D. Hughes 3, Lesley Read 4, K. Tipper 5, B. Walton (cond.) 6, D. Port 7. Rung for the centenary of the consecration of this church.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.—On July 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. H. Cooper 1, Janet I. Rogers 2, Winifred M. Ivings 3, R. H. Rogers (cond.) 4, H. Ivings 5, M. J. Rose 6. For Deanery Service.

LANCHESTER, CO. DURHAM.—On May 30th, 1,380 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Jackson 1, Miss L. Moore 2, J. Tonks 3, A. Walker 4, D. Appleton 5, H. P. Thompson 6. Jointly conducted by 4 and 5. Also on June 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. Whaley (first quarter) 1, A. Walker 2, Miss L. Moore 3, R. Jackson 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, J. Tonks 6. Also on July 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Thompson (first quarter) 1, J. Thompson 2, H. P. Thompson 3, R. Jackson 4, A. Walker (cond.) 5, J. Tonks 6. All for Evensong.

LANE END, Bucks.—On July 17th, 1,260 Minor (Plain Bob and St. Clement's): C. Meakes 1, C. Hagger 2, K. Seymour 3, S. Smith 4, W. Avery 5, R. Hazell (cond.) 6. First in two Minor methods, 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung for the wedding of Brian Hawkins and Anne Edwards.

LAVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): W. J. Marlow 1, R. Christine Hassell 2, Kay Winterbourne 3, M. S. Holbrook 4, Canon F. A. Sanders 5, P. G. Holmes (cond.) 6.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Spence 1, C. Wratten 2, T. Newman 3, T. Stevens 4, D. Newcombe 5, W. Farmer (cond.) 6, T. Boreham 7, H. Harrison 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

MOORLINCH, SOMERSET.—On July 22nd, 1,440 Single Court Minor: M. Stone 1, Audrey Short (first "inside" in method) 2, R. Short 3, W. Stevens 4, G. Davis (first in method) 5, C. Clarke (first in method as cond.) 6.

NEWPORT, MON.—At the Cathedral on July 20th, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): R. Palfreman (first quarter) 1, G. Wilkinson 2, D. Pike 3, D. Phillips 4, C. Bainham (cond.) 5. Rung on the front five.

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.—On July 7th, 1,280 Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major: J. Bryant 1, Mrs. R. Niblett 2, D. Niblett 3, J. J. Fox 4, V. Nutton 5, J. H. Fielden 6, R. G. Corby 7, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 8. First of Spliced Surprise 2, 4 and 7.

PENDLEBURY, LANCs.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Thornley 1, T. Hobson 2, K. Smethills (first quarter) 3, H. Smethills 4, N. Tompkins (cond.) 5, A. Lomas 6, C. Cooper 7, H. Stutard 8. To congratulate Peter Crook, of Holy Trinity Church Bolton, on his 80th birthday.

PERSHORE, WORCS.—On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. G. Bateman 1, J. Attwood Jun. 2, A. E. Collett 3, A. C. Berry (cond.) 4, P. Robinson 5, M. J. Boskett 6, I. Lloyd 7, E. W. Bick 8. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Dr. P. C. Moore, Vicar of Pershore, and Miss M. Malcolm, on their recent wedding. Also on July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): A. C. Berry (cond.) 1, J. Attwood Jun. 2, A. E. Collett 3, R. G. Bateman 4, A. Grinnall 5, A. M. Amphet (first quarter) 6.

PETHAM, KENT.—On June 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: Elizabeth Sargeant 1, Rachel Sindon 2, J. M. Elaine Dixon 3, D. Cox 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, Joan Barrett (first quarter) 6. Rung by Christ Church College Society as a farewell to Miss J. M. Elaine Dixon, former ringing master of the society.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church on July 18th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. J. Gammon 1, Mrs. S. K. M. Baldwin 2, A. Page 3, A. Burbidge 4, T. R. Taylor 5, W. Cope 6, L. Duguid 7, R. Baldwin (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.—On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. R. Chick (cond.) 1, C. Webber 2, Miss F. M. Hartley 3, D. Pike 4, A. Cooke 5, F. Taylor 6. To celebrate the ruby wedding of Mr. and Mrs. L. Chick.

RUMNEY, MON.—On July 9th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Phillips (first quarter) 1, Rev. R. C. Lucas 2, Christine Glastonbury 3, D. G. Clarke 4, N. W. H. Simon 5, C. J. Aldridge (first in method as cond.) 6.

ST. HELENS, LANCs.—On July 24th, at the Church of St. Thomas, Eccleston, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Barbara Davies 1, T. W. Hesketh (cond.) 2, J. Dunbavin 3, J. N. Brown 4, E. C. Birkett 5, J. Robinson 6, D. Simpson 7, J. Hedgecock 8. A compliment to Miss Ann Jane Painter and Mr. G. H. Morris, married prior to the attempt and as a farewell before leaving for Alberta, Canada.

SEMLEY, WILTS.—On July 10th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Mussel 1, Helen A. Hobbins 2, R. T. Jones 3, R. Haines (cond.) 4, W. A. Theobald 5, R. N. Marlowe 6.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On July 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Diana Street 1, Rhoda Housden 2, D. J. White 3, Rosemary Weal 4, F. W. Housden 5, T. Wellen 6, Elizabeth Stevinson (cond.) 7, J. H. Payton 8. First of Major 4, 6 and 8.

SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.—On July 20th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mrs. E. Randall 1, Betty Daysh 2, M. Laborda (first in four methods) 3, R. Green (cond.) 4, P. Page 5, F. Abrahams 6.

STEEP, HANTS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Doubles (5 methods): K. Tipper 1, Lesley Read 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, D. Hughes 4, A. Reeves 5, Jane Walker 6. For Belinda and Jane Triggs, Kettlebrook Cottage, Steep. Born Sunday, July 11th.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas's Church on July 18th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: D. H. Watson 1, F. J. Vallender 2, G. Westwood 3, J. Warr 4, W. H. Cooper 5, M. J. Fellows 6, J. C. Eisel 7, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 8. By the local band for Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On July 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sangwin 1, Gladys Bishop (first "inside") 2, H. Heard 3, H. Trewin 4, C. Bishop 5, H. Stacey (cond.) 6, J. Sangwin 7, G. Halford 8. Rung for Capt. and Mrs. Cardale on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—At Immanuel Church, on July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Parrott 1, R. Stevens (cond.) 2, K. Taber 3, C. Barnes 4, N. Bagworth 5, D. Herschell 6, M. Uphill 7, D. Kirkaldy (first quarter) 8. A compliment to D. Kirkaldy who is leaving for Brighton.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.—At Christ Church on July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hulme (first of Triples) 1, Miss J. Davidge 2, W. W. T. Daniell 3, M. Scowen 4, W. Merritt 5, P. Minchin 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, P. Spackman 8. For Evensong.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Nailor (first quarter) 1, Mary Maynell 2, M. French 3, Violet Reif (cond.) 4, W. Tickner 5, R. Weeks (first quarter) 6. For the Confirmation by the Bishop of Dover of ringers of 1, 3 and 6 bells.

THRYBERGH, YORKS.—On July 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Smith (first quarter) 1, Margaret Donovan (first quarter) 2, F. Brunt (first quarter on 5) 3, Penelope Smith (first quarter) 4, John A. Harrison (cond.) 5.

TRENT, DORSET.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. W. R. Coward 1, T. E. Marks 2, D. S. Beaufoy (cond.) 3, T. Look 4, T. J. Setters 5, T. A. Cross 6.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Hawkins (first on treble) 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, J. H. Thompson (first "inside") 3, R. L. Coles 4, I. P. Cox 5, Shirley A. Cox 6. For Evensong. Also on July 25th, 1,260 Doubles 7, 6, 8, covering (5 methods): J. H. Thompson 1, Shirley A. Cox 2, A. F. Lee (cond. 200th quarter) 3, J. R. Hobbs 4, I. P. Cox 5, R. L. Coles 6, M. J. Hawkins 7, D. F. Jefferies 8. First in five methods for all except 3 and 4. A ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Lee, parents of conductor.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On July 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss G. Smith (first of Major) 1, B. Castle 2, Mrs. H. Smith 3, M. Smith 4, R. Rivers 5, D. Theodm 6, G. Harvey 7, H. Smith (cond.) 8. In thanksgiving for the gift of a son (Timothy Michael) to Enid and Geoff Harvey.

WARWICK.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Mrs. D. Randall 1, P. C. Randall 2, Clare Dolphin 3, Christine Smith 4, J. Susan Smith 5, Gillian Browne 6, G. W. Randall 7, E. J. Gower (cond.) 8. E. Holdsworth 9, J. L. Garner-Hayward 10. First of Royal 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Rung by the St. Nicholas Church band for a combined service for all the Anglican churches in Warwick.

WENDENS AMBO, ESSEX.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Caroline M. Pye (12½ years, first quarter) 1, B. Couzens 2, J. Negus 3, W. E. Pye 4, J. Byatt 5, E. W. Pye (cond.) 6.

WEST DEEPING, Lincs.—On July 19th, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor (720 Cambridge and Primrose and 576 Cambridge): C. Black 1, C. T. H. Bradley 2, J. Reeson 3, C. Wade (cond.) 4, R. Wetenhall 5, L. Blanchard 6.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On July 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Binsted 1, Kathleen Rivett 2, L. Tapp 3, P. Fox 4, A. Baldock (cond.) 5, J. Evans 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Rev. H. Coulthurst, Vicar, who died July 9th.

WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gwen Chinnery 1, Jean Warner 2, H. Colcombe 3, C. M. Chinnery 4, J. J. Bailey 5, A. J. Luford 6, P. J. King (cond.) 7, J. David (first Triples) 8. For the patronal festival.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On July 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor with cover: Janet Walker 1, M. Pickup (first quarter) 2, A. King 3, W. Hudson 4, S. Wright 5, M. King (cond.) 6, E. P. King 8. Rung on the back seven.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On July 11th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Margie Ness 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, D. Cocke 3, Elizabeth Zass 4, A. Knights 5, Hilary Johnson 6, A. Bagworth 7, M. Bangham (cond.) 8. Also on July 25th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Cocke 1, Elizabeth Zass (first in method) 2, Vanessa Rodrigues 3, Rosamund Rawlings 4, M. Bangham (cond.) 5, Hilary Johnson 6.

WHEATHAMSTEAD, HERTS.—On June 28th, 1,260 Oxford and Plain Bob: K. Walpole 1, A. Wilby 2, M. Sherrick (has "circled tower" to quarters) 3, Gillian Brearley 4, M. Bew 5, F. Ellis (cond.) 6.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On July 11th, 1,260 St. Clement's Bob: J. C. Hillis 1, Miss R. Gower 2, P. Richardson 3, B. Johnson (first in the method) 4, W. P. Garner 5, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WITNEY, OXON.—On July 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major:—L. T. Oliffe 1, T. J. Hester 2, D. K. Adkins (cond.) 3, P. G. Holden 4, P. Pearce 5, P. Beadie 6, B. W. Hall 7, B. J. Coggins 8. To mark the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clarke.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On July 23rd, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. W. Knight 1, H. Yeates 2, Mrs. Ruth Ball 3, E. T. Lee 4, Mrs. H. Kingcott 5, A. Ferris 6, A. E. Cox 7, S. G. Smith 8, W. H. Kingcott 9, J. Baker 10. Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mr. Tom Cuning, member of the band since 1911.

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COBB. — To Sally and Don, of Waltham Abbey, Essex, on August 1st, 1965, a son, Richard Edward. 7339

ENGAGEMENTS

ALLEN—FOLLIS.—The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Allen, of Fordhouses, Wolverhampton, and Cynthia, elder daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Follis, of Little Aston Vicarage, Sutton Coldfield. 7308

LEE—MURCOTT.—The engagement is announced between Frank Lee, of Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Lee, of Eastbourne, Sussex, and Elaine, daughter of Mrs. I. M. Murcott, of Whitley Bay, Northumberland, and of the late Mr. G. E. Murcott. 7307

MEW—GASSON.—The engagement is announced between Christopher Frank, only son of Mrs. K. M. Mew, of Putney, London, and Lesley Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Gasson, of Goring-by-Sea, Sussex. 7343

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

KIMBER—LAVENDER. — The marriage between Stewart F. Kimber and Jean L. Lavender will take place at St. Mary's, Beddington, on Saturday, August 7th at 12 noon. Future address: 112, Nightingale Road, Carshalton, Surrey. 7342

RETURN THANKS

CAWLEY. — Mr. David Cawley sends greetings and grateful thanks to all those Norfolk ringers who made his stay so enjoyable, particularly those at King's Lynn and Gaywood. 7325

STENSON.—Our grateful thanks to all for the many congratulations and good wishes on our golden wedding day; especially the Editor, "The Ringing World," and staff, and the Railwaymen's Guild.—Frank and Ada. 7344

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ASTRIDGE.—The address of Derek and Marilyn Astridge is now 53, Holmwood Drive, Church Farm Estate, Meanwood, Leeds 6. Ringing friends welcome. 7315

FOSTER.—The address of G. E. Foster, late of Southwell, is now 53, Coxwell Road, Plumstead, S.E.18. 7317

PERSONAL

"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect towards him." II Chronicles, xvi, 9.

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SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Church Stretton bells are not available for August 14th. Efforts to obtain another tower have also been unsuccessful, therefore no meeting on that date.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7346

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oswy Street Cup contest will be at Rampton, Notts (9½ cwt.) on September 11th, commencing at 3 p.m. Entries and names for tea to H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, Notts.

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Warwick Archdeaconry District.—The next meeting will be held on August 7th. Whichford bells 3 to 5; Long Compton bells 6 to 8. There will be no service. There will be a room available for our use at Whichford, in which anybody who brings the equipment may make their own tea. Food may be eaten here as well.—P. S. Bennett, Dis. Sec. 7297

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting, Saturday, August 7th, at Histon. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Rampton bells (5) after tea. 7300

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, North Nibley and Stinchcombe, August 7th. Ringing North Nibley from 3 p.m. till 4 p.m.; Stinchcombe 4 p.m. till 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 at Stinchcombe. Tea 5 o'clock Stinchcombe. Names for tea to R. Bennett, 8, Chapel Street, Cam, near Dursley, Glos. 7319

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District. — Meeting, August 7th, Abbots Langley, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing at Langleybury. Names for tea to Miss B. Harris, 34, Abbots Road, Abbots Langley.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 7277

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Burmarsh, Saturday, August 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. R. Wratten, Marshlands Farm, West Hythe, Kent.—S. M. D.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Heydour, on Saturday, August 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. followed by meeting in church. Bring your own teas.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 7299

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, August 7th, Stanwell (6) 3-4 p.m.; East Bedfont (6) 3.30-4.30 p.m.; Feltham (10) 6-7.30 p.m. Tea at East Bedfont. — W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7248

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, South Anston, August 7th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea only. All welcome.—J. Seager. 7304

SUFFOLK GUILD. — N.E. District. — Quarterly meeting at Peasenhall (6) on Saturday, August 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to the Swan Inn, Peasenhall. Yoxford bells (6) also available 2.30-4 p.m. and during evening.—T. N. J. B. 7275

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Fairwarp (8), Saturday, August 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Picnic tea.—Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 7278

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District. — Practice meeting, Corston (8), Monday, August 9th. Bells available 7.30-9 p.m.—M. de Jong. 7331

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch. — **Correction.** — Practice meeting, Saturday, August 14th, Hillfarrance, 6.30-8 p.m.; Oake, 8-9 p.m.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 7329

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. — An evening meeting, Potton, Saturday, August 14th. Bells (6) from 5.30 p.m. Come and encourage this young band.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 7326

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield and Peak Districts.—Joint meeting at Ashover (8) on August 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Miss E. Revell, The Barley Close, Ashover, near Chesterfield, by previous Wednesday. Special methods: Gainsborough Little and Ashbourne College Bob Major. — M. Phipps and Mrs. G. Richardson, Hon. Secs. 7311

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting on Saturday, August 14th, at Downe (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30-8.30 p.m. Please bring own picnic tea. Names, please, to the secretary for Guild annual outing to be held on October 9th. 7316

ELY DIOCESAN and ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS (Cambridge and North-Western Districts).—Joint meeting, Saturday, August 14th, at Great Chishill and Heydon. Great Chishill (5) 3-5 p.m. Service Heydon, 5 p.m. Tea Heydon Church School 5.30 p.m. Heydon (5) 6-8 p.m. No business meetings. — B. D. Threlfall and G. Blake, Dis. Secs. 7336

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at South Marston on August 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m.—8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon. Tel. 6824. 7335

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Redbourn, August 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Reading, 57, Hempstead Road, Redbourn. 7334

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting at Flookburgh on Saturday, August 14th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Edgar Holker, Grange-over-Sands.—T. F. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec. 7306

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Joint meeting with Rossendale Branch on Saturday, August 14th, at Whitworth. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—G. Cheetham. 7328

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Walton-le-Dale, Saturday, August 14th. Please bring own food. A.6 Road, alight Chorley Road traffic lights.—L. Walmesley. 7318

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Syston District) and **SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Joint meeting at Mountsorrel, Saturday, August 14th. Ringing 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. V. Harrald, 15, Leicester Road, Mountsorrel, by Wednesday, August 11th.—M. D. Barsby, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7282

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Warborough, Saturday, August 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to F. Absalom, Beverly, Warborough, Oxon. 7341

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wich Branch.—Meeting at Great Budworth (8)
on Saturday, August 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Names
for tea to Mr. J. Scott, 54, High Street, Great
Budworth, Northwich, by Tuesday, August
10th. Special method: Double Norwich
C.B.M. 7347

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—
Meeting, Emneth, Saturday, August 14th. Bells
(5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (own food);
cups of tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7349

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—
Guilborough Branch.—Meeting, Kelmars,
Saturday, August 14th. Names for tea to
J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long
Buckby, Rugby, by Tuesday previous. 7345

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DODDERHILL, WORCS.—On July 24th, 1,260
Grandsire Triples: A. Russell (first quarter) 1, A. P.
White 2, D. Franklin 3, W. H. Raxter (cond.) 4, R.
Grosvenor 5, M. J. Robinson 6, M. J. Powell 7,
B. M. Gittins 8.

HAMPTON, MIDD.—On July 11th, 1,260 Plain
Bob Minor: P. A. Lawrence 1, C. Reader (first "In-
side") 2, Hilary Essen 3, Lesley Essen 4, Alison Wyllie
5, W. S. Deason (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

UP AND AROUND THE POLDEN HILLS

WHEN the perpetrators of a tour (Mr. J.
C. Sawtell and Mr. K. C. Jones) on
July 10th arrived at St. Dunstan's, Baltons-
borough, the first tower of the day, the heavy
six were already ringing. This was left to the
enthusiasts from Dorset, who were quick to
assure the latecomers there that before their
arrival there had been some good ringing.

However, they were made to pay heavily
for their sins by being required to assist in
raising the rather difficult 19 cwt. six at But-
leigh, where the story of the man who
pulled the wheel off a bell was nearly capped
when the strenuous efforts of the gentleman
raising the four almost caused the tower to
be burnt down. The rope was apparently
bearing on a beam, resulting in clouds of
smoke and a strong smell of scorched hemp
filling the tower. He was persuaded to cease
the attempted felony, the rope released and
the bell raised without further trouble.

In Walston's unusual little tower, west of
Street, it was found that the boiler
seemingly takes precedence over ringing—
some might add that its musical qualities may
also be superior to those of the bells! Mr
Prime greeted us at Ashcott (a splendid ring
on which some London was performed) and
where we chatted over the churchyard wall
with the driver of a milk lorry, who proved
to be none other than the captain of Cossington
tower.

Shapwick has another Prime tower: here he
is with true missionary zeal teaching a young
band, and yet gallantly bore with us for
another 30 minutes' ringing before we ascended
the Polden Hills—all 200 feet of them—to eat
our sandwiches in a hayfield overlooking
Kingsedgemoor, which, in 1685, although none
perhaps realised it, was the scene of the last
battle on English soil.

Woolavington tower has recently become
embarrassed by the lack of a floor—at least,
a secure one—in its ringing chamber, and the
Rector of Cossington kindly offered, us the
use of his bells for an hour, and thus we
returned the favour by ringing for his church
fete. John Hall and Gillian Webb joined us
here, incidentally providing transport for
Graham Nabb of this tower, who put the tour
to good use.

Despite the occasional explosions from the
nearby Ordnance factory, the bells of Puriton
appear unharmed and provided some pleasant
ringing. The five of St. John's, Pawlett, lay
across the A.38 and while it did not prove
necessary to use our emergency plan of
crossing on foot, the vehicular crossing was a
little prolonged. Retracing our steps over
this holiday artery we came to the four at
Bawdrip, with its cathedral-like approach
above the nave. Now south of the Poldens,
whose extremities had been followed all day,
we arrived at Chedzoy, pronounced, the Rec-
tor assured us, as he explained the village's
ancient candle auction. Chedzee. After a brief
tea break we climbed to the 18 cwt. six of
Moorlinch, where Ross and Judith Robertson
were able to renew acquaintance with the
Rector, late of Kingswood, Surrey. Once
again we welcomed Mr. Prime, now joined by
his wife, who could not resist joining the party
for this and the final tower.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

In the absence on holiday of both the chair-
man of the Marlborough Branch (Mr. G.
Newman) and the Ringing Master (the Rev.
R. Keeley), the conduct of the affairs at the
Ogbournes on July 24th was in the capable
hands of Mr. T. A. Palmer (hon. secretary).
The mellow five at Ogbourne St. Andrew were
rung in the afternoon before the Guild ser-
vice conducted by the Rev. H. Dunn. A
splendid tea was served at Ogbourne St.
George and good use was made of the heavy
five with its short draught in the tower by
those not lured away by the church fete and
flower show. Visitors were welcomed from
Reading, Blackwell (Som.), Liss, Alton, Ham-
bledon (Hants) and South Cerney. W. A. E.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—
Culworth Branch.—Practice meeting, Bod-
dington, Saturday, August 14th, 6.30 till
9 p.m.—A. E. R. Walker, Sec. 7332

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—
Meeting, Lyneham (6), August 14th. Usual
times. Special methods after tea: Double
Court and London. Names for tea.—F. God-
win, 83, Lyneham, Chippenham.—W. Hacker.
7320

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—
Bingham District.—Meeting at Whetton on
August 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.
Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Owen's,
Whetton, by previous Wednesday.—R. Black-
shaw. 7333

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—N.
Notts District.—Meeting at E. Markham on
August 14th. Names for tea to H. Poyner, 9,
Richmond Road, Retford, by Thursday, 12th,
at latest. 7312

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—
Practice meeting at Euston (5), Saturday,
August 14th. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A.
F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 7348

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—
Western Division.—Practice meeting at Bosham
(6) on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available
at 3.30 and after tea. Service at 4.30, fol-
lowed by tea at 5 o'clock. Please notify for
tea to: R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidle-
sham, Chichester, Sussex. 7340

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern
District) & **BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.**
Joint meeting, Rotherham, August 14th. Bells
available: Thrybergh (6) 1.15-2.45, Eastwood
(8) 3-4.45, Parish Church (10) 6.30-9. Tea in
the Rotherham Co-operative Society Res-
taurant, Westgate, 5 p.m. Important that
names be sent to Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 10,
Pye Bank Close, Sheffield 3, by Thursday, 12th.
—J. W. Buxton and M. King. 7337

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—
Northampton Branch.—Business meeting at
Harlestone on Saturday, August 21st. Usual
arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost,
40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton, by
Tuesday previous. 7322

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—
Southern District.—Meeting, Gorseson, on
Saturday, August 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m.
Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to:
J. A. Hoare, 3, Lon Derw, Tycoch, Swansea.
7310

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sey 4, A. R. Peake (cond.) 5, G. Prescott 6.

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By MAURICE J. THURMOTT

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5,000 on December 31st, 1964. Conducted by the composer.

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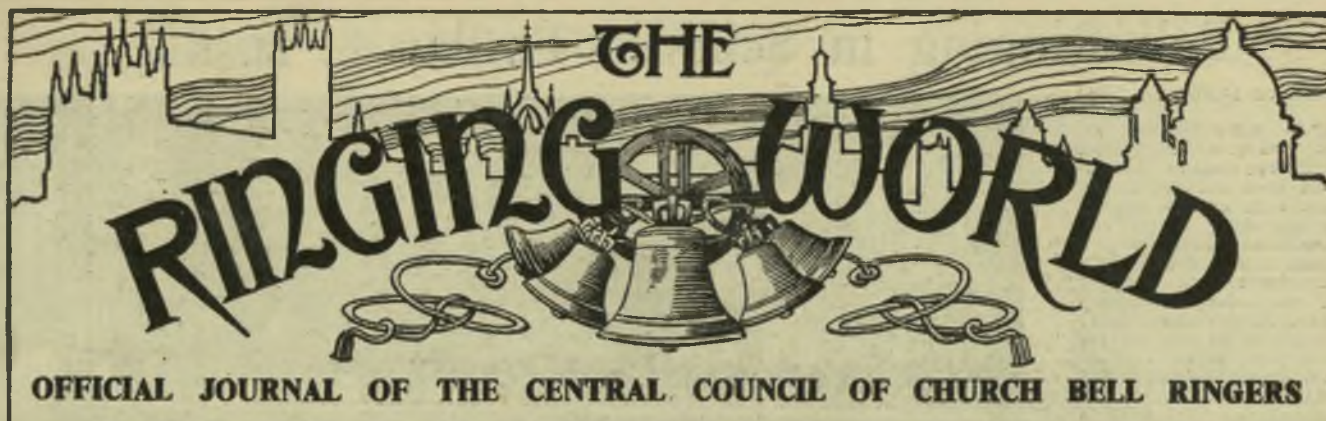
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SQUARE ONE REVISITED

TODAY, London Royal; tomorrow, Bob Minor, was the apt way in which a friend of mine pinpointed accurately the change of fortune which will inevitably befall any tower which does not pay due regard to its learners. It may be a nuisance to forgo that course of Bristol to plough through what you know will be indifferent Grandsire Triples but, having done so, let us pause for a few minutes to view the Exercise through the eyes of the young ringer whose interest is awakening, and consider his impressions and reactions as he cautiously tries to make progress at this critical period in his ringing career.

None of us can say for certain how many would-be ringers are lost in these early stages, for the Exercise is a hard taskmaster, and the hurdles at times seem insurmountable. As in most things, chance plays a big part in advancement, and certain conditions are necessary if the tender plant is not to wither away at the start. Encouragement and interest are the two most obvious requirements, but if these are lacking in the tower, or in the general organisation of the Branch, the chances are that unless our recruit possesses more than his fair share of grit and determination, his enthusiasm will soon flag, and if he does not give up altogether, he remains at best a modest ringer at his own tower with no further ambition in mind.

It follows that responsibility for help and guidance lies heaviest on two men—the local captain and the Branch Ringing Master, and the impressions they create at their differing stages play a decisive part in any ringer's future activities.

At the outset, and for some time after, he will take his home tower's standard of ringing as his yardstick, both for practice and on Sundays, and these first impressions are vital. A tower captain must have and must maintain a sense of purpose which communicates itself to the rest of the band, otherwise standards will soon start to fall. If bad handling and bad striking are passively condoned without comment, their correction at a later date can be a chastening experience. Whilst we all had our weaknesses at the outset, these are usually ironed out by practice when other towers are visited, and the differing standards encountered enable a ringer to place his own tower's performance in perspective. It also leads, on occasions, to awkward questions being asked, and the seemingly innocent inquiry whether the rest of the band go to meetings produces the defensive retort that "they aren't brasshats,

and any rate they keep the bells ringing on Sundays, don't they?" Well, yes, they do, bless them, but with no criterion to measure their standards at what point does it fall below the level required for service ringing to that which is a bad advertisement for the Exercise generally?

And how does our friend fare at the Branch meeting? He is hoping on this occasion to ring a course of Grandsire Triples, which he has been studying of late, but several touches are rung before his patience is rewarded and the method is called for. He is surprised to find at least four others like himself in the band, all looking if anything a little self-conscious and apprehensive on bells they are not used to, but somewhat reassured by the old and venerable tenorman, whose eyes remain stolidly fixed on the 7th's sally. The touch is in trouble from the start. The treble is uncertain, and the tenor out in the fields, and despite three attempts it is a dismal failure. The disappointment of the learners is not helped by the clinking course of London that follows, but then they were not to know they were members of a peal band who had just called in for a ring on their homeward journey.

It is the impression on a youngster that counts. At this stage he can so easily lose interest if he does not get our help, and if he is not lost to ringing entirely he will make no attempt to advance further, especially when one remembers the counter attractions of these days. Through no fault of his own his future as a ringer is cast, and the Exercise generally is the poorer for it.

It is easy to find fault with the way meetings are run, but if Ringing Masters can't be all things to all men it poses the question whether the best use is always made of the ringers available. Most of us see touches ruined because the wrong people catch hold, or because it is felt impolite to remind individuals about their striking. A meeting is, after all, rather like a school, where all the pupils are placed in one form, and then presented with a set of questions to answer with no regard to the level they may have reached. There is a need in the Exercise today for more thought in our meetings, and a little more benevolent dictatorship from Ringing Masters to ensure potential is used to the best advantage instead of leaving it a "free for all." This is easier said than done, but it is quite practicable if ordinary tower members who attend meetings and know the capabilities of a ringer make sure that touches in which he takes part are stiffened to give him a fair chance. Two learners in a touch on eight are quite enough; to allow more is a waste of everybody's time and achieves nothing.

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Bell Ringing in Schools To-day—by M. King

(Continued from page 530)

18.—King Edward VII Boys' G.S., Stourbridge, Worcs. The Society here began in 1960 and are mainly interested in change ringing. They use both tower- and handbells and have rung a peal on tower bells. Mr. J. R. Niblett is in charge.

19.—Tupsley Secondary Modern, Herefordshire. Space is limited to go into the details of Mr. Bryan Thomas' lengthy account of his change ringing on handbells. His enthusiasm has spread to a nearby Junior School and there his team have rung before that school's morning assemblies. After a year of silence whilst Mr. Thomas was on a one-year course, the Society is now once again pursuing its activities.

20.—Wallingford Boys' G.S., Berkshire. Although first records go back to 1922, the Society has just regained an active level under the leadership of Mr. G. McIlhone. They have rung peals at nearby towers and tower bell ringing is their chief concern.

21.—King Alfred's School, Wantage, Berkshire. Although with only eight handbells, Mr. J. Wilson tackles tune ringing rather than chattering. He hopes to be able to obtain a cheap 16-bell secondhand set in order to widen his scope and keep the interest of his pupils.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1. Ampleforth R.C. Abbey School, Yorkshire. Thirty-one handbells from their fellow Benedictine brothers at Buckfast Abbey, Devon, given in September, 1961, and advice from Mr. T. Ogden, set the only Roman Catholic set of schoolringers on their way to forming a tune ringing Society. The handbell ringers have seen the ringers at Helmsley and York Minster. Perhaps one day a ring of up to 12 bells will accompany the 92 cwt. Bourdon in the Abbey's squat central tower.

2.—Bristol Cathedral School. The boys here form the main part of the band that ring at Bristol Cathedral. With their new set of 16 handbells they ring tunes. Full co-operation from school staff, Cathedral staff and the Press indicates a happy future for the Society.

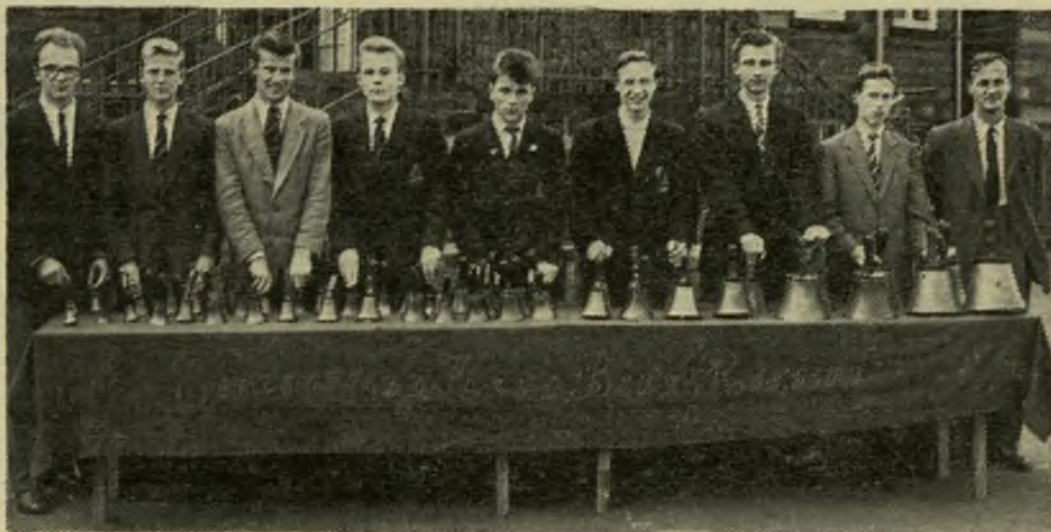
3.—King's School, Canterbury, Kent. This Society has recently restored the then unused bells of St. Alphege's, Canterbury (6). They also use a set of 12 handbells.

4.—Benenden Girls' Residential School, Cranbrook, Kent.

Perhaps one day members of this Society may influence Princess Anne to join them! As well as ringing at Benenden (8), they ring handbells at local garden parties. They sent a donation for the English ringers who went to open the bells at Washington Cathedral.

5.—Hereford Cathedral School. First begun in 1943 and recently revived, here is now a flourishing Society which helps to ring the Cathedral's bells (10) every Sunday of term. They ring up to Erin Triples and Cambridge Minor. They receive outside help and thus, with this interest, they are able to progress and flourish. Mr. W. F. Moreton (Wakefield) and his brother, Michael, were founder members in 1943.

6.—Llandovery College, Carmarthenshire Wales. The church authorities of St. Dungad's, Llandovery (6) asked the College in 1953 to train ringers to ring its silent bells. Although the bells were silent in October, 1963, owing to tower repairs, they continued their activities by turning to a set of 12 handbells.



ECCLESFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL HANDBELL RINGERS, October, 1960.—Included in this picture are David J. Baddeley, Norman Parker, W. C. Gregory, G. Ibbotson, Booth, Michael Meadows, Paul Thompson and M. King. Handbell ringing has been practised at this school since 1933.

7.—Radley College, Abingdon, Berkshire. Practising weekly on the light six at Radley, they can reach up to Cambridge Minor. On July 3rd, 1964, four of the Radley ringers and two boys from Groton, U.S.A., rang a quarter peal, the first ever by school Societies in different countries.

8.—Rendcombe College, near Cirencester, Gloucestershire. Plenty of recruits here keep the Society going although the standard isn't very high. They ring at Radley (6) and hold weekly practices during term time.

9.—Shebbear College, Devon. Mr. J. L. Queen has under him perhaps the most highly organised school ringing Society in the country. In 1963 he had 30 ringers (with a waiting list) and each has his own practice according to ability. They are split up on Sundays in order to assist neighbouring towers. From 1959 to 1963 they visited 70 towers, including the Cathedrals at Exeter (12), Lichfield (10) and Truro (10). Now they are helping in an appeal to rehang Shebbear's six bells.

10.—Taunton, Somerset. Mr. N. J. Maggs keeps only a small group of tower bell ringers, who ring tower bells in Taunton.

11.—Blundell's School, Tiverton, Devon. Combining with the local team at Tiverton (8), Mr. J. R. C. Dawson-Bowley believes that the Society can be used to help the boys' future University Societies.

12.—Truro School, Cornwall. After a difficult start, the eight members (November, 1963) are now accepted by the bands at Truro Cathedral (10) and Kenwyn (8). In school they use handbells for change ringing purposes only.

13.—The College, Winchester, Hampshire. This is the only school in England to possess its own ring of bells. There are six bells in the College Chapel. The bells are rung on Sundays and also on Saturdays (practice days). They can ring up to London Surprise Minor. Some members help at the Cathedral (12).

And there are other schools which I covered but are now redundant, or operate on only a limited basis or are weak in numbers. These are at Cirencester G.S., Gloucestershire; St. Helena's Girls' School, Chesterfield, Derbyshire; Christ's Hospital Girls' High School, Lincoln; St. Olave's G.S. for Boys, Tower Bridge, London, S.E.1; Loughborough College School, Leics; Lady Hawkins G.S., Kington, Herefordshire; Maidstone Grammar Schools, Kent; Rawlins Grammar School, Quorn, Leics; Mr. N. Chaddock's schools in Rotherham: High

Storrs Girls' G.S., Sheffield, Yorkshire; The Priory Boys' School, Shrewsbury, Shropshire; The High School for Girls, Tottenham, N.W.; The Watford G. Schools, Herts; and Queen Margaret's School for Girls, Epswick, near York.

SCHOOL RINGERS

There are hundreds of school-age ringers who do not belong to a school Society. Section 3 is about them. I started off by using cuttings from "The Ringing World" on "Up and Coming Youngsters." Then I took the towers of St. James', Accrington, Lancashire (8), St. Peter's, Burnley, Lancashire (8), and the Parish Church, North Somercotes, Lincolnshire (3) as examples of where the bells are, on the whole, manned by youngsters. Mention is made of junior R.N. ratings repairing East Kennet's ring of five in Wiltshire. Then a word on the ring at Kilifi, Kenya. Mr. N. Chaddock for his advice, interest and help, Mr. T. Ogden for a similar reason, Mr. E. F. J. Wall for his information on the Burnley and District Schools Society, and Mrs. J. M. Gillatt of Ecclesfield G.S. for a typical summing-up statement each get a section of their own.

CONCLUSION

Are these school ringing Societies really worth this trouble? Yes, in fact, for about 3,000 of our 5,000 ringing towers are only kept going because in their ranks are school-age youngsters. We can't afford to forget the debt ringers owe to those below 18 years of age. Many of them don't persevere but even so, whilst active, they do help to keep our bells going. School Societies will persevere and will grow in numbers.

The thesis is probably out of date because it contains dates. There is nothing in it about the Irish Girls' Grammar School, who I believe ring Drogheda's bells every week of their term, or of Holt Grammar School, Norfolk, who ring the two bells at Holt as well as at other towers and also ring handbells. St. Wulfram's Secondary, Grantham, does not get a mention. These, and probably others, did not respond to my appeal for extra information.

Note.—The thesis will be on a short-term loan of about five years to the Central Council Library.

Note.—If any of the information in this summary is incorrect or could be improved on, don't hesitate to let "The Ringing World" know.

Yates' Northants Party in Yorkshire

ON July 15th, 17 ringers from the South Northants area met at Doncaster for Mr. W. A. Yates' annual week-end, four of the party having arrived early to join in a successful peal of Yorkshire at Conisbrough.

Pontefract's handy eight were the first ring on Friday morning. The central tower and a small aisle adjoining it are practically all that is left of the ruined church. After Stedman, London had to be talked round and Cambridge piled up. Throughout the ringing the choking stench of a bonemeal factory nearby filled the ringing chamber. Nothing daunted, however, some brisk six-spliced was well rung and the bells lowered.

Turning off the Wakefield road we climbed a hill to the good 15 cwt. six at Crofton, which thrived on Stedman, London and seven-spliced. We arrived early at Rothwell (a tuneful 15 cwt. octave), where most of the company had their first encounter with "Yorkshire tail ends." Regrettably, their adverse comments dare not be printed here! After the customary good rise in peal, some good Stedman, Yorkshire and three-spliced preceded a fine course of Bristol.

A short journey to Wakefield for lunch set us in good heart for the difficult eight at East Ardsley. It took about half a course before the ringing settled into a beat, and some London and Double Norwich were quite reasonable.

MEMORIES OF SOMERSET

There was real quality in the eight at Birstall. Stedman at the second attempt was good after the "Yorkshire tail ends" had been conquered and courses of Bristol and Yorkshire brought back memories of some of Somerset's fine-toned eights. After tea, the impressive sonorous 27 cwt. ten at Ossett were soon churning out Stedman and Grandsire Caters and a good half-course of Cambridge Royal.

The ride back to Wakefield in the evening sunshine was typical of the day. The smoky haze from belching chimneys enveloped the rolling hillsides, which are covered with a sea of houses characteristic of industrial Yorkshire. After parking the cars in the precincts of the Cathedral we all enjoyed the new experience on the 12 bells. Two courses of Grandsire Cinques and Stedman went remarkably well considering our inexperience on higher numbers. A 14th bell is to be added in order to have a light ten. Pontefract, where we were based for the last two nights, was reached at 9 p.m.

Thorne was the first tower on Saturday. The "morning after the night before feeling" may have caused the mistakes in London and Stedman but the ringing brightened up with Cambridge.

BEVERLEY MINSTER

We saw Beverley Minster miles away as we travelled on the edge of the Wolds, its twin towers a sentinel in the sky. Justly is this magnificent building regarded as one of the finest Gothic churches in Europe. Good Grandsire Caters echoed from the 41 cwt. ten. Stedman was rung and Bob Royal settled down well. With a pleasing musical effect the ten bells were lowered in peal, the tenors chiming to the end. And oh, the note of the seven-ton Bourdon Great John, which we were allowed to swing in the adjacent tower!

Lunch and shopping and four miles to Walkington for our best-kept churchyard and a delightful little six. Among the better ringing here was Cambridge, silent Stedman and six-spliced.



AT HOWDEN.—(Left to right): T. E. Roberts, C. C. Clarke, W. J. Chester, B. E. Saunders, R. A. Vickers, F. C. Case, Janet I. Rogers, W. A. Yates, G. C. Paul, R. H. Rogers, A. A. Paul, A. Hinton, R. W. Smith, J. Linnell, G. E. Green, C. Hinton, C. E. Truman.

The Minster's 22 cwt. eight at Howden must surely rank among the country's best half-dozen octaves in their weight class; a good rise here and first-class ringing in Stedman, Yorkshire, Superlative and Bristol, which was undoubtedly the best of the tour.

Just over Boothtarry Bridge spanning the Humber was Gooze, where after Stedman, London stopped abruptly with a broken rope. A replacement was handy; the dust of an industrial port on the bells made its fitting a dirty job. Kent was enjoyed before the lower in peal.

We grabbed a "pie and pint" tea on the way to Escrick (an easy octave). Stedman, Cambridge, some six-spliced, Double Norwich and Bristol were rung before departing to the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Roper, Gateforth, where we had been kindly invited. A most enjoyable evening was spent over food galore, reminiscing. (Has anyone ever seen so many sausages?)

On Sunday we joined in morning service ringing at Doncaster (another good heavy eight), where Stedman, Grandsire, Bristol, Yorkshire and six-spliced featured.

After morning coffee we pointed the five cars homeward, the end of a tour the success of which was in no small measure due to the efforts of Wilf Moreton, who chose the towers and arranged the schedule so efficiently. Our thanks are due to him, Bill Yates and those who gave us permission to ring.

R. H. R.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

At the quarterly meeting held at Shedfield on July 17th four new members were elected—the Misses D. Burbidge and S. Pryor (Portsea) and Mrs. S. Moon and Mr. J. May (Hambleton). The service was conducted by the new Vicar of Shedfield, the Rev. M. L. S. Thomas, and a fine tea was served by the ladies.

Next practice meeting, Saturday, September 28th (2.30 till 5.30). Next quarterly, Saturday, October 23rd.

L. D. D.

TRURO DIOCESAN FESTIVAL

The Truro Diocesan Guild was very fortunate in having a gloriously sunny day for its annual festival on July 17th at Manaccan Church in the pleasant countryside near the Helford river. Over 100 ringers attended, including the Ringing Master, Mr. Douglas Burnett, and the other Guild officials. Besides the six at Manaccan, the eights at Helston, St. Keverne and St. Anthony and the six at St. Mawgan were rung to the standard methods up to Cambridge Major. At one time the Guild's oldest ringer, Mr. W. Wood, of Gulval, at 92 was ringing in the same touch as Master D. Blampied, of Manaccan, who at 10 must be one of the youngest.

The Guild Office was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. H. Dixon) and the lesson read by Mr. Anthony Davidson, the general secretary. At tea, the ringers were the guests of Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, a Manaccan ringer and a vice-president of the Guild, as the festival coincided with the 60th anniversary of his joining the Guild.

The president, Mr. Alan Carveth, thanked the Vicar and all who had helped to make the day a success and suggested a collection for the Manaccan Bell Repair Fund. He also thanked Col. Jerram for his gift of several text books on change ringing and the history of ringing, which would be kept in the Cathedral belfry library.

A. I. D.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The Bingham District meeting at St. Mary's, Lowdham, on July 10th was few in number but the quality of the ringing was good, despite the long draught of the bells. The Vicar, the Rev. W. S. Shires, welcomed us to his church and conducted a simple service. Tea was in the Church School.

Wharton was confirmed for the August meeting and all attending are urgently requested to book teas.

A few more ardent ringers joined in the ringing after tea.

R. B.

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Letters to the Editor

PINK'S SINGLE

Dear Sir,—In his letter in "The Ringing World" for July 30th, Mr. E. A. Harrison raises an interesting point as to what is allowable for a Doubles "variation."

The preface to the C.C. Collection does indeed state that a bell shall only strike four consecutive blows in one place when the treble is leading or lying (strictly, this is, of course, nonsensical, since the treble is leading or lying for two blows). Therefore, the Pink's Single is not allowable as a regular method or variation. However, if Mr. Harrison examines the regulations concerning peals in the Central Council Handbook he will probably be as amazed as I was to find that methods rung to peals (less than 6,720) need not be regular! Although this is admittedly a somewhat ludicrous state of affairs, I therefore see no reason why we should not continue to ring irregular methods until, if or when the Council sees fit, the regulations are altered.

As a matter of interest, there are 24 different blocks of work above the treble which are symmetrical about the lead, and the same 24, reversed, below the treble. Combining these blocks, if we include two- and three-lead plain course methods, gives 576 different symmetrical methods; confining ourselves to the rules in the Collection leaves 72 methods.

I agree that many consecutive blows in one place are ugly, but personally I find the asymmetric blocks of work sometimes used for bobs even uglier, and I suggest that it is this sort of variation which should not be rung.—Yours sincerely,

S. HUMPHREY.

Wollaton, Nottingham.

Dear Sir,—Once again it would appear a newcomer to the Doubles field thinks himself qualified to sit in judgment on the rest of us and say what should and what should not be rung in Doubles variation peals.

With more peals of Doubles being rung including these variations in anything up to 60 methods weekly, why should Mr. Harrison take it upon himself to condemn the Pink's Single because of, as he puts it, "the ugliness of so many consecutive places in a lead," when it is the same changes that are produced as at a Grandsire Single only in a different order?

When first I started ringing methods such as St. Dunstan's, Reading and London were not officially recognised by the Central Council, but this did not deter Mr. Pink from including them in his 42 Doubles variations peal, which I think I am correct in assuming was the first peal in 42 Doubles methods, so constituting a record at the time. They have been rung many times since in different areas.

Plain Bob Triples and Grandsire Minor were also rung to peals before the rules sanctioning such peals were altered; both methods are now commonplace, as are those being rung with the Pink's Single. It is hoped that a further list of these variations will be published shortly.

So, Mr. Harrison, carry on with your good work at Kirby, ring as many quarters as you like, but don't try to interfere in what others are doing; as long as the variations run true it does not matter where the places are.—Yours faithfully,

G. K. DODD.

PRICKING STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Edgar Shepherd's excellent first article on Stedman Triples, I would like to suggest that the beginner would find it far easier in pricking the method to write out the first as well as the last changes of each six, in this manner:

2 3 1 4 5 6 7

3 2 4 1 6 5 7

3 4 2 6 1 7 5 S

4 3 6 2 7 1 5

3 4 6 2 5 1 Q etc., etc.

This entails only a simple triple change between the rows, with places at 7ths across the six-ends, and within the sixes firsts for a slow six and thirds for a quick six. This will then be found to be easier than pricking the lead ends of Plain Bob, and far less open to error than when six-ends only are pricked. The effects of bobs and singles can be very easily seen in this way. Altogether I have found it to be well worth the extra writing required.—Yours sincerely, C. H. ROGERS.

Isleworth, Middlesex.

WOLVERHAMPTON TENOR

Dear Sir,—With reference to Julian Litten's letter concerning Wolverhampton tenor, the belfry board of particulars states that the bell is in the key of C sharp. D flat is the same note, but since the ring is tuned to a sharp scale it should have been given as C sharp by the person who sent in the peal of Plain Bob Royal. ("The Ringing World" 2,791, September 26th, 1964.)

Also, of the band who rang in that peal, only Frank Brotherton and myself are resident ringers at St. Peter's. The other ringers came mainly from Birmingham, Bilston and Stourbridge.—Yours faithfully,

Wolverhampton. ELISABETH TIMMINS.

Dear Sir,—In "The Ringing World" No. 2,832 there seemed to be a query re the key of Wolverhampton tenor. This bell is in the key of C sharp and its weight is 33 cwt. 21 lb. I have rung her to 12 peals, the majority of which were conducted by the late Mr. H. Knight, who always gave the above information in his peal reports. There is also information for each bell at the tower.—Yours faithfully,

H. BOSWELL.

SQUARE ONE REVISITED—continued.

Finally, the value of standing behind someone to watch a method through is a great help and should be used more. If a learner can be encouraged to do this before we in turn stand behind him as a guide in his first "solo" attempt in a new method, it bridges that gap which prevents his catching hold for fear of going wrong, and being unable to correct himself.

It may be said that all this is basic stuff. It is, but it is also stuff we tend to forget as our own talents flourish. There are three things worth remembering about helping new ringers into the arena. We are doing our best to cement the foundation of the next generation; we are giving the help and confidence needed at a vital time; and, what is most important, we are ensuring that by giving gladly of our experience the Exercise will get the material it requires to uphold and strengthen its present standards.

From the pleasure we receive from our own ringing, isn't this a debt we should all gladly make the effort to discharge?

COUNTRYMAN.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION ACCEPTED MINIMUS PEAL

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal of Minimus mentioned on page 512 of your July 30th issue, and at risk of being unpopular with Mr. Cooper, I should like to point out a few relevant facts concerning his rather unfair attack on the peal secretary of the Yorkshire Association.

Not at any time was the peal refused by the peal secretary, rather it was left to the discretion of Mr. Cooper who, after correspondence with the peal secretary, agreed to print the peal in non-Association form. Mr. Cooper will remember, no doubt, that I saw the appropriate correspondence at the time and also that the onus was placed entirely on himself; had he sent up the peal for the Yorkshire Association it would most certainly have been accepted as such.

To complete the picture for Mr. Cooper, if he cares to look up this year's Yorkshire report he will find the peal printed as rung for the said Association.

Finally, I see with regret that there is some doubt in Mr. Cooper's mind about the standards imposed on the Yorkshire Association by its peal secretary. A high standard never fluctuates and at worst can hardly be called inconsistent!—Yours faithfully,

JAMES A. D. WOOLFORD.

Tattershall.

ELY DISTRICT STRIKING CONTEST

The largest gathering of District ringers that has been seen for many years took place at Stretham on July 3rd, where the Ely District held a striking competition, believed to be the first since 1905. Six teams entered and the test piece was 240 changes.

A shield had been presented and this was won by Fordham, ringing Plain Bob Minor, with 44 faults, followed by Wilburton (Bob Doubles) 46 faults; Ely (Grandsire Doubles) 100 faults; Stretham (call changes) 101 faults; Chatteris (Plain Bob Minor) 149 faults. Over, ringing Plain Bob Minor, broke down and were eliminated.

The judges were Mr. W. W. Cousins, of Terrington St. John, and Mr. E. G. Hibbins, of Cambridge. The Vicar opened proceedings with a short service and welcomed the teams. Tea was served by local ladies in the Church Hall.

MUSIC AT MENDLESHAM

On May 8th a new five cwt. treble bell, supplied and installed by Taylors of Loughborough, was dedicated at a well attended service at St. Mary's Church, Mendlesham.

At tea, served in the Village Hall by Mrs. A. Godfree and her helpers, Mr. A. Godfree was thanked for his work in raising funds for the new bell, and all concerned were congratulated upon the success of the operation, which has given Mendlesham one of the finest rings of six bells in Suffolk.

The quarterly meeting of the Central District of the Suffolk Guild on July 24th gave ringers a further opportunity to enjoy this fine ring. The Rev. J. B. Jolly welcomed the ringers and paid high tribute to their special function in calling people to worship and in publicising the message of the Gospel.

Tea was served in the Village Hall by Mrs. A. Godfree and Miss Syrett, and a short business meeting was followed by further ringing at Mendlesham and Wetheringsett, where the unique tuning of this ring of five bells, which hangs in its original frame, aroused considerable interest.

R. E. L.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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STEDMAN TRIPLES—Its Construction and Calling

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

(Continued from page 529)

6. PROOF

The proof of Stedman differs very widely from the proof of methods with a fixed Treble. There are no Treble leads; there are only the sixes; and considerations of proof must start with these sixes. The whole system of proof in the method has been dealt with very thoroughly in the Stedman books of 1903 and 1938, both of which are now unfortunately out of print. The following outlines the general principles, and will, it is hoped, enable the experimenter to prove his touches. For a fuller and more enlightening exposition the student must try to secure a copy of one of the standard books.

The proof of Stedman has to be carried out by an examination of the bells dodging in 4-5 and 6-7, and much depends on whether the touch has bobs only or is a mixture of bobs and singles.

The four bells that appear in the dodging at the six end are called the Characteristic of the six. To represent this word shortly it is customary to use the letter K. Thus 4567 is the K of the six ending in 2314567; 6175 is the K of the six ending in 3426175; 7251 is the K of the six ending in 3467251. If the touch contains bobs only, provided all the K's are different then the composition is true. The bells on the front must be ignored.

Stedman Triples is produced by continuous triple changes, and so, until a single is called, all the handstrokes are Negative rows and all the backstrokes are Positive rows. Thus there is no need to trouble about the handstrokes of the K's; the truth of the backstrokes is sufficient. As soon as a single is called each pair of bells in the K must be reversed, and 5476 must be read instead of 4567, 1657 instead of 6175, and so on until another single appears. Two fragments of touches are given here, and alongside we see the K's as they must be examined.

Ex. 1		Ex. 2	
2314567	K's	2314567	K's
3426175	6175	3426175	6175
3467251	7251	3467251	7251
— 4732651	2651	4735612	5612
— 4726351	6351	S 4756321	3612
7645213	5213	7642513	5231
7651432	1432	7621435	4153
— 6174532	4532	6173254	2345
6143725	3725	S 6132745	2745
etc.		1264357	4357
		1245673	5673
		etc.	

A deeper study of this matter would reveal ways in which this work of proof may sometimes be shortened, and, indeed, in Caters and Cinques the task is, owing to the fixed bells, nothing like so laborious as it is in Triples. These are developments of the theme that the student must try to pursue for himself. For the proof of short touches of Stedman Triples

the above process is necessary and will be found sufficient.

We have referred above to the two Stedman books that are now out of print, and students may wish to make inquiry for them at their Guild or Association libraries. The two works are:

Stedman: Rev. C. D. P. Davies (1903). A complete exposition of the method on 5, 7, 9 and 11 bells, historically and technically, including, as an appendix, the masterly essay on composition in Stedman Triples by Sir Arthur Heywood.

Stedman: J. A. Trollope (1938). A revision and up-to-date presentation of the matter of the 1903 book, with a collection of peals of Caters and Cinques somewhat better adapted for more modern tastes.

CONCLUSION

It will be noted that very little has been said here about the use of singles. That they may be used for the construction and extension of touches will be obvious, and it will be readily perceived that with the introduction of this call another vast field of callings is exposed. We must leave the curious to investigate this as his enterprise directs, remarking only that the study of touches in which singles are used will provide many useful hints.

Nothing has been said here about the conducting of peals, a matter requiring a skill that can come only by long practice and experience, but one that may indeed be the outcome of a study and persistence arising from these beginnings.

N.W. SUFFOLK MEETING AT MILDENHALL

The quarterly meeting was held on July 17th at Mildenhall, and despite the number of visitors from other Guilds there were not sufficient to make full use of the ten bells at any time. Most of the ringing was Major or Triples. Touches of Double Norwich Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob were called by J. Paul (Elveden), T. Davey (Little Clacton) and Roger Palmer (Fordham). Mr. R. Rose (Ringing Master) and Maurice Rose also conducted several touches. Ringers from Southend, King's Lynn, Terrington, Barking (Suffolk), Diss, Fordham, St. Albans and Little Clacton joined the N.W. Suffolk folk.

The Rector conducted a short service and tea followed at the Bell Hotel. For the quarterly meeting, held in the Church Room, Mr. Wright took the chair. Arrangements were made for the August evening meeting at Euston on August 14th and the September evening meeting at Horringer on September 18th. The annual meeting is to be held at West Stow on October 9th, and the Suffolk striking competition at Cavendish on September 25th. Thanks were proposed to the Rector and ringing was resumed until 8.45. G. R.

OUTINGS

RUSHDEN AND DISTRICT

A sunny day was chosen for the Rushden and district outing to the Hereford district on July 17th.

Seven o'clock proved too early for some motor bikes but the party started safely with all aboard. Chipping Norton was No. 1, where ringing went well. Some wondered why, on such a fine eight, all the peal boards were of Grandsire Triples. Stow-on-the-Wold tenor was well "turned in" to Kent Major, but was just a little too heavy for some members.

After a packed lunch, the two "twelves" at Cheltenham and Tewkesbury were sampled. Although not used to such large numbers of bells, some decent striking was managed, but unfortunately not to changes. The eight at Lugwardine were rung for one hour to Stedman.

Hereford Cathedral was the last tower of the day. The wide ringing circle and "obscuring posts" were two of the three reasons why we could not ring this lovely ten as well as we would have wished. The third reason was disclosed when someone said "Om famished." This was rectified by dinner at the Imperial Hotel. A few members felt that they were sufficiently epicurean to order Sauterne. Thanks were, and are, given to the organisers and to all the tower captains and incumbents.

A stop on the journey home enabled us to replenish, but the writer is assured that vodkas and tomato juice and long journeys on coach back seats definitely do not mix!

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK

Framsdens and neighbourhood ringers had an enjoyable outing recently into Northants and Rutland. The first bells visited were at Irchester and then on to Irthlingborough, where lunch had been kindly laid on by Mr. Arthur Bingley. The afternoon's ringing was at Finedon and Tichmarsh, with tea at Oundle, arranged by Mr. P. Clarke. The "circle" at Oundle proved too much for us; however, Bob Major went fairly well. Our many thanks for those who met us and those who helped in the organising. L. G. B.

GRESHAM'S SCHOOL

Frequently in our news and peal columns is Gresham's School, Holt, Norfolk. Their outing on July 22nd had an unlucky start: visits to ten towers west of Norwich were planned but, through a breakdown in transport arrangements, a start was not possible until 1 p.m. instead of 8.30 a.m. Quite a feat for the Society was ringing Cambridge at Saham Toney. Best tower of the day was Caston, where the front three bells are rung from a platform two feet higher than the back three. At Rockland the original ropes of 1890 are still in use. Not surprising, the treble rope broke on the third change of Plain Bob: it was quickly spliced. The last tower was the eight at Higham, where courses of Major were tried without much success. We are grateful to Frank H. King (an Old Greshamian) and Michael Hawe for coming from Cambridge to ring with us. P. S. R.-J.

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HALF PEAL

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas-the-Martyr, on July 30th, 2,520 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings): G. Porter 1, L. Porter 2, Janet Farrow (longest length) 3, I. Ross 4, R. Jones (cond.) 5, P. Lucas (longest length) 6. First half peal 2, 3, 4 and 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Mary Bloxham and Murray A. Coleman, of Desborough.

LONG LENGTHS

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.—On July 15th, 2,160 Plain Bob Minor: Katherine Burchall 1, Margaret E. Chilton 2, Grace Burchall 3, A. H. Hawcroft 4, J. R. Pratchett 5, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 6.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.—2,880 Plain Bob Minor: Khuala Toone 1, Dianae Toone 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 4, C. J. Gibson 5, S. F. High 6.

ASHWELL, HERTS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (3 methods): Stephanie Green 1, Susan Farnes 2, Eileen Maskell 3, Paula Healing 4, D. Digby (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, P. Owen 6. First of Doubles 1 and 3. First of Doubles "inside" 2 and 4. Average age, 16 years 9 months.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOMERSET.—On July 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: M. Palmer (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Crocker 2, F. J. White 3, Mrs. D. Crocker 4, R. Parker 5, W. Prescott (cond.) 6. For the 75th anniversary of the Bath and Wells Association.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On July 11th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Christian 1, R. Southgate (first "inside") 2, R. L. K. Whittell 3, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 4, R. Lockwood 5. For Evensong, also a 90th birthday compliment to George Symonds. Also on July 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: S. Christian 1, M. H. Whittell 2, R. Lockwood 3, A. Walters 4, M. J. Howes (cond.) 5.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): S. Henson 1, T. E. Hiddings 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, H. Preece 5, S. Darr 6, D. Walford Davies 7, T. J. Frole 8. A wedding compliment to Martin and Jean (July 24th), and for the christening of Andrew Chidgey (July 25th).

BRISTOL.—At St. Werburgh's Church, on July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Bailey (first quarter) 1, S. G. Riches (cond.) 2, Linda J. Slade 3, P. Ebsworth 4, R. W. Sweet 5, M. Powell 6. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to ringer of the treble. Also on Aug. 1st, 1,279 Doubles (Union and Plain Bob, Grandsire and London): D. Rennolds (first quarter) 1, R. Huddleston 2, D. Huddleston 3, R. W. Sweet 4, A. Howard (cond.) 5, Miss L. Slade 6.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Bourner 1, Lynne Payne 2, H. Payne 3, Carol Wood 4, G. Grant 5, H. Deacon 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, F. Goodearle 8. For Matins. First of Triples for treble ringer.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Osborne 1, Joy Parsons 2, Pamela Osborne 3, W. Mortimer 4, S. Grant (cond.) 5, D. Bailey 6, J. Romain 7, F. Osmund 8.

BROXBORNE, HERTS.—On July 17th, 1,264 Double Norwich C.B. Major: I. L. Dear 1, D. A. Hewitt 2, R. J. Chapman 3, K. Warner 4, A. M. Faulkner 5, D. Ellisdon 6, F. W. Ellis 7, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 8.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On July 20th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): T. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Mrs. R. Wratten (cond.) 3, Miss A. Rayner 4, B. Watts 5, W. J. Beeching 6. A farewell to the Rev. D. Pope, who is leaving the parish.

CHARING, KENT.—On July 11th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Linda C. Fellowes (first quarter) 1, J. L. Anderson 2, Betty Robbins (cond.) 3, P. M. Bradford 4, R. N. Bagshaw 5, P. J. Bagshaw (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the treble ringer. Also on July 18th, 1,260 Doubles (nine methods): Sarah Hutchinson 1, R. N. Bagshaw 2, Betty Robbins 3, Rev. P. T. Robbins (cond.) 4, P. M. Bradford 5, P. J. Bagshaw 6. For Evensong. First in nine Doubles methods by all.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On June 20th, 1,320 Litchurch Bob Doubles: A. Williams (first quarter) 1, J. A. Ball 2, J. Goddard 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, D. Eames 5. For Evensong. Also on July 15th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): W. F. Woodward 1, J. A. Ball 2, J. Goddard 3, D. P. Jones (cond.) 4, D. Perry (first "inside" in four methods) 5. For the induction of the Rev. A. Douglas Gibson, as Vicar of Gresley.

QUARTER PEALS

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.—On July 13th, 1,360 Minor (five methods): G. Oliver 1, G. Davis 2, B. Branton 3, F. Boyall 4, F. Sismey 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. Birthday compliments to ringers of 1, 5 and 6.

CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela McKenzie (first quarter) 1, Kathleen N. Mossop 2, D. Stephens 3, D. A. Trethewey 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, G. W. Riddy 6. A silver wedding anniversary compliment to Kathleen N. Mossop, joint captain of the tower.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On July 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Hudson 1, Miss R. A. Stevens 2, Miss V. J. Meadows 3, A. W. Beard 4, S. Upton 5, F. E. Godsmark 6, S. Allen 7, R. V. Johnson (cond.) 8. First of Major 3 and 7. A birthday compliment to 1 and 2, and Mrs. R. V. Johnson.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's, on July 27th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. Fox (first of T.B.) 1, Janet Percy (first of Kent) 2, Betty Percy 3, I. White (first of T.B.) 4, H. Reynolds 5, A. Baldock (first of Kent as cond.) 6.

FINEDUN, NORTHANTS.—On July 11th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: J. Worley 1, C. Richardson 2, Miss J. Marlow 3, E. Chapman 4, K. Chapman 5, F. Coales 6, E. Buckby 7, R. Cowley (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.—On July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Khuala Toone 1, Dianae Toone 2, S. Toone 3, S. F. High (cond.) 4, C. Perkins 5, J. B. Pickup 6, W. B. Duncan 8.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On July 24th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Barnard 1, G. Barnard 2, E. Brown 3, B. Horrell 4, W. J. Ridman (cond.) 5. Rung following the wedding of Miss Marlon Bean, a ringer at this church, to Dr. David Turnock.

KESSEINGLAND, SUFFOLK.—On May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): Dianae Toone 1, N. P. J. Cossey 2, T. Brock 3, S. F. High 4, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 5. Rung after meeting short for a peal to welcome the Rev. Bernard Morgan to Kessingland.

KILKHAMPTON, CORNWALL.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. A. Dawson 1, Margaret E. Chilton 2, Elisabeth A. Tutty 3, H. Stacey 4, A. E. Chilton 5, W. L. Exton (cond.) 6, J. R. Pratchett 7, B. Vince 8.

KING'S SUMBORNE, HANTS.—On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. D. Northway 1, J. Hartless 2, M. D. Northway (cond.) 3, L. D. Smith 4, K. J. Jacobs 5, W. C. Perry 6. Rung in memoriam Canon G. E. H. Theophilus, Rector, 1915-1935, and a life member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On July 10th, 1,309 Doubles: Doreen Land 1, G. Alcock 2, F. Adcock 3, D. W. Bailey 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5. After a poorly attending ringing meeting. Also on July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. A. Hill 1, M. P. Green 2, G. Alcock 3, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 4, J. A. Harrison 5. For St. Swithin's Day. Also on July 18th, 1,290 Union Bob Doubles: E. A. Hill 1, M. J. Kirk (cond.) 2, G. Alcock 3, J. A. Harrison 4, E. A. Harrison 5. Also on July 25th, 1,260 Rev. Canterbury Pl. Doubles: L. M. Baguley 1, M. J. Kirk 2, G. Alcock 3, J. A. Harrison 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 6.

LLANGYNWYD, GLAM.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. E. Hiddins 1, D. R. L. Jones 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, H. Preece 4, D. W. Davies 5, T. J. Frole 6. Rung for the wedding at this church of Margaret Joshua and David Phillips.

LODERS, DORSET.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Kramanvic 1, Mrs. J. Davis 2, D. Ellery 3, Rev. O. L. Willmot 4, J. Davis (cond.) 5, I. Andrews 6. Rung on St. Mary Magdalen's Day.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—On July 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. W. Howlett 1, J. I. Margrets 2, H. Meadows 3, L. M. Raphael 4, A. E. Crowe 5, D. Carr 6, R. W. Bickers 7, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 8. For evening service on St. Margaret's Sunday.

LYDD, KENT.—On July 29th, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: Maisie Vantom 1, Violet Relf 2, Elizabeth Stewart 3, J. V. Richards 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, A. Lewry 6, G. Stewart 7, H. Parkes 8.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On July 25th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): B. Butcher 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, E. A. Topp 3, R. P. Brotherton 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, A. Neilson 6. For Matins. Also 1,260 Doubles (two methods): B. Butcher 1, A. Neilson 2, E. A. Topp (cond.) 3, R. P. Brotherton 4, G. Neilson 5, R. Gemmell 6. For Evensong.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Frances J. N. Brown (first of Minor) 1, Christine M. Fuller 2, Kathleen S. Fuller 3, Ruth A. Elmes 4, Mary E. Elmes 5, Judith A. Robertson (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor by the ladies of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Aug. 1st, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Doris G. Dobbie 1, Mrs. T. Cullingworth 2, W. T. Grice 3, L. Mannerling 4, T. E. Sone 5, L. Head (cond.) 6, T. Cullingworth 7, S. B. Dobbie 8, B. F. Baker 9, F. Thwaites 10. For Evensong.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Bromfield (first quarter) 1, J. W. Uden 2, B. Bull 3, F. Seabright (first "inside") 4, N. S. Bagworth (cond.) 5, J. W. Clark 6. For the retirement of the Vicar, Rev. G. S. Johnston.

MULD, FLINTSHIRE.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. Downer 1, Jane Owen 2, J. C. Jones 3, J. R. Williams (cond.) 4, J. H. Jones 5, W. Price 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. J. Read and their infant son, who are shortly to leave for New Guinea.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.—On July 25th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: P. Adcock (cond.) 1, W. Cloves 2, D. P. Morlock 3, H. Tooke 4, T. Spight 5, L. Bailey 6. For the Patronal Festival.

NEWPORT, MON.—At St. Woolos', on July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. S. King 1, R. W. Owen 2, D. L. Phillips 3, D. G. Clarke 4, D. J. Hughes 5, D. Pike 6, D. J. King (cond.) 7, J. L. Fitzgerald 8. First on eight "inside" for 2 and 3.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Batten 1, B. Miles 2, V. Clifton (cond.) 3, F. Trinder 4, W. Butler 5, P. Trinder 6. Rung for the diamond wedding of Mr. H. Webb, churchwarden for many years, and Mrs. Webb.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Knipe 1, K. G. Game (cond.) 2, A. J. Bull 3, G. Charlton 4, W. Dunn 5, W. H. Inwood 6, A. T. Shelton 7, Joan Hanning 8. A 71st birthday compliment to ringer of 7th. Conductor's 125th quarter.

ST. FLORENCE, PEMBES.—On July 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Kenneth Salisbury (12 years, first quarter) 1, A. Johns 2, R. Underwood 3, Mrs. B. Rogers 4, P. C. Rogers 5, Rev. Russen Thomas (cond.) 6.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.—On July 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Woolard 1, V. Bedford 2, A. Knight 3, J. Pilgrim (cond.) 4, J. Marjoram 5, H. Archer 6. A special honour to Mr. and Mrs. B. Howard, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

SEALE, SURREY.—On July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Hoar (first of Minor) 1, Rosemary Weal 2, Elizabeth Stevinson 3, J. H. Payton 4, Diane Street (first of Minor as cond.) 5, T. J. Weiten 6.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On July 10th, 1,280 Grandsire Doubles: D. A. Eddy 1, T. P. Harris (cond.) 2, T. R. Lett 3, T. R. Harris (cond.) 4, P. J. Lawton 5, D. Brazier (age 11, first quarter) 6. For the wedding of a former ringer, Miss Jacqueline Wilkinson, to Mr. G. Tomkins. Also on July 25th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): A. G. Harris 1, P. J. Lawton 2, T. R. Harris (cond.) 3, I. Bell 4, T. P. Harris 5, L. R. Lett 6. For the Patronal Festival.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Abbott 1, E. Arnold 2, S. Allan 3, E. Burton 4, S. Arnold (cond.) 5, E. Lewingden (first quarter) 6. A golden wedding compliment to the parents of E. and S. Arnold, married at this church.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On July 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Bourner 1, Sylvia Knight 2, Lynne Payne 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, E. Clifton 6. For Evensong. First "inside" for ringer of second.

TORQUAY, DEVON.—On July 27th, at St. Saviour's, Tor Mohun, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. V. K. Harvey 1, D. J. Roberts 2, K. E. Fursdon 3, G. J. Roberts 4, W. J. Harvey (cond.) 5, S. G. French (first quarter) 6.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On July 31st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): J. P. S. Lambard 1, S. Lewis 2, Miss L. Legg (cond.) 3, J. Coombs 4, P. J. Hall (first in five methods) 5, G. Kington 6.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Aug. 1st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Ruth A. Elmes 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, G. W. Elmes 4, P. R. Keough 5, J. W. Blackwood 6, L. F. Cobb 7, R. G. W. Robertson (first of Surprise Major as cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major for 1, 2 and 5. For Evensong.

ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF MINOR METHODS

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"P"

PADDOCK DELIGHT

See Exeter Bob.

PALATINE

x 14 x 36 x 3. 2nds 42563.

In the notebook of "Uncle Joe"—J. E. Sykes of Almondsbury: "This method was published on August 30th, 1902, by J. Martin, of Liverpool, but really belongs to Isaac Cavill, of Stanstead, who published it in 1899 as **Stanstead Double Bob**." More recently the method has been rung on handbells as **Dynevor College Bob**.

PASTON SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.1. 4ths. 54263.
cf. **Priston Surprise**.

PATTISWICK SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 123 x 12 x 5. 2nds 65324.
Single change method.

PEBMARSH DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 123 x 34 x 5. 2nds 64523.
Single change method.

PEMBROKE (CASTLE) DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.5. 2nds 56342.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907. Also called **Tavistock**.

PENCOMBE SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 36.14 x 12.5. 2nds 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

PENHILL SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 123 x 12 x 36. 6ths 64523.
Single change method.

PENISTONE TREBLE BOB

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.5. 6ths 65243.

PENNINE TREBLE BOB

36 x 34.16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 3. 2nds 42635.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907. Also called **Marigold**.

PENSHURST ALLIANCE

x 16 x 36.12 x 14.5. 2nds 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

PERIVALE ALLIANCE

x 14 x 36 x 14 x 3. 2nds 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

PERRAN SPECIAL ALLIANCE

36.14 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 5. 2nds 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

PERTH SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 1. 4ths 36524.

PEVENSEY DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.5. 6ths 56342.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907. Also called **Leytonstone**.

PEVERIL (CASTLE) DELIGHT

36 x 34.16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 5. 2nds 56342.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

PILSEY DELIGHT

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.5. 6ths 65243.

PINCHBECK SPECIAL ALLIANCE

34.16 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.5. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

PINEHURST

x 14 x 123 x 5. 2nds 42635.
Single change method. Handbells. December 28th, 1961.

PINK

See **Evening Pleasure**.

PLACE METHODS

"Place Ringing" was the second of 12 "systems" into which Shipway grouped his methods. Not all these "systems" are applicable to Minor methods. "Reverse" and "Double" Place will be found under their appropriate letters. Herewith is **Place**:
36.14.56.16 x 1. 2nds 42635.

PLAIN BOB (MINOR)

x 16 x 16 x 1. 2nds 35264.
Grandsire Bob in "Tintinnalogia," 1668, and Annable's notebook; **Grandsire Bob** or **Plain Bob** in "Campanologia," 1702; **Grandsire Bob**, **Plain Bob** or **Single Bob** Minor according to "Clavis," 1788. **Bob** Minor in C.C. Collection, 1907.

PLEVNOR DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.3. 4ths 45362.

PONTEFRAC (CASTLE) DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 3. 2nds 42635.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907. Also called **Vulcan**.

POYNTON DELIGHT

See **Newdigate Delight**.

POYNTON SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.3. 6ths 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

PRESHUTE ALLIANCE

x 14 x 123 x 12 x 3. 2nds 42563.
Single change method.

PRESTON SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.5. 4ths 36524.

PRIDE OF THE VILLAGE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 56 x 34 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 36 x 5. 6ths 64235.
Asymmetrical. Addy's notebook, 1865.

PRIMROSE SURPRISE (I)

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 5. 6ths 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1907. **Ringers Surprise**, William Walker, 1882-83.

PRIMROSE SURPRISE (II)

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 3. 6ths 65243.
"Campanologia," 1702. Also Annable's notebook.

PRINCE IMPERIAL

See **Queen Bess**.

PRINCE OF WALES

Identical with **College Treble Bob** according to A. Nash.

PRINCE REGENT

See **Dover Castle**. Found, amongst other places, in Addy's notebook, 1865.

PRINCESS ROYAL

x 36 x 14 x 56 x 16 x 14 x 1. 6ths 34625.
Amongst A. Nash's Collection.

PRISTON SURPRISE

Identical with **Paston Surprise** except that it has a 2nd instead of a 6th place Bob. At one time both 6ths and 2nds place methods had 4th place Bob (as today), but a 4th place method usually had a 6th place Bob unless this caused a bell to lie four blows behind, in which case it had a 2nds place Bob. Sometimes different names were given to the 2nd and 6th place Bob variations, as in the present case. A. Gill writes "(Somerset)" after **Priston**, probably to emphasise that the name was not a clerical error.

PURLEIGH SURPRISE

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 123 x 12 x 5. 2nds 54632.
Single change method.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We understand that an attempt is to be made for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Liverpool Cathedral tomorrow.

Current issue of "The Belfry News," journal of the Derby Diocesan Association, has a useful history of bells written by the Rev. T. L. Weatherhead, Rector of Staveley.

The conductor of the peal of Londinium Surprise Maximus rung at Birmingham Cathedral on June 10th this year was Frederick Shallcross and not as published.

A reader suggests that those who have purchased the Central Council's "Collection of Surprise" should examine their copies, as he found a section of the book omitted and another duplicated.

The ladies of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild have blossomed out with a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor at Lytchett Matravers on August 2nd. This is the Branch's first ladies' quarter.

By taking part in a quarter peal at Canterbury Cathedral on July 27th, Mr. E. Rochester, of Sawbridgeworth, Herts, was the second Hertfordshire ringer to make up for a quarter peal at the Cathedral this year. The other was Mr. A. Lawrence, of Hatfield, on Whit Sunday.

Denby Church bells are to be fitted by Messrs. John Taylor with new steel gudgeons, new ball bearings and bell securing bolts. The dismantling of the bells and removal of headstocks to the foundry is to be done by local labour supervised by Mr. Gordon Halls.

This year the six bells at St. Mary's, Hanley Castle, Worcs, were rung by boys of the Grammar School for their annual "Founder's Day" service of commemoration. This was the first time in the school's ancient history. (Founded in 1326.)

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WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL FILM

Mr. Norman Chaddock informs us that the Washington Cathedral sound colour film is fully booked for the weeks ending September 25th to November 20th. Applicants must enclose a stamped addressed envelope for reply and conditions of loan.

A booking fee of 25s. is payable and must be remitted to Mr. Norman Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham, on application. The film must be returned to him by registered post, insured to the value of at least £10, and properly packed, not later than 2 p.m. on the day after the film is shown, except when shown on a Saturday, when it must be returned on the following Monday before 2 p.m. (Insurance to £40 is covered by G.P.O. Registration fee plus one penny.)

The film will only be loaned to Associations affiliated to the Central Council, and application for such a loan must be made by a responsible Association official, who must accept personal responsibility in connection therewith.

A CHURCHILL BELL FOR BRIXHAM

Two new bells have been cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for St. Mary's Church, Brixham, Devon. The larger is inscribed to the memory of Sir Winston Churchill. It is hoped the bells will be installed in the tower in the early autumn. To raise money for the augmentation the church bellringers propose to hold their "Ten Bell Fair" at Church Farm, Higher Brixham, on Saturday, August 14th.

ALL 11 PEALS SUCCESSFUL

Earlier this year Mr. Gerald C. Hemming, of Evesham, arranged a peal tour for July visiting six counties and involving 12 attempts. Unfortunately they met two short for the sixth county (Mickleton, Glos. for the Saturday afternoon of July 31st), which reduced the attempts to 11 in five counties. All were successful. The conducting was shared between Michael J. Fellows (four peals), Gerald C. Hemming (four), Martin D. Fellows (two) and John C. Eisel (one).

AN AUSPICIOUS START

Thirteen-year-old Miss Katherine Maundrell has made a most promising start in peal ringing by ringing the second to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at East Tytherley, Hants. Comments Mr. W. A. Theobald (the conductor): "Her performance would have given great credit to a much more experienced performer."

On the subject of youth, we note that at Frittenden, Kent, a peal of four-spliced Surprise Major was rung on July 28th by a band with an average age of 17 years five months, all being resident members of the Kent County Association. This is believed to be the youngest band to put up such a performance.

SATISFIED

"While I am writing, may I thank you for much information and help which I have gained by just reading 'The Ringing World' since taking up the art about 18 months ago. Despite the recent criticism over the price, I think that it is excellent value for money and would continue to support it should an increase be necessary."—David Chiles.

FOUR MORE BELLS FOR LIVERPOOL

Four large bells, weighing over six tons and costing £13,000, were blessed and dedicated on Sunday, July 25th, on the roof of the Metropolitan Cathedral crypt at Liverpool. The ceremony was performed by Archbishop Andrew Beck in the presence of 1,000 people, and the bells were named Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The bells were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and were transported from London by road. At Liverpool they were hoisted on a wooden platform around the Cathedral, which is now 230 feet high. When in their final position, they will be some 80 feet up in an open air turret. People entering the Cathedral will be able to see directly above them the bells, with headstock and clappers revolving. They will be swung and tolled electrically and are an extended common chord in A flat.

Individual details are: Matthew (the tenor) 92 cwt., 6½ feet diameter; Mark, 25 cwt.; Luke 10½ cwt.; and John 6½ cwt. Before placing the contract, the Roman Catholic authorities heard a similar chord on the bells of the Anglican Cathedral.

Archbishop Beck recalled that it was 33 years since the foundation stone was laid and the Cathedral will be officially opened in May, 1967.

BELLS AND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

Among the Free Churches with rings of bells, none are credited to the Congregational Church. This does not mean that Congregationalists are averse to bells. According to "The Shropshire Journal," Wollerton Congregationalists call their peal on a record of Thatcham Parish Church, Berks. bells. There is also a single minute bell rung just before the service is due to begin.

The minister, the Rev. Ernest Pritchard, states the bells have proved popular with local people. When the record was first played Wollerton Bowling Club members were quite surprised. They thought they were Hodnet bells.

The next step is to have the real thing and install a modern belfry, which is about the cost of a small house.

SAID FAREWELL WITH HOLT'S

Mr. Cyril W. Hancock is now settled in Suffolk but friends in the East Grinstead and District Guild, of which he was the popular hon. treasurer, were determined that he should not leave without peal honours. Holt's Original was rung at Coleman's Hatch on July 24th after a previous attempt three weeks earlier at Edenbridge had been lost after 2½ hours' good ringing.

We regret that the peal of Doubles rung at Denby (page 517) is a duplicate.

A peal of 18 Spliced Surprise Major was rung at Longney, Glos. on July 31st, conducted by Anthony R. Peake. This is the greatest number of Major methods to a peal for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

SAN FRANCISCO 'CARILLON

Mr. Anthony K. Fortin, of Amersham, in a recent trip round the world has heard bells in various places. Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, the third largest in U.S.A., contains a carillon by Gilletts of 43 bells. The Cathedral reflects the varied Gothic styles of early European churches and is built of reinforced concrete for its earthquake-resisting properties. In 1940 the Coulson tower, which with the bells was the gift of Dr. Nathaniel Coulson, of Penzance, Cornwall, was built, and the other tower three years later.

The verger took him up to see the bells by an elevator in the new tower, from where they walked to the Coulson tower and up into the bell chamber, which has large sound openings without louvres. The bells are hung dead in about eight tiers, except the six-ton bass bell, which was swung by means of an electric motor. He was allowed to try the organ consol operating the carillon. The verger told him that a lady wanted to give a ring of bells for the other tower but the amount of money was inadequate.

While at Honolulu he heard some bells which sounded very nice from the Waikiki beach. On investigation he found the music was coming out of loud speakers. Another experience was being awakened by the sound of bells in Hong Kong from another carillon. Later he asked his host where the bells were and he replied: "Oh, those — things: they wake us up every Sunday morning."

TO LIVE IN ABERDEEN

The wedding of Miss Marion Bean to Dr. David Turnock on July 24th at Haslingfield Church, Cambridgeshire, where she has been ringing for the past 12 months, after gaining wide experience over a number of years, is likely to be a loss to the Exercise as she will be living in Aberdeen. Nevertheless, Haslingfield ringers hope to see her on her occasional visits. Following the practice on the previous Thursday, the ringers gave her, with their best wishes, an electric clock.

MR. F. E. DUKES RESIGNING EDITORSHIP

"The Irish Bell News" announces in its summer issue that Mr. F. E. Dukes, the editor since its inception over 13 years ago, has found it necessary to hand over the reins of office to someone with more time and ability than he has. In the event of nobody coming forward the production will be suspended at the conclusion of the current volume at the end of 1966.

The position was discussed at a meeting of the Executive Council of the Irish Association. A suggestion was made that the Editorial and Production Departments should function separately. "The successor to the Editor should be a person who is familiar with every aspect of ringing in Ireland, who should have his ear to the ground, be one who can produce articles to keep alive and to edit material sent forward for publication." We wish Editor Dukes a well-earned rest. His facile pen and ready wit has made the "Irish Bell News" a truly worthy quarterly ringing paper that is always a joy to read.

MR. G. C. HEMMING'S PEAL TOUR

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew, Hampton.

On Mon., July 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 EVESHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Geoffrey J. Hemming .. Treble	Arthur C. Berry 5
Edward W. Colley 2	Michael J. Fellows 6
*Ian Lloyd 3	Gerald C. Hemming 7
John C. Eisel 4	Martin D. Fellows Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
 * 50th peal. First peal in the method by all except treble and 7th.

SALFORD PRIORS, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.
 On Mon., July 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 WARWICKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Rev. Anthony E. Clayton Treble	James Attwood, jun. .. 5
Martin D. Fellows 2	Arthur C. Berry 6
Edward W. Colley 3	John C. Eisel 7
Gerald C. Hemming 4	Michael J. Fellows Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
 First peal in the method by all except ringer of 4th (his 250th peal).

NORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Egwin.

On Tues., July 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 WORCESTERSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Ann Collett Treble	†Arthur C. Berry 5
Michael J. Fellows 2	†Ian Lloyd 6
John C. Eisel 3	Martin D. Fellows 7
*James Attwood, jun. .. 4	Gerald C. Hemming .. Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
 * First peal of Worcestershire. † 50th peal together.

KINGHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Tues., July 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Rev. Anthony E. Clayton Treble	Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 5
Gerald C. Hemming 2	Arthur C. Berry 6
Ian Lloyd 3	Martin D. Fellows 7
John C. Eisel 4	Michael J. Fellows Tenor

Composed by George Baker. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.

NETHERTON (Dudley), Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Wed., July 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Rev. Anthony E. Clayton Treble	Martin D. Fellows 5
Michael G. Selby 2	John C. Eisel 6
Geoffrey J. Hemming 3	Michael J. Fellows 7
Ian Lloyd 4	Gerald C. Hemming .. Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
 The conductor's 75th peal as conductor.

KINGSWINFORD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., July 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

Michael G. Selby Treble	Gerald C. Hemming .. 5
*Ann Collett 2	Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 6
Ian Lloyd 3	Michael J. Fellows 7
Martin D. Fellows 4	John C. Eisel Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
 * First peal of Yorkshire.

STOKE PRIOR, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Thurs., July 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*Richard Bateman Treble	*M. Roger Ashmore .. 5
Geoffrey J. Hemming 2	Gerald C. Hemming .. 6
Michael J. Fellows 3	John C. Eisel 7
*Ian Lloyd 4	Martin D. Fellows .. Tenor

Composed by James Thorp. Conducted by John C. Eisel.
 * First peal of Superlative.

HANBURY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Thurs., July 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

James W. Washbrook's arrangement of Charles Middleton's.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

Geoffrey J. Hemming .. Treble	M. Roger Ashmore .. 5
John C. Eisel 2	Ian Lloyd 6
Gerald C. Hemming 3	Martin D. Fellows .. 7
*Rev. Anthony E. Clayton 4	Michael J. Fellows .. Tenor

Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.
 * First peal of Cambridge. Treble ringer has now "circled the tower" to peals.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, Worcestershire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Fri., July 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

Rev. Anthony E. Clayton Treble	Edward W. Colley 5
Ian Lloyd 2	John C. Eisel 6
M. Roger Ashmore 3	Michael J. Fellows 7
Gerald C. Hemming 4	Martin D. Fellows Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davis. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
 First peal in the method by all the band.

COLWALL, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great, Apostle and Martyr.

On Fri., July 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. approx. in G sharp.

Edward W. Colley Treble	Ian Lloyd 5
Martin D. Fellows 2	Michael J. Fellows 6
M. Roger Ashmore 3	John C. Eisel 7
Geoffrey J. Hemming 4	Gerald C. Hemming .. Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

BRETORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., July 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F sharp.

Richard Bateman Treble	Edward W. Colley 5
Gerald C. Hemming 2	Martin D. Fellows 6
Rev. Anthony E. Clayton 3	Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 7
Ian Lloyd 4	Michael J. Fellows Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

GORING-ON-THAMES, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (7th observation).	Tenor 8 cwt.
William Hibbert Treble	Reginald G. Hooper .. 5
William J. Marlow 2	Paul C. Holmes 6
Michael S. Holbrook 3	John W. T. Hibbert .. 7
Brynley A. Shackleton .. 4	Raymond Hassell Tenor

Conducted by John W. T. Hibbert.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TIMSBURY, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods/variations: (1-2) St. Simon, (3-7) Grandsire, (8-12) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (13-17) April Day, (18-22) Old, (23-27) Norfolk, (28-32) Plain Bob, (33) St. Simon, (34) Grandsire, (35) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (36) April Day, (37) Old, (38) Norfolk, (39) Plain Bob, (40-42) Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*John H. Thompson .. Treble	Alan F. Lee 4
*Shirley A. Cox 2	*Ian P. Cox 5
*Julian E. Newman 3	Albert F. Butt Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* Most methods/variations in a peal.

Rung following the wedding of Paul Holbrooke and Veronica Watts (chairman and organist respectively) at this church.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

STOTFOLD, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 lb. in G.
Philip G. Rogers Treble	Audrey R. Alexander .. 4
Sheila I. Smith 2	Andrew C. D. Mayes .. 5
Verna Rix 3	Anthony H. Smith Tenor

Conducted by Anthony H. Smith.

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

CASTLE BROMWICH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret.

On Fri., July 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

Rosemary Tailby Treble	Paul M. Evans 4
*Ruth E. Gay 2	Alastair D. Macfadyen .. 5
*Maurice G. Ingram 3	Geoffrey Davies Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Davies.

* First peal of Minor "inside."

Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 26 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

Derek Yates	Treble	Geoffrey Goodall	7
Alan A. Potts	2	Allen McFall	8
Basil Jones	3	Rodger Lumley	9
Harold Lonyon	4	Barry Sullivan	10
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Leonard Goodall	11
John Worth	6	A. Peter Whitehead	Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

Conducted by John Worth.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., July 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

John Robinson	Treble	John A. Booth	5
Margaret Booth	2	Peter J. Wycherley	6
*Derek F. Yates	3	Jeffrey Brannan	7
*Alan McFall	4	Robert B. Smith	Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley.

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal of Superlative. First peal in the method on the bells.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

David Vincent	Treble	Jeffrey Brannan	5
Allen Twyman	2	Peter J. Wycherley	6
Brian A. Tomlinson	3	Neil D. Lomas	7
Philip G. K. Davies	4	John Robinson	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter J. Wycherley.

First peal as conductor.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Tues., July 27, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Philip R. Johnson	Treble	Giles B. Thompson	5
Derek F. Yates	2	Philip G. K. Davies	6
Kenneth R. Davenport	3	Alan McFall	7
Basil Jones	4	John Robinson	Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Basil Jones.

CUMBERLAND AND N. WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

CARLISLE.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

James Butterfield	Tenor	†David M. Hunns	5
Geoffrey Tembey	2	John E. Morgan	6
*Harry Byrom	3	Joseph Ling	7
Colin Forsyth	4	Leslie Boumphrey	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by Leslie Boumphrey.

* 25th peal. † First peal of Major.
Rung to celebrate the centenary of the first peal in Cumberland—Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) rung in May, 1865, at St. Stephen's, Carlisle (bells now dismantled).

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. 21 lb. in D flat.

*Vaughan P. Evans	Treble	Denis A. Frith	6
*David J. Hopkinson	2	J. Ashmore Dodd	7
*Graham J. N. Colborne	3	*Edmund Shuttleworth	8
*John R. S. Jordan	4	David W. Parkin	9
*Simon Humphrey	5	James R. Holmes	Tenor

Composed by Richard F. Deal.

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSN.

BREADSALL, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 11 extents each of Quantum and Xerxes, and 10 extents each of Yttrium and Zeus.		Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.	
George Allcock	Treble	E. Andrew Harrison	3
David W. Bailey	2	Martin J. Kirk	4

John A. Harrison Tenor | | |

Conducted by John A. Harrison.

First peal in the methods.

Quantum: Rev. Canterbury Pl. (call Shipway's Bob); Xerxes: Plain Bob (Shipway's Bob); Yttrium: Shipway's Pl. (Pl. Bob); Zeus: All Saints (Shipway's Pl.).

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

Op Sat., July 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.		Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.	
Brian E. Jeffrey	Treble	*M. Iain Davey	5
Elizabeth A. M. Tester	2	David J. M. Cox	6
R. Jean Osbon	3	Keith G. Game	7
Richard W. H. Hayes	4	Colin A. Osbon	Tenor

Conducted by Brian E. Jeffrey.

* First peal in the method.

Rung with best wishes to Cyril W. Hancock, popular ex-treasurer of the Guild, who has recently left the district to live in Suffolk.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

WOODFORD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Wed., July 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt.

Roy D. Tomlin	Treble	John W. Stephenson	5
Donald E. Cobb	2	Dennis Hewitt	6
*Anthony M. Faulkner	3	Robert J. Chapman	7
*Kenneth Warner	4	Alfred J. House	Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Alfred J. House.

* First peal in the method.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., July 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 10 methods, being seven 720's, as follows: 1 Ipswich Surprise, 2 Cambridge Surprise, 3 Double Court Bob, 4 Double and St. Clement's Bob, 5 Double Oxford and Oxford Bob, 6 Kent and Oxford T.B., 7 Plain Bob.

Lesley Ward	Treble	Neil V. Avis	4
*Stephen D. Humphrey	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
*Peter G. Pitt	3	*Brian J. Vaughan	Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* Most methods to a peal.

SHRUB END, Colchester, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., July 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different callings.

Lesley Ward	Treble	Brian J. Vaughan	4
Robert J. Isgar	2	Stephen D. Humphrey	5
Neil V. Avis	3	Peter G. Pitt	Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Pitt.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., July 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in A.			
*Joan V. Reyner	Treble	Peter J. Joyce	4
†Angela J. Smart	2	Peter G. Smart	5
Robert C. Kippin	3	A. Patrick Cannon	Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Tues., July 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods, being one extent each of Grandsire, Newborough, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St. Augustine, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, St. Hilda, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Little Aston, St. Columba, Campion, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Seighford, Old, Hudibras, St. Simon, St. Alban, Eynsham, Cassington, Somerville, St. Martin, St. Paul, Austrey, St. Peter, Magdalen, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, Shareshill, St. Thomas, Nuffield, Winchendon, St. Miles, Ryton, St. Luke, Wadham.

Tenor 9 cwt			
Mrs. E. C. Chandler	Treble	Robert A. Hatcher	3
*H. Lyndon Hatfield	2	Colin A. Lewis	4

*Malcolm T. Johns Tenor | | |

Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.

* First peal in 42 methods.

Rung to welcome the birth of a son to John and Margaret Hope on the previous day.

CLODOCK, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Clydog.

On Thurs., July 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 10 cwt. 2 lb. in A.	
Wilfrid F. Moreton	Treble	†William P. Nash	4
*Christine M. Jay	2	Thomas Wood	5
Austin T. Wingate	3	George T. Cousins	Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal in the method "inside." † First peal.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

APSLEY END, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Ten methods in the following seven extents: (1) York Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Bob, (4) Childwall Bob and Thelwall Bob, (5) Fulbeck Bob, (6) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (7) Norwich Surprise.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Edwin J. Upton Treble	Augustin V. Good 4
*C. Valerie Mills 2	Reginald E. Sheppard .. 5
Brian M. Barker 3	Antony R. Kench Tenor

Conducted by Antony R. Kench.

* First peal in ten methods.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. P. H. Palmer (priest-in-charge of St. Benedict's in this parish) and Miss N. Destafano, who were married at St. Benedict's during the peal.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

CARRICKFERGUS, Co. Antrim.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement, Plain Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, every extent a change of method.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*Rosemary Thompson .. Treble	*Maud Austin 4
John T. Dunwoody 2	Jean Jeffery 5
Stanley Walmsley 3	*John Lindsay Tenor

Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.

* First peal in five methods.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SPELDHURST, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5152 CHILTERN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Philip A. Corby Treble	Doris E. Colgate 5
Michael M. Corby 2	Andrew J. Corby 6
Olive D. Tester 3	Colin A. Tester 7
Ann Jenner 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

An 81st birthday compliment to Mr. P. G. Turley, of Sevenoaks.

FRITTENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., July 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,280 each of Cambridge, Superlative and London, and 1,312 Bristol, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Robert J. Everest Treble	*Norman R. Mattingley .. 5
Judith M. Corby 2	*D. Paul Smith 6
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
*Edwin G. Jenner 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of spliced.

Believed to be the youngest band to ring a peal of Spliced Surprise Major. Average age 17 years 5 months. All are resident members of the Kent County Association.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D.

Jack L. Millhouse Treble	Harold F. Gibson 7
Mary C. Poyner 2	Walter Tomlinson 8
Norah M. Randles 3	George H. Randles 9
Joyce M. Gurnhill 4	Colin W. Reed 10
John Walden 5	Peter Sharp 11
Harry Poyner 6	Harold Stephenson Tenor

Composed by D. E. Parsons (No. 6). Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse. Rung on the 29th annual festival of the Association of Friends of Lincoln Cathedral.

WALESBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Old Church.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Ronald Chafer Treble	Michael W. Crowder .. 5
John Hall 2	C. Aubrey Harrison .. 6
John Parker 3	Harold Judd 7
Geoffrey Bromfield .. 4	*Ronald Ducker Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by John Hall.

* 50th peal. First in the method by all the band.

PINCHBECK, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., July 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Roger D. Bailey Treble	Denis A. Frith 5
David J. Hopkinson .. 2	Alan G. Payne 6
Graham J. N. Colborne .. 3	David R. Baxter 7
*Vaughan P. Evans 4	Richard A. G. Inglis .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

* First peal on eight bells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER.—At the Church of St. Stephen,

Rochester Row, S.W.1.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 24 cwt.

J. J. Parker's Ten-Part (No. 6)	
Andrew N. Stubbs Treble	Michael P. Moreton .. 5
John Armstrong 2	John H. Crampion .. 6
Lawrence Smith 3	David P. Hilling 7
David T. Darby 4	John V. Clark Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., July 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5124 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Richard J. Clifton Treble	Joseph W. Cotton 5
John A. Underwood .. 2	G. Ronald Edwards .. 6
Edwin Deakin 3	Arthur E. Rowley 7
*Ron Hughes 4	Roland Beniston Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roland Beniston.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., July 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LUSITANIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Arthur E. Rowley Treble	John A. Underwood .. 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	G. Ronald Edwards .. 6
Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville 3	Joseph W. Cotton 7
Roland H. Cook 4	Derek P. Jones Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

First peal in the method.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WICKEN, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. John the

Evangelist.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5152 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

Barry R. Eglesfield Treble	George W. Holland .. 5
William A. Yates 2	*Alan A. Paul 6
*Roger W. Smith 3	Frederick A. H. Wilkins 7
Graham C. Paul 4	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Adapted from G. Lindoff.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* 100th peal together. First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
PIDDINGTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being extents of London, Wells, York, Durham, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge.

Michael R. Harvey	Treble	*Stanley M. Ruddlesden	4
Alan A. Paul	2	Roger W. Smith	5
*Barrie Hendry	3	Graham C. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

* First peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods.

HARLESTONE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
 On Sun., July 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Ronald Russell	Treble	George F. Roome	4
Graham C. Paul	2	Charles E. Truman	5
Roger W. Smith	3	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

In memoriam Mrs. E. L. J. Faulkner.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., July 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Norman J. Goodman	Treble	David J. Purnell	7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	2	Michael J. Fellows	8
James Insley	3	Martin D. Fellows	9
Susan Funnell	4	Frederick Shallcross	10
Roderick W. Pipe	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
George E. Fearn	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., July 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LAMBETH SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

David J. Purnell	Treble	Michael J. Fellows	7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	2	John C. Eisel	8
Norman J. Goodman	3	George E. Fearn	9
Frederick Shallcross	4	Clifford A. Barron	10
Roderick W. Pipe	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
Martin D. Fellows	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Thurs., July 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

Martin D. Fellows	Treble	S. Clarke Walters	7
Susan Funnell	2	George E. Fearn	8
John R. Insley	3	*Norman J. Goodman	9
Michael J. Fellows	4	Clifford A. Barron	10
Roderick W. Pipe	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
John C. Eisel	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* 100th peal of Maximus.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., July 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Roderick W. Pipe	Treble	Michael J. Fellows	7
Iris Lemare	2	John C. Eisel	8
Susan Funnell	3	Norman J. Goodman	9
John R. Insley	4	Clifford A. Barron	10
Martin D. Fellows	5	J. Alan Ainsworth	11
George E. Fearn	6	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., July 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

J. Alan Ainsworth	Treble	Roderick W. Pipe	6
James Crowther	2	Norman J. Goodman	7
William Davidson	3	David J. Purnell	8
George E. Fearn	4	Clifford A. Barron	9
James Insley	5	Peter Border	Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.
 Rung with the best wishes of the band to John James Peter Border,
 born on Tuesday, July 27th, 1965.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Aston.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 102 lb. in D.

J. Alan Ainsworth	Treble	David R. Ingram	5
Marilyn C. Smith	2	Frederick R. Scott	6
Iris Lemare	3	Norman J. Goodman	7
Alan Burbidge	4	J. Keith Ward	Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
SHIRLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Wed., July 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 29 lb. in B flat.

Muriel Reay	Treble	William Davidson	5
David R. Ingram	2	Clifford A. Barron	6
Roderick W. Pipe	3	Norman J. Goodman	7
James Crowther	4	George E. Fearn	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHREWTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 12 methods/variations, four extents each of All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Old; three extents Rushall, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, April Day, Kennington, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, and five of Grandsire.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Jennifer Alexander	Treble	K. Barry Osborne	4
Pamela A. Osborne	2	William T. Alexander	5
Derrick P. Bailey	3	Paul A. Barrett	Tenor

Conducted by Derrick P. Bailey.

* First peal, first attempt.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. Withers, 80 years with the choir.

CHIRTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Fri., July 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents and a Morris' 240.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in G sharp.

*Bert Smith	Treble	Peter Bushell	4
*David Stone	2	Colin Smith	5
Richard Fisher	3	Colin Hillier	Tenor

Conducted by Colin Smith.

* First peal, first attempt. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since being augmented to six.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHREWSBURY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., July 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDINIUM SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in C.

Tudor P. Edwards	Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh	7
Susan Funnell	2	Clifford A. Barron	8
Frederick Shallcross	3	Frank E. Darby	9
Alan F. Thirst	4	Peter Border	10
Roderick W. Pipe	5	Ralph G. Edwards	11
John H. Fielden	6	Wilfred Williams	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

First peal of Londinium in the county and for the Association; also the 500th peal for the Association.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BABWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, with one extent of Single Oxford and six extents of Plain Bob, differently called.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*S. Geoffrey Pick	Treble	David D. Parsons	4
Katharine Burchnall	2	Harold Denman	5
Grace Burchnall	3	Harry Poyner	Tenor

Conducted by Harry Poyner.

* First peal.

COTGRAVE, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5640 DOUBLES

In 10 methods/variations, being five extents each of All Saints, Rushall, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Kennington, Seighford, Plain Bob and two extents April Day.

Tenor 17 cwt.

Graham Smith	Treble	Maurice W. Harrison	4
Sydney Adams	2	David Oliver	5
Ruth Blackshaw	3	Albert Simpson	Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

Ruth Blackshaw	Treble	Philip C. Pitchford	4
Ronald G. Russell	2	Frederick Derry	5
Maurice W. Harrison	3	James H. Musson	Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

A birthday compliment to John H. Harrison and Judith D. Longley.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOTHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Fri., July 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 30 methods/variations, viz.: (1) Wollaton and Clashmore, (2) Allextion and Beauxfield, (3) Coxmoor and Pancrasweet, (4) Duxford and Euxton, (5) Foxhill and Goxhill, (6) Hexgreave and Ixworth, (7) Jevington and Kexby, (8) Laxton and Moxley, (9) Newark and Southwell, (10) Nazeing and Oxtun, (11) Pinxton and Quantoxhead, (12) St. Endellion and Roxholme, (13) Saxondale and Tuxford, (14) Uttoxeter and Vauxhall, (15) Waxham and Xanxene, (16) Zeal Monachorum and Yaxley, (17) St. Margaret and Oxford, (18) St. Valentine and Freeland, (19) Isis and Beckley, (20) Ray and Stanton, (21) St. Swithin and Northleigh, (22) Antelope and St. Cross, (23) Greaford and St. Tydfil, (24) Jacobstow and Harbury, (25) Grandsire and Newborough, (26) St. Helen and Longparish, (27) Daffodil and Bluebell, (28) St. Anne and Middleton Stoney, (29) St. Quinton and St. Lucy, (30) Allstree and St. Frisewide, (31) Ladbroke and Zennor, (32) Keysee and Pink's, (33) April Day and Seighford, (34) May Day and Litchurch, (35) Clifford's Pleasure and Little Aston, (36) Royston and St. David, (37) Reverse St. Bartholomew and Northrepps, (38) St. Matthias and St. Philip, (39) Plain Bob, (40) Kennington, (41) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (42) Southrepps.

Dudley Surman .. Treble | George A. Dawson .. 3
Margaret E. Chilton .. 2 | Simon Humphrey .. 4

John R. Pratchett .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

Variations in extents 1 to 16 are rung for the first time. Most methods/variations to a peal for all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

Tenor 7 cwt. 5 lb. in G.
Birthday compliments to Mrs. E. M. Dawson and Mrs. J. Dawson.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Wed., July 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's trans. Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in A.

Janet I. Rogers .. Treble | *Lawrence R. Pizzey .. 5
*Robert E. Lester .. 2 | *Colin F. Loke .. 6
*Alice E. J. Lester .. 3 | Howard W. Egglestone .. 7
Robip H. Rogers .. 4 | *Roy C. Groom .. Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

YOXFORD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob.

*Khuala Toone .. Treble | Thomas J. Brock .. 4
*Michael Howes .. 2 | Stephen F. High .. 5
Norman P. J. Cossey .. 3 | J. Barry Pickup .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* First peal.

Tenor 11 cwt.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ESHER, Surrey.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

Christopher F. Mew .. Treble | John F. M. Maybrey .. 5
Alan R. Patterson .. 2 | *Richard C. Stevens .. 6
Robert J. Cooles .. 3 | Alan E. Bagworth .. 7
*Norman G. T. Steere .. 4 | Michael J. Uphill .. Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung as a compliment to Christopher Webb, and Genebeth Moor-
ing, both Hersham ringers, on their wedding day.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

*G. William Shanks .. Treble | Alan R. Patterson .. 5
Julie S. Armstrong .. 2 | *Michael J. Uphill .. 6
Alan R. Millidge .. 3 | Noel R. Waite .. 7
Brian J. Bull .. 4 | *Christopher F. Mew .. Tenor

Composed by Henry W. Wilde. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

* First peal. † Has now "circled the tower." ‡ Has now "circled the tower" twice and 50th peal as conductor. First peal in the method for all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

Rung as a compliment to Christopher Mew and Ann Gasson, on their engagement.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., July 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

All singles. Tenor 10 cwt.
Bradley Murdock .. Treble | David Wilcox .. 5
Denby Murdock .. 2 | Brian F. Luff .. 6
Reginald W. Rex .. 3 | Reginald F. Crook .. 7
Philip Murdock .. 4 | Geoffrey K. Dodd .. Tenor

Composed by W. Bason.

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

Composition contains 202 singles.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of second.

EAST TYTHERLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., July 14, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F.
William A. Theobald .. Treble | Gordon Benfield .. 5
*Katherine J. Maundrell .. 2 | Geoffrey L. Cloughton .. 6
Mrs. M. J. Marshallsay .. 3 | Lewis F. Cobb .. 7
Kathleen Fletcher .. 4 | Ronald N. Marlow .. Tenor

Conducted by William A. Theobald.

* First peal (aged 13). Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F

THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KIDDERMINSTER, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

*Ian Lloyd .. Treble | David Beacham .. 6
Thomas W. Lewis .. 2 | Martin D. Fellows .. 7
†James Attwood, jun. .. 3 | Gerald C. Hemming .. 8
Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 4 | Michael J. Fellows .. 9
*Arthur C. Berry .. 5 | John C. Eisel .. Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First of Royal.
A compliment to Mr. C. W. Cooper, of Stourbridge, upon the occasion of his 79th birthday.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., July 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 Pudsey, with 125 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

John N. Lindon .. Treble | Roderick W. Pipe .. 5
James Insley .. 2 | Michael J. Fellows .. 6
John R. Insley .. 3 | Martin D. Fellows .. 7
J. Alan Ainsworth .. 4 | Clifford A. Barron .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BATLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., July 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. Treble | B. Gillian Schofield .. 5
*Susan M. Rhodes .. 2 | Roderick W. Pipe .. 6
Peter A. Kirkby .. 3 | Harold B. Schofield .. 7
*Adrian Boorman .. 4 | S. Barry Schofield .. Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal to the method. Tenor 10 cwt. 42 lb. in F sharp.

TADCASTER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods, being 1,696 Lincolnshire, 1,696 Yorkshire, 1,664 Cambridge, with 114 changes of method.

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

F. Charles Hobson .. Treble | *David S. Johnson .. 5
*Richard D. Gibson .. 2 | Michael W. Crowder .. 6
*Howard C. Palmer .. 3 | Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 7
*Ronald Ducker .. 4 | Fred Ross .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James.

On Fri., July 9, 1965, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six scores and 1,240 (Morris). Tenor 12 cwt. in A.
Jean Jeffery .. 1—2 | John T. Dunwoody (cond.) 3—4
*John Lindsay .. 5—6

* First peal of Grandsire and in hand.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIRSTALL, Leicestershire.—At 44, Greengate Lane.

On Fri., July 23, 1965, in 1 Hour and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

7 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.
Malcolm D. Barsby .. 1—2 | Rupert A. Clarke .. 3—4
B. Stedman Payne (cond.) 5—6

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(and The Gresham's School Society).

HOLT, Norfolk.—At Gresham's School.

On Sun., July 18, 1965, in 1 Hour and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CUMBERLAND BOB MINOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Peter N. Mackley .. 1—2 | Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3—4
Paul Roysds-Jones .. 5—6

* 25th peal. First peal in the method by all the band and for the Society.

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ENGAGEMENT

MAYES—KENCH. — The engagement is announced between Barrie Mayes, of Kenton, Middlesex, and Diana Kench, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Kench, of 92, Alexandra Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 7377

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

BULL—KILLICK. — On August 14th, 1915, at Cranleigh, Alfred James Bull to Edith Anna Killick. Still at 22 Queen's Road, Horley. 7375

COSTAR—SHRIMPTON.—On August 11th, 1915, at St. Nicholas' Church, Old Marston, Oxford, by the late Rev. J. H. Mortimer. Present address: Glebe Farm, Standlake, Witney, Oxon. 7361

TELEPHONE NO.

FLETCHER.—The Telephone No. of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, of 24, Belstead Road, Caister-on-Sea, Norfolk, is now Caister 633. 7354

PERSONAL

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.—Hebrews xii, 14.

HANDBELLS WANTED

A serviceable set of eight, ten or twelve handbells, tenor around 15in. in C. Details and price to F. Fleetwood, 35, Nook Road, Scholes, near Leeds. 7355

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MISCELLANEOUS

FILM. — "Washington Tower and Bells," 16 mm. Sound, colour. Fully booked for weeks ending September 25th to November 20th. For details send stamped addressed envelope to: Norman Chaddock, 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham, Yorks. 7178

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SURPRISE MAJOR practice at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on Thursday, August 19th, at 7.30 p.m. Methods: Bristol, Lincolnshire, Watford, Spliced, and as requested. 7387

MEETINGS

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield and Peak Districts.—Joint meeting at Ashover (8) on August 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Miss E. Revell, The Barley Close, Ashover, near Chesterfield. Special methods: Gainsborough Little and Ashbourne College Bob Major. — M. Phipps and Mrs. G. Richardson, Hon. Secs. 7311

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting on Saturday, August 14th, at Downe (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Evening ringing 6.30–8.30 p.m. Please bring own picnic tea. Names, please, to the secretary for Guild annual outing to be held on October 9th. 7316

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Emneth, Saturday, August 14th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (own food); cups of tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7349

ELY DIOCESAN and ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS (Cambridge and North-Western Districts).—Joint meeting, Saturday, August 14th, at Great Chishill and Heydon. Great Chishill (5) 3–5 p.m. Service Heydon, 5 p.m. Tea Heydon Church School 5.30 p.m. Heydon (5) 6–8 p.m. No business meetings. — B. D. Threlfall and G. Blake, Dis. Secs. 7336

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A combined practice at Bagshot on August 14th from 6.15 to 9 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore, Hon. Sec. 7350

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Redbourn, August 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Reading, 57, Hempstead Road, Redbourn. 7334

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held jointly together with our friends in the Rochdale Branch on Saturday, August 14th, at St. Bartholomew's, Whitworth. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—Philip A. Mason, Branch Secs. 7351

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Warborough, Saturday, August 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to F. Absalom, Beverly, Warborough, Oxon. 7341

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bingham District. — Meeting at Whetton on August 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whetton.—R. Blackshaw. 7333

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Euston (5), Saturday, August 14th. Bells from 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 7348

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Bosham (6) on Saturday, August 14th. Bells available at 3.30 and after tea. Service at 4.30, followed by tea at 5 o'clock. Please notify for tea to: R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 7340

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) & BARNLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY. Joint meeting, Rotherham, August 14th. Bells available: Thrybergh (6) 1.15–2.45, Eastwood (8) 3–4.45, Parish Church (10) 6.30–9. Tea in the Rotherham Co-operative Society Restaurant, Westgate, 5 p.m. Important that names be sent to Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 10, Pye Bank Close, Sheffield 3.—J. W. Buxton and M. King. 7337

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, August 17th, at 8.15 p.m. Forthcoming practices all commencing 6.30 p.m.: August 17th, St. Giles', Cripplegate; August 24th, St. Mary-le-Bow; August 31st, St. Andrew's, Holborn; September 7th, Southwark Cathedral.—John Chilcott. 7371

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Kingston Seymour (6) on August 21st. Bells available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 7368

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Meeting, Leighton Buzzard, Saturday, August 21st (note date). Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to Mr. J. Clapp, Top Flat, 38, St. Andrew's Street, Leighton Buzzard, by 19th. 7362

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE and YORKSHIRE (Northern District) ASSOCIATIONS.—Joint meeting at Whitby, Saturday, August 21st. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Please make own tea arrangements. — P. Wishart and E. Hudson. 7389

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Coventry District. — Meeting at Keresley, August 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss T. Bowcutt, 16, Greens Road, Keresley, Coventry. Corley bells available from 6.30. 7365

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Joint Branch ringing meeting at Carlisle Cathedral, Saturday, August 21st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. Visitors to the North made very welcome.—J. W. Brownrigg, Gen. Sec. 7364

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. and THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Joint meeting, Repton, Saturday, August 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton and M. Willis. 7321

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Lumley follow-up, Saturday, August 21st. Lancaster (6) 2.30–4.30 p.m.; rounds and call changes for beginners only; organiser H. P. Thompson, Hallgarth Terrace, Lancaster. Consett (8) 6.30–8.30 p.m.; practise in Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Yorkshire; organiser W. Tyson, 1, Seymour Street, Consett. No arranged tea or business meeting. Names appreciated but not essential. 7363

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Swanwick (6), August 21st. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided. — T. H. Radford, Hon. Sec. 7378

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Practice meeting, Siddington, August 21st, at 6 p.m. R. Wenban, Hon. Branch Sec. 7367

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting at Newent on August 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Jenkins, 7, Lancaster Terrace, Newent, by August 14th. 7382

HAWKHURST GUILD.—Postponed meeting on August 21st. Ringing at Northiam from 3 p.m. Tea or service at 4.30. Ringing again at 6.15 at Beckley. Own arrangements for tea. —D. West, Sec. 7218

COLLEGE OF CAMPANOLOGY

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The Script of Part III of the Manual—"PRACTICAL METHOD RINGING" is under way, and its issue is planned for 1966.
NOTICE TO MEMBERS: Now that the 3 types of Ringing Course initiated by the College are becoming more generally organised locally, or in conjunction with L.E.A., the modified policy proposed two years ago is being put into practice, and the function of the College in this respect remains chiefly advisory. Its other objectives, as laid down in its "Constitution," are being pursued as hitherto, especially the raising and maintaining of the standard of ringing training, and of "Service" ringing, through the work of its individual officers and members and of its affiliated Schools of Ringing. A short list of College Officers appears in the "Ringers' Diary." The College Office remains at 40, Parkstone Avenue, Southsea, Hants. Tel.: Portsmouth 31974. New members are welcome.
RETURNS OF ACTIVITY: The Administrative Committee, on behalf of the College Governors, have decided that the information supplied through previous annual returns has been sufficient to show that the results of the work of the College as a whole, in Britain and overseas, are worthwhile; and accordingly Returns of Activity may be suspended for the time being, to reduce "paper work" all round; in the belief that Officers and Members of the College will continue with their loyal support of the work. While the briefer notices will be continued through the columns of the "Ringing World" future bulletins, etc., will still be posted, but only to Active Officers and Members.
 EDNA JONES (Registrar).

August, 1965.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting at Churchdown on Saturday, August 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to P. Clarkson (Hon. Sec.), 28, Richmond Gardens, Longlevens, Glos, by Wednesday, August 11th. All welcome. 7379
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Stroud Branch.—Monthly practice, Avening, Saturday, August 21st. Usual arrangements. Cherrington (4) also open. Numbers for tea, please. Note for diaries: Painswick, September 18th.—E. Cribbley, France Lynch, Stroud. 7386

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Medbourne, August 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Bring own tea. Names for half-day outing on September 4th by this meeting.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 7376

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District), **HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (St. Albans District) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Central District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, August 21st, North Myms, Ringing from 3 p.m. and during evening, including Glasgow Surprise. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. South Myms bells available from 2.45 p.m.—4 p.m.—R. D. R. Brown, Joan Spreadbury, E. H. Kilby, Dis. Secs. 7366

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Business meeting at Harlestone on Saturday, August 21st. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 46, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton, by Tuesday previous. 7322

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Barcombe (6), Saturday, August 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. G. Rice, 40, Fairfield Gardens, Portslade, by previous Wednesday, please. 7384

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting, Gorseinon, on Saturday, August 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to: J. A. Hoare, 3, Lon Derw, Tycoc, Swansea. 7310

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at Godshill, August 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 7383

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Crewkerne Branch and the West Dorset Branch will be held at Winsham (8) on Saturday, August 28th. Service at 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. H. Spurdle, Church Street, Winsham, near Chard, Somerset, by Wednesday, August 25th. 7388

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, August 28th. Hastings, All Saints', 3 p.m. Christ Church, Blacklands, 6.15–8 p.m. Names for tea to me at 36, London Road, Hailsham, by Wednesday, August 25th.—G. Fitzhugh, Div. Sec. 7359

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) and **SURREY ASSOCIATION** (Northern District).—Joint meeting at Leatherhead on Monday, August 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Smith, 25, Hilly Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead, by previous Tuesday, please. 7372

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice: The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 23rd, in the Co-operative Hall, Worcester, at 6.15 p.m. After-dinner entertainment, but no dance this time. Tickets (price 13/6) and other details later.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec. 7381

JOINT MEETING AT LEA

The North Notts and West Lindsey Branches of the Southwell and Lincoln Guilds enjoyed their meeting at Lea, a village south of Gainsborough, on July 17th. The Church of St. Helen is a gem among village churches, with its finely carved woodwork, a knight in armour in his canopied tomb, memorial tablets and lovely stained glass windows.

Ringers were few in number before the service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. Knight), nevertheless some Surprise methods were rung including Norwich, the special method for the meeting. A sumptuous tea had been prepared in the Women's Institute by Mrs. Lunn, wife of the secretary of the West Lindsey Branch.

As both Branch chairmen were unavoidably absent, Mr. H. Poyner proposed that Mr. Gilbert should take the chair for the two meetings, as he is a member of both Guilds. At the North Notts meeting a discussion took place on arranging a ringers' supper and draw to raise funds for bell repairs. At the West Lindsey meeting the secretary said that Broughton bells were not available for the September meeting; Messingham was accordingly selected. Mr. J. Blaikie concluded business matters with the usual votes of thanks,

The large number of visitors turning up for a ring after tea certainly made up for what we were lacking in numbers before tea.

T. A. G.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

MEMBERS and their friends who attended the Guild meeting in Hampshire on July 31st will remember it as one of the happiest occasions in the Guild's ten years' history. One of the most notable features in this "summer" of 1965 was that the sun shone almost continuously and gilded a countryside which would be beautiful even in mid-winter. This arrangement of the weather was one of the many things for which we were grateful to the organisers and hosts, Dr. and Mrs. Frewen Moor. Their garden at East Meon provided a charming base for the whole operation, where we ate a picnic lunch and later were regaled with a tea which defeated even the boys present.

Ringing began at St. Mary's, Liss, just before midday. Here the early arrivals were met, as elsewhere later, by the tower captain, and welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. Norman Bennett, who led us in prayer. Only part of the membership was able to be at this first tower, so those present had to work hard, for which they were more than repaid by the pleasure, and by which they developed a healthy hunger—and thirst—for luncheon.

Resuming after lunch at St. John's, West Meon, the gathering was considerably augmented by the arrival of two senior officers and their parties. It was possible therefore not only to enjoy ringing on this octave, and later on the heavier eight at All Saints', East Meon, but to take a spell to see something of these two fine churches, and to sit in the sunshine and listen to the ringing—as usual of the quality of the curate's egg, parts of it being excellent.

After the tea beforementioned we drove to Petersfield, now free of the holiday traffic, and rang for an hour at St. Peter's whilst the stallholders packed up their wares in the square below. We noted with interest from a Victorian peal board that at least one doctor had preceded us. Methods rung here included not only Cambridge Surprise but the customary magisterial touch of Grand-sire Major—a ritual which now sets the seal on all meetings.

Dinner was enjoyed, literally, at the "West Meon Hut" by a company of two dozen. Having been displaced by the needs of others equally hungry, the concluding touches "in hand" were conducted in the car park. The sun still shone, but it was not then warm enough to tempt anyone to even a quarter.

The Guild's thanks to all the incumbents and ringers of four parishes and to Dr. and Mrs. Moor were voiced by the president. We left in all directions, looking forward to the metropolitan meeting arranged for November 20th. D. L. G.

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By E. W. TIPLER (B.44)

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35264	x			2

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56234	—	—	—	
42635	—	—	—	
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23645	—	—	—	

64235	—	—	—	
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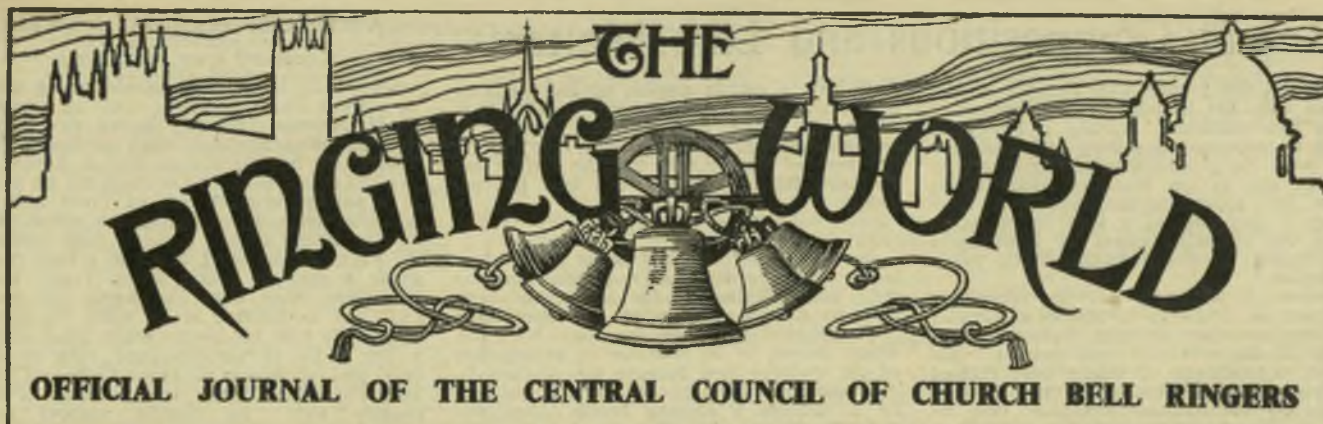
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A CORNISH DIAMOND JUBILEE

By the Rev. A. S. ROBERTS

IT is doubtful whether a series of quinquennial inspections would have brought about more eight bell restorations in any Diocese as were carried out in Cornwall during the early years of this century, and which only came to a halt with the outbreak of World War I. Augmentations, complete rehangers and recastings and new rings were installed as follows: St. Mary's, Launceston (1901), St. Austell and Liskeard (1902), St. Kea (1904), Helston and Kenwyn (1905), St. Keverne Eglosayle (1907), St. Stephen-in-Brannell and Fowey (1909), Truro Cathedral (10) and Bodmin (1910), Roche and Stratton (1911), St. Germans and Gulval (1913) and Stokeclimsland (1914).

Since these undertakings several have received further treatment, e.g. Truro and Stratton put on ball bearings, St. Mary's, Launceston, Bodmin and Gulval completely recast, Helston treble discarded and a heavier tenor added. Thus in these immediate years diamond jubilee celebrations can be quite common. Amongst these, Kenwyn, on the outskirts of Truro is the most recent, for on July 20th, 1905, a completely new ring was dedicated, and despite constant and regular use has received no attention from a bellhanger since which adds lustre to quite a remarkable story.

At the beginning of this century Kenwyn had a mixed ring of eight. Treble, J. Rudhall, 1825; 2, Thos. Lester, 1747; 3, J. Warner and Sons, 1851; 4, J. Warner and Sons, 1852; 5, J. Pennington, C. Pennington, 1788; 6, Gillett and Co., 1889; 7, J. Warner and Sons, 1852; tenor, J. Rudhall, 1825. During 142 years five founders had done something in Kenwyn tower, and after an inspection Mr. John Taylor reported from Loughborough on December 8th, 1904, as follows:

"With respect to Kenwyn bells, I find that they are much out of tune, both individually and as a peal. In your tenor and treble bells the only two notes which are octaves are the two upper notes in each bell. Consequently these bells cannot sound in tune, because the other notes are not true with each other. All the bells are more or less out of tune, so much so that it would be impossible to make a satisfactory peal of them without recasting."

The Vicar of Kenwyn at that time was Archdeacon J. R. Cornish, who at once sought a benefactor to restore the bells, and his success was reported in "The Royal Cornwall Gazette" as follows: "At a meeting of Kenwyn Church Council on April 11th, 1905, Archdeacon Cornish submitted a letter from Sir Robert Harvey, Dundridge, Devon, offering to defray the cost of the recasting of the eight bells in the Parish Church, and to give a contribution towards the restoration of the belfry as a memorial to his late parents, the late Lady Harvey and other members of his family. The munificent offer was accepted with expressions of deep gratitude, and it was decided that the work of recasting be immediately entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co, Bell Founders, Loughborough. Sir Robert Harvey's family have worshipped at Kenwyn for generations."

In less than a month, on May 4th, Kenwyn bells were lowered from the tower by Mr. Bentley and two assistants, taken to Truro Station on a wagon drawn by two horses and dispatched by rail to Loughborough, and on May 13th the back six were recast. This was something of a special occasion for we read: "On May 13th, 1905, Mr. W. W. Starmer, A.R.A.M., A.R.C.O., of the London Section I.S.M., gave his lecture on "Bells and Bell Tones." Messrs. Taylor and Sons had kindly placed their works at the disposal of the Society. In addition to this, there was a large gathering of musicians and friends who had come to witness the casting of six bells out of the peal of eight, intended for the Parish Church of Kenwyn. This particular item was watched with great interest and curiosity by all present, as the two and a half tons of molten

metal (an alloy of copper and tin) poured forth from the furnace, and was transferred from the huge ladle to the moulds. Messrs. Taylor personally superintended the casting." From the day of lowering the bells in the tower to the day of dedication on July 20th of the recast bells with new frames and fittings was exactly 11 weeks. The old tenor had weighed about 13 cwt; the new tenor weighs 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

No peal was rung on the old ring and only one attempt is known. In 1897 the late Rev. F. E. Robinson took a touring party to Cornwall and made the attempt. In his book "Among the Bells" he records: "At Fowey the bad go of the bells made even call changes impossible; at Kenwyn, Superlative Surprise failed after two hours by two ropes getting entangled through the long draught." The first peal on the new bells was rung in 1907 and again the visitors were the Rev. F. E. Robinson and party—but it was at the second attempt. The idea of these early tours was to give local help and encouragement and to educate Cornish ringers in method ringing. A new ring of eight had been hung at St. Kea only a year before Kenwyn through the generosity of the late Squire J. C. Daubuz, an enthusiast for bells and the Truro Guild's first representative on the Central Council. It had been arranged for four local ringers to attempt their first peal with four of the visitors, but owing to the serious illness of the Vicar of St. Kea the attempt was transferred to Kenwyn. A newspaper reporter said: "A start was made at 5.20 p.m. for a peal of Grandsire Triples, Holt's ten-part, this method being chosen to enable some of the ringers from St. Kea to stand in their first attempt for a long peal. All went smoothly until eight out of the ten parts had been almost accomplished when, through a mistake in the calling of the peal, the bells had to be stopped." This band recalls revered names: Treble, G. Williams (conductor), 2 J. W. Taylor, 3 J. T. Dunstan (Kea), 4 C. R. Lilley, 5 P. Harfoot (Kea), 6 J. Thomas (Kea), 7 W. Sandercock (Kea), tenor A. H. Pulling.

Mr. J. C. Daubuz gave the visitors hospitality for the night and the next morning the first peal for the Truro Guild to be rung in Cornwall was brought round in 3 hours and 23 minutes, and to quote again: "The method chosen was that of Superlative Surprise, which sounded especially well on this melodious ring." This time there are added more revered names: Treble W. W. Gifford, 2 Rev. G. F. Coleridge, 3 J. W. Taylor, 4 E. W. Munday, 5 G. N. Price, 6 G. Williams, 7 C. R. Lilley, tenor A. H. Pulling. Number of changes, 5,056. Composer, C. Hattersley. Conductor, G. Williams. After being entertained to lunch the visitors caught the 2.18 train to Camborne, where the first peal of Stedman Triples was rung for the Guild—"The conductor was the Rev. F. E. Robinson, who, though he has attained the age of 75, still is able to ring sometimes as many as six of these peals in one week."

These peals were rung in October, 1907, but having got to know of this proposed tour the Plymouth ringers, all life members of the Truro Guild, rang the first peal for the Guild at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, on August 21st, 1907. This was Holt's ten-part, conducted by the late G. Harry Myers. The jubilee of this peal was properly observed when his son, Tom, conducted the same peal in the same tower on August 21st, 1957.

Kenwyn became one of the most progressive towers in Cornish ringing, the tradition of method ringing became firmly established, and the bells have always been a really live part of the parish life. Regular Sunday service ringing with bells at 6 a.m. and after Evensong on the great festivals are established customs. The two World Wars left their marks, but tradition and dedicated individual ringers kept the flag flying. Of these some names appear on a board recording three peals rung in 1910 and 1911, viz: F. Cawser, E. C. Freund, H. M. Smeath, W. P. Trestrain, A. F. Knight, W. H. Sleeman, C. H. Sleeman, F. Mitchell and J. T. Gully. Amongst ringers there are always the more able and those who are "characters" one remembers. E. C. Freund was a most able ringer who

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Recent Compositions and Like Matters

PERHAPS the greatest step forward of late has been the introduction of singles into Treble Bob methods. Starting a few years ago as an expedient in joining odd leads into long peals (of Cambridge, Superlative and Rutland) and to get Maximus round in 94 courses, their application has gradually grown—turning 6 into 5ths in a lead in Maximus, getting the presumed extent of Lincolnshire and obtaining all but perfection in the music of London.

However, it was not until the publication of a peal of Yorkshire at Husbome Crawley with the somewhat alarming footnote "containing all the —56 and —65 courses" that the full potentialities of singles were realised and brought to the attention of the Exercise. Surprisingly the footnote elucidated little response in the way of demands for explanations—perhaps everyone else thought it a misprint too! The publication of the figures a few weeks later demonstrated the truth of the footnote. Getting right away from tradition, Michael Bruce increased the number of roll-ups in a peal of Yorkshire from a usual 60-odd to nearly 100! Presumably this is also applicable to other methods with the same f.c.h. and work above the treble.

The selection of courses used by Bruce is not a happy one for part-composition and the following selection produced by E. Shuttleworth exhibits a 6-part symmetry; all the even courses OOOXY, OXOOY, XOOOY, YOOOX and OOOYO and the odd courses obtained from these by interchanging 5, 6 (O=2, 3, 4; X=5; Y=6). These 30 courses may be pinned down in a 6-part peal, viz:

M	W	H
2	S	5x repeated
—	3	— 6720

By the simple alteration of reducing the number of singles to two and reducing 3M and 3W to MBW in each of the resulting two parts and finally omitting 3M in one part, a two-part peal is obtained having 14 combination courses (92 roll-ups) and a slightly better distribution of music than Bruce's peal in 5,184 changes.

It is evident that the price paid for the increase of five combinations is to incur a few courses of 82's and 83's—but perhaps the good music so obtained will seem better in contrast with the bad!

PITSTOW'S YORKSHIRE POPULAR

Whilst on the subject of Yorkshire, it is amazing to see the number of times Pitstow's is still rung. In its usual form it produces six combination courses, having 48 roll-ups (compared with 60 in Craven's). By starting at the second course-end 59 roll-ups are produced—at the price of 74 courses of 83's (which are not so bad really), the resulting composition has 2 and 5 fixed at the part-ends. The enormous number of peals of Yorkshire still being turned out leaves one to wonder just what some of their individual merits are—E. W. Tipler's B66 for instance is a 5,152 with 36 bobs and a mere 44 roll-ups; whatever merit it may possess entirely escapes me. I suppose there will always be conductors to call anything—Baker's Rutland and even Annable's Bob Major manage to hobble into the peal columns from time to time. One might note, too, in passing, that the 10,080 rung at Accrington is hardly an original production—it is only Reeves' 27-course block with an IOF and an extended 3V's in each part, which material may be seen to be true from Ivin's 14,560. ("Ringing World," 1957/641.)

To turn to consider other standard methods, C. J. Sedgley's No. 4 of Pudsey ("Ringing World," 1964/692) would seem to lose all the available music, however nice the course-ends look there are only 33 roll-ups and 60 bobs! An average composition of Yorkshire rung to Pudsey would do better than this.

To compare two recent compositions of Ealing (a method having no music save in the first and last leads, though the middle

leads have a certain amount on the front) by S. Jenner and P. J. Wyherley, which are similar in many respects, both having 78 roll-ups (all but nine of which are in the last lead of the courses) but the former has an extra Before and thus one lead less per part.

PEAL QUALITIES

Another matter, touched on in the Pudsey, is the reporting of a peal's qualities—particularly with reference to the number of combination courses, very often the loose claim "all combinations" or the like is made, which proves to be spurious in examination of the material used between the course-ends. An example of this type of thing is the peal by L. Goodall ("Ringing World," 1964/740), a 5,104 with only 96 roll-ups and several 82's between B and M. The best qualities for Plain Bob would seem to be the 36 Combination Courses in full with the remaining nine courses either made up of 468's or if it is desired to keep the tenors together some of the 0605078 and 0050678 courses which give 6857's and 5768's at the M and W, examples of this type of thing are to be found, and there is still room for experiment—a good example in parts is "Ringing World" 1965/57 by A. R. Kench.

To consider higher numbers for a moment, it is very gratifying to see some fairly original work in Stedman by A. Hudson; the peals with "quarters" of Backstroke, Tittums, Inverted Tittums and Handstroke are very fine indeed. Similar excursions in music are possible in Bob Royal by turning 9,0 over from the plain course position or (infinitely preferable!) 7,8 from the Tittums to give an 8079 course end. Even though we are often told that there is nothing more to be done in Plain Bob (which dictum applies equally well to "ordinary" peals of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cinques) it is evident that with careful thought unusual and novel properties may be obtained even in these, the simplest fields of composition.

Another field of composition which is enhanced by the use of singles is Cambridge Royal. Roger Baldwin has investigated this and finds 14 true combination courses; however the greatest number yet got into a peal is 11 (or 10 in a 2-part). A very simple peal having eight combinations is to be had by calling 3M 3W 3H, turning 5, 6 over with a single at W or M and repeating.

As a final note might one ask why it is necessary for some compositions to be published two and three times while other stuff is waiting to go in? Good though they are, the compositions of Yorkshire ("Ringing World" 1964/465, 1964/844, 1965/176) or Bristol ("Ringing World" 1964/508, 1965/176) by J. R. Ketteringham hardly merit repeated publication. In any case the latter is hardly original—at best it is an improvement on one by S. J. Ivin ("Ringing World" 1962/552); the first nine courses are identical and the last four are altered to avoid the 82's present in the older version.

Perhaps one of our more penetrative composers might care to investigate the possibilities of getting a new peal of Cambridge Major with singles, and the chances of giving a face-lift to Lincolnshire.

S. P., G. B. T.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Visiting ringers from Loughborough and Doncaster were among those who attended the Mansfield District meeting on July 24th. In a grand setting for a summer venue, the five bells at Teversall were put to good use by approximately 24 ringers during the afternoon, and this figure was augmented during the evening when the meeting moved to the pleasant ring of eight at Sutton-in-Ashfield. Miss G. Dickens, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, was elected a Guild member, and the next meeting was confirmed as being at Greasley on September 25th.

D. J. B.

A CORNISH DIAMOND JUBILEE

(Continued from front page)

Unfortunately faded from regular ringing when he entered Truro Cathedral choir as a tenor. W. H. Sleeman, familiarly known as "Billy," was one who rendered much service in the tower. He had learned to ring at Advent, a five-bell tower in North Cornwall, but his trade as a saddler brought him to Truro and he mastered method ringing to the extent that he successfully trained a young band between the wars. At his work bench in a little room above a shop in Bridge Street, Truro, there have been many talks on ringing and plans made for an attempt to be made for something. He rode his bicycle many miles, called a few peals of Doubles, and rang in the only peal of Major at Truro Cathedral. He was a familiar figure, too, walking in the country with his faithful whippet dog. "Billy" died during the last war, when no bells could commemorate his passing.

One who learned to ring at the end of the last war to save a desperate situation was Mr. P. L. N. Carveth, whose son, Alan, was then a member of the Youth Club. An appeal for help got to the ears of these young people, who in course of time graduated to the belfry with a success that can never be questioned. Unfortunately marriage has claimed some, and they have departed. It can truly be said that the process brought much help for such names as Cyril Wratten and Bob Southwood are connected with Kenwyn tower in this way. As a link with the past, Mr. Arthur Matthews is the captain, a position once held by his father-in-law, a ringer at the time of the recasting of the bells, the late Mr. J. L. Brewer. Mr. Alan Carveth is vice-captain, and with this position he combines the Ringing Mastership of Truro Cathedral and is president of the Truro Diocesan Guild. The present Vicar, the Rev. A. J. Vincent, has only recently relinquished the post of secretary of the Diocesan Guild and is himself a ringer. With such a tradition from the past and the present set-up such a tower must surely add much to its encouraging history.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch

Although July 10th proved a wet, windy day, a very warm welcome awaited the 50 ringers who attended the Branch meeting held at the mountain-top Church of St. Sannan, Bedwelly. The tower captain, Mr. Allen Williams, together with his band, were early in the church to welcome visitors, amongst them Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Price, now of Bristol, who had come "back home" especially for the meeting.

Ringing on the eight bells continued under the able direction of the Branch Master, Mr. Lionel Jones, until the service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. M. Griffiths, who, being a capable historian, gave a most interesting address about the church and its bells.

An excellent tea awaited members in the "daughter church" hall and Mr. Reuben Clench sincerely thanked the ladies who had prepared this.

Miss Jane Griffiths, daughter of the Rector, was elected a new member with Allan Thomas, Hugh Haigue and Brian Williams, all of Lower-Machen.

Mr. Allen Williams mentioned that it was hoped to have Bedwelly bells quarter-turned by John Taylor's at a cost of £350.

Mr. Ryan Price spoke of the progress which the Bedwelly ringers had made and said this was due to the efforts of the Ebbw Vale band, and expressed thanks to them.

Next meeting: Blaenavon, October 9th.

Southampton University Summer Tour

OR TRIGG'S TRIPPERS

A DULL and miserable morning greeted members of Southampton University as they waited for the Students' Union minibus to take them to Tiverton for their annual summer tour on July 9th. Complete with beard and Panama hat, Mick Trigg spent an hour driving around Southampton collecting ringers and their luggage and by 10 a.m. all 12 plus Chris Kippin (who had thumbed a lift to ring a peal at South Molton) were safely on board.

Turning off the A.303 into a narrow Devon lane, we stopped at the local at Dunkeswell for lunch, exhausting the food stocks and washing it down with draughts of the local brew. Whether it was due to the amount of food consumed was not clear, but the driver had frequently to use bottom gear for the rest of the journey to South Molton. Here we said "Goodbye" to Chris and best of luck for his peal, and "au revoir" to John Taylor, who was also in the peal but was rejoining us later in the week. Retracing our steps to Tiverton, we settled into the Half Moon Hotel before an early night.

After ringing on the glorious eight at Tiverton for Sunday service, we set off for Ladam Bay for a day of rest on the beach, where Alan Harrison joined us.

We were all up bright and early on Monday morning ready for the first tower at Witheridge. The 24 cwt. eight was enjoyed by all until the rope broke on the fifth. Two light sixes at Romansleigh and Marionsleigh were pleasant, although everyone was certain that the minibus was wider than the roads which led to them! The 25 cwt. eight at South Molton lived up to their reputation of being a superb ring, while Swymbridge (a 12 cwt. six) will be remembered for its beautiful screen in the church. At Landkey (a 13 cwt. six) we rang a good course of Norwich.

Difficulties were experienced at Barnstaple—first to find the church and then to ring the bells. We were unable to do justice to the fine 25 cwt. ring of eight at Pilton, as some of the party had great difficulty in ringing the front bells, not being used to the long tail-ends. Derek Jewell, of Combe Martin, and two of the local ringers introduced us to the Devon style call changes on the back six, at the end of which the two ringers on the fifth and tenor were sweating profusely with the speed of the ringing. This was quickly corrected by an enjoyable pint.

"OOH, LOOK"

Tuesday's weather was again disappointing but did not interfere with a well struck course of Grandsire Caters on the 19 cwt. ten at Cullompton. The heavy sixes at Broadhembury and Awliscombe were the next towers on the list. At Awliscombe we parked the minibus opposite a junior school, and when one of the party who (due to finances?) had not had his hair cut this term, alighted from the bus, there were loud shouts of "Ooh, look, it's Mick Jagger!" while two others walked up to the church holding hands to the cries of "Ooh, look, lovers!" A pleasant surprise awaited us after ringing, for the headmistress of the school came out in the pouring rain to thank us for ringing.

On to Honiton St. Paul (a 13½ cwt. eight), where we rang Yorkshire, but at Honiton Old Church the door was locked. The next towers

had the reputation of being two of the finest eights in Devon—Ottery St. Mary and Broadclyst. Some good ringing was had at Ottery St. Mary, including Yorkshire, Cambridge and Stedman. Good Stedman was rung at Broadclyst.

At Bradninch (8, 25 cwt.) we were joined by Mr. Pargeter, a vice-president of the Guild, and we joined Tiverton practice in the evening. After the practice a handbell session was held at Mr. Pargeter's beautiful cottage. We reached the grand heights of Bob Royal and Stedman Triples. We are most grateful to Mrs. Pargeter for supplying a tremendously large supper.

Wednesday proved to be slightly easier on the hands, being mainly light rings in the Exmouth area. Clyst St. George (6, 10 cwt.) was not really enjoyed, due more to an overdose of underdone eggs for breakfast plus diesel fumes from the minibus than lack of enthusiasm. The eight at Woodbury (23 cwt.) were followed by the six at Colaton Raleigh.

After lunch, East Budleigh provided a surprise; we expected a six but found that they had been augmented recently to eight. The clock chime apparatus presented difficulty at Lymstone (6, 12 cwt.) but having overcome it we rang Norwich Surprise. Frank Mack met us at Withycombe Raleigh, where we had some of the most enjoyable ringing of the week. In the evening we had the pleasure of ringing at his campanile in Bampton Lane.

We had to leave one of our party in Tiverton on Thursday, as Judith Fitzgeorge was feeling under the weather. Our first tower was Harberton (6, 17 cwt.), where unfortunately we rang the bells rather too fast for their weight. Sampford Peverell was a last-minute substitution after some confusion as to which Appledore in Devon contained a ring of bells.

INTO SOMERSET

Sampford Arundel (6, 8 cwt.) was our first Somerset tower and here we were joined by Derek Elderkin for the rest of the week. Another light six followed at Wellington (Rockwell Green). North Petherton proved real hard work for the 21 cwt. six are extremely odd-struck and further difficulty was found with the long draught at Bridgwater (8, 25 cwt.). Westmonkton (6, 19 cwt.) had the finest heavy six that we visited. A very slow course of Cambridge was rung and on the calculation of one of the band who timed it, a peal would have taken 4½ hours. The Vicar and tower captain greeted us and later took us to the top of the tower to see the bells and admire the wonderful view of Somerset. In the evening we joined the practice at Wellington (8, 19 cwt.). Earlier in the evening a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor "in hand" was rung in a car park in Taunton in honour of the silver wedding anniversary of Canon K. W. H. Felstead, the president of the Guild. The band was: John M. Taylor 1-2, Peter J. Joyce 3-4, Michael D. Trigg (conductor) 5-6.

Friday was spent in the Exe Valley, a beautiful part of the country. Stoodleigh (6, 9 cwt.) was the first tower visited, followed by Brushford (6, 6 cwt.). On the eight at Dulverton (13 cwt.) we had some enjoyable Yorkshire. The six-bell towers of Winsford and Wootton Courtney then followed. We visited the ten on the hill outside Minehead (20 cwt.) and rang Grandsire Caters, Barsham Caters and call changes. (Overheard from a local "They're a bit young to go and ring those

heavy bells"!) From Minehead we proceeded to the beautiful six at Carhampton (14 cwt.), where we rang London, Cambridge and 8-Spiced Minor. The evening was spent at Mr. Pargeter's ringing handbells. A glorious supper was provided for us to complete an enjoyable day.

The last day of the tour started with three light sixes—Washford Pyne (7 cwt.), East Worlington (9 cwt.) and West Worlington (7 cwt.). At Chulmleigh (8, 22 cwt.) a course of Quedgley came to an undignified and sudden end, otherwise the ringing here was quite good. At Dolton (13 cwt.) we said "goodbye" to Frank Mack. Great Torrington (8, 15 cwt.) will be remembered for call changes called by the local tower captain. The last tower on the tour was Little Torrington. These were disappointing bells, almost inaudible in the ringing chamber. The day finished with a meal in Barnstaple before returning to the hotel for an evening of darts, ale and bar billiards.

We again rang for Sunday morning service at Tiverton, after which a small presentation was made to Mick Trigg, who was responsible for the tour arrangements, assisted by Rosemary Kemp. Particular thanks must be given to the ringers at Tiverton, who made us specially welcome. The non-Guild members—Alan Ellesmore, Jeff Bruntford and José Harris—we thank and hope they join us again.

P. J. J.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Cary Branch

The summer quarterly meeting was held at West Lydtord on July 24th with the Rector (the Rev. R. Gregory) conducting the service, assisted by the Branch chairman (the Rev. G. S. Robinson). Mrs. Pratten was organist, and a collection taken for the Association Bell Fund amounted to £2 1s. 6d.

Tea was served in the Church Room, and at the business meeting the Rev. R. Gregory was elected an associate member of the Association. New members elected were two from Barton St. David, three from Castle Cary and one from Pitcombe.

Sympathy was expressed to the ringers and people of Pitcombe in the recent death of their Rector, who had recently invited the Branch to his church for their Corporate Communion. It was announced, however, that the Communion would still be held at Pitcombe in October, the Vicar of Bruton celebrating.

The vote of thanks included Mr. G. Culling (the local captain) and the ladies who had provided tea.

Methods rung were Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and St. Simon Doubles, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Chew Branch

Regret was expressed at the quarterly meeting of the Chew Branch at Ubley on July 17th that the tower captain, Mr. B. Parker, who had made all the arrangements for the meeting, including the tea, was in hospital awaiting an operation. The Rector, the Rev. R. N. Bathgate, a former chairman of the Ilchester Branch, conducted the Association service. No charge was made for tea in the Village Hall, but contributions were invited towards the Church Restoration Fund. Two new members from Publow were elected.

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Letters to the Editor

SUPERSONIC BELLRINGING?

Dear Sir,—From time to time one reads in "The Ringing World" of ringing being curtailed at some towers due to complaints about bells. It is interesting to speculate on the possible reasons for complaints about bells in the light of the recent "Oklahoma noise" tests carried out by the U.S. Government.

In order to assess the "community response" to the problem of sonic bangs from supersonic aircraft such as the Concorde, the U.S. Government has been carrying out tests over the town of Oklahoma. Each day aircraft have been directing sonic bangs at the town.

The results of the tests are quite interesting and are quite at variance with preconceived opinions.

I have no wish to compare the sound of bells with sonic bangs, but the results of a "community response" investigation conducted on bells might likewise provide some very surprising facts. Surely some student contemplating doing research at a university would find it an interesting project.

In my "preconceived" opinion, ringers who have anything to say about sound control for bells fall into one of two extremes. There are those who say "Let the public have a bellyful; it does them good," and there are those who say "Brick the louvres up and silence the bells completely."

Those who complain do not always do so because they have a genuine grievance—some do it to attract attention, some to label the church as inconsiderate, and others because they work themselves up over the "selfish attitude" of bellringers. (This type often go indoors and turn up the radio full blast to drown the sound.)

I hold my opinions quite strongly, so do the extremists. Some scientifically obtained facts and figures might resolve our differences and get us all singing the same tune.—Yours faithfully,

GORDON A. HALLS.

Littleover, Derby.

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Dear Sir,—From time to time the question of naming various versions of London Surprise Royal appears in the columns of "The Ringing World," but nothing seems to be done to clarify the position once and for all.

Although it is a fact that there is no true extension from Major to Royal, nevertheless it is fairly obvious, from the number of peals rung in the "Beddington" (or "No. 3") version, that this is the method that is unofficially recognised by the Exercise at large as London Surprise Royal.

Could not the Methods Committee now accept this version officially as London and rename the other versions that have been rung to peals, possibly calling them after some of the old London boroughs?—Yours faithfully,

JOHN H. HUNT.

Fareham, Hants.

1,260 GRANDSIRE AND OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

By C. A. LEVETT

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735246 —5 O

237546 —5 O

Repeat five times, single halfway and end.

ORGANISATION BASED ON TRUST

Dear Sir,—In the recent leading article by Mr. Butler we seem to have a mixture of words of wisdom and nonsensical suggestions. As he says, lack of time is always a drawback and is the enemy of us all; that is why as we get older we hesitate to waste time looking for a new face in office when there is already a good servant doing well, and doing it for nothing. Ringing organisation must of necessity be based on a certain amount of trust; how else is it possible to stop someone voting on an issue who is not qualified?

A good chairman is, I suppose, the answer; he can make sure that justice is "seen to be done." Packing a meeting is not "undemocratic"; it is a dishonest method of obtaining something which cannot be acquired by fair means. If two able people, one from the Ladies' Guild and one from the Cumberlands, are elected to assist on our Central Council, and a member of both Societies has a vote for their election, it may be unusual, or undemocratic, but does not matter two hoots. The comparison with bank managers and doctors is nonsense, we must snuff out quickly anything which savours of politics.

I have reread the last four paragraphs of Bill Butler's article, and think that he and his supporters should "found" a new Association with a model set of rules which it would be impossible to "get round" and, providing there were enough sub-sections to Rule 8, paragraph 5 (b) which did not invalidate anything contained in Rule 6, paragraph 3 (a), the elections would be fair. Subscriptions would, of course, be high enough to cover accountancy and legal charges! —Yours faithfully,

BILL COLES.

Hillingdon.

YORKSHIRE WITH SINGLES

Dear Sir,—Readers interested in composing peals of Yorkshire with singles may find the following composition useful. It contains 30 mutually true whole courses which may be joined in a great number of ways, to produce compositions of almost any lesser length. It also includes the maximum of 14 "combination courses." The composition is:

6,720 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

M W H 23456

— 43652

— S 53264

— 62435

— 36425

— 42365

Repeat 5x.

Yours sincerely,

E. SHUTTLEWORTH.

Spondon, Derby.

MORE 100 PEALS

Mr. Ernest Pimlott, of Withington, Macclesfield, completed his 100 peals with the same peal at Chelford, Cheshire, as Mr. Brian Schofield achieved his.

Mr. Pimlott.—Doubles 40 (conducted 36), Minor 47 (4), Major 9 (2 Spliced Plain and Little Bob), Royal 3, Cinques 1. Total 100 (conducted 40).

Mr. Schofield.—Doubles 19 (conducted 1), Minor 57, Triples 2, Major 12, Surprise Major 9, Caters 1. Total 100 (conducted 1).

GNOSALL HANDBELL RINGING

Dear Sir,—With reference to the article on page 530 of "The Ringing World," an extract from Mr. King's thesis states that pupils of St. Lawrence's Primary School, Gnosall, ring 17 bells, using one bell each.

This information is now quite out of date, as the number of bells in use has now risen to 50, and the children ring two, three and four bells each, which means reading more than one note of harmony at the same time—no mean achievement. They also do simple change ringing on eight bells, and one or two of the older ones are progressing to tower bell ringing.

The children are so keen on their handbell ringing that they meet for an hour on most Saturday mornings, while those who have left to go to grammar and secondary schools still meet out of school hours to keep their team together.

The A.T.V. (Midland Television) Film Unit visited the school recently to film the bellringers, and the recorded feature will be shown in the A.T.V. programme "Today," one evening at 6.15 p.m., in the very near future.—Yours sincerely,

E. M. KEY (Mrs.).

Gnosall.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SOCIETY

Only two of the Society's ten quarter peal attempts in their end-of-term ringing week, from July 7th to 14th, came to grief, the first through a broken wheel at Little Dewchurch, which deteriorated alarmingly while ringing, and the second—Plain Bob Triples at Hereford Cathedral for the school commemoration service, which was stopped after 1,000 changes through lack of time. Highlights of the successful quarter peals included a well-struck quarter of Plain Bob Minor at St. Nicholas', Hereford (where the Rev. H. C. Sell acted as umpire so that permission could be obtained to ring), and Marcus Sherwood's Spliced Doubles quarter peals, the second of which was rung at short notice after meeting one short for Kent Treble Bob.

At the end of term, Peter D. Sell was elected Master, M. C. W. Sherwood Deputy Master, and Ralph C. Godsall secretary, for the forthcoming year, which will, we trust, be as successful as the last.

SKETTY VISIT PEMBROKESHIRE

An 8 a.m. start was made by Sketty ringers on July 17th for their outing into Cardigan-shire and Pembrokeshire. The route was through the beautiful Gwyli and Teifi Valleys and, as the weather was exceptionally good, the landscape was seen at its best. Cardigan was reached at noon and Mr. Arthur Walters met us at the church, where various methods were rung until 1 p.m.

A picnic lunch preceded a drive along the beautiful Pembrokeshire coast to St. David's. The bells were already up in the campanile of the Cathedral, and after getting used to the heavy bells touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung. A guitar enlivened the homeward journey and Sketty was reached at 10 p.m. Thanks are accorded incumbents and those who arranged the outing. J. A. H.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**Fairwarp in the Forest**

Contrary to expectations, the quarterly meeting of the Northern Division at Fairwarp was well attended.

The service was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Besant-Matthews), and the proposed new form of service for the Association met with general approval. For "economical reasons" (!) the "local" could not cater for tea, so it had to be a picnic affair, some on the open common and others in their cars (just in case of gnats).

At the business meeting the Master presided, and the question of the monthly practice meetings was discussed at some length. The Central Council representative (Mrs. E. L. Hairs) gave an account of the Northampton meeting. A vote of thanks was proposed by the Master to the Vicar, and to Mrs. P. Parkyns for accompanying the hymns.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**Southern Branch's First Visit to Scole**

On July 31st the Southern Branch visited Scole for the first time and ringing on this delightful new six (tenor 44 cwt.) was enjoyed by some 60 members and friends, including visitors from Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire, London and Warwickshire.

All were much impressed by this church, beautifully restored in modern style after being destroyed by fire, and the Rector (the Rev. H. Clements) and parishioners are to be congratulated on their effort.

The service was conducted by the Rector, who warmly welcomed us to his tower and also arranged the teas.

Later, at the business meeting, presided over by Dr. P. Jonason, the Rector and two of the local band were elected members of the Association.

Next meeting: Diss, October 30th.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
Chertsey District**

On one of the few fine Saturdays of the summer, July 31st, the Chertsey District gathered at Chertsey. In the absence of the District Ringing Master (Mr. C. Webb, on his honeymoon) ringing was under the direction of the Assistant Ringing Master (Mr. D. G. Blows). Methods up to Cambridge Major were rung before the service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. S. Archibald).

Following tea, served by the Mothers' Union, the Master (Mr. D. A. R. May) took the chair for the brief meeting. He warmly welcomed several visitors, including two stalwarts, Len Stillwell of Worthing and John Euston of Streatham. The secretary outlined plans for the striking competition at Send on September 18th.

Further ringing up to Superlative was enjoyed until 8.30 p.m.

**KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD QUARTER
PEAL TOUR**

Despite an early start from Kirkby on July 24th we arrived late at our first tower, Barrowby. There we were met by the Ringing Master (Mr. T. Relf) who, after our quarter peal, gave us coffee to freshen us for the day. We then visited the heavy ring at Denton, followed by the easily struck bells at Barkston.

After lunch at Grantham we were surprised to find the bells at Honington without ropes! Hough-on-the-Hill provided a very smooth ring and was a sharp contrast to the almost unringable bells at Claypole, where we did not attempt a quarter peal.

Picnic tea at Barnby-in-the-Willows was followed by the first attempt of Carter breaking down after three extents of very good striking. Though dispirited by this, we then rang an extremely fast quarter of Candlesby S.C. Our last tower of the day was Balderton, where we joined for the quarter by Mr. Brian Hough.

Barrowby, Lincs, 1,260 Antelope Doubles: J. A. Harrison 1, E. J. Foster 2, M. J. Kirk (conductor) 3, A. Loughton 4, E. A. Harrison 5. Denton, Lincs, 1,260 Kirkby Doubles: E. J. Foster 1, A. Loughton 2, E. A. Harrison (conductor) 3, M. J. Kirk 4, J. A. Harrison 5.

Barkston, Lincs, 1,260 St. Blaise Doubles: E. J. Foster 1, M. J. Kirk (conductor) 2, A. Loughton 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison 5. Hough-on-the-Hill, Lincs, 1,260 Chace Doubles: M. J. Kirk 1, E. J. Foster 2, E. A. Harrison 3, J. A. Harrison (conductor) 4, A. Loughton 5.

Barnby-in-the-Willows, Notts, 1,320 Candlesby S.C. Doubles: M. J. Kirk 1, E. J. Foster 2, A. Loughton 3, J. A. Harrison 4, E. A. Harrison (conductor) 5. Balderton, Notts, 1,270 Plain Bob Minor: A. Loughton 1, B. Hough 2, E. J. Foster 3, E. A. Harrison 4, J. A. Harrison (conductor) 5, M. J. Kirk 6. E. A. H.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
Rochester District**

Owing to the absence of the Vicar and the Village Hall booked for a wedding, there was no service or tea for the Rochester District meeting at Borden on July 17th, and only 25 members were present for the afternoon ringing. Ringing Master's duties were shared between Mr. C. Osenton and Mr. P. Wilkinson.

Mr. E. Beer, Gravesend, was elected chairman for the business meeting, and Mr. T. Barton acted as secretary. Five new members were elected—three from Eastchurch and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Finch, who have moved into Kent and now live at Rainham, and were specially welcomed. Matters discussed were the annual Easter meeting of the Association and the District's striking competition for Sunday service bands at Tunstall.

Ringing improved in the evening with the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Corby and friends, and a chat and a drink at the Maypole ended another happy evening. F. C.

OUTINGS**NORTH HANTS RINGERS' OUTING**

Ringers from four towers in North Hants. in company with Christopher Dalton, of Leigh, Surrey, had an enjoyable outing into Dorset on July 11th, when 11 towers were visited.

The anti-clockwise five at Spettisbury were first on the list, followed by the good-toned four at Winterbourne Zelstone and the unusual six at Lytchett Minster, where the fifth is rung from halfway up the staircase.

A picnic lunch at Lytchett Matravers preceded ringing the modern six in this village and then followed another good six at Corfe Mullen, where we rang a bridal couple from the church.

At Tarrant Keynsham (not listed in "Dove's") we were privileged to meet Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Robertson, who joined us in ringing Kent Minimus, and also at Shapwick, where Stedman Double Bob and Reverse Bob Minimus were rung in fine fashion on the good-toned fours.

The six at Sturminster Marshall were the best of the day and also the heaviest, with an 18 cwt. tenor, and these were followed by three towers where the bells are seldom rung, at Gussage All Saints, Long Crichel and another anti-clockwise six at Gussage St. Michael. Ringing on these bells was only possible through the energies of Christopher Dalton, who spent ten hours working on them and changing the ropes. At Long Crichel a load of rubbish had to be removed by him before the bells could be raised: for all his work we are most grateful.

This was an outing to be remembered, and to all incumbents and tower captains who met us, our grateful thanks. G. K. D.

FARNHAM DISTRICT

Some 45 ringers and friends of Farnham District participated in the annual outing on July 31st to Southsea, on one of the finest days of the summer.

Arranged by the District secretary (Mr. D. Elsmore) a call was made at Catherington, a small village tucked in the folds of the South Downs, where good use was made of the six bells. The beautiful eight at St. Mary's, Portsmouth, next attracted attention, a wide variety of methods being rung, with a brief interval for the wedding of a coloured bride.

The afternoon was free but we reassembled at 5 p.m. to ring on the ten at Portsmouth Cathedral. Some of the less competent found the number and weight rather formidable and only about half were able to enjoy Caters and Royal to the full.

Homeward, through the Meon Valley, we stopped at that birthplace of cricket, Hambledon, a delightful church and village but a difficult "go" to the six bells.

The last and inevitable call was the Pig and Whistle at Privett. Altogether a most enjoyable day. R. B.

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HEREFORD CATHEDRAL SCHOOL SOCIETY QUARTER PEAL WEEK, July 7th-14th, 1965.

HOLMER, HEREFORDS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. J. Skerrett (first quarter) 1, P. D. Calligari 2, R. C. Godsall 3, P. D. Sell (cond.) 4, M. C. W. Sherwood 5, J. F. I. Turney 6.

LYDE, HEREFORDS.—On July 7th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. J. Skerrett 1, M. C. W. Sherwood 2, R. C. Godsall 3, P. D. Calligari 4, J. F. I. Turney (cond.) 5, P. D. Sell 6.

FOVNHOPPE, HEREFORDS.—On July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. F. I. Turney 1, D. M. Morton 2, R. C. Godsall 3, K. S. W. Morton 4, P. D. Sell 5, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 6.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDS.—On July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: K. S. W. Morton 1, P. D. Sell 2, M. C. W. Sherwood 3, R. C. Godsall 4, P. D. Calligari 5, D. M. Morton 6, J. F. I. Turney (first of Triples as cond.) 7, D. J. Deacon (first quarter) 8. First of Triples for the Society.

HEREFORD.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on July 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. C. W. Sherwood 1, J. F. I. Turney 2, P. D. Calligari 3, P. D. Sell 4, R. C. Godsall 5, D. M. Morton (first as cond.) 6. Rev. M. C. Sell, umpire.

WESTON BEGGARD, HEREFORDS.—On July 13th, 1,260 Spliced Doubles (33 methods/variants): R. C. Godsall 1, D. M. Morton 2, P. D. Sell 3, J. F. I. Turney 4, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 5. Most methods/variants rung by the band and for the Society.

ROSBURY, HEREFORDS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. C. Godsall 1, P. D. Calligari 2, D. M. Morton 3, P. D. Sell 4, M. C. W. Sherwood 5, J. F. I. Turney (cond.) 6.

MATHON, HEREFORDS.—On July 14th, 1,260 Spliced Doubles (30 methods/variants): R. C. Godsall 1, P. D. Calligari 2, D. M. Morton 3, J. F. I. Turney 4, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 5. First in 30 methods/variants by the band and for the Society. Rung after meeting short for Kent T.B. Minor.

ADWICK-LE-STREET, YORKS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Maddock 1, J. Whitham (cond.) 2, L. Venables 3, R. Belshaw 4, J. Laughton 5. First quarter 1 and 4. Also on July 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Whitham 1, A. Mullinger 2, G. Bennett (first quarter) 3, L. Venables 4, R. Belshaw (first of Minor) 5, J. Laughton (first as cond.) 6.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Aug. 8th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. C. Ingram 1, R. Liggins 2, W. Pettigrew 3, A. Short 4, E. J. Franklin 5, D. T. Finmore 6, D. R. Ingram 7, M. G. Ingram (first as cond.) 8. For Evensong.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss H. Copperthwaite 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss B. Fisher 3, F. Southwood (first in three methods) 4, R. J. Brown (cond.) 5. For Parish Communion.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On June 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Mrs. L. G. Goodman 1, Anne M. Goddard 2, F. Bird 3, P. C. Warboys 4, R. H. Hayden 5, G. C. Goodman (cond.) 6, D. R. Hutley 7. A farewell to the ringer of the second.

BODIAM, SUSSEX.—On July 24th, 1,272 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): D. Slater 1, Valerie J. Howard 2, M. P. Howard 3, W. Button 4, J. A. Howard 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor, and longer length on the bells since augmentation.

BRENT PELHAM, HERTS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Read 1, Mrs. L. G. Goodman 2, P. J. Chappell 3, H. J. Trigg 4, G. C. Goodman (cond.) 5, S. J. Bailey 6. For Evensong.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Helen Gilbert (first quarter) 1, Rosemarie Erith 2, Marion Panton 3, A. R. Groves 4, M. J. Cowling 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6. A compliment to Joyce and Donald Wilson, on their first wedding anniversary.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Brown 1, J. Eaton 2, H. Halls 3, K. Everett 4, S. W. Bignmore 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6.

CHURCHILL, OXON.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Gaydon (first of Triples) 1, J. Keyte 2, R. Jarvis 3, E. Townsend 4, I. Harris (cond.) 5, J. Benfield 6, A. Lloyd 7, F. Rix (first of Triples) 8.

CUTTINGHAM, YORKS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. Pybus 1, Mrs. J. Booth 2, Mrs. R. Page-Jones 3, G. K. Smith 4, G. W. Pybus 5, L. F. Bailey (cond.) 6, J. I. Booth 7, C. C. Brown 8. A compliment to Richard D. Gibson and Barbara Cammack, both ringers at this church, who were married here this week-end.

QUARTER PEALS

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: O. Claxton (first quarter) 1, M. R. Smith 2, N. Watson 3, G. Maynard 4, C. Catchpole 5, H. Fuller (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Richard) to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Maynard, of Sandal, Yorkshire. Ringer of the 4th is now uncle.

EAGLE, Lincs.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Butler 1, D. Slater 2, Valerie Howard 3, M. P. Howard 4, J. A. Howard 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6.

EATON, LEICS.—On July 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Sanders 1, W. Clamp 2, H. Clayton 3, O. Homewood 4, R. Looker 5, R. Manton (cond.) 6. Another secret society quarter!

ERITH, KENT.—At Christ Church, on May 2nd, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: D. Earl 1, E. C. Patten 2, A. G. Hill 3, A. J. Hill 4, S. Zobel 5, C. Brett-Smith (cond.) 6, B. Mason 7, A. C. Patten 8. For Evensong. Also on May 30th, 1,260 Erin Triples: C. Brett-Smith 1, A. J. Hill 2, A. G. Hill 3, A. C. Patten 4, S. Zobel 5, G. Huckstepp 6, B. Mason (cond.) 7, D. Earl 8. For Evensong. Also on July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Smith 1, B. Mason (cond.) 2, J. Hunt 3, Miss M. R. Andrews 4, A. C. Patten 5, G. Huckstepp 6, M. Zobel 7, Miss J. Dunmall 8. A wedding compliment to Jill Mason (sister of the conductor and a faithful ringer and chorister at Christ Church) and Jim Williams, married here on July 24th.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: N. Pearson 1, R. Cowley 2, Ann Chettle 3, K. Chapman 4, E. Chapman 5, C. Richardson 6, T. Smith 7, D. Pearson (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,680 Doubles (16 variations): J. T. Burnup 1, Margaret E. Chilton 2, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 3, D. A. Osbourne 4, D. Surman 5, R. Adey 6. For annual civic service. Also on Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Dawson 1, Margaret E. Chilton 2, D. Surman 3, D. A. Osbourne 4, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 5, R. Adey 6. A compliment to Anne and Keith Hindle on the birth of a son (Andrew).

GURING, OXON.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. W. Palmer 1, L. G. Haines 2, Eunice A. Lewis 3, N. Tull 4, J. N. Money 5, J. A. Beaumont 6, G. K. Cook (first as cond.) 7, J. Hiscock 8.

GREAT GRANSDEN, HUNTS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. B. Davey 1, L. B. Jefferies 2, D. J. Prescott 3, M. J. Dyer 4, C. J. Blain 5, A. J. Davey (cond.) 6. To welcome the Rev. T. V. Hurdle to the joint living of Great and Little Grandsden.

GUERNSEY, CHANNEL ISLANDS.—At the Church of Ste Marguerite de la Foret, on Aug. 1st, 1,272 Minimus (Erin, Reverse, Double and Plain Bob): P. Catermole 1, R. J. Adams 2, A. P. White 3, I. E. Whittall 4. Rung by a visiting Worcestershire band. The first quarter on the bells. For Evensong and Lamas service.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. G. Bird 1, R. C. Chance 2, B. E. Woodall 3, Molly Tromans 4, A. Pickering 5, A. B. Ellsmore and M. Irene Ellsmore 6, L. W. Clissett 7, T. Greenhall (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Pountney on the birth of a son, and to Mr. H. G. Bird.

HAZELBECH, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Storey 1, A. E. York 2, A. D. Sansom 3, A. V. Flutter 4, P. Bosworth 5, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 6, D. G. Pearson 7, E. Storey 8. Rung in memoriam Miss E. Church, local ringer for 35 years.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Holmes (first attempt quarter) 1, Linda Dalton 2, I. N. Goldthorpe 3, A. B. Cooper 4, M. J. Wilson (cond.) 5, H. C. Palmer 6. For Evensong.

LINTON, KENT.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Brenda Hickmott 1, Shirley Town 2, I. Russell 3, T. Grice 4, N. Mattingley 5, W. Manser 6, L. Head (cond.) 7, P. Town 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell, parents of the 3rd ringer.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Elizabeth Sargeant 1, Elizabeth Todd 2, R. P. Brotherton 3, H. P. Yates 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. Harman 6. For Matins, and as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor. Also 1,260 Doubles (three methods): B. Butcher 1, Mrs. R. Wratten 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherton 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Evensong.

MATTISHALL, NORFOLK.—On July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marion Adcock (first quarter) 1, E. Howes 2, S. Marshall 3, R. Burton 4, K. S. Hohl 5, T. G. Pett (cond.) 6. For the wedding of Daphne Della Moore, daughter of Andrew Moore, a local ringer, and Michael John Mudd.

NEMPNETT THRUWELL, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): J. F. S. Lambard 1, S. Lewis 2, Miss J. Legg 3, J. Coombs (first as cond.) 4, P. J. Hall (first in four methods) 5, G. Kingdon 6. Also in five methods: P. J. Hall 1, Miss J. Legg (cond.) 2, J. Coombs 3, J. F. S. Lambard 4, S. Lewis 5, G. Kingdon 6.

OGBOURNE ST. ANDREW, WILTS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Fuller 1, A. W. Johnson 2, F. Cook 3, A. Keen 4, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 5. For Confirmation service by the Bishop of Sherborne.

OGBOURNE ST. GEORGE, WILTS.—1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Dancy 1, M. Penney 2, G. Wheeler 3, D. Carr (cond.) 4, M. New 5. A birthday compliment to Miss V. A. Sweeper.

PYWORTHY, DEVON.—On July 30th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. W. Sangwin (first of Treble Bob) 1, H. Stacey 2, P. Wishart 3, W. L. Exton 4, P. E. Thompson (first of Cambridge) 5, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 6.

SANDHURST, SUSSEX.—On July 24th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (Norwich and Cambridge): W. Button 1, Valerie J. Howard 2, D. Slater 3, M. P. Howard 4, F. Hicks 5, J. A. Howard (cond.) 6.

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OTHER QUARTER PEALS

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—On July 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. A. Perry 1, G. A. Edwards 2, F. R. Morton (cond.) 3, J. R. Scott 4, T. E. Trickett 5, L. J. Meredith 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 6. For the Patronal Festival.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.—On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Chilton 1, R. G. Pearce 2, Margaret E. Chilton 3, W. Cholwill 4, Elisabeth A. Tutty 5, T. H. Bowden 6, J. R. Pratchett (cond.) 7, G. A. Dawson 8.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Cathedral, on July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Walter 1, D. L. Cawley 2, M. Ostler 3, B. J. Luck 4, P. Newing 5, E. Rochester 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, A. S. Phelps 8.

CHURCH HANBROUGH, OXON.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Hilary Osbourne 1, L. Porter 2, I. Ross (first as cond.) 3, J. List 4, R. Jones 5. Also (on same day) 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Hilary Osbourne 1, R. Jones 2, L. Porter (first "inside") 3, I. Ross 4, D. Floyd 5, J. List (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 4. Both rung as birthday compliments to H.M. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On July 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sheila A. Ward 1, G. Thompson 2, S. F. Webb 3, H. M. Johnson 4, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 5, P. I. Chapman 6. Rung half-muffled on the day of the funeral of the Rev. Thomas H. Field, assistant curate. Also on Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila A. Ward (first of Triples) 1, K. R. Holton 2, G. Thompson (first in method) 3, H. M. Johnson 4, M. J. V. Chown 5, R. W. Gibbons 6, P. I. Chapman (cond.) 7, D. J. Marshall 8. In memoriam Rev. T. H. Field.

EASTCHURCH, SHEPPEY, KENT.—On July 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Doubles: N. J. Chesson 1, Gwilym Griffiths (first "inside") 2, P. Beal 3, Joan Hayward (cond.) 4, N. Crane 5, H. Gardener 6. For Evensong.

HERTFORD, HERTS.—On July 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Southrepps, Plain Bob and Grandsire): B. Foley 1, D. Digby 2, R. G. Wilsner 3, J. Kemp 4, P. Owen (cond.) 5, P. Searle 6. A welcome to Miss Fentiman, verger of All Saints', Hertford, on her return from convalescence and in appreciation of her interest in Hertford College Youths.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On July 4th, 1,287 Stedman Catens: Jeannette Felton 1, Olive L. Rogers 2, Patricia Rogers 3, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 4, P. N. Felton 5, H. Bladen (first of Stedman Catens) 6, M. P. Thomas 7, H. W. Rogers 8, C. T. Richards 9, N. F. Felton 10.

KIDDLINGTON, OXON.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pauline Axtell 1, Shirley Brown 2, C. Bennett 3, W. F. Judge (cond.) 4, J. Cleaver 5, D. Beacham 6, P. Franklin 7, W. Maskell 8. Rung half-muffled for Evensong by the local band as a tribute to their late captain, William Judge.

KNOWLE, WARKS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss B. Sawden 1, Miss M. Hutchings 2, M. Lawrence (cond.) 3, R. Hutchings (first "inside") 4, J. L. Lightfoot 5, G. J. Lightfoot 6. Rung half-muffled for Evensong and in memoriam Mr. Fred Peach, vicar's warden for 12 years.

LUNG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On July 16th, 1,344 Somerset Surprise Major: A. E. Cox 1, Diana M. Chapman 2, E. T. Lee 3, J. R. Taylor 4, M. J. Horseman 5, J. Brain 6, D. G. Yeo 7, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 8. First in the method by all the band. For the 75th anniversary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On July 18th, 1,260 Single Court and Plain Bob: D. G. Rose (first in two methods) 1, L. Wright 2, R. Rose 3, L. Nice 4, E. Nice 5, M. J. Rose (cond.) 6. For Choir Sunday. Also on July 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Rose 1, R. Lester 2, C. Hancock 3, L. Nice 4, R. Rose (cond.) 5, E. Nice 6. For Evensong.

SAXILBY, Lincs.—On July 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. I. Crosby 1, J. B. Nicholson 2, J. Godfrey 3, M. L. Mann 4, R. I. Crosby (first of Minor) 5, J. M. Blaikie (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

STRATTON ST. MARGRET, WILTS.—On Aug. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (Sandal, Oxford and Plain Bob): A. R. Peake (first of Minor on two bells, cond.) 1—2, E. W. Ford 3, J. E. Manners 4, M. A. New 5, B. Bladen 6.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.—On July 23rd, 1,440 Spliced S. Minor (six methods): Janet Hubbard 1, E. T. Chapman 2, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 3, K. R. Davey 4, D. J. Jones 5, A. G. Payne 6.

MINOR METHODS INDEX

COMPILED BY H. CHANT
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"Q"

QUANTOCK TREBLE BOB

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 16.34 x 12.3. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931. Also called *Dahlia*.

QUARR COURT BOB

x 14 x 123 x 1. 6ths 52364.
Single change method.

QUEEN BESS

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 5. 6ths 34625.
Also called *Prince Imperial*.

QUEEN VICTORIA (I)

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 1. 2nds 36245.
"Ringing World," February 15th, 1963.

QUEEN VICTORIA (II)

See *Balmoral*.

QUENDON SURPRISE

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 123 x 34 x 5. 2nds 54632.
Single change method.

"R"

RAGSTONE BOB

See *Sunning Bob*.

RAMSBURY ALLIANCE

x 16 x 123 x 12 x 3. 2nds 42635.
Single change method.

RANSKILL DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 1. 2nds 54632.

RAWMARSH DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.5. 2nds 65324.

READING SURPRISE

See *Redding Bob (I)*.

REDBOURN SURPRISE

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 123 x 12 x 3. 2nds 56342.
Single change method.

REDCAR SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.5. 2nds 65324.

REDDING BOB (I)

x 34 x 14 x 56 x 36 x 34 x 5. 2nds 35264.
"Campanologia," 1677.
Also called *Reading Surprise*

REDDING BOB (II)

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 5. 2nds 36245
"Campanologia," 1677. Described therein as "Redding Bob according to the Cambridge Way." In Annable's notebook. Also called *Rhyl Surprise*.

RED ROSE

x 34 x 14 x 56 x 16 x 34 x 3. 6ths 42635.
Charles Severn. "Bell News," July 12th, 1890.

(To be continued.)

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On July 25th, 1,440 Minor (Kent and Plain Bob): D. Hunton 1, Miss H. E. Cherry 2, M. A. Beaumont 3, A. King 4, M. King 5, M. R. Meadows (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WERRINGTON, DEVON.—On July 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. L. Exton 1, B. W. Fairhead 2, Margaret E. Chilton 3, P. Thompson 4, J. R. Pratchett 5, E. J. Jenner 6, G. A. Dawson 7, D. R. Bould 8.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Patey 1, Mrs. J. Poulter 2, R. Threadgold 3, E. Webb 4, F. W. J. Roper (cond.) 5, F. Marshall 6. First quarter in the method by all. For Family Service.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): D. A. Wills (cond.) 1, P. Gatter 2, F. Williams 3, J. Gatter 4, H. Crisp 5, J. Smith 6, F. Bastin 7, A. Knight 8. For Evensong, and as a 25th wedding anniversary compliment to J. Gatter.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On July 25th, 1,320 Minor (2 methods): P. W. Hawcock 1, J. C. Shonfield 2, P. J. Hawcock 3, Phyllis A. Matthew 4, S. Humphrey 5, Susanna Poppleston (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A ringer for 57 years at Chirton, near Devizes, Mr. Bert Smith, has just rung his first peal.

Correction.—Peal Wanlip (page 502): Conductor, R. H. Cook; treble ringer, Roger J. Starbuck.

The services of the Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers (170 bells) have been secured for the Snowdon Dinner at Rotherham on October 16th.

We hear that the sixth Grantley Hall course was again full and very enjoyable. The next course will be from Friday, November 11th, to Sunday, November 13th, 1966.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus at Reading (page 535) was not David P. Hilling's first of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus but his 50th with Frederick R. Scott. It was in fact the first of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus for Frank W. Lewis, who rang the 10th.

Fourteen-year-old Richard Grant rang his first peal at the first attempt at Kirby Hill, Yorks. He had only four hours' notice before the peal, and his longest previous touch was 360 changes, writes the conductor, Mr. Ronald R. Warford.

Our holiday postbag this week contained a fine picture postcard from Jerusalem, of the Christmas Bell at Bethlehem. The sender was the well known Southwell Guild ringer Miss A. Henson, who so far has not secured permission to ring the Bethlehem Bell, but was allowed by a nun to ring the Sanctus Bell on the Via Dolorosa.

The church authorities at Hooton Pagnell, near Doncaster, are paying £270 to restore their musical clock. When it broke down there was a jumbled selection of "Home, Sweet Home," "Hark the Lark" and "Abide With Me." "Tourists travel miles just to hear it," said the Vicar, the Rev. Herbert Wilson, "and there were some long faces when it went wrong. It had given 60 years of faithful service, playing a tune every three hours."

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ANOTHER PEAL AT GUERNSEY

A round trip of about 400 miles, with only two towers scheduled for a visit, was undertaken by a group of Worcestershire ringers led by John Whittall. The visit was to Guernsey on July 28th, crossing by the British Rail ship "Casaria." The town church of St. Peter's Port was visited on the Wednesday morning but the bells are not allowed to be rung as there are fears for the safety of the central tower. The Rector, the Rev. W. R. F. Hares, once Rector of Beccles, Suffolk, is himself a ringer and had rung with our correspondent (Mr. Paul Cattermole) in 1956 at Barsham, Suffolk.

On Wednesday afternoon came the object of the journey—a peal attempt at St. Michael-du-Valle, the only ringable six in Guernsey. The tower is a massive granite structure with very odd pinnacles and a spire. The bells were cast by Warners in 1891 with a tenor of 7½ cwt. They go very well but are exceptionally noisy and sound shrill in the ringing room. Two local ringers enjoyed the rise in peal and waited to see the start. Two hours and 43 minutes later, a very hoarse conductor called "This is all" to a peal of Minor in three methods and a triumphant band lowered the bells in peal, and well-struck Queens concluded the effort.

A quarter peal was rung at the Church of Sainte Marguerite de la Forêt in Southern Guernsey on Sunday evening. The tower, built of Guernsey granite, is a curious tapered structure with four small pinnacles and a spire. The ringers perform among the pews, which have folding seats. Two of the bells were cast in 1685 by Paul Bourdon, a French bellfounder, and the whole ring forms a delightful 7 cwt. four. Shortly before Evening-song a local ringer, Mr. Bienvenue, who had not rung for two years, rang the tenor behind for some singles.

The band left the island with many happy memories—the peal at St. Michael's, the sound of St. Saviour's tenor, the magnificent tone of St. Pierre du Bois' three bells, the Lammas service at Ste Marguerite's and, lastly, the friendliness we received from the Guernsey people. The organisation and planning of John Whittall ensured that the tour ran without a hitch.

Full details of the bells of Guernsey are contained in Mr. Frederick Sharpe's book advertised in this issue.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN CENTURY

The 100th peal at St. Michael's, Kirby-le-Soken, Essex, was rung on August 7th. Taking part in it were Walter Arnold and Edward E. Davey, who took part in the first peal (Superlative, the same method as the 100th) on August 2nd, 1926. Urban W. Wildney, the conductor, was ringing his 400th, of which 80 have been rung in this tower.

"NOISY BELLS HALT WORK"

A strong protest was contained in a report in "The Sheffield Telegraph" of August 3rd against a four-hour peal at Goole by a touring party of the Yorkshire Association the previous day. Office workers complained of "driving to distraction" and some stopped work altogether. Goole's dock engineer, Mr. David Hunter, whose office overlooks the church, went home.

BISHOP GETS "KNOW HOW" THROUGH M.U. LINK

Through an alliance between the Linton Mothers' Union, Kent, and the branch of the Union at Gordon, North Queensland, Mr. Percy M. Town, of Linton, has received a letter from the Rt. Rev. F. O. Hulme-Moir, Dean of Sydney and Bishop Coadjutor stating that he had heard from the wife of the Vicar at Gordon that Mr. Town was very interested in bells. The Dean continues: "I would value very much any advice you could give me as to the organisation and administration of a bellringers' team for the ring of ten bells now being placed in position in the tower of our Cathedral. I am entirely ignorant and want to see the best done by the good folk who will offer for this work and the church which will gladly accept their services."

Mr. Town discussed the matter with Mr. E. A. Barnett, the secretary to the Central Council, and has replied giving what help he can, and sent the Central Council's handbook for beginners together with copies of "The Ringing World" with articles concerning Australian ringing.

The Dean might also find exceedingly valuable a copy of "Ringing Towers," the journal of the Australian and New Zealand Associations of Bellringers.

BELL STOLEN

Parishioners of Ulley, near Sheffield, decided to restore two bells for the visit of the Bishop of Sheffield, the Rt. Rev. F. Taylor, for the institution of the new Vicar, the Rev. G. Kirk. Since the bell fell while ringing in the New Year two years ago, it has stood next to the font. "When we looked for the bell," stated the new Vicar, "it had disappeared. Someone must have taken it from the church, possibly a passing scrap merchant or someone who wanted to make a pound or two selling the bell as scrap. It must have been taken at night, because the church is in the middle of the village and it would be difficult taking the bell in broad daylight."

However, one bell remained for the Vicar to toll and to signify that he had taken possession of the living.

RIVALRY IN DERBY ASSOCIATION

The action of Mr. Trevor Taylor to conduct a band of first peelers through Plain Bob Doubles has stirred the spirit of rivalry in the heart of Mr. Gordon A. Halls. He produces a peal of Minor rung at West Hallam which contained five first peelers; he feels he has gone one better.

HOLIDAY RINGING

Nine ringers of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, writes Mr. W. L. Exton, met whilst on holiday in Cornwall and held a short ringing outing. Towers visited included Kea, Helston, Sennen, Zennor and Carbis Bay. Thanks are extended to all who gave permission to ring and those who so kindly met the party at their towers, and especially the Rev. A. S. Roberts for all his help.

DR. R. J. BROCKLEHURST

Anyone who has done much ringing in Bristol since the war will certainly have experienced the quiet generalship of Dr. R. J. Brocklehurst, who has just retired and gone to live in South Devon. Whether as inspirer of Stoke Bishop tower, president of the University Society or as chairman of the City Branch, Dr. Brocklehurst's influence on Bristol ringing was greater than perhaps even he realised. For long periods he was churchwarden at Stoke Bishop, chairman of the Bristol Diocesan Board of Finance and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University as well as Professor of Physiology, to name only a few of the many appointments he held. It is inconceivable that South Devon will not benefit in some ways from his presence there but we hope he will now resist the temptation to fill his famous pocket book so full of engagements as has been his habit in the past.

As a mark of gratitude to Dr. and Mrs. Brocklehurst for the way they have served them over all these years, Stoke Bishop ringers and the City ringers gave them a cheese and wine party on June 30th, and Stoke Bishop ringers rang a quarter peal on their last Sunday.

LIPREADING PEALS AT LAPLEY

The 11th century Church of All Saints, Lapley, Staffs, situated a few miles north of the busy A.5 and whose massive tower may be seen soon after passing the Gailey roundabout, was the scene of a well earned peal specially arranged to wish godspeed to the departing Vicar, the Rev. H. Perrins.

Some years ago his predecessor was responsible for having the ringing chamber ceiling removed, leaving only a thin board floor below the bells, and extending the flight of the ropes considerably. In consequence the noise in the ringing chamber is such that oral sound is virtually incomprehensible when the bells are being rung. One has to "see" the calls "mouthed" and a mistake is invariably fatal.

Due to the excessive noise, the local ringers who began tuition under the guidance of Mr. Jack Dyke, of Gnosall, nine months ago, are seriously handicapped in advancing to change ringing. So it was at the request of the Lapley ringers that an attempt was arranged. After the successful conclusion, the ringers were congratulated by the ringers and other local residents and were entertained at the nearby hostelry by Mr. G. Markwick, it being his birthday.

"ALMOST PERFECT" AT REIGATE PRACTICE

Following discussion at their July meeting, Surrey ringers met at Reigate on August 4th for a combined District practice. Ringers came from Charlwood, Dorking, Horley, Leigh, Merstham and Reigate, and methods rung were plain but for the most part well struck. The last was an almost perfect touch of Grandsire Triples. A well-known 1,000 pealer was heard to remark afterwards that he had not heard striking like it for three years in his home tower!

TOWER BELL PEALS

JOE E. G. ROAST'S YORKSHIRE TOUR

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Mon., July 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.
Yvonne A. Murray Treble	Michael J. Cowling 5
Anne Edwards 2	Joe E. G. Roast 6
Alison M. Mann 3	John R. Mayne 7
Joan Beresford 4	Ian R. Panton Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

Conductor's 200th peal of Surprise.

SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN, Yorkshire.—At the Church of Holy Trinity.
On Wed., July 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.	
Joe E. G. Roast Treble	Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 5
Joan Beresford 2	*Michael J. Hallett 6
*Alison M. Mann 3	Ian R. Panton 7
James L. Towler 4	John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland.

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal of London.

SHAROW, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Divine.
On Thurs., July 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 5 lb.	
Anne Edwards Treble	Michael J. Cowling 5
*Yvonne A. Murray 2	Cyril A. Wratten 6
John R. Mayne 3	Michael J. Hallett 7
Allison M. Mann 4	James L. Towler Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox.

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First of Surprise "inside." First of Surprise on the bells.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.
On Fri., July 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.	
Cyril A. Wratten Treble	Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 5
Joe E. G. Roast 2	Michael J. Hallett 6
Joan Beresford 3	Ian R. Panton 7
*Michael J. Cowling 4	James L. Towler Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin.

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* First peal of Bristol.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

YATTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part (2nd obs.).	Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in D.
Roy W. Rice Treble	Sidney G. Smith 5
George Prescott 2	Walter S. Rice 6
Marjorie Legg 3	Alan F. Lee 7
George J. Hawkins 4	John K. Baker Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.

DULVERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb. in F.
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden Treble	Alan Tubb 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Brian J. Wyde 6
Frank D. Mack 3	Richard J. Bowden 7
D. John Hunt 4	Patrick J. Bird Tenor

Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.

First peal of Surprise on the bells and first of Major since 1933.

DUNKERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., Aug. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (five callings, 5th obs.).	Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.
Robin L. Coles Treble	Julian E. Newman 4
Alan F. Lee 2	*Stanley C. Davis 5
*Stanley D. Francis 3	Albert F. Butt Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* First peal attempt (aged 61). † First peal "inside."

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Albert F. Butt, and to mark his 50 years as a ringer and 30 years as verger and sexton at Dunkerton.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Wed., July 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.	
Alfred E. Rushton Treble	Stephen Ivin 5
Ronald J. Sharp 2	Robert R. Churchill .. 6
Barbara Butterworth .. 3	Keith H. Fleming 7
Derek Hammond 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

MAULDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 31, 1965 in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 576 each of London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Rutland, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Ashtead, with 138 changes of method.	Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.
Rodney H. French Treble	Philip Mehew 5
Avril Ivin 2	Roger Baldwin 6
Diana M. Frost 3	Alfred E. Rushton 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Stephen Ivin Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

Rung to mark the birth of John James Peter Border.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Tues., Aug. 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.	
Avril Ivin Treble	Rodney H. French 5
Mary E. Edwards 2	*Robert R. Churchill .. 6
Ronald J. Sharp 3	Philip Mehew 7
*Keith H. Fleming 4	Stephen Ivin Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

* First peal of London.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.	
Christine Birks Treble	F. Hector Bennett 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Raymond J. Ballard .. 6
Walter Sherratt 3	Richard Wharton 7
Charles A. S. Webb 4	Roy Worrall Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce.

Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

(Wirral Branch).

BIRKENHEAD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald, Bidston.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 15 methods: Two extents each of St. Andrew's, St. Nicholas, St. Giles; three extents each of Clifford's Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, St. Leonard's, St. Paul's, St. Martin's, Eynsham, St. Albans, St. Simon's, April Day, Kennington, Plain Bob.	Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.
R. Harry Davies Treble	J. Fraser Clift 4
Charles B. Pemberton .. 2	†Edwin Jones 5
*Frank B. Frost 3	†Antony Fox Tenor

Conducted by Charles B. Pemberton.

* First peal "inside." † First peal in 15 methods. ‡ First peal.

A wedding compliment to Martin Roscamp (ringer at this church) and Ann Davis, married earlier in the day at Bidston.

WISTASTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods: (2 and 3) Kent Treble Bob. (4 and 5) Single Oxford Bob. (1, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.	Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.
*Frank R. Morton Treble	Frederick S. Sutton .. 4
Gerard Parsons 2	†Herbert Sutton 5
Terence E. Trickett .. 3	John E. Brough Tenor

Conducted by John E. Brough.

* Has "circled the tower" three times. † Has "circled the tower" twice.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WEST HALLAM, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.
Joyce Chadwick Treble	Robert Tanner 4
John Greasley 2	Alan Burton 5
Clive Thrower 3	Gordon A. Halls Tenor

Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

First peal for all except tenor ringer.

BLACKWELL, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Werburgh.

On Wed., July 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 7 cwt.
*Eric Gregory Treble	†David W. Bailey 4
†Vivien Cheetham 2	Kenneth Ballington .. 5
†Doreen Land 3	Trevor Taylor Tenor

Conducted by Trevor Taylor.

* First peal on a "working" bell. † First of Bob Minor.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

HUNTSAM, Devon.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

D. John Hunt Treble	Richard J. Bowden 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Patrick J. Bird 6
Alan Tubb 3	Brian J. Wyld 7
Elisabeth A. B. Bowden .. 4	Frank D. Mack Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

Believed to be the first of Surprise on the bells.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

DUDLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E flat.

Michael J. Fellows .. Treble	Martin D. Fellows 6
C. Frederick Jukes 2	†Percival C. Richards .. 7
*M. Irene Ellsmore 3	†Geoffrey Westwood .. 8
Frederick G. Handley .. 4	†John C. Eisel 9
William H. Cooper 5	*Peter J. Brown Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Stedman Caters. ‡ First of Caters. First "touch" of Stedman Caters as conductor. Annual peal for the Guild.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in D flat.

J. J. Parker's One-Part .. Treble	Trevor A. Bevis 5
Jane Cook 2	Richard Hough 6
Harold Peacock 3	Norman Harding 7
Peter H. Langton 4	John Bluff Tenor

Conducted by Peter H. Langton.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Aug. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

Lesley Ward Treble	Neil V. Avis 5
Frank B. Lufkin 2	Robert J. Isgar 6
Brian J. Vaughan 3	Stanley T. Leach 7
Stephen D. Humphrey .. 4	*Peter G. Pitt Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton.

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* 25th peal for the Association.
Rung to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the church.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Pitstow's Treble	Walter Arnold 5
*Edward B. Smith 2	*Maurice E. Downs 6
Frank B. Lufkin 3	†Edward E. Davey 7
Alan R. Andrews 4	Urban W. Wildney .. Tenor

Conducted by Urban W. Wildney.

* First peal in the method. † Seven times "circled the tower."
Conductor's 400th peal and first in method as conductor.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary-the Virgin.

On Thurs., July 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 10 methods, being seven 720's as follows: (1) London Scholars' T.B., (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Double Court Bob, (4) Double and Oxford Bob, (5) Kent and Oxford T.B., (6) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Brian J. Vaughan Treble	*Lesley Ward 4
Peter G. Pitt 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Neil V. Avis 3	Stephen D. Humphrey .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* Most methods to a peal.

WORMINGFORD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

John A. Avis Treble	Lesley Ward 4
Stephen D. Humphrey .. 2	Neil V. Avis 5
*Michael Warren 3	Peter G. Pitt Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Pitt.

* First "inside." Tenor 8 cwt.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 18 methods, comprising 640 London, 320 each of Lincolnshire, Lindum, Cray, Cambridge, Eastcote, Yorkshire, Wordsworth, Pudsey, Bristol, Rutland, New Gloucester, and 160 each of Wembley, Framley, Superlative, Uxbridge, Hitchin and Watford, with 139 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt.

Maurice A. New Treble	James R. Taylor 5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	*Anthony R. Peake 6
Michael J. Hobbs 3	Rev. Roger Keeley 7
*Brian Bladon 4	Brian Luff Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* 200th peal together. The greatest number of Major methods to a peal by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.

On Wed., Aug. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. Treble	John C. Slater 5
Reginald G. Hooper 2	Richard J. Bowden 6
Gillian M. Hussey 3	James R. Taylor 7
Brynley A. Shackleton .. 4	*D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by Ian C. Maycock.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* 75th peal together. First in the method on the bells.

LECKHAMPTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Vicar's Six-Part. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Pamela J. E. Sturdy .. Treble	*Hugh Read 5
*Brian J. Read 2	Rev. John B. T. Homfray .. 6
†Anthony C. Newman 3	Alan Pendlebury 7
*Terence N. Stephens .. 4	Albert J. Newman Tenor

Conducted by Alan Pendlebury.

* First peal. † First "inside." First in method as conductor.
Rung by Sunday service band as a tribute to Rev. John B. T. Homfray, former curate, now Vicar of Staverton with Boddington, who taught ringers of the front five bells to ring.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SHALFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Thurs., Aug. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 64 lb. in F sharp

Douglas A. R. May .. Treble	*Dennis G. Blows 5
Jill M. May 2	†Lewis F. Cobb 6
Stanley G. Ponting 3	C. Martin Press 7
Robert C. Kippin 4	Brian J. Luff Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RICKMANSWORTH, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Christopher W. Woolley .. Treble	Peter F. Windley 6
*Frederick W. Soden 2	David A. Carpenter 7
Bryan C. Burrough 3	D. Kay Adkins 8
Bernard E. Matthews .. 4	Anthony R. Kench 9
*Brian W. Hall 5	Kenneth R. Dunstan .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.

* First peal on ten.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Mon., Aug. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of London, Wells, Cambridge, York, Oxford, Kent and Norwich.

Tenor 11 cwt.

Brian M. Barker Treble	D. Kay Adkins 4
Christine Rimmer 2	Anthony R. Kench 5
Bernard E. Matthews .. 3	Kenneth R. Dunstan .. Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

LANGLEYBURY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Tues., Aug. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 8 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

*Donald A. Bedford .. Treble	Keith D. Waples 4
D. Kay Adkins 2	Kenneth R. Dunstan .. 5
Christine Rimmer 3	Christopher W. Woolley .. Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

* First peal of Surprise.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. T. Ismay, formerly of Langleybury, now residing at Rustington. Littlehampton, on celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Thurs., July 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In nine methods: (1) Norfolk and Ipswich, (2) Primrose and Cambridge, (3) York, (4) Beverley, (5) Durham, (6) Surfleet, (7) Bourne.
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

John Manley Treble	Richard G. Crosland .. . 4
*D. Paul Smith .. . 2	Ian H. Oram .. . 5
Tony Lewis .. . 3	Ralph Bird .. . Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* Most methods to a peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Wed., Aug. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt.

Derek Butterworth .. . Treble	Derek Marshall .. . 6
J. Colin Ashworth .. . 2	Jeffrey Kershaw .. . 7
Margaret E. Fort .. . 3	J. Barry Pickup .. . 8
Christine Andrew .. . 4	Richard S. Starkie .. . 9
Edward Jenkins .. . 5	Jeffrey Brannan .. . Tenor

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Thurs., Aug. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 REAL DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

John H. Fielden .. . Treble	Roger Leigh .. . 5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. . 2	Geoffrey S. Mills .. . 6
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. . 3	Cyril Crossthwaite .. . 7
John P. Partington .. . 4	Walter E. Wilkinson .. . Tenor

Composed by E. Barnett.

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

All double calls throughout.

First peal of Real D.N.C.B. by all the band.

AUGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in C sharp.

Stanley Walmsley .. . Treble	John Nixon .. . 4
Lawrence Walmsley .. . 2	*Jack L. Higham .. . 5
James E. Sumner .. . 3	Robert Larkey .. . Tenor

Conducted by Stanley Walmsley.

* First peal "inside."

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

Tudor P. Edwards .. . Treble	Anthony R. Kench .. . 7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. . 2	John S. Mason .. . 8
Frank E. Darby .. . 3	Brian Morris .. . 9
Alan J. Frost .. . 4	Ralph G. Edwards .. . 10
Kenneth J. Hesketh .. . 5	Peter Border .. . 11
John H. Fielden .. . 6	Wilfred Williams .. . Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.

SILEBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb. in E flat.

Geoffrey M. Brewin .. . Treble	J. Martin Thorley .. . 5
Malcolm E. Wade .. . 2	Roland H. Cook .. . 6
W. Ernest Rawson .. . 3	A. Maxwell Lindsey .. . 7
Martin C. Faulkes .. . 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. . Tenor

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph T. Dyke (July 29th), and to congratulate ringers 4 and 7 on gaining upper second class honours B.Sc.

FOXTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., Aug. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

Brian S. Chapman .. . Treble	James H. Pannett .. . 4
Malcolm E. Wade .. . 2	Roland H. Cook .. . 5
*Roger J. Starbuck .. . 3	R. Kingsley Mason .. . Tenor

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

* First peal "inside."

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John-the-Divine.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Jack L. Millhouse .. . Treble	Harry Poyner .. . 6
Norah M. Randles .. . 2	George H. Randles .. . 7
Mary C. Poyner .. . 3	James W. Raithby .. . 8
Joyce M. Gurnhill .. . 4	*John R. Pratchett .. . 9
John Walden .. . 5	Peter A. Sharp .. . Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland.

Conducted by Peter A. Sharp.

* First of Royal.

A wedding compliment to Herbert Lowman and Dorothy May Guy, whose marriage took place this day at North Muskham.

BOTTESFORD, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Fri., July 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Roger D. Bailey .. . Treble	Denis A. Frith .. . 5
Alan G. Payne .. . 2	Graham J. N. Colborne .. . 6
David J. Hopkinson .. . 3	David R. Baxter .. . 7
Richard Ingles .. . 4	James R. Holmes .. . Tenor

Composed by James Topp.

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

SCOTHERN, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Germain.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being three different extents of Norwich and 2,160 and one extent of Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

William R. Parker .. . Treble	G. Angus Dixon .. . 4
John M. Blaikie .. . 2	Charles V. Cade .. . 5
Walter S. Smith .. . 3	Geoffrey R. Parker .. . Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Parker.

A 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Roe, founder member of the P.C.C., also to celebrate 50 years of service ringing at this church by the ringer of the 5th.

ORSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., July 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (3) Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Thelwall and Childwall College Bob, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

Graham J. N. Colborne .. . Treble	David R. Baxter .. . 4
Denis A. Frith .. . 2	Roger D. Bailey .. . 5
Richard A. G. Inglis .. . 3	Alan G. Payne .. . Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

CONINGSBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

In 14 methods: (1) London and Wells Surprise, (2) Childwall College Bob and Fulbeck Bob, (3) Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's College Bob, (5) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (6) Hereward and Oxford Bob, (7) Double and Plain Bob, with 23 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in G.

Norman B. Fovargue .. . Treble	Albert E. Flatters .. . 4
Derek J. Jones .. . 2	Harold Baysley .. . 5
Roger D. Bailey .. . 3	Alan G. Payne .. . Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. S. Salter, who is leaving for Cheltenham.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSN.

PENTRE, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

Ruth E. Havard .. . Treble	Gwyn I. Lewis .. . 5
Geoffrey J. B. Stickland .. . 2	M. Jack Pryor .. . 6
Thomas Yeomans .. . 3	David J. Llewellyn .. . 7
Roger G. Havard .. . 4	Brian J. Woodruffe .. . Tenor

Composition by J. R. Pritchard (Arranged).

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSN.

SULLY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven different extents in eight methods: (1) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (2) Single Oxford, (3) Plain Bob, (4) Grandsire, (5) Kent T.B., (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Cambridge S.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

Mary E. Pryor Treble	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland .. 4
Christopher Ricketts .. 2	Christopher Aldridge .. 5
Ruth E. Havard 3	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

First peal in eight Minor methods for all.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SHIPDHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., July 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*Patricia Speezby Treble	Roy E. Cullington 4
*Hilary Webb 2	Kevin S. Hohl 5
Sidney Marshall 3	Timothy G. Pett Tenor

Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.

* First peal at first attempt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Wed., Aug. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

*Robert M. Ashman .. Treble	Sydney M. Bailey 5
Eunice A. Lewis 2	Brian J. Luff 6
Frederick R. Scott 3	William Birmingham .. 7
Frank W. Lewis 4	J. Keith Ward Tenor

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler (No. 21). Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

* First peal first attempt.

Rung as a mark of respect to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, on the occasion of her 65th birthday.

HIGHCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., Aug. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb. in G.

John W. T. Hibbert .. Treble	Frederick R. Scott 5
Reginald W. Rex 2	Anthony D. Sansom .. 6
Robin G. Leale 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
Keith D. Waples 4	J. Keith Ward Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

STANDLAKE, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Mon., Aug. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

Susan Cantwell Treble	William H. Clarke 4
Peter Pearce 2	Brian W. Hall 5
Peter G. Holden 3	D. Kay Adkins Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Costar.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

KIDLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation.

Tenor 23½ cwt. in D.

Walter F. Judge Treble	Keith H. Fleming 5
Martyn J. Marriott 2	Philip Mehew 6
Ronald J. Sharp 3	Stephen Ivin 7
Brian R. White 4	Francis A. White Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of William Judge, whose funeral took place at this church earlier in the day.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

LONG BUCKBY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of St. Simon's, ten of Grandsire and 14 each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in E.

*Rev. Ernest G. Orland .. Treble	John H. Williams 3
Derek E. Griffin 2	Edward A. Gautrey 4

John E. Goddard Tenor

Conducted by John E. Goddard.

* First ringer to "circle the tower."

Rung as a diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Green.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, King's Norton.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 34 lb. in E.

Marilyn C. Smith Treble	Norman J. Goodman .. 6
William Davidson 2	Edward W. Colley 7
Roderick W. Pipe 3	David J. Purpell 8
James Crowther 4	John McDonald 9
Geoffrey Davies 5	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

PACKWOOD.—Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5216 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 98 lb. in B flat.

Roderick W. Pipe Treble	William Davidson 5
Muriel Reay 2	Maurice G. Ingram .. 6
Marilyn C. Smith 3	Geoffrey Davies 7
James Crowther 4	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Mon., Jan. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt.

Johnson's Variation.	Simon Humphrey Treble	Peter R. Humphrey 5
*Elizabeth J. Foster .. 2	Michael Poppleston .. 6	
Raymond A. G. Benfield .. 3	George A. Dawson 7	
Susanna Poppleston .. 4	G. Ronald Edwards .. Tenor	

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Raymond A. G. Benfield.

* First peal of Surprise "inside."

WILLOUGHBY-IN-THE-WOLDS, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.

On Wed., Aug. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods, being seven extents each of All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Kennington and Seighford. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 lb.

Sidney Adams Treble	William L. Exton 3
Ruth Blackshaw 2	Maurice W. Harrison .. 4

David H. Oliver Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

Rung as a compliment to Ven. Kenneth G. Thompson, on his appointment as Suffragan Bishop of Sherwood.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

LAPLEY, Staffordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Aug. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Stedman, 2,400 Plain Bob, 1,200 Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt. 20 lb. in F sharp.

E. Marion Key Treble	Roger L. Hawksworth .. 3
David R. Hawksworth .. 2	Barnabas G. Key 4

Howard Howell Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

A farewell peal for the Rev. H. Perrins, who is leaving to take up duties at Priorslee, Salop. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Markwick, of the local band.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BECCLES, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

Patricia Rogers Treble	†Frank Sutton 6
Edwin R. Goate 2	*Thomas Brock 7
*Ian Margetts 3	Harold W. Rogers 8
Mrs. Olive Rogers 4	Ralph W. Bickers 9
†Stephen F. High 5	Christopher H. Rogers .. Tenor

Composed by S. Marsh.

Conducted by Edwin R. Goate.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First on ten.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

Andrew T. Beckwith .. Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe 5
*Stephen J. Hammond (14) .. 2	George E. Symonds (90) .. 6
B. Gillian Schofield .. 3	Roderick W. Pipe 7
Christopher K. Cooper .. 4	George W. Pipe Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by George W. Pipe.

* First touch of Surprise Major.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to George E. Symonds, and a 58th wedding anniversary to him and Mrs. Symonds. Also a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Goodship.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ASHTHEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F.
John R. Ketteringham .. Treble .. 5
Thomas E. Sone 2 .. David E. Rothera 6
*Roy D. Mills 3 .. David J. Herschell 7
†John L. Hayns 4 .. C. Martin Press 7
A. Patrick Cannon .. Tenor
Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Patrick A. Cannon.
* First peal "inside." † First of Surprise. ‡ First of Cambridge.
Rung as a compliment to Stewart F. Kimber and Jean L. Lavender,
who were married this day at Beddington.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5320 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in G sharp.
Robert B. Smith .. Treble .. 6
*Anthony J. Davidson .. 2 .. John Freeman 7
Rev. A. S. Roberts .. 3 .. *D. Roy Bould 8
*Alan Carveth 4 .. *Thomas G. Myers 9
*Margaret A. Bould .. 5 .. *A. William Myers 9
Alan R. Pink .. Tenor
Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal and on the bells.
Rung on the Feast of the Name of Jesus.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

LONGFARISH, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Tues., July 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 7½ cwt.
Gerald B. Evans .. Treble .. 4
Frank R. Tonge 2 .. Geoffrey K. Dodd 5
Penelope A. Goddard .. 3 .. Reginald F. Crook 5
John W. Cheney .. Tenor
Conducted by Reginald F. Crook.

Rung to welcome the new Rector of Longparish and Hurstbourne
Priors, the Rev. S. P. McDowall, M.A., who was inducted on June
18th, 1965.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HANBURY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 41 lb. in F sharp.
George E. Fearn .. Treble .. 5
Beryl E. Cawser 2 .. Maurice G. Ingram 6
Marilyn C. Smith 3 .. Norman J. Goodman 7
Elizabeth Timmins .. 4 .. Clifford A. Barron 7
J. Alan Ainsworth .. Tenor
Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

CRADLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., July 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.
John N. Lipdon .. Treble .. 5
Muriel Reay 2 .. Roderick W. Pipe 6
James Insley 3 .. George E. Fearn 7
John R. Insley 4 .. Clifford A. Barron 7
J. Alan Ainsworth .. Tenor
Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

HAGLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Wed., July 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, being 1,120 London, 1,024 Bristol, 1,024 Cambridge,
1,088 Superlative and 1,024 Pudsey with 106 changes of method and
all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A.
J. Alan Ainsworth .. Treble .. 5
*Marilyn C. Smith 2 .. Clifford A. Barron 6
John C. Eisel 3 .. Michael J. Fellows 7
Roderick W. Pipe 4 .. Martin D. Fellows 7
George E. Fearn .. Tenor
Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of spiced.

GUERNSEY, Channel Islands.—At the Church of St. Michel-du-Valle.

On Wed., July 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being an extent of Kent Treble Bob and three extents each of St.
Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.
Raymond J. Adams (Worcester Cathedral) .. Treble
Anthony P. White (Worcester St. Swithun) .. 2
James Attwood, jun. (Bredon's Norton) .. 3
Arthur C. Berry (Pershore Abbey) 4
John E. Whittall (Claines St. John's) 5
Paul Cattermole (Worcester Cathedral) .. Tenor
Conducted by Paul Cattermole.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BRADFELD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being six extents each of Grandsire and Reverse
St. Bartholomew, 12 of April Day and 18 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.
*Philip S. Wood .. Treble .. 4
†David Hunton 2 .. †John Smelley 5
Geoffrey W. Pilkington .. 3 .. Michael King 5
Dennis Burling .. Tenor
Conducted by Michael King.
* First peal away from cover bell. † First "inside." ‡ First peal.
First of Doubles 2, 3, 4 and 6.

(Selby and District Society).

KIRBY HILL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr.
*Richard Grant .. Treble .. 4
†Derek J. Swann 2 .. †David Whitehead 5
Alan Grundy 3 .. †Christopher M. Brown .. 5
Ronald R. Warford .. Tenor
Conducted by Ronald R. Warford.
* First peal at first attempt. † First peal. ‡ First peal "inside."

(Beverley and District Society).

HUNTINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sun., Aug. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being 1,680 each of Reverse Capterbury Pleasure,
Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 17 lb. in B flat.
*Ian Armstrong .. Treble .. 3
†Mary I. Hildred 2 .. A. Colin Bapton 4
Susan E. Thompson .. Tenor
Christopher J. Groome .. Tenor
Conducted by A. Colin Bapton.

* First peal attempt. † First "inside." Most methods to a peal
by all the band except the conductor.
Rung by the local band for Evensong, and also with best wishes
to John Woolley and Margaret Woodward, married at Uppingham
on August 4th.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—All rung at Mor-awelon, Llog Derw,
Tycoch.

On Fri., July 2, 1965, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different spliced extents of Oxford T.B. and Sandal T.B.,
with 27 changes of method. Tenor size 14 in D.
Hazel Way 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6

On Sun., July 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Killamarsh Variation. Tenor size 18 in G.
*Hazel Way 1—2 | J. Arthur Hoare 5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe .. 3—4 | Edmund J. Morris 7—8
Composed by Maurice Hodgson. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* 150th peal. First peal of Treble Bob Major on handbells for the
Guild and by all except the conductor.

On Mon., July 5, 1965, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SANDAL TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
Hazel Way 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6
First peal in the method on handbells.

On Fri., July 16, 1965, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SCHOLARS' PLEASURE T.B. MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.
Hazel Way 1—2 | Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6
First peal in the method on handbells.

On Sun., July 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Ilkeston Variation. Tenor size 18 in G.
Hazel Way 1—2 | J. Arthur Hoare 5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe .. 3—4 | Edmund J. Morris 7—8
Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
First peal in this variation on handbells by all and for the Guild.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTCHURCH, Sheppey, Kent.—At 110, High Street,

On Wed., Aug. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in seven methods, being 720 changes each of St.
Simon's Bob, St. Nicholas Bob, St. Martin's Bob, Winchendon Place
Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew's Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob
and Plain Bob. Tenor size 15 in C.
Nicholas J. Chesson .. 1—2 | Joan A. Hayward (cond.) 3—4
Peter D. J. Beal 5—6

First peal in seven Doubles methods and first peal "in hand" in
seven Doubles methods for the Association.

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BIRMINGHAM-SALTLEY CARILLON.—The 23-bell G. and J. Carillon at Parkfield Road, Birmingham 8 (opposite "Country Girl") can be heard between 6.40 and 7.20 p.m. on Sunday next, August 22nd. 7410

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Dinner-Dance will be held on Saturday, October 9th, 1965, at the Mollington Banastre Hotel, Parkgate Road, Chester. Meet 5.45–6.15 p.m. Tickets 23/- each. All applications for tickets to Gen. Sec. before October 1st, together with remittance. The following towers will be open: Christleton (8) 1–2 p.m., Hoole (6) 2–3 p.m., Handbridge (8) and St. Mary's-within-the-Walls (8), Chester 3–4 p.m., Shotwich (6) and Backford (6) 4–5 p.m.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec., 63, Parkgate Road, Chester. 7393

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. and **THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.**—Joint meeting, Repton, Saturday, August 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All welcome.—J. Cotton and M. Willis. 7321

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting at Bottesford on August 21st. Ringing 6.30 p.m. till 9 p.m.—M. Stimson, Dis. Sec. 7394

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N. and E. District), **HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (St. Albans District) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Central District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, August 21st, North Mymms. Ringing from 3 p.m. and during evening, including Glasgow Surprise. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. South Mymms bells available from 2.45 p.m.—4 p.m.—R. D. R. Brown, Joan Spreadbury, E. H. Kilby, Dis. Secs. 7366

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Barcombe (6), Saturday, August 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. G. Rice, 40, Fairfield Gardens, Portslade. 7384

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at Godshill, August 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 7383

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Crewkerne Branch and the West Dorset Branch will be held at Winham (8) on Saturday, August 28th. Service at 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. H. Spurdle, Church Street, Winham, near Chard, Somerset, by Wednesday, August 25th. 7388

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Weare (6) on Saturday, August 28th, from 5–8 p.m.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 7404

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Marbury, August 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by August 25th.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe, Cheshire. 7406

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, August 28th, at Campsall. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. F. Newton, Flat "D," Campsall Hall, Campsall. 7412

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A.G.M. at Barnard Castle and Gainford on Saturday, August 28th. Ringing: Barnard Castle 2.30–5 p.m.; Gainford 6.30–9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Warwick, 69, Eastbourne Road, Darlington. 7397

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Great Staughton, Saturday, August 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7400

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch, Saturday, August 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Free tea at 5 for those who send names, please, by previous Wednesday, to Mrs. A. S. Mason, 46, Twisse Green Lane, Culcheth, near Warrington. 7408

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Otley, Saturday, August 28th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements—a number of local cafes available. Further ringing after tea. 7401

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Peckleton, August 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to the Rev. D. F. Brown, Peckleton Rectory, by Wednesday previous.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 7395

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting, August 28th, at Walton-on-the-Wolds and Wymeswold. Walton (5) 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Wymeswold (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Three Crowns, Wymeswold. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Mackley, 1a, Brook Street, Wymeswold, Loughborough, Leics. 7314

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, August 28th, evening meeting at Farnham Royal (near Slough). Ringing (8 bells) 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. All welcome.—Miss Hague. 7330

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Pewsey, Saturday, August 28th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 7409

DARWEN, LANCs.—On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. J. Ward (first quarter) 1, R. Leigh 2, F. H. Price 3, J. L. Riley 4, M. J. Halliwell 5, J. T. Parsons (cond.) 6. First quarter on the bells since World War

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**Summer Festival and Extraordinary Meeting.**

Saturday, September 4th, 1965, at Culworth. p.m. Tea tickets (3/6 each and c.w.o.) to be A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby, Warks.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Culworth (5)	.. .. .	3 p.m.—4 p.m.	7 p.m.—9 p.m.
Helmdon (6)	.. .. .	
Brackley (6)	.. .. .	
Chacombe (6)	.. .. .	
Lois Weedon (6)	.. .. .	
Byfield (6)	.. .. .	12 noon—3 p.m.	7 p.m.—9 p.m.
Croughton (5)	.. .. .	
Boddington (5)	.. .. .	
Preston Capes (5)	.. .. .	
King's Sutton (8)	.. .. .	2 p.m.—3 p.m.	7 p.m.—8 p.m.
Aynhoe (8)	.. .. .	
Eydon (5)	.. .. .	2 p.m.—3 p.m. (only)	

E. BILLINGS, Gen. Sec.

7284

Rededication**SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL'S LAVENHAM**

Rededication of the bells in their new frame by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Dunwich at 2.30 p.m. on

Saturday, August 28th.

Ringing after service until 8.30 p.m. All will be welcome.

Running buffet tea from 5 p.m. Appreciated if numbers attending could be notified to Mr. M. T. Symonds, 1, Pit Meadow, Lavenham, by Wednesday, August 25th.

Peal list is full for 1966.

M. T. Symonds, Tower Correspondent.
7396

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION**The Annual****LICHFIELD DIOCESAN FESTIVAL**

will be held at Oswestry on Sept. 25th (Car park in Lower Brook Street)

Towers open:

Ellesmere, St. Mary (8) 2.00—3.00
St. Martin's, St. Martin (6) 2.45—3.45
Oswestry, St. Oswald (8) 3.15—4.25
Service at Oswestry at 4.30, followed by tea at 5.15.
Shrewsbury, St. Mary (10) 7.00—8.00
Shrewsbury, St. Chad (12) 8.00—9.00
Inquiries and reservations for tea—high, middle or low—should be sent to me at 18, Ferraers Road, Oswestry (Tel. 2744). Last minute bookings are possible, but the fate of the foolish virgins should not be forgotten. Visitors and non-resident life members especially welcome!
Roger B. Morris, Ringing Master.
7327

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Holme Hale on Saturday, September 4th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by the business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. S. Waterfield, 6, Station Road, Holme Hale, Thetford.—C. Tovell, Sec. 7403

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Acle on Saturday, September 4th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. Lidbetter, Hollycroft, South Walsham Road, Norwich (NOR 60Z), by Wednesday, September 1st certain.—N. P. J. C., Branch Sec. 7400

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—By kind invitation of the Gnosall ringers an extra full meeting will be held at Gnosall, near Stafford, on Saturday, September 4th next. Please note new arrangements: Bells (6) 3—4.10 p.m. and after tea. Committee meeting also 3 p.m. (for one hour only). Service 4.15 followed by tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. B. G. Key, 2, Newport Road, Gnosall, Stafford (Tel. Gnos. 454) by Wednesday, September 1st, latest.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 7373

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The final of the striking competition will be held on Saturday, September 11th; six bell section at St. James', East Crompton, eight-bell section at St. Thomas', Moorside (both near Oldham). Buffet tea at East Crompton. Names for tea to Mr. G. Abbott, 16, Waveney Road, Shaw, Oldham.—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 7352

BUCKFAST ABBEY.—Quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers at Buckfast Abbey on September 18th. Ringing 2.30—4.30. 7399

QUARTER PEALS

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On July 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): H. Meek 1, L. Smith 2, R. Chew 3, E. D. Wilson 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, J. Harper 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Ruth Malsom, a regular member of this church.

STOKE BISHOP, BRISTOL.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Gray (cond.) 1, Miss G. Thomas 2, Miss E. Brocklehurst 3, M. Hill 4, Dr. R. Brocklehurst 5, R. Williams 6. Rung for Evensong, and also as a farewell to Dr. Brocklehurst, who is leaving Bristol on his retirement from Bristol University.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Sangwin 1, W. L. Exton (cond.) 2, W. H. Trewin 3, H. W. Perkin 4, P. Wishart 5, B. D. G. Vince 6, B. W. Fairhead 7, P. E. Thompson 8. Rung prior to the opening of the combined churches fete.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Aug. 8th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: G. Wheeler 1, Miss J. Davidge 2, W. W. T. Daniell 3, Miss S. Little 4, M. D. Penney 5, M. Scowen (first of Stedman Caters) 6, E. Gosling 7, A. G. Wells 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, P. Minchin 10. Rung prior to Evensong.

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.—On July 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Garrod 1, T. Frost 2, R. Leavett (cond.) 3, K. Griggs 4, A. Day 5, A. Palmer 6. Longest touch 2 and 4. For Evensong.

WALKINGTON, E. YORKS.—On July 30th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, 552 Kent and Oxford T.B. Minor: J. Rank 1, A. B. Cooper 2, C. D. Munday 3, R. C. Hawtree (first in methods) 4, R. D. Gibson 5, L. F. Bailey (cond.) 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Aug. 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: M. Jefferyes 1, A. Slade 2, K. Warner 3, I. Dear 4, D. Hawkins 5, C. Wright 6, M. C. Austin 7, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Sally and Don Cobb, ringers at this tower.

WELFORD, NORTHANTS.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Coleman 1, Sheila Staley 2, Jean Marlow 3, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 4, R. J. Cowley 5, D. G. Pearson 6, J. G. Mitchell 7, J. Mitchell 8. A birthday compliment to Jean Marlow.

WEST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.—On July 26th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: D. Coomber 1, Valerie J. Howard 2, Gillian R. Parsons 3, M. P. Howard 4, D. Slater 5, J. A. Howard (cond.) 6.

WHITCHURCH, CARDIFF, GLAM.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lesley Shaw (first quarter) 1, Wendy Griffin 2, Sandy Ford 3, Gwen Bidgood 4, W. Harford 5, W. Dare 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Christine Glastonbury and the Rev. Ronald Lucas.

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UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX GUILD

At the first annual general meeting of the University of Sussex Guild new officers elected for the coming academic year were as follows: Michael J. Bew, Master; Raymond Talbot, hon. secretary.

A vote of thanks was passed for the services of the retiring Master, Mr. Peter Cane, and treasurer, Miss Catherine Powell, during the past year. M. J. B.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Dinton, August 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 24th. 7392

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at Aldridge, Saturday, August 28th. Bells (6) available 6.30—8.30 only.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 7411

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, August 28th. Hastings, All Saints', 3 p.m. Christ Church, Blacklands, 6.15—8 p.m. Names for tea to me at 36, London Road, Hailsham, by Wednesday, August 25th.—G. Fitzhugh, Div. Sec. 7359

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) and **SURREY ASSOCIATION** (Northern District).—Joint meeting at Leatherhead on Monday, August 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Smith, 25, Hilly Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead, by previous Tuesday, please. 7372

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Bank Holiday meeting, Monday, August 30th, at Chesterfield. Bells 3—5 p.m. No tea arranged. Business meeting in belfry at 5.45. Bells after meeting till 9 p.m.—J. Seager, Sec. 7413

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Shalford, Saturday, September 4th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wood, 10, The Causeway, Finchingfield, Braintree. 7414

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at St. Thomas' Church, Rhyl, Saturday, September 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to W. Cathrall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham, by August 28th. 7390

COMPOSITIONS

5,152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By RICHARD J. PARKER

M	W	H	
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—	—	2	43526
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—	x	—	—	32654
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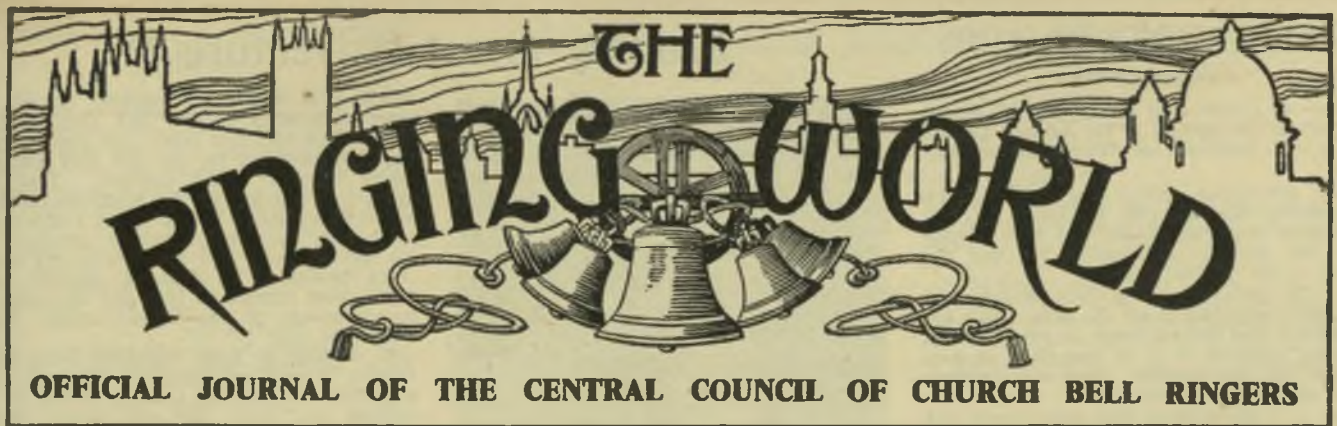
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GREAT ADVENTURE II

MONTHS of planning by Mr. T. J. Lock, assisted on the financial side by Miss Ruth Foreman, will culminate on Sunday week, when Great Adventure II leaves London Airport for Australia and New Zealand and returns home to Britain via U.S.A., with a visit to Groton School. In the space of five weeks thousands of miles will be travelled to convey the goodwill and friendship of English ringers in the same way as Bill Fussell, John S. Goldsmith and Rupert Richardson did in 1934. And of that party of 31 years ago there are just two left—Mrs. Annie Richardson, of Surfleet, and her daughter, Enid.

The spirit of adventure of that first party is not dead. Last time there was a leisurely approach to the ringing ahead by a long sea voyage; this time, for the nine who constitute the main party, it is just 32 hours by air, the route being via Moscow, Delhi, Bombay, Madras, Singapore to Perth. It is an elderly party; the senior, Mr. Shirley Burton, of Leicester, who has gone by sea, is 77. With him is Mrs. Burton, and they plan to visit their daughter in New Zealand. Closely behind him is one whose name constantly appears in the peal columns—Mr. Leonard Stilwell, now 76. Travelling by sea with Mr. Burton is Mr. A. G. Mason, of Kent, whose most noteworthy peal was one of Bristol in 1922 at Westminster Abbey, the first of Major on the bells. Another in the 70's is Mr. T. W. White, the editor of "The Ringing World." His introduction to ringing came about through Great Adventure I. Mr. Goldsmith, the founder editor of "The Ringing World," approached the Woodbridge Press and Mr. White was permitted to undertake the editorial work with the exception of the front page articles that were written by Mr. J. A. Trollope. Within a few weeks he became a learner in Holy Trinity, Guildford, belfry, and for 25 years served as secretary of that tower.

The 50 to 60 group has the strongest section, including the leader, Mr. T. J. Lock (54), who has not spared himself in his difficult role. He has had to face many disappointments; the withdrawals of a number of good ringers and the postponement of the adventure for a year. Originally it was planned to coincide with the rededication of the 12 at Melbourne—the only 12 outside of Great Britain, and also the 30th anniversary of Great Adventure II. At the time planned the bells were in this country. There are likely, however, to be "occasions," with the dedication of the new ring at St. Andrew's (Anglican) Cathedral, Sydney, and a service in connection with St. Jude's, Randwick, which has one of the few rings of steel bells in the world.

Probably the conducting will be shared between Wilfred Williams (around the 60 mark), Tom Lock and A. P. Cannon. And for those who claim to be tenor ringers there are bells to test capabilities of a "tenor king," particularly the two at Adelaide. Wilfred, apart from being a superb tenor ringer and safe conductor, had tribute paid to his ability when he was elected Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Pat

Cannon, now 52, passed the 1,000 peal mark last year. He has represented the Surrey Association on the Central Council and held office in both the Surrey Association and Guildford Diocesan Guild. Another member with very sound experience is Mr. C. W. Pipe, Central Councillor and for many years hon. secretary of the Suffolk Guild. "Jim" Pipe will go to Australia with the added lustre of being George Pipe's father. The seven years George spent in Australia resulted in a ringing uplift in Melbourne and indeed the whole continent. His younger brother, Roderick, promises to be his equal and his services to ringing at Birmingham and his many good compositions have already earned for him a special niche.

Probably the most travelled member of the party is the Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville (52), who since his youth has been an ardent bellringer but because of his sojourning abroad has been deprived of ringing facilities. Of his peals, not yet 300, about 100 have been rung in the last two years. He is the only member of the party who was present at the Washington dedication last year, although not one of the official ten. Cambridge University Guild will be represented by Mr. R. M. Damerell, of Herts, the youngest member. The only lady ringer in the party is Miss Ann Horsford, of the Middlesex County Association, who is fulfilling an ambition to visit Australia and New Zealand.

A recording of the voice of the President of the Central Council (Canon Gilbert Thurlow) is being taken by Mr. Lock. This is not an official visit sponsored by the Central Council; it could have been had the spirit been willing at Northampton, as the visit is creating widespread interest. Australia loves informality about ringing. The visit came about through a private approach to Mr. Lock, who has had years of experience in promoting peal tours, to repeat the Great Adventure. And this is the outcome. An appeal was made in "The Ringing World" for contributions to a fund to provide towers visited with mementos of the occasion. The Middlesex County Association and some nine individuals had contributed to this fund, apart from members of the party. The fund is not closed.

The tourists hope that in some of the peals rung they will have the privilege of Australian ringers being included. Australia has today ringers of repute who would grace any peal band. This year's president of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Ringing Societies is Miss Enid Lloyd Roberts, a former Master of Bristol University Society. Her Australian experience started at Adelaide; now she is at Sydney and is a member of Tom Goodyer's band at St. Mary's Basilica (R.C.) Church. The sense of unity with change ringers the world over has been fostered very largely by private individuals. The work of Philip Gray, George Pipe and Mark Lancefield is remembered in Australia; in Britain we have a warm affection for Brian Cox and Nelson Sloan, from New Zealand, who spent some months in this country. The Great Adventure of 1934 was unquestionably the forerunner of many links being forged; friendships thus established have been abiding.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

Over 40 people were present for the service and tea at the meeting of the Ashford District on a fine afternoon at Wittersham on July 31st.

The Association service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. C. Lucy, Mr. L. I. Sweatman read the lesson, and Miss Martin was the organist. Afterwards tea was enjoyed in the Memorial Hall.

At the business meeting Lady Mallett said that she would like to see the bells, which are odd-struck and difficult (tenor 16 cwt.), rehung, and the offertory of £2 5s was given to start a fund for this purpose. Two new members were elected to the Association.

Mr. J. Willis thanked Mrs. Anne Denne and Lady Mallett for making all the arrangements.

In spite of the awkward "go" of the bells the standard of striking showed an improvement. It is to be hoped this improvement will be maintained, as the next meeting, September 11th, is at Bethersden, home tower of the dreaded "firing-at-meetings" correspondent. C. T. H.

GREAT ADVENTURE II

(Continued from front page)

Those who read "Ringing Towers," the Australian quarterly, cannot fail to perceive the strong social spirit engendered and how members cheerfully travel hundreds of miles to ensure those inter-State get-togethers. To emulate that example and to follow the precedent of 1934, Tom Lock's party embark hopefully, knowing full well that any contribution they can make towards the comity of friendship will be doubly reciprocated by ringers in Australia and New Zealand, for such is their open-heartedness.



MR. T. J. LOCK

EMINENTLY fitted to lead Great Adventure II to Australia and New Zealand is Mr. Tom Lock, of North Mymms, Herts. Since 1951 he has been organising peal tours which maintain a high standard. His membership of the Central Council dates back to 1946 and he is the present convener of the Biographies Committee.

A native of Woolton Hill, Hants, and

educated at Newbury Grammar School, he went to London in 1927 and rang his first peal at Willesden that year. Last year he rang his 850th and his list includes over 100 different Surprise Major methods. Tom has given long service to the Middlesex County Association. After 20 years as a District secretary he was elected general secretary of the Association in 1957, an office he still holds.

By profession a chartered quantity surveyor, Tom married in 1938 and his wife is a past president of the Ladies' Guild. They have two sons.

A meeting of those members flying from London Airport on September 5th at 3 p.m. was held recently in London, when a recording was taken for the B.B.C. Home Service. Interviewed were Tom Lock, the Rev. Malcolm Melville and Miss Ann Horsford, and it is hoped that this recording by Barry Wilson will be heard in the South East Home Service programme of Thursday, September 2nd, at 6.10 p.m.

Mr. George Pipe attended the meeting and gave a number of helpful travel tips and a general talk on Australian ringing. The tourists learned that Maryborough tenor is out of order. There are nine bells in this tower, and it is possible to ring a peal on the middle six.

Mr. W. Cartwright, the hon. solicitor to the Central Council, hopes to meet the party at Perth on his homeward journey. He has been attending a legal conference in Australia.

A cine camera is being taken by the Rev. Malcolm Melville and it is hoped that a coloured film of the tour will eventually be available.

St. Peter's, Ballarat, bells are now at the Whitechapel foundry. The eight are to be retuned, provided with new fittings and a new frame. It is hoped to have them back in Ballarat in time for Christmas.

Mendlesham — A New Suffolk Six

MENDLESHAM is one of the most charming of the many pleasant Suffolk villages still remaining. Its character as a village of mediæval times is still with us, while its many farms and homesteads are well abreast of modern times and form the most pleasant of environs. The fine Parish Church, dedicated to St. Mary, occupies a prominent position at the eastern end of the village street. One of the most historical items of interest is the village armoury, which has been housed in the chamber over the north porch since 1593. The lofty western tower is a good example of the East Anglian Perpendicular period and a notable landmark.

THE BELLS

The inventory of 1553 records that the tower then contained four bells. Presumably this number remained the same until 1612, when a treble was added by William Brend, of Norwich. In 1897 George Day and Son, of Eye, rehung the bells with entirely new fittings and adapted and extended the frame to provide for a sixth bell. At the same time the treble of 1612 and the fourth by John Darbie, of Ipswich, of 1669, were recast by John Warner and Sons, of London. Through the exertions of the local ringers under the enthusiastic conjuration of A. ("Gunner") Godfree, the new treble completing the ring of six has been added. The details of the bells are now as follows:

Treble.—John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1965. 4 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. C sharp.

Second.—Recast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1897. 6 cwt. (approx.). B.

Third.—Dulcis—Sifto—Melis—Campā Vochor Michis. (Box of sweet honey, I am called Michael's bell.) 7 cwt. 1 lb. (approx.). A. By Braysers, of Norwich, 1424-1513.

Fourth.—Petrus ad Eterne—Ducat nos Pascua Vite. (May Peter lead us to the joys of eternal life.) 8 cwt. 1 lb. (approx.). G sharp. By Braysers, of Norwich, 1424-1513.

Fifth.—Recast by John Warner and Sons, Ltd., London, 1897, in memory of Victoria's record reign of 60 years. 10 cwt. 3 lbs. (approx.). F sharp.

Tenor — De-BVRI—Santi—Edmondi—Stefanus Tonni—Me Fecit. (Bury St. Edmunds, Stephen Tonni made me.) 15 cwt. 2 lb. (approx.). E.

On May 8th, 1965, in the presence of a large gathering of ringers, the new treble bell was dedicated by the Archdeacon of Ipswich (the Ven. C. G. Hooper). The service, which took the form of a shortened Evensong, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. B. Jolley) with an address by the Archdeacon. Immediately after the service an opening "touch" was rung by the local band. A splendid buffet tea, which had been prepared in the Village Hall, was next enjoyed. During the tea "Gunner" rose and thanked all those who had supported him in his efforts to raise the necessary money to provide the new bell and said that the required amount had been almost completely raised.

The secretary of the Suffolk Guild (Andrew T. Beckwith) said how delighted we must be to possess another fine six and presented "Gunner" with a cheque from the Suffolk Guild Bell Restoration Fund. During the evening the many ringers present were able to try the bells to a wide selection of methods and all agreed that an excellent "splice" had been made between the new treble and the old five.

The local band practise on Fridays and hope to reach a sufficiently high standard to attempt the first peal of Minor in the near future. A. T. B.

OBITUARY

MR. PETER JARVIS

Fatal injuries were received by Mr. Peter Jarvis, of Bethersden, on August 12th, when the ladder on which he was working broke. His death at the age of 42 robs Bethersden of a keen, capable and conscientious ringer, whose attendance on Sundays and practice nights was exemplary.

A single man, Peter lived with his father. Mr. Harry Jarvis, with whom he worked in partnership as a builder and decorator. He learned to ring as a boy at Great Chart, where he and his father did good work in helping to bring about the restoration of the bells in 1959, and where Peter stood in the first peal on the restored bells and helped train a new band.

A quiet, friendly man, Peter was well liked by everybody and could always be relied on to give a helping hand. His untimely death is a big loss to the Bethersden band.

To his father, a widower, we extend our deepest sympathy. C. T. H.

MRS. MARY HAGUE

Mrs. Mary Hague, widow of Arthur Hague, of Blackpool, formerly of Rotherham, died on August 7th after a long illness patiently borne. She had done a little ringing in her younger days, but will be remembered by many ringing members of the Forces stationed at Blackpool during the war, as she and Arthur always made them welcome at East Topping Street. R. I. P.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Biggleswade District's evening meeting at Potton on August 14th attracted a fair number.

The meeting also provided an opportunity to give some help and encouragement to the young local band and to interest them in District activities.

IN AND AROUND WORCESTER-SHIRE

It has been argued that prolific peal ringing within an Association is not a true indication of its strength. Be that as it may, few ringers would deny that peal ringing provides an outlet for the exuberance of the more lively members! Indeed, were it not for the peals that were rung, the life of many Associations would be extremely demure and even possibly stagnant. Thus it was with these thoughts in mind that the following ringers embarked upon a "local" peal tour on Monday, July 26th.

The party, all of which except two were resident members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, comprised John Eisel, Gerald Hemming, Geoff Hemming, Arthur Berry, Ian Lloyd, Jimmy Attwood junior, Richard Bateman, Ann Collett, Roger Ashmore, the Rev. Tony Clayton, Ted Colley, Michael Fellows and Martin Fellows.

The first tower on Monday was Hampton. Evesham, where a good peal of Evesham Surprise Major was scored upon the delightful Taylor eight. A visit to The Cider Mill in Hampton counteracted the effects of dehydration and set us in stead for an attempt of Warwickshire Surprise Major at Salford Priors in the afternoon. This peal was duly rung, it being the first in the method for seven of the band.

Tuesday morning saw the party at Norton (near Evesham), where a peal of Worcester-shire Surprise Major was rung before setting off for the village of Kingham upon the Cotswolds. It was here that the writer recollects being informed at least five or six times by a certain Evesham worthy that Kingham bells were "the first ball bearing job" he ever rang on! The correct note of the tenor bell having been ascertained by the same worthy, with the aid of his tuning forks, eight of the party then rang a good peal of Rutland Surprise Major on the excellent Taylor eight.

Wednesday was to be a "day out" in the Black Country, the first tower being Old Hill. However, as the key of this tower had not arrived by 10.15 a.m., a quick telephone call to the Vicar of Netherton enabled the party to change the venue. At Netherton an excellent peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major was brought round in 2 hours and 45 minutes. The party moved on to Kingswinford for the afternoon peal. Yorkshire was rung on these pleasant bells.

Thursday was spent in mid-Worcestershire, Superlative being rung at Stoke Prior and Cambridge at Hanbury. The bells at the latter village must surely be one of Taylor's finest light eights, the only possible criticism being levelled against the frame, which was not replaced when the bells were recast.

Upon-upon-Severn was the tower for all the band. It was at this tower that "his reverence the treble ringer" complained of not being able to hear each individual bell, as the many and varied sounds produced seemed to cumulate into "one great roar." Colwall, with its overpowering tenor, set the scene for the afternoon's attempt, and here Pudsey would just not go. The method was changed to New Cambridge and a peal scored.

Only one attempt was possible on Saturday as ringers were now becoming scarce (weddings and attempts for peals of London Royal being the main causes). Nevertheless a peal

Learning and Teaching Elementary Change Ringing

Synopsis of a Lecture given by Mr. Norman Chaddock at Buxton Manor College

THERE are three aspects to learning elementary change ringing: (1) Theoretical, (2) Practical, (3) Acquiring ropesight.

THEORETICAL

Plain Bob is often chosen as the most suitable basic method for a number of reasons. It is easily developed from the plain hunting course, it can be adapted to odd or even numbers of bells, it extends easily to higher numbers and illustrates important features of change ringing such as course bell, after bell, etc.

The pupil must be acquainted with the basic rules of change ringing such as maximum number of pairs of bells changing, no jumping places and the aim to extend the number or changes without repetition. He must learn precisely what he is to do and why and where he fits in with the others.

It is advisable to teach the structure of change ringing whilst bell control is being mastered. This creates an interesting variation and facilitates rapid progress when bell control has reached a competent stage. It also enables the tutor to find out whether the pupil is prepared to learn a method. If he is not, there is less point in devoting valuable time on him.

Quite likely after a preliminary excursion through plain hunting, changes on three, four and five bells, showing how the possible sequences increase in number, it may be thought appropriate to base change ringing theory on Plain Bob Minor. Starting from rounds the pupil should be shown how the plain hunt on six is produced by first changing all three pairs, then the inside two pairs of bells, repeating this pattern until rounds re-occur after 12 changes. The pupil can then practise this on handbells.

The pupil is then shown how Plain Bob Minor is produced by 2nds place being made when the treble is at lead and how the whole of the method is contained and can be extracted from the first lead. He can then be encouraged to produce on paper the full plain course by inserting each bell in turn, by which time he will almost know the course from memory.

The treble and one bell should then be lined in, in different colours, and the lead heads underlined. The strip of paper should then be bent round in the form of a loop and the rounds (123456) at the end pasted over the top of the commencing row (123456). The pupil thus sees that there is really no start or finish to the course, rounds just being chosen for convenience. He also sees that by turning the loop through his fingers to suitable points he can see, from the path of the one bell lined in, where all the others will start their courses from rounds. The pupil will quickly acquire the ability to ring one

handbell to a plain course of Bob Minor by listening and counting (two vital mental processes in tower bell ringing) and at first may be encouraged to count aloud.

A further detailed study of the plain course should now be made, relating the place in which the treble is met hunting up, with the subsequent dodge, and the latter with the place in which treble is struck over when hunting down. This can be memorised in table form, with obvious advantages towards finding one's way and keeping right when ringing on tower bells.

When ringing with other ringers and bands the learner will have various technical terms thrust upon him, so it is as well to have a little knowledge of ringing vocabulary, including such terms as hunting up (or out), hunting down (or in), leading (right and wrong), place making, open lead, turn from lead or behind, etc.

The coursing order should be studied and also the relative position of course bell and after bell and the uses to which it is possible to put this knowledge. As an aid to learning, various analogies, such as going up and down steps, counting each step, may be used. Small diagrams illustrating the cyclical nature of change ringing may be used.

All this goes along whilst the pupil is polishing up his bell control, and a personal approach between tutor and pupil with informal question and answer helps to consolidate his basic knowledge. Pupils do not learn soundly just by being told things; keep them alert and make them think. It is a good idea at this stage to encourage them to keep a notebook in which all their new knowledge is recorded in diagrams and statements. If it is a well-kept notebook they will take a pride in it and be prepared to do a little "homework" in it. This book may eventually record their knowledge and progress from plain hunt to Surprise Major or Stedman Caters or beyond.

THE PRACTICAL ASPECTS

The most important, of course, is complete bell control, which is a subject in its own right. Perfect bell control is only finally achieved after some change ringing experience. Nevertheless there are a multitude of exercises that can be practised on silent bells, to make more easy and "pain free" the absorption of learners into open change ringing on tower bells. These include practising a series of quick strokes and slow strokes, six-eight or ten-bell rhythm, dodging right and dodging wrong, raising and falling at varying speeds. It is advantageous to have a small group of about four learners and they will obtain quite a little fun out of these bell control exercises, and can practise together with the tutor on handbells. It is also of great help to have one or two reasonably competent ringers to help the tutor at this stage, with these exercises leading to change ringing on tower bells.

The pupil must be trained to count his place religiously, and to listen to the whole rhythm whilst ringing open, emphasising his own bell's note in his mind.

(To be concluded next week.)

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Letters to the Editor

"PEAL FEES"

Dear Sir,—I may have been somewhat pre-occupied at the Winchester and Portsmouth annual general meeting on July 31st, but I do not think it is the intention of the members to allow the observance of their Rule 18 "Peals" to be left to the dictates of a conductor's conscience," as suggested by the sub-title of the report of the meeting which appeared in "The Ringing World." The rule itself, as published in the 1960/61/62 Triennial Report of the Guild is quite clear on the subject.

Mr. R. F. Diserens, in a letter to the peal recorder, states that he objects to paying peal fees as a "matter of principle." This latter is a high-sounding phrase and often has the desired effect of ending an argument if it is not challenged. I would like to ask Mr. Diserens to be more explicit and explain exactly what principle he thinks is involved in this case.

I think Mr. Kippin will agree with me that the voice of conscience should be heard before the peal is "fait accompli," i.e. when it is proposed to record the peal, if successful, for a Guild, thus to ensure that no rules of that Guild will be infringed.

"When in Rome . . . etc." may be considered to be a "square" saying nowadays (I believe the latest term is "switched off"), nevertheless, if put into practice it makes for harmonious relations, especially between the different Guilds of our Exercise.

The Wintonians and Portcastrians have decided, in their wisdom, that there shall be a peal fee in operation for peals recorded for their Guild. It would be courteous for the visiting conductor to respect their wishes without any ado—indeed the rule requires that he shall do so.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

Southbourne, Hants.

CARTER TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—About two months ago under the heading "Query Corner," you printed a request for information about Carter Triples. As no reply has been published, may I submit the following:

Carter Triples is a variation of Stedman Triples, and is derived in the same way as Carter Doubles from Stedman Doubles. Consider Stedman Triples as seven similar symmetrical blocks of 12 rows each. The place made at the parting of the 12's is firsts—that is, the whole pull lead of the quick bell. In Carter Triples 7ths place is substituted at this point. This leaves the slow sixes complete, but splits the quick sixes. The resulting principle retains the features of the blue line of Carter Doubles, and is correspondingly more difficult than Stedman Triples to ring.

If calls are made as in Stedman, both at the beginning and end of the slow sixes, the two calls are quite different in their effect and this would be unacceptable for practical ringing. So I suggest that calls be made at their theoretical place, the parting of the 12's, where they can be similar to those used for Stedman, affecting the bells in 5-6-7.

While this variation will be found lively and interesting to ring, its great attraction will, I think, lie in its challenge to composers, and the purpose of this letter is to draw their attention to it.—Yours faithfully,

T. G. HAWKINS.

Westminster.

LADY WHO RANG LONGEST PEAL

Dear Sir,—In your "Belfry Gossip" columns of July 30th mention is made of Mrs. Welch ringing for 5 hours and 26 minutes in a peal.

A peal board in West Deeping tower records a peal of 10,080 changes, one extent each of 14 different Minor methods, rung on August 13th, 1927, in 6 hours and 19 minutes. Miss Kathleen Jutson rang the second, and the peal was conducted by the late H. M. Day.—Yours faithfully,

CHARLES E. BLACK.

West Deeping, Peterborough.

PINK'S SINGLE

Dear Sir,—I was surprised to see the name of Mr. Dodd directly beneath a statement that the music of any ringing does not matter. I would be the first to admit that very little Doubles ringing has the same beauty and musical symphony as much of higher number ringing, but the call in question is the only lead so far used which becomes unpleasant to listen to. To quote and base an argument on the fact that "it produces the same changes as a Grandsire single but in a different order," is as thoughtless as saying any method of changing the bells to produce the extent is acceptable.

With regard to Mr. S. Humphrey's reply, I thank him for supplying the information which I required. It did amaze me as much as it did him that the rulings take no control over peals of the ordinary length, but the mere act of accepting the single's ugliness should deter ringers from using it, by their personal discretion.—Yours sincerely,

ANDREW HARRISON.

Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts.

BARSHAM, SUFFOLK, BELLS

Dear Sir,—Some weeks ago I was touring in Suffolk and stopped to look at the lovely village church of Barsham, near Beccles.

A notice pinned to the door leading into the ground-floor ringing room stated that the bells had been inspected and had been declared to be unsafe for ringing. I climbed to the belfry and found that this was complete and utter nonsense. A letter to the Vicar, as is usual in the case of mysteriously unringable bells, did not provoke the courtesy of a reply. Perhaps one of your readers in the district or Mr. W. M. Clouston could enlighten me as to why and by whom these bells are condemned.—Sincerely yours,

PROFESSIONAL.

WOLVERHAMPTON TENOR

Dear Sir,—With regard to Mr. Philip Johnson's letter concerning Wolverhampton tenor (page 538), if Mr. Johnson's musical knowledge extended far enough he would realise that C sharp and D flat are not the same note. The frequency of these notes differs by a ratio called the enharmonic diesis. Only the keyboard instruments have "tempered" scales where errors are distributed over the scale. With the human voice and string instruments etc., intermediate notes can be obtained. I do not know how accurate the bellfounders are when they publish the key of a new ring.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN F. SCHOLFIELD.

Hyde, Cheshire.

ST. WULFRAM'S SECONDARY SCHOOL, GRANTHAM

Dear Sir,—I must apologise to Mr. King for not supplying him with details of St. Wulfram's Secondary School, Grantham, handbell ringers.

The original team learned to ring Christmas carols in chords in one week on a borrowed ring of 12 handbells and performed in the school's Christmas concert in 1963. This was expected to be the first and last performance but handbell ringing proved to be a popular pastime and requests to perform at local garden fetes and charity concerts brought about the need for new tunes and a continuation of ringing.

The end of this activity almost came about when the owners of the bells wanted them returned, but a second ring, this time 15 bells, was kindly loaned to the school and handbell ringing still forms part of school life.

One further point of interest: King's School, Grantham (Boys' Grammar School) have a thriving ringing society, led by Mr. J. R. Holmes, which practises each Wednesday on the bells of St. Wulfram's Church, Grantham, during term time. Past and present members of this Society are also members of the St. Wulfram's band of change ringers.—Yours sincerely,

VAUGHAN P. EVANS.

Grantham.

LUSITANIA SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—The f.c.e.'s of Lusitania are 24365, 32546 and 46253, and not as printed on page 551 of "The Ringing World" for August 13th. This correction does not, of course, affect the truth of the peal rung at the Loughborough Foundry on July 27th, since Middleton's composition was used.—Yours faithfully,

CYRIL A. WRATTEN.

Cheltenham, Glos.

INVITATION TO HANDBELL RINGERS

Dear Sir,—For the June meeting of the Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, held at a four-bell tower, three handbell teams, in response to an invitation, came to give what proved to be a startling insight into the realms of handbell music, and in so doing learned much from each other in style and arrangement.

At this time of interest, currently shown by "The Ringing World," in school handbell groups, I would like to extend the invitation for next year to any handbell ringers within "striking" distance, and ask all who would be willing to come to this delightful hillside village of Randwick, close to Stroud, to contact me.—Yours sincerely,

EDWARD CRIBLEY,

Branch Secretary.

Winter's Fold, France Lynch,
Stroud, Glos.

WALSINGHAM SHRINE

Dear Sir,—Whilst on a recent visit to the Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham, I was lucky enough to be taken to see the bells in the bell tower. There are ten bells in use, nine by Gillett and Johnston, and the smallest cast by John Taylor. Two more bells from the Loughborough foundry are waiting to be hung. The bells are of very good tone. According to a local informant it is hoped eventually to have 20. A keyboard for 20 has been installed and now all that is needed is more money.—Yours sincerely,

Chislehurst, Kent.

TONY LEWIS.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF MINOR METHODS

Compiled by H. CHANT

(Continued from page 563)
"R" Continued.

REPTON DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 1. 6ths 65243.

REVERSE METHODS

Few Minor methods will "double" but all will "reverse." Although all calls are now made with the treble at the front, in some Double methods (e.g. Double Bob), calls were, on occasions in the past, made with the treble at both back and front (frequently in pairs). Similarly, in reverse methods, calls were sometimes made with the treble behind. Although some reverse methods were described simply as the reverse of the original (e.g. Reversed Kent, Reversed Woodbine, etc.), others had individual names (e.g. Navigation Bob, Treeton Surprise, etc.). Although there are few reverse methods now rung, apart from **Reverse Bob**, I have included those that I think are worthy of special mention.

REVERSE (PLAIN) BOB

x 16 x 16 x 5. 6ths 35264.

Grandsire Reverse Bob in later editions of "Campanologia," 1702. First appeared as **Reverse Bob** in "Clavis." It was absent in C.C. Collection, 1907, but appeared as Ia, a sort of poor relation of **Plain Bob**, in C.C. Collection, 1931.

REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE

See **Canterbury Pleasure (I) and (II)**.

REVERSE COLLEGE

x 14 x 16 x 1. 4ths 35642.

First appeared in "Campanologia," 1702, as **College Single Bob**. It was turned over and called **College Single** in C.C. Collection, 1907.

REVERSE COURT

See **Bridge's Pleasure**.

REVERSE GRANDSIRE

x 16 x 16 x 16.14.16 x 16 x. 6ths. 25364.

Shipway, 1816.

REVERSE LONDON BOB

See **Hereward**.

REVERSE OXFORD TREBLE BOB

See **Navigation Bob**.

REVERSE OXFORD BOB

See **Grandsire Double Bob**.

REVERSE PLACE

x 16.12.36.14.5. 6ths 35264.

cf. **Place Methods**.

REVERSE SHIPWAY

See **Shipway's Principle**.

REVERSE STEDMAN

See **Stedman's Principle**.

REVERSE STEDMAN'S SLOW COURSE

36.14 x 16 x 1. 4ths 46325.

Shipway, 1816.

RETFORD SURPRISE

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.5. 2nds 54632.

RHYL SURPRISE

See **Redding Bob (II)**.

RICHBOROUGH DELIGHT

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.5. 6ths 56342.

No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

RICHMOND BOB (I)

See **Bala Bob**.

RICHMOND BOB (II)

x 14 x 36 x 16 x 16 x 14 x. 4ths 45623.

Asymmetrical. In **Annable's** notebook.

RICHMOND DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 123 x 34 x 1. 6ths 56342.

Single change method.

RINGERS' DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 34 x 1. 6ths 46532.

Finch's notebook, 1825, but in many other places also.

RINGERS' EXERCISE

Identical with **Evening Pleasure**. Found in **Addy's** notebook.

RINGERS' PLEASURE

x 36 x 16 x 56 x 36 x 14 x 3. 2nds 36245.

"Bell News," July 12th, 1890, by Charles Severn.

RINGERS' SURPRISE (I)

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 5. 2nds 34256.

In **Thackrah's** book, and later in **William Woodcock's** notebook. Not a **Surprise** method. Gives a three-lead course.

RINGERS' SURPRISE (II)

See **Primrose Surprise (I)**.

RINGERS' VICTORY

x 36 x 14 x 56 x 16 x 14 x 1. 6ths 34625.

William Walker. "Bell News," 1882-83.

RINGSTEAD ALLIANCE

x 14 x 36.12 x 12.5. 2nds 42635.

C.C. Collection, 1931.

RIPLEY SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.5. 2nds 36245.

RISHTON DELIGHT

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.1. 4ths 36524.

ROCHESTER SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 1. 4ths 45362.

As given in "Clavis." See also **Gordon's Delight**.

ROCHESTER TREBLE BOB

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 1. 2nds 42635.

London Treble Bob in **Shipway** and other publications, including the early editions of "Standard Methods."

RODBOURNE COLLEGE BOB

x 16 x 123 x 3. 6ths 64523.

Single change method. Handbells. November 2nd, 1951.

RODNEY'S VICTORY

x 34 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 34 x 1. 2nds 35264.

Finch's notebook, 1825. Also **William Walker** and **William Woodcock**. Also called (wrongly) **College Bob II**.

ROSE OF ENGLAND

See **Ossett Delight**. **William Sottanstill's** only excursion into Minor?

ROSEWOOD

See **Lockwood**.

ROSSENDALE SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.3. 6ths 35264.

First rung as **Immanuel**. See "Ringing World," October 7th, 1955, and October 14th, 1955. Also called **Lancashire**.

No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

ROSTHERNE DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.5. 2nds 64523.

No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

ROTHWELL ALLIANCE

36.14 x 36 x 34 x 5. 2nds 35264.

C.C. Collection, 1931.

ROYAL ALBERT

x 56 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 14 x 3. 6ths 52364.

As recorded by **A. Nash**.

ROYAL BOB (I)

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 5. 4ths 46325.

By **J. D.** in "Campanologia," 1702. **Horbury Delight** in **C. D. Potter's** notebook, but according to **J. E. Sykes** has also been called **Royal Pleasure**, **Black Rock**, **Old Bumper** and **College Youths' Pleasure**.

ROYAL BOB (II)

As **Royal Bob (I)** but with 6ths instead of 4ths. See, however, **Royal Star**.

ROYAL DELIGHT (I)

x 56 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 1. 6ths 52364.

William Walker. "Bell News," 1882-83.

ROYAL DELIGHT (II)

x 36 x 16 x 56 x 36 x 14 x 3. 2nds 36245.

William Woodcock's and **C. D. Potter's** notebooks.

ROYAL SOVEREIGN

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 3. 4ths 35642.

In **William Woodcock's** notebook as **Nelson Delight**, but also called **Duke of Albany**.

ROYAL STAR

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 5. 6ths 46532.

See **Royal Bob II**. Also called **Bedford Surprise**.

ROYDON BOB

34.16 x 36.14.5. 2nds 64523.

No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

ROYSTON TREBLE BOB

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 5. 6ths 65243.

Also called **Darton New Pleasure**, **Darton Victory**, **Almondsbury Delight** and **Royston Delight**.

LADIES' GUILD

A lovely summer afternoon contributed to the enjoyment of the 29 members and friends who attended a meeting of the **Ladies' Guild** (Kent Branch) at **Burmash** on August 7th. Ringing during the afternoon on the six bells ranged from rounds to **Cambridge Minor**.

After the service, which was conducted by the curate, we were given a superb tea by the ladies of **Burmash**. The business meeting followed, the chair being taken by **Mrs. E. Mitchell**, a founder member (incorrectly reported in the account of the **Ladies' Guild** annual general meeting at **Eastbourne** in "The Ringing World" No. 2,832, page 510). Five new members were elected and the venue for the next meeting was discussed.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to all concerned, and ringing continued during the evening. I. M. P.

DUNKERTON'S VETERANS NOW CHANGE RINGERS

The peal we record at **Dunkerton** is of interest as it includes three local ringers, the most who have attempted a peal together, as this was at one time a call change tower. **Mr. Stanley Francis**, who is 61 years old, made his first peal attempt. Although rung slowly for these bells, the peal was very well struck. It was a 70th birthday compliment to the verger, **Mr. Albert F. Butt**, who rang the tenor. He has been ringing here for 50 years.

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FAMILY QUARTER PEAL

SELWORTHY, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. S. C. Arscott 1, H. L. Arscott 2, C. H. J. Arscott 3, F. C. Arscott 4, R. F. Arscott 5, L. H. Arscott (first as cond.) 6. A 71st birthday compliment to ringer of 2nd.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Gilligan (first of Triples) 1, G. Newman 2, A. Keen 3, F. Read 4, A. Palmer 5, W. Daniell 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, J. Cuss 8.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Chennell-White (first quarter) 1, Susan Wood 2, A. Elsmore 3, H. Moody 4, C. Chennell-White (first "inside") 5, E. Hedger 6, R. Corke (cond.) 7, L. Noakes 8.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. A. Perry 1, G. A. Edwards 2, F. R. Morton 3, J. R. Scott 4, G. Parsons (first as cond.) 5.

BATHEASTON, BATH, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. L. Coles 1, D. C. Hawkins 2, J. E. Newman 3, K. H. Harrison 4, A. F. Lee (cond.) 5, R. S. M. Stubbs 6. A wedding compliment to Timothy Evans (Vicar's son) and Barbara Ann Beggs, married July 31st at Montreal, Canada.

BATHFORD, BATH, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: D. C. Hawkins 1, D. J. Orledge 2, J. E. Newman 3, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 4, D. A. Burt 5, P. J. Devrell 6. First of Stedman Doubles for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

BENENDEN, KENT.—On Aug. 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. Goodearle 1, L. Sweatman 2, V. Relf 3, P. Richardson 4, J. Richards 5, H. Deacon 6, R. J. Brown 7, B. Johnson (cond.) 8. First of Plain Bob Major for 1, 2, 4, 6, 8.

BISLEY, GLOS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Liddcott 1, R. Sayer 2, R. Watts 3, G. Edwards 4, V. Deane (cond.) 5, E. Cribble 6. Rung on the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. Liddcott, of Bisley.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT.—On Aug. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (7, 8 covering): J. Keeler 1, D. Standing 2, K. Davis 3, P. Harrison 4, M. Harrison 5, R. Button (cond.) 6, R. Glover 7, W. Epps 8.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Southgate 1, A. Walters 2, M. H. Whittell 3, R. Lockwood 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5.

BREDON'S NORTON, GLOS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Warner 1, R. Perks 2, M. Hawkes 3, R. Loxley 4, J. Attwood, jun. 5, P. Robertson (first in method and first of Minor as cond.) 6.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Lynn Wilson 1, L. W. Penfold (cond.) 2, Yvonne P. Turrell (first in three methods) 3, P. M. R. Booer 4, R. Padbury 5, H. Padbury 6. Rung for the marriage this day of Graham Sweet and Jessie Martin, both members of the local band.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Diane Wickens 1, Carol Wickens 2, J. Ede 3, E. Brazier 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Grant (first quarter) 1, J. Keyte 2, E. Townsend 3, I. Harris 4, J. Benfield 5, A. Lloyd 6, R. Jarvis (cond.) 7, H. Francis 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Aug. 15th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. A. Godwin 1, R. A. Wright 2, B. Wakefield 3, F. H. Jefferies 4, F. J. Lewis, jun. 5, R. T. Wakefield 6, W. F. Scudamore 7, B. J. Stone 8, M. E. Stracey 9, R. G. Yeates 10. First of Caters 6 and 10. Rung as a compliment to the Earl and Countess Bathurst, of Cirencester, on the occasion of a son, the Hon. Alexander Edward Seymour.

COLERNE, WILTS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. C. Weeks 1, J. R. C. Tiley 2, Mrs. G. R. Eyles 3, P. A. Keene (first of Triples) 4, C. Wade 5, G. R. Eyles 6, P. W. Weeks (cond.) 7, R. H. Clements 8. A compliment to Tom Gray, on the occasion of his silver wedding.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. B. Hall 1, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 2, Mrs. H. White 3, Miss M. Turner 4, A. G. Hall 5, H. White 6, R. Dunn 7, L. R. Hall 8. Rung for the birth of a son to the Vicar (the Rev. K. C. Parry) and Mrs. Parry.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. M. Collins (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, P. J. Privett 3, S. Allen (first of Triples) 4, R. V. Johnson 5, F. F. Godsmark 6, R. Collins (cond.) 7, C. J. Hudson 8.

QUARTER PEALS

EASTCHURCH, SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Aug. 1st, 1,380 Doubles (six methods): P. S. Muchlinski 1, P. D. J. Beal 2, N. J. Chesson 3, Joan A. Hayward (cond.) 4, H. Gardener 5, J. E. Carden (first quarter) 6.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. Ivings 1, Mrs. H. Ivings 2, R. Oakley 3, G. Herbert 4, J. Paul (cond.) 5. For Evensong of combined churches.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Aug. 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. J. Munday 1, Mrs. C. W. Munday 2, Sally Parrott 3, M. Morris 4, S. J. Philbrick 5, C. W. Munday (cond.) 6, R. C. Spittle 7, J. E. Beams 8. A farewell to Warrant Officer S. J. Philbrick, of the Royal Air Force, who left the following day for a tour of duty at Butzweilerhof, near Cologne.

FILTON, BRISTOL.—On Aug. 7th, 1,299 Doubles (eight methods): Rachael Morse 1, Mary Haslam 2, A. Howard (cond.) 3, D. Haslam 4, R. Huddleston 5, M. Buckler 6. 25th quarter 2 and 4.

GUDSHILL, I.W.—On July 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Gray 1, Mrs. E. Wyatt 2, L. Bailey 3, C. Denness 4, C. Callaway 5, A. Harman (cond.) 6. To mark the visit of H.M. the Queen to the island.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Bibby 1, P. Over 2, S. Penfold 3, F. G. Richardson 4, C. E. Wright 5, J. W. Stephenson 6, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 7, C. Pain 8. First in method 1 and 2.

HOUGHTON REGIS, DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: A. Day (first quarter) 1, J. Crew 2, A. G. Stripp 3, R. Stripp 4, I. Knox 5. Day 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a child to Peter Pratt, and also Gwenda Busley, both ringers at this tower.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,320 Somerton Delight Minor: Claire Dillamore 1, J. M. H. Hunter 2, M. W. Fairey 3, V. Nutton 4, S. C. Walters (cond.) 5, A. S. Hudson 6. A compliment to Hilary Slow and Robert Beale, who were married this day at Compton Dundon, Somerset.

LUCKING, SOMERSET.—On July 30th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. Lambard 1, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, G. Prescott 5, A. Skinner 6. Rung after the marriage of Miss A. Loud and Mr. Paul Salter. Also on Aug. 10th, 1,440 St. Clement's: Yvonne Criddle (first of Minor) 1, Marjorie Legg 2, June Legg 3, J. Coombs 4, R. Venn 5, J. Walton (cond.) 6.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 New Bob Triples: L. Derrick 1, Diana Chapman 2, J. Brain 3, P. Bridle 4, E. T. Lee 5, D. G. Yeo 6, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 7, S. G. Smith 8. First by all.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Doris Thacker 1, K. Lewin 2, Elizabeth Holmes 3, C. McCartney 4, J. Herbert 5, A. J. Smith 6, G. Hawkins 7, H. Wood 8, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 9, B. L. S. Hullatt 10. A wedding compliment to Rev. S. Darley and Miss J. E. Purcell, whose marriage took place at Luton the previous day.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Robinson (11, first quarter) 1, Dr. L. E. Wear 2, H. E. Turner 3, K. Cooper (first "inside") 4, A. W. D. Robinson (cond.) 5, S. Willis 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Deacon.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On July 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Carol Hedges (first quarter) 1, A. G. Eveleigh 2, C. Underwood 3, P. M. Edgson 4, J. G. Edgson (cond.) 5, I. Penny 6. Rung to the glory of God for the safe arrival of Susan Jane, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Talbot.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's, Jesmond, on Aug. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Diane M. Telfer (first of Major) 1, J. P. L. Pardoe 2, Christine H. Telfer 3, Gillian Douglas 4, M. Maughan 5, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 6, J. Crowther 7, W. Davidson 8. First "inside" 2 and 3. For Evensong.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Aug. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Cheasly 1, Mrs. M. Dallison 2, K. G. Game 3, G. Charlton 4, W. E. Dunn 5, A. Streeter (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. Alfred J. Bull.

OVERBURY, WORCS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. O'Beirne (first quarter) 1, P. Robertson (cond.) 2, Miss R. Collins (first "inside") 3, M. Boskett 4, K. O'Beirne (first "inside") 5, J. Warner 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, same company, conducted by M. Boskett.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Tuppen 1, J. R. Pratt (first of Bob Minor "inside") 2, A. R. Millidge 3, G. H. Shanks (first of Minor) 4, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 5, B. J. Bull 6. Rung in thanksgiving for the life and work of Miss Eileen Leckie, M.B.E.

ST. DAVIDS, PEMBES.—On Aug. 15th, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Jones 1, Wendy Treble 2, M. Roaf 3, D. P. Treble 4, S. M. Bailey (cond.) 5, V. Martin 6. For Evensong.

ST. ERME, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. P. Pearce (first quarter) 1, D. A. Trethewey 2, Helen A. Hobbs 3, R. Haines (cond.) 4, A. J. Davidson 5, H. L. Collingwood (first quarter) 6.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On July 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Welch 1, R. Beale 2, J. E. Brewer 3, W. H. Tarr 4, J. Cornelius 5, R. Dean 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, K. Welch 8. First of Stedman 6 and 8. 50th quarter together 1 and 5.

SMARDEN, KENT.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Clifton (first away from "cover") 1, B. Johnson 2, A. Bourner 3, H. Baker (first in method) 4, H. Deacon (cond.) 5, F. Goodearle 6. For Evensong.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 1st, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Ballard 1, Margaret A. Bould 2, H. Stacey 3, D. R. Bould 4, H. Heard (first in method) 5, M. J. Pryor 6, B. F. L. Groves (cond.) 7, R. B. Smith 8. Rung to congratulate Mr. W. Parnell, on the day he completed 50 years as organist, 33 of these being at Stratton.

TEITENHALL, STAFFS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. W. Illidge 1, A. G. Richards 2, R. W. Humphries 3, A. G. Newman 4, A. D. Collins (cond.) 5, W. G. Page 6, P. R. Johnson 7, L. Fletcher 8. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd on the birth of a daughter.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Doubles: Mrs. H. Hawthorne 1, R. Caporn 2, F. E. Hawthorne (cond.) 3, J. King 4, H. Colcombe 5, R. Phelps (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Jones-Walters, a valued service ringer of St. Nicholas'.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. N. Marlow 1, J. L. Cloughton 2, D. Wilson 3, P. R. Keough (first of Stedman Triples) 4, J. W. Blackwood 5, G. W. Elmes 6, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 7, L. T. Perrins 8.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods/variations): C. Gibbs 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, E. Owens 3, W. Lampard 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, D. M. Smith 6. First of 11 Doubles for all.

WERRINGTON, DEVON.—On July 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. L. Exton 1, B. W. Faishead 2, Margaret E. Chilton 3, P. Thompson 4, J. R. Pratchett 5, E. J. Jenner 6, G. A. Dawson 7, D. R. Bould (cond.) 8.

WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Thornion (first of Minor) 1, W. L. Ratcliffe 2, Penny Miller 3, B. E. Mozley (first of Minor) 4, J. W. D. Miller 5, P. K. Else (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. M. Cox 1, D. A. Smith 2, S. R. Strang 3, R. G. Harmer 4, M. J. Harmer (first as cond.) 5, R. Land 6. Rung for Evensong, and as a farewell compliment to the Rev. N. J. Smith, on his departure for Australia.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. A. Vickers 1, G. Edmans 2, W. A. Yates 3, M. Jamieson 4, C. Gough 5, A. H. Wood 6, G. W. Holland (cond.) 7, I. Charlton (first quarter) 8. First of Stedman Triples 2 and 4.

WOLLASTON, WORCS.—On Aug. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Skidmore 1, M. D. Fellows 2, W. H. Cooper 3, S. Thompson 4, F. G. Handley (cond.) 5, H. V. Cooper 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of F. W. Gibbs, a ringer at this tower for over 40 years.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Brain 1, S. G. Smith 2, G. Hebdon 3, R. W. Rice 4, W. S. Rice 5, P. J. England 6, G. H. Prescott (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. First of Stedman Triples 3 and 5. For Evensong.

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OUTINGS

BRADPOLE, DORSET

Ringers and friends set out from Bradpole, Dorset, on August 7th, for an ambitious tour of Devon around the Exeter area. En route visits were paid to the mellow six at Payhembury and the magnificent bells at Cul-lompton, which was the first time over half the band had rung on ten bells.

After lunch at Exeter, shoppers were agape as we rang at St. Petrock's, Exeter—"Aye, it must be a wedding," was a comment heard. Tea was at Exmouth, with a ring at Lymptstone. Justice was not done at Seaton as an organist tried to drown the ringing. M. J. H.

WARMINSTER-FROME SURPRISE PRACTICE BAND

The third annual trip of this Surprise practice band on July 17th was a journey through Somerset and Devon. Reaching Martock 15 minutes early, the keys were obtained from the sexton, who was shaving preparatory to meeting us. Yorkshire and Bristol were rung but the Rutland band were not awake. As traffic was building up, we decided to deviate with the help of the "person who knows the way," and "took to the hills" in no uncertain fashion, the resultant countryside and narrow roads having to be seen to be believed. Cullompton was reached on time, but the ringing was not of a high order.

Having moved easily across Exeter, the bells of St. Michael's, Heavitree, were admired for tone but not for "go." However, Cambridge and Superlative were accomplished before moving to the Chevalier Tavern for a very nice lunch. The lovely eight at Uffculme were set going to Stedman, but ringing was curtailed owing to the opening of a fete. We then became entangled in slow-moving traffic, nevertheless we were only slightly late at Milverton, where Yorkshire, London and Bristol were rung.

After saying farewell to Mr. Claude Tarr, we headed for Taunton, and soon Cambridge Major and Rutland sounded forth from the lofty tower of St. James'. The day's ringing was completed at Huish Episcopi with Yorkshire, London and three-spliced. Skirting Sedgemoor and admiring the wonderful view of the sun-kissed Mendip Hills, we trundled into Burton, where farewells were said in the approved manner at the Blue Bowl. Our thanks—to incumbents and those who met us—must include the weather man, who provided "one out of the bag" for us. K.

EASTERN BRANCH'S OUTING TO LADIES' A.G.M.

A group of members and friends travelled once again to the annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild. Staying the Friday night at Mayfield, we rang at Southover, Laughton, Hailsham and Willingdon before actually entering and ringing in Eastbourne.

Saturday night was again spent at Mayfield, where we rang for Sung Eucharist the following morning before starting on the return journey. Two stops were made on the way home, the first to ring at Tonbridge and the other at Crayford, where we rang prior to Evensong.

Our grateful thanks once again to Alice Lester for organising a most enjoyable weekend. L.

WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL FILM

Mrs. Winthrop P. Cartv. Executive Secretary to Washington Cathedral, has written to Mr. Norman Chaddock expressing her pleasure at the wide distribution in England of the Washington Cathedral film. She adds: "I only hope that it will be met with the enthusiastic response that the Coventry film received here."

Mr. Chaddock issues a warning to those who obtain a loan of the film to return it promptly. Any delay disturbs the rota of bookings.

Copies of the special issue supplement (June 12th, 1964) are still available, price 9d. post free.

A WEEK IN FOUR COUNTIES

A MANCHESTER and Stockport trio left Manchester on Friday, July 30th and, collecting en route, Sunday's ringing was at Stratford, and for Evensong at Bidford, where they spent the next two nights.

Monday brought rain and an attempt for Yorkshire at Salford Priors. Perhaps it was the overwhelming amount of music—all the 56's and all the 65's and all the king's horses and all the king's men could not get rid of the 82's or get our ringing to really settle down. Reducing the number of singles from two to one, we went to Hampton for B. D. Price's Cambridge on the Tuesday, afterwards meeting Mr. Hemming sen., who commented favourably on the way in which we ex-tricated ourselves from a few bars of crunchie towards the end.

On Wednesday we changed our status from that of "cyclist" to that of "walker" and went in the cars to Hinton, where we failed to raise in peal and scored indifferent Lincolnshire, then went to Evesham to listen to the peal of Maximus being rung by six locals and six from Leicester. Back to Stow for the evening; don't bother to grab the tower, though we nearly had the bells for a peal—thanks to the activities of an anti-social, ill-mannered and greedy band of several years ago, who brashed around for five hours in order to score a peal.

Downhill to Bourton-on-the-Water on Thursday morning. Sky blue as writing paper and landscape by Rowland Hilder. Aldenham on the fine new eight, but the sallies were too low to push the handstrokes in, and anyway "who closed the windows?" Then out into the tourists and sunshine, dinner and a long uphill ride up the wrong road for Kingham and the proposed afternoon attempt. It was hot, and as we ambled over the lazy hills "There was no bird, only a singing, Up in the glory, climbing and ringing."

Arriving late at Kingham we grabbed the tower, located ice-creams and draught sherry at 4s. 9d. a pint and lolled in the sunshine, and along the lanes of the best country in England, the grass ablaze with the fire of poppies and trees in the cornfield, sky by John Piper and the Wychwood, Windrush and Evenlode country to Charlbury "and overhead the larks ran screaming, as though the sky were tearing apart."

Having been strong on method ringing and not so hot on striking it was agreed that we would go for spliced Plain and Cambridge at Churchill—the final peal of the tour. And into the sun and the Chequers to look back over the week's success—five out of five for four, and four for the other five, if you see what I mean, but the sherry at this place and learning this game and the pictures in my head Our thanks to all the incumbents and those who met us. G. B.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The name of the treble ringer in the peal at Yoxford on page 553 is Nuala Toone and not as printed.

The peal of Caters at Kendal, Westmorland, on August 7th, was the first of Caters on the bells since 1898.

During a recent Wednesday practice at East Grinstead three leads of Bristol were rung by a band all of whom (bar one) have learned their ringing at that tower. They are regular Sunday service ringers.

Peal weeks are prolific this year. Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton sends us 18 peals rung during a Yorkshire Peal Week, and Mr. J. Martin Thorley seven from his Rutland Area Peal Week.

The 700th anniversary of the Battle of Evesham, on August 4th, was commemorated by a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, rung by six members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association and six members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

Miss Jeannie Armstrong, of Morpeth, had a mention of her tune-ringing activities at the Morpeth Watch Tower in "The Sunday Post" of August 8th. Her father's collection of eight bell tunes was published in "The Ringing World" on December 5th and 12th, 1958.

On August 10th, 1960, Richard and Elisabeth Bowden, of Bristol, each rang their 100th peal, at Henbury, Bristol. On August 18th, 1965, more by luck than judgment, they each rang their 200th peal, Belgrave Surprise Major, at St. George's, Bristol. Their total together is now in the 80's.

His ringing friends will congratulate Mr. Harry Stacey, of Stratton, on ringing a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Bridgerule on August 3rd. The only Surprise ringing Harry has ever done has been a rare touch of Cambridge Minor. For the first course of Surprise Major he has ever rung he made a splendid job ringing in the peal.

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CHURCHILL BELL AT CHINNOR, OXON

Recently the tiny Sanctus bell of St. Andrew's, Chinnor, was recast with two cwt. of extra metal to form a new memorial bell to the late Sir Winston Churchill.

The new bell weighs 3½ cwt. and bears the following inscriptions:

(Top of Crown) W. S. C. (Monogram.)

(Front of Waist) WINSTON
CHURCHILL

(Back of Waist) In War—Resolution
In Defeat—Defiance
In Victory—Magnanimity
In Peace—Goodwill

Permission for the inscriptions was graciously given by the Baroness Spencer-Churchill, who expressed her pride that her late husband's memory should be thus honoured. The motto is one which Sir Winston referred to as his "moral" and placed at the beginning of his "War Histories of the Second World War." The new bell is a personal tribute to his memory by two ringers of the parish.

The ring of six bells (tenor 10 cwt in G) at this church has been silenced since Easter, 1963—they have broken that silence only once, when the writer tolled the "Nine Tailors" for Sir Winston's death. Although the order for the complete restoration of the ring (by John Taylor and Co.) was given early in 1963, the money allocated for the job was spent on other parish purposes, so when the new bell will be hung by its founders is uncertain.

The Churchill Bell was dedicated on July 18th and received its name, but now rests on the floor of the church.

The new bell is almost unique; it is one of two memorial bells to Sir Winston, each cast simultaneously by the two surviving bellfounders (the other is at Brixham).

During Sir Winston's lifetime only one bell appears to have borne his name, that is in the Peace Tower at Ottawa, Canada, and bears the names of the main Allied leaders.

When hung, the new bell will join a ring which has the unusual distinction of possessing bells cast under four successive British monarchs, viz. Elizabeth I, James I, Charles I, Charles II—may they soon all be sounding forth!
C. W.

"SOUNDS OF LEATHER ON WILLOW"

Ropes were exchanged for bats and calls of "bob" for "ow's zat!" when Grantham Campanologists and Spalding Tintinabulators played their annual cricket match at Irnham, Lincs, on August 14th.

The Campanologists were first to bat and scored 23 runs all out in one hour. (Rate of one run every 1.8 minutes of slow striking.)

The Tintinabulators who are used to a quick rate of ringing, completed their 33 runs in 20 minutes with the loss of two wickets. As there were still 30 minutes to tea a "bob" was called and further runs were added, with "that's all" being called around 60 runs.

The bails being "stood" it was time for tea in the local hostelry, which was followed by ringing on the five at Irnham and the eight at Edenham.
TAFF.

60th ANNIVERSARY OF REV. F. E. ROBINSON'S 1,000th PEAL

On August 9th, 1905, the Rev. F. E. Robinson rang his 1,000th peal at Drayton, Berkshire. The 60th anniversary of that peal was fittingly marked by ringing a peal of Stedman Triples at Drayton by a band which included Harry Miles, the only survivor of the 1,000th peal band.

This was arranged with the following band: Frederick Sharpe, F.S.A., Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and ex-president of the Central Council; Arthur D. Barker, treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild; Walter F. Judge, conductor of the record peal of Stedman Cinques, rung at Christ Church, Oxford, in 1946; Frank White, bellhanger, of Appleton, whose forbears had much to do with the Rev. F. E. Robinson; Brian White, of Appleton, another member of the White family (quite young); John Hibbert, from East Ilsley, Berks, whose forbears rang a great deal with Mr. Robinson (he is quite young, too); John Seymour (captain of Drayton ringers); Harry Miles, a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild for 68 years, served for many years on the committee of that Guild, ex-Master of the Oxford University Society and of the Oxford (City) Society, and rang a number of peals with Mr. Robinson in Queen Victoria's reign and that of King Edward VII. Mr. Robinson took part in peals for all three of these Associations.

The two youngsters were invited to ring in the peal in the hope that they might be able to ring for the centenary.

Canon C. E. Wigg, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was invited to take a rope but had to decline as he would be abroad at the time. Miss M. E. Cross, general secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, also had to decline owing to a previous commitment.

The Vicar of Drayton, the Rev. F. C. T. Lancaster, met the ringers as they arrived, with warm and friendly greetings, and the band were generously entertained with refreshments at the Vicarage after a successful peal.

ST. ANN'S, TOTTENHAM

A belated report has been received of the celebrations to mark the centenary of St. Ann's bells, Tottenham, on July 3rd, which started with members of the Ancient Society of College Youths ringing a 720 Plain Bob Minor at 8 a.m. after prayers by the Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Finch).

The main event was Festal Evensong, followed by a high tea in the day school. After the meal Miss Claire Finch presented bouquets to Mrs. F. Hughes, wife of Mr. W. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, and to Mesdames F. J. Finch, E. J. Rowe, E. M. Palmer, E. Paton and Miss A. Perrin, a member of the ladies' team of bellringers during the 1914-18 war.

The Vicar introduced the members of the College Youths, the Middlesex Association and the St. Ann's teams. Mr. W. A. Hughes replied to the Vicar's speech on the 100 years' association of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank with St. Ann's and Mr. R. B. Meadows, Master, on behalf of the College Youths. Mr. E. J. Rowe told the story of St. Ann's bells since the end of World War II, and Mr. W. T. Potts gave a talk on "St. Ann's and its Bells," illustrated by coloured transparencies.

AROUND PORTISHEAD

No fewer than 27 people participated in the "Around Portishead" Peal Week, during which time 22 peals were rung. Full peal conducting was shared by eight of the party and there was also a peal of Stedman Doubles in which each ringer conducted seven extents. Nineteen of the peals were Surprise and there were also peals of Double Norwich and Stedman Caters. Seven of the party rang ten or more peals during the week, viz: Tudor P. Edwards (conducted seven), Kenneth J. Hesketh, Richard S. Starkie, Philip J. Rothera, Jeffrey J. Fox, Peter S. Bennett and C. Martin Press. The Rev. Roger O. Fry is Rector of Portishead; he had a modest total of seven peals, of which he conducted one.

CELEBRATIONS AT COOKHAM

A happy event at Cookham (Berks) recently nearly did not come off. It was thanks to David Hilling, who substituted at one hour's notice although he had another peal arranged for later in the day, that a peal of Bob Major could go ahead as planned to welcome the new Vicar of Cookham, the Rev. John Grover.

Mr. Grover's hospitality afterwards, with ale and home-made savouries in the sun-drenched Vicarage garden, was much appreciated, and was turned to good account to celebrate two other occasions—the "circling" of the tower by Cookham's captain, Ernie Eldridge, and the 100th peal of the conductor, Bill Jackson, an ex-Cookham ringer now at Kingston-upon-Thames

A HERSHAM WEDDING

The bell ropes were lowered into the porch for the wedding of Mr. Christopher Webb, Assistant Ringing Master of Chertsey District, and Miss Genebeth Mooring at Hersham Parish Church on July 24th, and local ringers rang before and after the service. The bells were also rung at the same time at Honiton, where the bridegroom's father is captain.

Unfortunately a peal attempt after the wedding was unsuccessful. The honeymoon was spent in North Wales.

A RINGING FAMILY

The Anscotts are again in the news with a quarter peal at Selworthy, Somerset, on August 8th. In which three generations were represented. B. S. C. Anscott is the son of C. H. J. Anscott. He in turn had two brothers, R. L. and L. H. Anscott, in the quarter peal, as well as their father, H. L. Anscott, and his brother, L. C. Anscott.

EXPLORING ATLAS MOUNTAINS

David Struckett, a member of the St. Mary's, Sunbury-on-Thames, band will be out of circulation for a few weeks because of an adventurous visit to North Africa. He is taking part in an expedition mounted by the Nansen Society, and will be climbing a section of the Atlas Mountains. In addition to his very keen interest in ringing, David interests himself in Scouting and other open-air pursuits.

TOWER BELL PEALS

PEALS AROUND PORTISHEAD

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of Holy Nativity, Knowle.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in G.

Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. Treble	C. Martin Press .. 5
Tudor P. Edwards .. 2	D. John Hunt .. 6
Ann E. Fellows .. 3	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 7
Gillian M. Hussey .. 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry .. Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of this church.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Richard S. Starkie .. Treble	Jeffrey J. Fox .. 5
Philip J. Rothera .. 2	Peter S. Bennett .. 6
Susan Funnell .. 3	John H. Fielden .. 7
Maryl R. Crosshwaite .. 4	Frederick Shallcross .. Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

OLVESTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's .. Treble	Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E.
Alan Tubb .. 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 5
Ann E. Fellows .. 3	C. Martin Press .. 6
Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. 7
John C. Slater .. 5	Rev. Roger O. Fry .. Tenor

Conducted by Rev. Roger O. Fry.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sun., July 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's .. Treble	Tenor 13 cwt. in G.
Maryl R. Crosshwaite .. 2	Richard S. Starkie .. 5
Alice E. J. Lester .. 3	Philip J. Rothera .. 6
Susan Funnell .. 4	Jeffrey J. Fox .. 7
Tudor P. Edwards .. 5	John H. Fielden .. Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

Rung for the christening of Louisa Jane, daughter of Mary and Pat Bird.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sun., July 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

Frederick Shallcross .. Treble	Rev. Roger O. Fry .. 5
Gillian M. Hussey .. 2	D. John Hunt .. 6
Ann E. Fellows .. 3	Ian C. Maycock .. 7
*Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. 4	Peter S. Bennett .. Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal in the method.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount, Without.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six scores (10 callings).	Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.
*Maryl R. Crosshwaite .. Treble	*Peter S. Bennett .. 4
*C. Martin Press .. 2	Tudor P. Edwards .. 5
*Jeffrey J. Fox .. 3	*Richard S. Starkie .. Tenor

Seven extents conducted by each ringer.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

CLEVEDON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., July 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Rev. Roger O. Fry .. Treble	Richard S. Starkie .. 5
C. Martin Press .. 2	Peter S. Bennett .. 6
Tudor P. Edwards .. 3	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 7
Gillian M. Hussey .. 4	Frederick Shallcross .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

First peal in the method on the bells.

MARK, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Mon., July 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. Treble	D. John Hunt .. 5
Maryl R. Crosshwaite .. 2	Philip J. Rothera .. 6
Anthony H. Smith .. 3	Ian C. Maycock .. 7
Jeffrey J. Fox .. 4	John H. Fielden .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

TIMBERSCOMBE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Petrock.

On Mon., July 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb. in G.

Ann E. Fellows .. Treble	Anthony H. Smith .. 5
*Alice E. J. Lester .. 2	Richard S. Starkie .. 6
Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. 3	Jeffrey J. Fox .. 7
Gillian M. Hussey .. 4	D. John Hunt .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* 100th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

MINEHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Michael and Andrew.

On Mon., July 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version.	Tenor 20 cwt. 23 lb. in E flat.
Tudor P. Edwards .. Treble	C. Martin Press .. 6
Susan Funnell .. 2	*Peter S. Bennett .. 7
Maryl R. Crosshwaite .. 3	*Rev. Roger O. Fry .. 8
Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 4	John H. Fielden .. 9
Philip J. Rothera .. 5	Frederick Shallcross .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

* First peal of London Royal. First peal of London Royal on the bells.

CHEWTON MENDIP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary

Magdalen.

On Tues., July 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

Susan Funnell .. Treble	Anthony H. Smith .. 5
John H. Fielden .. 2	C. Martin Press .. 6
Maryl R. Crosshwaite .. 3	Peter S. Bennett .. 7
Ann E. Fellows .. 4	Ralph G. Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

Conducted by John H. Fielden.

WINCANTON, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Tues., July 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.

Frederick Shallcross .. Treble	Philip J. Rothera .. 5
Richard S. Starkie .. 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 6
Alice E. J. Lester .. 3	D. John Hunt .. 7
*Jeffrey J. Fox .. 4	Tudor P. Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

* First peal in the method.

YEOVIL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Tues., July 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 40 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C.

Tudor P. Edwards .. Treble	Philip J. Rothera .. 6
Richard S. Starkie .. 2	Jeffrey J. Fox .. 7
Gillian M. Hussey .. 3	D. John Hunt .. 8
Alice E. J. Lester .. 4	Frederick Shallcross .. 9
Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 5	Rev. Roger O. Fry .. Tenor

Composed by William Pye.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

LONG ASHTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., July 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's .. Treble	Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D flat.
Frederick Shallcross .. 2	Richard S. Starkie .. 5
Ann E. Fellows .. 3	Peter S. Bennett .. 6
Maryl R. Crosshwaite .. 4	Jeffrey J. Fox .. 7
C. Martin Press .. 5	John H. Fielden .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick Shallcross.

CREWKERNE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Thurs., July 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb. in D.

Gillian M. Hussey .. Treble	Tudor P. Edwards .. 5
Susan Funnell .. 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 6
Anthony H. Smith .. 3	D. John Hunt .. 7
Philip J. Rothera .. 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry .. Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

PORTISHEAD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., July 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Richard S. Starkie .. Treble	John G. Gipson .. 5
Susan Funnell .. 2	C. Martin Press .. 6
Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. 3	Philip J. Rothera .. 7
Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 4	Peter S. Bennett .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett.

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

First peal in the method on the bells.

PEALS AROUND PORTISHEAD—Continued

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DURSLEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Fri., July 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Frederick Shallcross .. Treble	C. Martin Press .. 5
Gillian M. Hussey .. 2	D. John Hunt .. 6
*Anthony H. Smith .. 3	Jeffrey J. Fox .. 7
Alice E. J. Lester .. 4	John H. Fielden .. Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Jeffrey J. Fox.
* 100th peal.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MELKSHAM, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Wed., July 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lb. in E.

John H. Fielden .. Treble	Jeffrey J. Fox .. 5
Ann E. Fellows .. 2	Philip J. Rothera .. 6
*Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. 3	Tudor P. Edwards .. 7
Richard S. Starkie .. 4	†Peter S. Bennett .. Tenor

Composed by S. Ivin. Conducted by John H. Fielden.
* First peal of Bristol. † 150th peal.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, Wiltshire.—At Christ Church.

On Wed., July 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

Philip J. Rothera .. Treble	Anthony H. Smith .. 5
Gillian M. Hussey .. 2	Jeffrey J. Fox .. 6
Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. 3	D. John Hunt .. 7
Alice E. J. Lester .. 4	Ralph G. Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Albert M. Tyler .. Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 6
Richard S. Starkie .. 2	Peter S. Bennett .. 7
Anthony H. Smith .. 3	Richard J. Bowden .. 8
Philip J. Rothera .. 4	Tudor P. Edwards .. 9
John G. Gipson .. 5	Jeffrey J. Fox .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
Rung to welcome John James Peter, son of Ruth and Peter Border.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sun., Aug. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

Alice E. J. Lester .. Treble	Anthony H. Smith .. 5
Tudor P. Edwards .. 2	John G. Gipson .. 6
Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. 3	C. Martin Press .. 7
*David E. Rothera .. 4	Richard S. Starkie .. Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HANBURY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sun., Aug. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

David J. Allen .. Treble	Philip J. Rothera .. 5
Susan Funnell .. 2	Peter S. Bennett .. 6
Anp. E. Fellows .. 3	Ian C. Maycock .. 7
Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 4	Ralph G. Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

A Non-Association Week in Four Counties

SALFORD PRIORS, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Mon., Aug. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 14 lb.

A. Trevor Hawkins .. Treble	Alan Tubb .. 5
Susan E. Smith .. 2	Giles B. Thompson .. 6
Kenneth R. Davenport .. 3	John Robinson .. 7
Briap B. Hullah .. 4	Philip G. K. Davies .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Giles B. Thompson.

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew,

Great Hampton.

On Tues., Aug. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

Philip G. K. Davies .. Treble	Neville F. Whittell .. 5
A. Trevor Hawkins .. 2	Alan Tubb .. 6
*†Susan E. Smith .. 3	John Robinson .. 7
†Kenneth R. Davenport .. 4	†Giles B. Thompson .. Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price. Conducted by John Robinson.
* 25th peal. † First of Cambridge. ‡ 100th different tower for a peal.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Aug. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

Alan Tubb .. Treble	*Brian B. Hullah .. 5
*A. Trevor Hawkins .. 2	Giles B. Thompson .. 6
*Susan E. Smith .. 3	Philip G. K. Davies .. 7
Neville F. Whittell .. 4	John Robinson .. Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First of Lincolnshire.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Thurs., Aug. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

Kenneth R. Davenport .. Treble	*Brian B. Hullah .. 5
*Susan E. Smith .. 2	*Alan Tubb .. 6
*Neville F. Whittell .. 3	John Robinson .. 7
Philip G. K. Davies .. 4	Giles B. Thompson .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by John Robinson.
* First of Aldenham.

CHURCHILL, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Aug. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED MAJOR

Comprising 3,660 Plain Bob and 1,440 Cambridge Surprise, with 63 bobs and 90 changes of method.	Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.
Susan E. Smith .. Treble	Neville F. Whittell .. J .. 5
Giles B. Thompson .. 2	Brian B. Hullah .. 6
Kenneth R. Davenport .. 3	Philip G. K. Davies .. 7
A. Trevor Hawkins .. 4	John Robinson .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Giles B. Thompson.
First peal of this combination by all except the ringer of 7.

OTHER PEALS

THE SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.

BOURN, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Helena.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*Christopher R. F. Muncy Treble	*Peter D. Lawrence .. 5
Christopher M. P. Johnson .. 2	†Henry C. Foster .. 6
John G. Gipson .. 3	Brian D. Threlfall .. 7
†Harold J. F. Muncy .. 4	†Paul J. Bergdahl .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Paul J. Bergdahl.
* First peal of Major. † First of Double Norwich "inside." ‡ First of Double Norwich. First peal as conductor.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BUCKLEY, Flintshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Consisting of 3,072 Plain Bob and 2,112 Little Bob, with 95 changes of method.	Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.
Geoffrey Parting .. Treble	*Gerald Parsons .. 5
*David M. Collins .. 2	Dennis H. B. Millward .. 6
Frank R. Morton .. 3	Christopher J. Jones .. 7
Geoffrey Green .. 4	Harry W. Howard .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* First peal of Plain and Little Bob spliced.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt.

Denis A. Frith .. Treble	J. Ashmore Dodd .. 6
Gordon A. Halls .. 2	Geoffrey N. Goodall .. 7
John Dean .. 3	R. John Lumley .. 8
Denis R. Carlisle .. 4	Leonard Goodall .. 9
Clive Longden .. 5	David W. Friend .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Leonard Goodall.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.
COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
 On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

George Fry Treble	Edward J. Jenner 5
Ernest J. Ladd 2	D. Paul Smith 6
John W. Smith 3	William Rogers 7
Ann Jenner 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by William Rogers.
 A wedding compliment to Jean L. Lavender and Stewart F. Kimber, married at St. Mary's, Beddington, this day.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
BRIDGERULE, Devon.—At the Church of St. Bridget.
 On Tues., Aug. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 10½ cwt. in A flat.

Alfred Ballard Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5
*Margaret A. Bould 2	†Harry Stacey 6
Frank D. Mack 3	M. Jack Pryor 7
Robert B. Smith 4	D. Roy Bould Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
 * 75th peal. † First of Surprise.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ABSON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. James.
 On Tues., Aug. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods/variations, being three extents each Wychbold, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Northrepps, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Kennington, Dedworth; four extents Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, six extents Grapdsire, and eight extents Plain Bob.
 Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.
 *Derek M. Smith Treble | William Lampard 4
 †Elizabeth A. Webb 2 | Anthony W. Gibbs 5
 Myra J. Gibbs 3 | Kenneth G. Weeks Tenor

Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.
 * First peal away from tenor. † First of Doubles and first "inside."
 Most methods to a peal for all the band.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
ALMELEY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
 On Sun., Aug. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 66 methods, being (1) St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, (2) Somerville, Magdalen, St. Werburgh, (3) Cassington, St. Peter, St. Patrick, (4) Eynsham, St. Leonard, St. Ninian, (5) Elford, Austrey, St. Stephen, (6) St. Alban, St. Paul, St. Ambrose, (7) St. Remigius, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, (8) St. Richard, Nuffield, Wadham, (9) St. Chrysostom, St. Thomas, St. Luke, (10) Horsley, Lapley, St. John, (11) St. Ann, Shreshill, Ryton, (12) Church Gresley, St. Giles, St. Miles, (13) Dedworth, (14) Buttercup, (15) Primrose, 16. Violet, (17) Wychbold, (18) Wallflower, (19) Honeysuckle, (20) Cowslip, (21) Grandsire, (22) Newborough, (23) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (24) Northrepps, (25) Fortune, (26) St. Augustine, (27) All Saints, (28) Rushall, (29) Marchington, (30) St. Hilda, (31) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (32) Southrepps, (33) Clifford's Pleasure, (34) Little Aston, (35) St. Columba, (36) Campion, (37) Plain Bob, (38) Kennington, (39) April Day, (40) Seighford, (41) Old, (42) Hudibras.
 Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb.

W. John Clayton Treble	Colin A. Lewis 4
Gillian E. Graney 2	H. Lyndon Hatfield 5
*John W. Hope 3	Danzey H. Watkins Tenor

Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.
 * 75th peal. Greatest number of methods round a peal by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.
 A wedding compliment to Terence Goodwin, churchwarden at Almeley, and Blodwen Davies.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
 Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb. in C sharp.

*Peter S. Muchlinski .. Treble	†Rev. Peter T. Robbins .. 6
David S. Osenton 2	Ian H. Oram 7
Ronald J. Sharp 3	Alfred E. Rushton .. 8
*Betty Robbins 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. 9
Andrew J. Corby 5	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.
 * First peal of Royal. † First of Yorkshire Royal.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
 On Fri., Aug. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR
 In five methods, comprising 1,152 London, 1,056 Cambridge, 1,024 each Superlative and Pudsey, and 768 Bristol, with 103 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
 Tenor 15 cwt. in G.
 Paul J. Dye Treble *D. Paul Smith 5
 Frederick J. Cullum .. 2 Christopher T. Osenton .. 6
 David S. Osenton 3 Andrew J. Corby 7
 Colin A. Tester 4 Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.
 * First peal of five spliced. First of five spliced as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KENDAL, Westmorland.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
 On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATER
 Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

James E. Dickinson .. Treble	John Bagnall 6
James E. Burles 2	Alan Capstick 7
James Blackburn 3	William Wall 8
Nicholas M. Newby .. 4	*Lawrence D. Clements .. 9
*Thomas F. Metcalfe .. 5	Raymond Suart Tenor

Composed by Wm. Hudson. Conducted by Alan Capstick.
 * First peal of Caters. First of Caters as conductor.
 A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Clements.

HIGHER WALTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F

*Anthony J. Helliwell .. Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw 5
Cyril Crossthwaite .. 2	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 6
J. Colin Ashworth .. 3	*Richard J. Parker 7
John P. Partington .. 4	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.
 * First peal of Lincolnshire.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. James.
 On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 3 Hours, and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F.
 Malcolm E. Wade Treble | J. Edward Cawser 5
 Beryl E. Cawser 2 | Roland H. Cook 6
 William A. Lacey 3 | A. Maxwell Lindsey 7
 Martin C. Faulkes 4 | R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
 On Tues., Aug. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Johnson's variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.
 Edwin Deakin Treble | Arthur E. Rowley 5
 Richard J. Clifton 2 | John A. Underwood 6
 Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville 3 | G. Ronald Edwards 7
 Joseph W. Cotton 4 | Dan S. Pont Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Dan S. Pont.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
 On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5024 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F.
 W. Arthur Crowder .. Treble | William H. Dowse 5
 Ronald Chafer 2 | Howard C. Palmer 6
 C. Aubrey Harrison .. 3 | Jack Bray 7
 Michael W. Crowder .. 4 | Harold Judd Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.
 First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.
 Rung as a wedding compliment to Richard D. Gibson and Barbara Cammack.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALESBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sun., Aug. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Ronald Ducker Treble	† Jack Bray 5
*† Ronald Chafer 2	† C. Aubrey Harrison .. 6
† Michael W. Crowder .. 3	† Harold Judd 7
William H. Dowse 4	† John Hall Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

* 150th peal. † First peal in the method.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSN.

EBBW VALE, Monmouthshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

Richard W. Owen Treble	* Reuben S. Clench 5
David J. King 2	* David J. Hughes 6
Jacqueline S. King 3	* Donald G. Clarke 7
* David Pike 4	James L. Fitzgerald .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by David J. King.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

ESHER, Surrey.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

29 Course Block Reduced.	Tenor 7 cwt.
Peter Henry Treble	Christine E. MacNair .. 5
John Maybrey 2	Ian M. Smith 6
David A. H. Bennett .. 3	David T. Darby 7
Lawrence Smith 4	Andrew N. Stubbs .. Tenor

Conducted by Andrew N. Stubbs.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

NETHERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., July 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

William G. Woodward .. Treble	E. Mariop Key 5
George L. Roobottom .. 2	Arthur Rowley 6
Philip Deakin 3	Barnabas G. Key 7
Richard J. Clifton 4	Joseph W. Cotton .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

A 21st birthday compliment to John K. Smith.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation.	Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.
*H. Jillian Pike Treble	Harold Smith 5
*R. Christine Hassell .. 2	David L. Wilcox 6
*Mary E. Marshall 3	Roger B. Pike 7
Ronald C. Christopher .. 4	Gerald B. Evans .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger B. Pike.

* First peal of Stedman.

COOKHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of Holy Trinity.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.

*Ernest W. Eldridge .. Treble	Thomas H. Tocock 5
Doreep Hague 2	James R. A. Muller .. 6
† William H. Jackson .. 3	L. Joseph Young 7
David P. Hilling 4	E. Dennis Poole .. Tenor

Composed by Henry Hubbard. Conducted by William H. Jackson.

* Has now "circled the tower." † 100th peal, and first of Bob Major on tower bells.

Rung to welcome the Rev. John Grover as the new Vicar of Cookham.

CHOLSEY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Aug. 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's	Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.
*Mrs. R. Morris Treble	Robert A. Partridge .. 5
Thomas W. Palmer 2	Robert B. Blond 6
Geoffrey K. Cook 3	Claude C. Caudrey .. 7
John N. Money 4	*Harold Eccott Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.

* First peal.

Rung for the wedding of David Taylor and Miss M. Davis, local ringers.

DRAYTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Aug. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 9½ cwt.

Walter F. Judge Treble	Francis A. White 5
Harry Miles 2	Frederick Sharpe 6
Arthur D. Barker 3	Brian R. White 7
John W. T. Hibbert .. 4	John W. D. Seymour .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Brian R. White.

Rung to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's 1,000th peal, rung on these bells on August 9th, 1905, in which the ringer of the 2nd took part.

PANGBOURNE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. James the Less.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 14 methods, being three different extents each of the following: St. Osmond's Bob, St. Simon's Bob, Eynsham Bob, St. Leonard's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Southrepps Pleasure Bob, Plain Bob, April Day Bob, Kennington Bob, Grandsire and Reverse St. Bartholomew's Bob.

*Joyce Vernon Treble	Anthony D. Smith 4
Eunice A. Lewis 2	Roger B. Pike 5
Mrs. A. D. Smith 3	Alfred J. Burt Tenor

Conducted by Roger B. Pike.

* First peal. First of Doubles and most methods to a peal for all except conductor.

Rung for the institution and induction of Rev. R. S. Parkes, M.A., at Pangbourne on Wednesday, August 4th, 1965.

SHOTTESBROOKE, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Double Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Frederick R. Scott .. Treble	Giles R. Shedden 4
William Birmingham .. 2	J. Keith Ward 5
Robin G. Leale 3	Frank C. Price Tenor

Conducted by Robin G. Leale.

First peal of Minor on the bells, augmented from five in 1964.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGHAM FERRERS, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

Mary R. Coleman Treble	Geoffrey E. Watson 5
Anthony D. Sapsom 2	Burley P. Morris 6
*Denis G. Pearson 3	Michael J. Staley 7
*John G. Mitchell 4	Murray A. Coleman .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First peal in the method.

MIDDLETON CHENEY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in D.
Ernest G. Jones Treble	Frank Osbaldiston 4
Noel R. Waite 2	Michael W. Coleman .. 5
Barry J. Davis 3	Christopher C. Clarke .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

STAVERTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.
*Geoffrey F. Thompson .. Treble	Hugh M. Johnson 4
Stanley F. Webb 2	Malcolm J. C. Chown .. 5
*Richard J. Danby 3	David J. Marshall Tenor

Conducted by David J. Marshall.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor in the Daventry Branch to be rung entirely by Daventry Branch members.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

WARSOP, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Wavertree College, College, Thelwall Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Childwall Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Single Oxford Bob.

Barry Moran Treble	Herbert T. Rooke 4
*Iris Cooke 2	John K. Smith 5
David Whetton 3	Frank Cooke Tenor

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.

* First peal, first attempt.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

THRUMPTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Wed., Aug. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods/variations, being four extents each of All Saints, Rushall, Reverse Capterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington, Seighford, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and two extents Grand sire. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.
*Graham Fisher .. Treble Ruth Blackshaw .. 3
†William L. Exton .. 2 *David H. Oliver .. 4

Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

* First peal in 11 methods. † 200th peal for the Guild.

A diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Edlin.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ALTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 SOUTHGATE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22½ cwt.

Christine Birks .. Treble Hilary F. Pardoe .. 5
Geoffrey R. Gardner .. 2 Richard Wharton .. 6
F. Hector Bennett .. 3 Dennis Latham .. 7
Norman Sherratt .. 4 Roy Worrall .. Tenor
Composed by Geoffrey Davies. Conducted by Dennis Latham.

First peal in the method by all the band except ringer of fourth.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BARKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two extents each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.
Mrs. E. J. Lockwood .. Treble Neville F. Whittell .. 4
Alice E. J. Lester .. 2 Robert E. Lester .. 5
Brian B. Hullah .. 3 Lawrence R. Pizzey .. Tenor

Conducted by Lawrence R. Pizzey.

First peal as conductor.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

Hilary F. Martin .. Treble Colin A. Tester .. 6
Olive D. Tester .. 2 Robert W. Hipde .. 7
Michael V. Chilcott .. 3 Robin J. Lee .. 8
R. James Cook .. 4 John Schofield .. 9
F. Eric Roberts .. 5 Raymond J. Talbot .. Tenor

Composed by David E. Parsons (No. 5).

Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

Rung to celebrate the wedding at this church earlier in the day of Jean Lavender to Stewart Kimber, both members of the St. Mary's Society.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being one each of Litchurch, St. David, Alveley, Hillmartin, Old Swinford, Wollaston, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Fortune, Northrepps, Windrush, Salwarpe, Broadwas, Norfolk, Old, St. Colum; two extents each of Kennington and Southrepps; four extents each of Clifford's Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob, and two 240's (Morris' and Price's arrangements) of Grand sire; comprising 25 variations.

Tenor 16 cwt. 43 lb. in F.
Patricia Disereps .. Treble Brian J. Luff .. 5
Geoffrey K. Dodd .. 2 Robert C. Kippin .. 6
John N. Diserens .. 3 Ronald F. Diserens .. 7
Frank W. Lewis .. 4 Robert C. Kippin .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

Rung after meeting short for Royal.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

OLD SWINFORD, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., July 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 extents, being one each of Litchurch, St. David, Alveley, Hillmartin, Old Swinford, Wollaston, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Fortune, Northrepps, Windrush, Salwarpe, Broadwas, Norfolk, Old, St. Colum; two extents each of Kennington and Southrepps; four extents each of Clifford's Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury, April Day and Plain Bob, and two 240's (Morris' and Price's arrangements) of Grand sire; comprising 25 variations.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.
*Malcolm Kennard .. Treble Jeremy A. Tandy .. 4
C. Roger Tandy .. 2 Peter L. Bill .. 5
†Michael Clewes .. 3 Brian Wootton .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter L. Bill.

* First peal. † First "inside." Most methods by all.

Rung half-muffled by the local band as a tribute to Mrs. Roden, mother and grandmother to two local ringers, who was buried the following day.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., July 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

Catherine R. Slater .. Treble	Edward W. Colley .. 5
R. Susan Jackson .. 2	Robin Brown .. 6
C. Barrie Dove .. 3	Adrian C. Boorman .. 7
Arnold Cole .. 4	Ronald H. Dove .. Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Rung Silent and Non-Conducted.

BIRSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

Susap M. Rhodes .. Treble	B. Gillian Schofield .. 5
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 2	Harold B. Schofield .. 6
Peter A. Kirkby .. 3	Roderick W. Pipe .. 7
Adrian B. C. Boorman .. 4	S. Barry Schofield .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of SS. Philip and James.

On Fri., July 30, 1965, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in A.

*Jean Jeffery .. 1—2 | *John T. Dunwoody (cond.) 3—4

†John Lindsay .. 5—6

* 60th peal together. † First of Minor "in hand."

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of SS. Philip and James.

On Fri., Aug. 6, 1965, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent Kent Treble Bob and six different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in A.

Jean Jeffery .. 1—2 | John T. Dunwoody (cond.) 3—4

*John Lindsay .. 5—6

* First peal of Minor in these two methods.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 11, Sanderson Road.

On Fri., July 30, 1965, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods: (1) Single Oxford and St. Clement's, (2) Double, Reverse and Plain Bob, (3 and 4) Plain Bob, (5) Double and Plain Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 12 in F.

*B. Peter Richardson .. 1—2 | Rodney A. Yeates .. 3—4

Andrew G. Craddock (cond.) 5—6

* Most methods to a peal.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

STRATTON, Cornwall.—At Phillips House.

On Fri., Aug. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Bernard F. L. Groves .. 1—2 | Robert B. Smith .. 5—6
Alfred Ballard .. 3—4 | †D. Roy Bould .. 7—8

Composition: Bruerton's Twelve-Part. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal "in hand" of Triples. † First peal "in hand."

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 17, Queen Street.

On Tues., July 27, 1965, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*Susan D. Cowan .. 1—2 | Geoffrey Dodds .. 3—4

Joyce Dodds (cond.) .. 5—6

* First peal.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At "Iona," Sudbrooke Lane.

On Sun., July 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Margaret A. Parker .. 1—2 | Peter A. Sharp .. 5—6
Geoffrey R. Parker .. 3—4 | A. Robin Heppenstall .. 7—8

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by A. Robin Heppenstall.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

RUGBY, Warwickshire.—At 88, High Street, Hillmorton.

On Fri., July 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 8 in C.

David J. Marshall .. 1—2 | Richard F. B. Speed .. 5—6
Anne B. Speed .. 3—4 | *Roger W. Smith .. 7—8

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

* First handbell peal.

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BIRTH

STRACEY. — To Michael and Betty at R.A.F., South Cerney, on August 17th, 1965, a daughter, Ruth Meriel, sister to Kevin. 7435
MITCHELL. — To Hazel (née Dadson) and Laurence, on August 11th, 1965, at 28, Crown Road, Milton Regis, a daughter, Janette Helen.

ENGAGEMENTS

BEW—POWELL. — The engagement is announced between Michael John, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire, and Catherine Maryon, of Stoke D'Abernion, Surrey. 7443

DR. J. V. CLARK and MISS L. A. EDWARDS. — The engagement is announced between John Victor, only son of Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Clark, of 24, Dunstan Crescent, Worksop, Notts, and Lorna Anne, only daughter of Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Edwards, of The Vicarage, Kirklington, Notts. 7426

MARRIAGE

FELGATE—FELGATE. — On Saturday, Aug. 14th, 1965, at St. Nicholas' Church, Harwich, John Francis, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Felgate, of Una Road, Parkeston, to Jill, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Felgate, of Kings Road, Dovercourt. 7428

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

LOCK. — The address of Martin F. Lock is now: 57, Holloways Lane, North Myms, Hatfield, Herts. 7433

MAY. — The address of Jill and Douglas May is now 33, White Acres Road, Mytchett, Frimley, Surrey. Unfortunately no telephone until February, 1966. 7455

PERSONAL

"For I know that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil." — Jonah iv, 2.

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MISCELLANEOUS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District. — Advance practice, Worplesdon, Thursday, August 26th, 7.30 to 9 p.m. — D. Elsmore. 7456

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Annual Dinner-Dance will be held on Saturday, October 9th, 1965, at the Mollington Banastre Hotel, Parkgate Road, Chester. Meet 5.45–6.15 p.m. Tickets 23/- each. All applications for tickets to Gen. Sec. before October 1st, together with remittance. The following towers will be open: Christleton (8) 1–2 p.m., Hoole (6) 2–3 p.m., Handbridge (8) and St. Mary's-within-the-Walls (8), Chester 3–4 p.m., Shotwich (6) and Backford (6) 4–5 p.m. — Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec., 63, Parkgate Road, Chester. 7393

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS. — Would all Freshers coming to Birmingham in October please write to: Mr. Paul M. Evans, Brynamlwg, Priory Terrace, Maesteg, Glamorgan, Wales.

WILL those with copies of the Middlesex Association Report please amend the times of Wednesday practices at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, 6 to 7 p.m. Our ringing must finish at 8 p.m. — C. Neal. 7415

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON D.G. — During the period September 1st to October 16th all correspondence should be addressed to the Asst. Hon. Secretary — Miss R. M. Foreman, 19, Finchley Court, Ballards Lane, Finchley, N.3. (Eel. FIN 3994). — T. J. Lock. 7434

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Meeting at Great Staughton, Saturday, August 28th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. — M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch. — The next meeting at Heversham on Saturday, August 28th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Handley, Tarn Bank, Underbarrow, Kendal, Westmorland. — P. Handley, Branch Sec. 7417

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Loughborough District. — Monthly meeting, August 28th, at Walton-on-the-Wolds and Wymeswold. Walton (5) 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. Wymeswold (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Three Crowns, Wymeswold. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Mackley, 1a, Brook Street, Wymeswold, Loughborough, Leics. 7314

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Saturday, August 28th, evening meeting at Farnham Royal (near Slough). Ringing (8 bells) 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. All welcome. — Miss Hague.

Rededication

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Rededication of the bells in their new frame by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Dunwich at 2.30 p.m. on

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Peal list is full for 1966.

M. T. Symonds, Tower Correspondent.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) and **SURREY ASSOCIATION** (Northern District). — Joint meeting at Leatherhead on Monday, August 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Smith, 25, Hilly Field Lane, Fetcham, Leatherhead. **SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — Bank Holiday meeting, Monday, August 30th, at Chesterfield. Bells 3–5 p.m. No tea arranged. Business meeting in belfry at 5.45. Bells after meeting till 9 p.m. — J. Seager, Sec. 7413

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Branch. — Quarterly meeting at South Petherton (8), Saturday, September 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea, please, by previous Tuesday. — R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 7452

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting at Sowton, Saturday, September 4th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Tapley, 17, Sowton, near Exeter, by September 1st. 7445

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting at Shalford, Saturday, September 4th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wood, 10, The Causeway, Finchingfield, Braintree. 7414

HALIFAX ARCHDEACONRY GUILD. — Meeting at Elland, Saturday, September 4th. Names for tea to Mr. P. Birkett, 2, Napier Road, Elland. 7450

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kingstons District. — Quarterly meeting, Eardisland, September 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. L. Mainwaring, Welcote, Eardisland, by Wednesday, September 1st. — H. L. Hatfield, Dis. Sec. 7440

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Practice meeting at Ashwell, Saturday, September 4th, at 5.30 p.m. — E. Buck. 7436

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District. — First Annual Striking Contest at Tunstall on September 4th, commencing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. T. Barton, 100, Park Drive, Sittingbourne. Short service at 7 p.m. followed by general ringing for all. — L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD. — North Western District. — A meeting is to be held on Saturday, September 4th, at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss C. Andrew, 162, Hamilton Place, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs. Everyone welcome. — Mrs. H. L. Horn, Dis. Sec. 7457

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Monthly meeting at St. Thomas-a-Becket's, Upholland (6) on Saturday, September 4th, at 3.30 p.m. All visitors welcome. — D. R. Jones, Hon. Sec. 7422

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch. — Meeting at Colne on Saturday, September 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. — Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 7458

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District. — Meeting, September 4th, at Whetstone. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in schoolroom 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Needham, 13, Victoria Road, Whetstone, Leics, not later than September 2nd. — Dis. Sec. 7423

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch. — Meeting at Alford, Saturday, September 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. J. I. Smith, 15, Commercial Road, Alford, Lincs, by Monday, August 30th. — P. J. Kilner, Hon. Sec., 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — S. and W. District. — Ringing meeting, Saturday, September 4th, Harmondsworth (6) 3–4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall, Harlington, at 5 p.m., followed by evening ringing at Harlington. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Grice, 15, Burnham Gardens, Harlington, by September 2nd. — W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — Half-yearly meeting at St. Thomas' Church, Rhyl, Saturday, September 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea to W. Cathall, 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham, by August 28th. 7390

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Holme Hale on Saturday, September 4th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by the business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. S. Waterfield, 6, Station Road, Holme Hale, Thetford. — C. Tovell, Sec. 7403

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD**Summer Festival and Extraordinary Meeting.**

Saturday, September 4th, 1965, at Culworth. p.m. Tea tickets (3/6 each and c.w.o.) to be A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby, Warks.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Culworth (5)
 Helmdon (6)
 Brackley (6)
 Chacombe (6)
 Lois Weedon (6)
 Byfield (6)
 Croughton (5)
 Boddington (5)
 Preston Capes (5)
 King's Sutton (8)
 Aynhoe (8)
 Eydon (5)

Service 4 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, 5 obtained by Tuesday, August 31st, from Mr.

3 p.m.—4 p.m. 7 p.m.—9 p.m.

12 noon—3 p.m. 7 p.m.—9 p.m.

2 p.m.—3 p.m. 7 p.m.—8 p.m.

2 p.m.—3 p.m. (only)

E. BILLINGS, Gen. Sec. 7284

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Acle on Saturday, September 4th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss D. Lidbetter, Hollycroft, South Walsham Road, Norwich (NOR 60Z), by Wednesday, September 1st certain. — N. P. J. C., Branch Sec. 7100

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 4th, at Stowe. Bells (5) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. W. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham, by September 1st. 7439

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, September 4th, Corsley (6). Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. Holly, 12, Heathway, Corsley, Wilts. 7293

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Huntington, near York. Saturday, September 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (2/6) 5. Names, please, to Mr. C. Groome, Sunny Holme, Huntington, York, before September 1st.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7426

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. — By kind invitation of the Gnosall ringers an extra full meeting will be held at Gnosall, near Stafford, on Saturday, September 4th next. Please note new arrangements: Bells (6) 3-4.10 p.m. and after tea. Committee meeting also 3 p.m. (for one hour only). Service 4.15 followed by tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. B. G. Key, 2, Newport Road, Gnosall, Stafford (Tel. Gnos. 454) by Wednesday, September 1st, latest.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 7373

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, September 4th. West Hoathly 3 p.m.; Ardingly 6 p.m.—8.30 p.m. Picnic tea.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 7432

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting, Selborne and Newton Valence, on Saturday, September 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Queen's Hotel. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, August 31st.—C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton. 7374

BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Cup Contest, with rise and fall, at Hoylandswaine, near Sheffield, Saturday, September 11th. Open to all members. Draw 2.45 p.m. Entrance fee 6/-. Names sent to James W. Buxton, Roydhouse, Shelley Huddersfield. For tea, please notify Mr. Keith Muxworthy, 303, Barnsley Road, Hoylandswaine, near Sheffield. Both names in not later than Saturday, September 4th. 7454

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting on Saturday, September 11th, at Godstone (8). Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, by September 9th, please. 7438

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Bethersden, Saturday, September 11th. Bells (6, 15 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. J. Spree, 5, Chester Avenue, Bethersden, near Ashford, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H., 7431

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Ospringe, on Saturday, September 11th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea follows in the Church Hall. Those requiring tea, would they please notify Mr. F. C. Farnsworth, 14, King's Road, Faversham, by Wednesday, September 8th. 7419

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 11th, in Dagenham area. Ringing arrangements later. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, Putney, S.W.15. 7453

SUFFOLK GUILD. — South East District.—Quarterly meeting, Coddensham (8), Saturday, September 11th. Bells 2.30-3.45 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Service about 5 p.m. followed by the business meeting. Bells available in the evening 6.45-9 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, September 8th, to Mrs. E. Lockwood, Dis. Sec., 2, Chalk Pit Cottages, Offton, near Ipswich, Suffolk. 7416

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Upton-on-Severn, September 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Pool Guest House. Limited number, so names essential to A. A. Jopp, Church Road, Stoulton, Worcester, by previous Tuesday. 7446

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Llanbadach (8) on Saturday, September 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Llewellyn, 1, Matthew Road, Rhoose, Barry, by September 4th. 7398

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — September general meeting at Selby on Saturday, September 18th. Re-Hallowing service (of the rehanging bells) at 2.30 p.m. Tea in the Hawdon Institute at 4 p.m., followed by the meeting. Names for tea to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby, by Thursday, September 16th. General committee meeting in the Institute at 1.45 pm Bells available: Hemingbrough (6) 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Escrick (8) 11.45-12.45; Selby Abbey after the meeting until 9 p.m.; Sherburn-in-Elmet (8) 7.15-8.45 p.m.—W. F. Moreton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7459

KIMPTON CUP COMPETITION. — Saturday, September 25th, at Kimpton. Draw for order of ringing 2.45 p.m. Arrangements as in previous events. It is hoped to circulate a programme, but please send entries and numbers for tea by card or letter to me before September 12th.—J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts. 7444

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Association Dinner arranged by Rochester District at Sittingbourne, Saturday, September 25th, 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Tickets (12/6 each) from B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent (s.a.e. with application), not later than first post, September 21st.

P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7429

STRATTON STRAWLESS, NORFOLK. — September 25th, 1965. Flower and Harvest Festival for Tower Restoration Fund. Open striking competition 3 p.m. Entries by September 18th to F. C. Goodman, 260, Norwich Road, Costessey, Norwich, Norfolk. 7451

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD**A GUILD DINNER**

will be held at the premises of the Automotive Products Company, Ltd. (Lockheed Hydraulic Brake Co.), Tachbrook Road, Leamington Spa, on Saturday, October 9th, 1965. Arrive at 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m.

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Tickets, at 16/6 each, may be obtained from R. Winter, 2, Brentwood Avenue, Finham, Coventry.

Visitors will be welcome 7447

JOINT MEETING

On Saturday, August 14th, the Yorkshire Association (Southern District) and the Barnsley and District Society held a joint meeting in and around Rotherham. Mr. Frank Brunt's youngsters welcomed the visitors at Thryburgh, and Mr. Fred Fisher had St. Stephen's, Eastwood, ready. Despite a wedding and a broken rope there, ringing was enjoyed before adjourning for tea. After tea Mr. Norman Chaddock took the chair. Six non-resident life members were elected, these being Messrs. John A. Harrison, Dennis Latham, Alan A. Paul, Graham C. Paul, Roger W. Smith and Charles E. Truman. It was decided that the next meeting was to be at Thorne, where the Southern District had not been for about ten years. Mr. John Gilbert spoke of the Snowdon Dinner to be held in Rotherham on October 16th, and pointed out that the Ecclesfield Village Handbell Ringers would be performing. Little else was discussed and ringing continued at the Parish Church, where ringing included rounds and call changes, closed-lead Minor, London Major and Stedman Caters. M. K.

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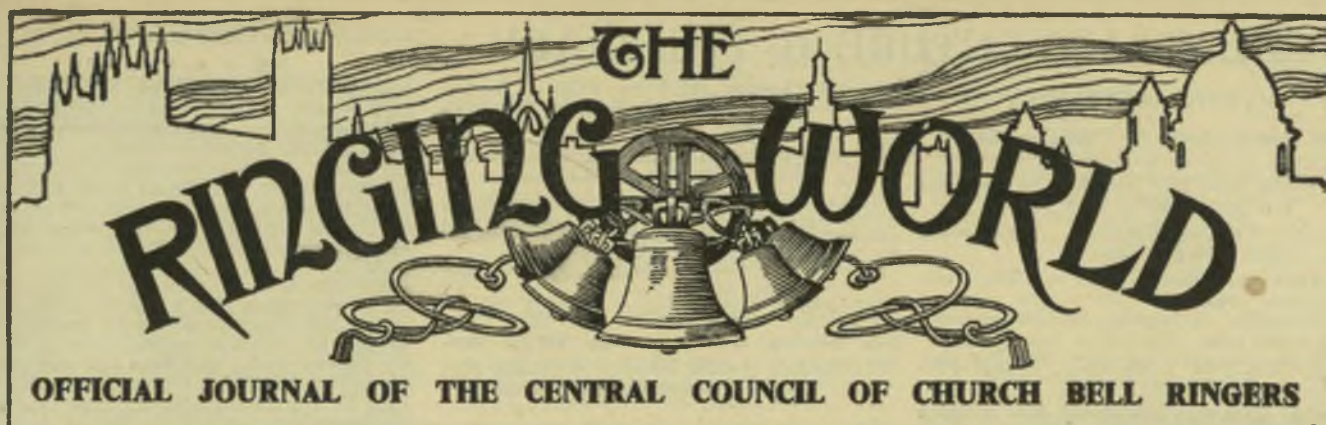
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HOW GREAT ADVENTURE II ORIGINATED

By T. J. Lock

IT was in 1961, when George W. Pipe returned to this country on leave from his business in Australia, and mentioned the possibility of another, the second, visit of a party of English ringers to that great Continent "down under." George was full of it and he wished it to take place before his tour of duty was completed. Whilst I was not the first person to whom he raised the matter of organising the programme from this country, there is no doubt I was the last, for George went back a happy man at having hooked somebody.

By July, 1962, following the exchange of one or two letters, a "purely tentative" programme was sent to me with all the available towers listed, and with times for ringing, sightseeing and travelling, and including a calculation of all probable expenses. With this information a circular was prepared and sent to twenty ringers whom I hoped would form a nucleus at least. Even if they had all replied accepting the invitation we could have taken more, as provision was even made for "doubling back" for a second visit to certain places.

The correspondence continued between us until in a letter dated February, 1963, George very reluctantly had to write "We're going to miss it," and explain that his stay in Australia was being terminated because he was required to return to Ipswich. What a blow and what a disappointment! But there was no retracting, for Jack Roper, of Victoria, and Bill Pitcher, of Adelaide, were found willing to take over. George, however, would not take over at this end! It was decided that Bill would correspond with me and whilst we are still at the stage of being pen-friends, our letters have been going to and fro in a manner which, so to speak, only ringers could do. We have been hampered by distance, by lack of personal contact, and by indecision or reluctance to decide—and this latter was not on our part, as we were

endeavouring to formulate a definite programme for a definite number of people. I have had at least fifty postal inquiries about taking part in this "chance of a lifetime" and many verbal inquiries.

The visit was first planned to have taken place in 1964 but you may remember that a doubt existed as to whether Melbourne Cathedral bells would be ready for use in time, after being retuned and rehung in a new frame. As these bells form the only ring of twelve outside the British Isles no chances had to be taken and so the visit was delayed by twelve months. This decision has revealed its compensations, although I do regret it caused one member, Miss B. Daysh, of Waltham Chase, to drop out.

Not only will Australia be visited but the itinerary includes going to New Zealand and America, through the good offices of Nelson Sloan and Russell Young respectively, so for those who take part in the whole tour it will definitely be a round-the-world trip. An invitation from Michael Simpson to ring in Canada could, very reluctantly, not be accepted.

All available tourists have had a "get together" in a room kindly offered to us by the landlord of the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C.4, and our forthcoming adventure will be the subject of a report in the South-East programme of the radio during one evening of the week prior to our departure.

So the preliminaries have been completed and plans have been made for ringing in twenty-six towers, with meetings and gatherings fitting in between a great amount of travelling by air and by road.

Four of the party are already on their way but the remainder will be leaving London Airport at 1500 hours on Sunday, September 5th, and will be due to return on Monday, October 11th. We are, without any doubt, going out to take part in a wonderful experience and in our turn we shall sincerely hope and endeavour to give pleasure and joy to others.

August 18th, 1965.

GREAT ADVENTURE II ITINERARY

19 PEAL ATTEMPTS

From August Issue of "Ringing Towers" Sept.

- 7.—Arrive Perth 0150 hrs. Ringing Cathedral 1 to 2 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.
- 8.—Lunchtime ring Cathedral. Peal starting about 4.30 p.m.
- 9.—Leave for Adelaide (1315 to 1720). Practice Cathedral.
- 10.—Adelaide. See sights. Peal St. Andrew's 5.30 p.m.
- 11.—10 a.m. peal Town Hall. Annual Bell-ringers' Dinner 7 p.m.
- 12.—Peal Cathedral immediately after morning service. Leave by air for Melbourne 1750, arriving 1935.
- 13.—Morning train to Ballarat. Afternoon peal City Hall. Evening with local ringers.
- 14.—Midday train, Ballarat to Melbourne. Evening with local ringers.
- 15.—Melbourne—evening peal.
- 16.—Melbourne—evening peal.
- 17.—Fly to Hobart (1350 to 1525). Peal at Holy Trinity, 5 to 5.30 start.
- 18.—Peal, Cathedral, 10 a.m. Early afternoon ring with local ringers. Return Melbourne (1625 to 1845).
- 19.—Victorian Branch ringing day with tourists. (Second peal at Adelaide.)
- 20.—Melbourne—evening peal.
- 21.—Trip to Bendigo for peal. Evening with local ringers.
- 22.—Return Melbourne. Evening practice with Melbourne ringers.
- 23.—Fly Canberra (0805 to 0920). To Yass for a peal and return.

24.—Fly Sydney (1230 to 1320). Practice Turramurra or handbells at Goodyer's in evening.

25.—Peal Parramatta, 9.30 a.m. start. Annual Dinner N.S.W. Branch 7.30 p.m.

26.—Afternoon peal St. Mary's. Service ringing at all towers. Probably a quarter at Burwood in evening.

27.—Morning peal Turramurra. Evening practice St. Mary's.

28.—Trip to Maitland for a peal and return.

29.—Journey to Maryborough for a peal.

30.—Ringing practice Burwood in evening after returning to Sydney in afternoon.

Oct.

1.—Peal St. Mark's, Darling Point, or vice

2.—Peal St. Jude's, Randwick versa

3.—Peal St. Andrew's (??). Service ringing at various towers.

4.—N.S.W. Branch ringing day. Mainly city towers, which would include St. Benedict's and perhaps Christ Church St. Laurence.

There are still a number of uncertain points in the above and some rearrangement might be deemed advisable at the tour progresses.

The tourists will be looked after by each State Branch as the party, moving from west to east, passes into their territory and if the usual run of inter-State visits is anything to go by, our visitors are promised a very good time indeed. From Sydney they go to New Zealand, though we know very little of their plans there except that peals are hoped for at Hamilton and Christchurch. We feel sure that this will turn out to be the most splendid of all ringing tours (Washington not excepted!) It is up to us to make sure that it will.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD GOLDEN WEDDING

It was hoped to mark the golden wedding of Mr. "Freddie" Bird, of Bishop's Stortford, Herts, on August 11th by a peal of Stedman Caters. Unfortunately, after 2½ hours' ringing two bells crossed over and brought the attempt to an end. Although he has rung one or two peals in recent years, "Freddie" did not join in the attempt, but listened to much of the ringing and arranged a welcome tea for the ringers afterwards.

"Freddie" has been ringing at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford for 57 years and was Master for 35 years, resigning in 1963 on account of his age. Now 76, his activities are curtailed because of his age and a war disability. He is also a member of St. James', Thorley, and was the prime mover with the late Canon John E. I. Procter, Rector, in augmenting the bells from three to six in 1937. He collected a keen band of learners, who by 1939, when war broke up the band, had learned eight methods, from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge. As a recognition of his services the ringers presented him with a bureau.

D. H. K.

RECORD LENGTH ATTEMPT OF LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice that an attempt will be made to ring 11,160 London Surprise Royal (No. 3 Version) at Christ Church, Macclesfield, on September 4th. Ringing will commence at 11.30 a.m. and the band will stand as follows: Brian J. Woodruffe 1, Neil Bennett 2, John H. Fielden 3, Basil Jones 4, John C. Eisel 5, John Robinson 6, Brian Harris 7, Frederick Shallcross 8, A. Peter Whitehead 9, Robert B. Smith 10.

The composition will be as follows:—
11,160 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

23456 M W H

52436 — 3

34625 — 3

23645 — 3

42635 — 3

36524 — 3

52364 — 3

32465 — 3

23564 2 2

62534 — 3

35426 — 3

23456 — 3

Yours sincerely, ROBERT B. SMITH.

OBITUARY

MR. F. A. BARKER

Bellringer and Good Belfryman

A lifetime of service to bellringing at the same church has ended with the passing of Frederick A. Barker, of Finchley. He died in Barnet Hospital on August 16th. Fred Barker came to Finchley as a lad and, living near the church, soon found an interest in the bells and ringing. He was taught by the local ringers and eventually asked to join the band in 1905.

He remained a member of the band until his death, ringing only a few weeks before his end—a lifetime of service to St. Mary's belfry of 60 years. He had the distinction of serving six Rectors during that time and was captain from 1929 to 1954. I believe that all peals rung by the six-bell band of those days were conducted by him.

I made my way into the belfry in late 1925 to find a mature band who did not want to be disturbed by the presence of a stoney ringer. Had it not been for the encouragement of Fred I certainly would not have become a change ringer. He used to jog around a bit in those days, and as a rule took me along and into the St. Mary's band. He had a way of smoothing out the rough patches in running a band, quietly and tactfully, clearly making himself understood without getting worked up about it. Looking back over the years, the working of the band and the social occasions, whether good or not so good, all seemed to be a bit better because Fred was there.

His passing will leave a void extending far beyond the space he occupied under a bell rope. For years he organised the outings and social events, in which his wife, Mary, joined to make all Fred's ringers welcome. Her picnic lunches in the early days are quite a legend and the suppers at their home will be talked about as long as we older ones last.

The funeral service took place at St. Mary's on Thursday, August 19th, and the bells were rung half-muffled as the cortege entered and left the church. In the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire was rung to his memory. Ringers assisting the local band included Messrs. D. Newman, J. Nash, J. Euston, A. Coles, T. Bevan, G. Parsons, A. Butler and G. Hart. A wreath was sent by the Middlesex Association, of which Fred was a founder member.

We all send our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Barker and her family. Their loss is far greater than ours.

A. F. W.

MR. C. A. DRAKE

A member of Winchester and Portsmouth Guild of Ringers for 40 years and tower captain at Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, for many years, Mr. Charles Arthur Drake died on August 16th.

The ringers attending the funeral at Carisbrooke Cemetery were Mrs. A. M. Guy, Messrs. W. Upton, H. James, S. Moody, F. Attrill, W. Scott, F. Taylor and F. Chiverton. The bells were rung half muffled in the evening as a token of respect. Great sympathy is felt for his widow and daughter.

TWO CAPEL WORTHIES

Two Capel, Surrey, ringers have died recently, both in their late 70's, who did much ringing together in their early ringing days. They were Horace Edwards, who was at one time captain at Charlwood, and John (Jack) Ruff. Because of health reasons neither had rung for a considerable time.

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A HORLEY GOLDEN WEDDING



MR. AND MRS. A. J. BULL

By courtesy "Surrey Mirror"

Surrey and Sussex ringers will join us in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bull, of 22, Queen's Road, Horley, on their golden wedding anniversary on August 14th, their wedding taking place during World War I at Cranleigh.

Mr. Bull was born at Horley in 1892. As a lad he sang in the church choir and later became a bass soloist. He started ringing with the Horley band in 1919 and was fortunate to come in contact with the late Mr. Oliver Sippetts and had additional training at Crawley. It was Oliver who conducted his first peal—Worcester Treble Bob Major on October 3rd 1920—and over a long period they were peal ringing together. It was a case of cycling everywhere, sometimes going 19 or 20 miles straight from work for a peal.

Among Mr. Bull's remarkable associations with Oliver was a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, on November 9th, 1946, which was the first peal of Major on the bells for 56 years. Another was an attempt for a record peal of London Surprise Major at Warnham, Sussex, with Oliver conducting. The attempt unfortunately failed when within sight of victory through the indisposition of one of the band. Mr. Bull's 54 peals range from Doubles to Surprise Royal and include London and Four Spliced.

Since Horley tower was pronounced unsafe ten years ago he has spent some time training a young band at Burstow to ring for Sunday service. He also keeps up his practice and Sunday service ringing at Redhill, Reigate and Mersham. A College Youth of long standing. Mr. Bull is a member of the Winchester, Surrey, Sussex and Kent Associations and was for six years secretary to the Southern District of the Surrey Association.

At a reception arranged by their three daughters in honour of their 50 years of married life, old members of the Horley band brought handbells and rang a selection of songs. Over 40 cards, telegrams and messages were received, many from ringing friends.

Plans are now afoot for the restoration of Horley tower, but it may be some time before the bells are in action again.

PEALS IN RELATION TO TOWERS

BY CANON K. W. H. FELSTEAD

THE inevitable result of there being such a long lapse of time since my previous article on this subject is that much of what is written is old news. But the many people who asked when the next article would appear at the Central Council meeting in June encourages me to think it may still not be too late. I hope not.

The information in this article covers almost the whole of 1964. Notes are made at the time of recording the peals, but these then have to wait until the time is found to put them into a suitable form for publication. That is where the delay comes, I fear.

Last year, peals were rung in five churches which had not had such for 50 years or more, i.e. since before the first world war. The most notable of these was, of course, the peal at York Minster, which was the first peal this century. The last one there was Grandsire Caters in 1892. Great Linford's last peal was in 1911 and there had also been one there in 1908. Fivehead's only previous peal was one of Grandsire Doubles in 1912. I confirm that the only other peal rung at Sheffield-on-Loddon before the one last year was in 1913. The claim that the peal at Sampford Brett was the first since 1913 was not quite correct. It should have been 1914, for seven peals were rung in this tower between 1906 and that year.

As usual, we find several towers last mentioned amongst the peals between the two world wars. Taking them in order of length of silence, we find Bobbingworth comes first—last peal in 1921. There had been one previous to that in 1904. There was a slightly inaccurate claim about Knighton. The last peal had been in 1922, not 1921. Actually there had been four peals here in the years 1920–22. Henley-in-Arden was last heard in 1923, when two peals were rung there. The only one before that was in 1911. The claim about Wolverley was correct—first peal since 1925. I have recorded 12 peals before that date—1891, 1897, eight from 1903 to 1914, and one each in 1916 and 1919. Okeford Fitzpaine's only previous peal was in 1927. Loughton last appeared in the peal lists in 1928 (two before that, both in 1909). Two towers were last pealed in 1931—All Cannings (the only previous peal) and Chigwell, where peals had also been rung in 1914 and six between 1922 and 1931. The claims for both Stone-in-Oxney and Eldersfield were correct—first peals since 1932. At the former, five peals were rung from 1911 to 1915 and five from 1920 to 1932. At the latter, the first peal was in 1891, a second was rung in 1914 and four more from 1924 to 1932.

Llangollen used to have peals much more frequently. Although last year's peal was the first since 1934, there had been 22 there up to then. Sixteen were rung between 1887 and 1911 and the remainder from 1923 to 1934. A peal was rung at Ladock last in 1934 also (a former one here, in 1926). Richmond (Surrey) has a history of peals going back to 1740, but peals have not been frequent. In fact, I have only recorded 27 in all. Only seven had been rung this century before the one last year—the last of these was in 1935. Roche had its last peal before the 1964 one in 1936—there were two before that, in 1931 and 1934. St. Stephen-in-Brannel likewise had two peals in 1931 and 1934 before the one in 1937—the last before the recent one. Not many eight-bell towers have fewer peals than this. Rugby (8) also had its last peal in 1937 (I confirm this claim); 12 peals were rung here from 1899 to 1937. The claim that the peal at Bisley was the first since 1920 was a long way out. Fourteen peals were rung in the 1920's and 1930's, the last of them being in 1938. Finally three

towers last had a peal in 1939—Patshull (peals also in 1936 and 1938), St. Mewan (the only previous one) and Exton (Rutland). The last tower also had peals in 1896, 1900, 1910 and six between 1935 and 1939).

CORRECTIONS

Now for a few claims which, I fear, were wrong. One or two have already been noted, but I mention them again. The peals at Bassaleg and Ludgershall were not the first on the bells. One had been rung in 1933 at the former and in 1947 at the latter. The peal at Hobart, Holy Trinity, was not the first for 30 years. Grandsire Doubles was rung there in 1944. The peal of London was not the first in the method at Westhoughton—one was rung there in 1937. The peal at Harrold was not the 56th. I have recorded 60.

I confirm that the peal at Sprotborough was the first on the eight. There was only one before augmentation—in 1946. I confirm also that the peal of Surprise Maximus at Cirencester was the first such. Actually only two peals of Maximus have previously been rung there—both in 1897. I confirm first peal on the bells at the following towers: East Kennett, Harkstead, Northleigh, Heather, Pendoylan, Preston (Rutland), St. Florence, Walkington, Caddington, Scalby, Birlingham, Wheatley, Churston Ferrars, Skeffington (not, therefore, unringable as has been supposed), Calstock, Constantine and Ilton. Also the peal at Wilford appears to have been the first although not claimed as such.

Finally, landmarks in a tower's history. Pride of place this time must go to Birmingham Cathedral, which has become the third church tower to reach the 500 peal mark (Crayford was first in 1952 and then Erith in 1955). Only 49 of these had been rung prior to the last war, so the 450-odd rung since makes it by far the most prolific peal tower of the last 20 years, the Loughborough Bell Foundry excepted. So congratulations to the ringers of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham. It would appear that yet another tower will reach the 500 mark in 1965—Willesden. I make the total to the last published (July 8th) 494. I shall say more about Birmingham Cathedral in the next article.

On February 29th last year Beddington reached the 350 mark, but after that we have to go a long way to the next milestones. No tower reached 300, 250 or 200. Two reached the 150—Bradford Cathedral and Cardiff, which rightly claimed the fact. There were several centuries to record—Higham Ferrers on March 21st, Edenham on June 1st, Wistaston (a six-bell tower, the eighth, I think, to do so) on June 26th, and Sittingbourne on August 23rd. The following have had 50 peals published since 1881 (some had a few earlier ones): Batley, Chelford, Hartlebury, Radcliffe, Battle (as claimed), Penn, Lawton, Heckington, Banbury, Helmsore, Melksham, Belgrave and Highclere. Bristol Cathedral has already had 50 peals since the bells were hung there from Temple Church in 1959, so it will be catching up with the leaders at this rate.

A note to end on—I see that a peal has been rung at Long Stratton on Christmas Eve every year since 1955. Only two other peals have been rung at other times in the year. I hope there will be success this next Christmas Eve also.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. C. Bowen 1, Gillian M. Webb 2, N. C. Bowen 3, C. T. Collins 4, L. E. Monk 5, C. M. Smith 6, J. R. Lees (cond.) 7, C. W. Bowen 8. First of Triples 1 and 3. Rung immediately after the wedding of Miss Eleanor M. Howarth to Mr. Anthony P. Smallhorn.

Letters to the Editor

RECORD IN FIRSTS

Dear Sir,—One wonders to what extent some people will go to see their names repeatedly in print. "Supersonic Bellringing" indeed. As for the reference to two peals with "firsts" in them, I would inform our friend from Littleover that in the belfry at Old Whittington there is a board recording a peal of Grandsire Doubles, rung for the silver jubilee of His Majesty King George V and Queen Mary in May, 1935.

This surely contained "the extent in firsts"—first peal at this church, first on the bells, first by each member of the band, first as conductor, first attempt by all, and if anyone can think of any more "firsts," they also will apply.

This was in the days when we used to turn our faces to the wall and ring Stedman by ear (perfectly struck, or we heard severely from Walter Allwood), forwards, backwards and reversed, and then we would ring down in peal to Grandsire Doubles plain course several times, finishing in rounds. — Yours faithfully,

SAM SCATTERGOOD.

Chesterfield.

THE ONLY NOISE TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Dear Sir,—Mr. Halls, in his letter on page 560 of "The Ringing World," holds his opinions quite strongly, but he does not say just what they are.

By way of reply to Mr. Hall's sixth paragraph, most grievances about the noise of church bells are genuine. It is about time a lot of ringers woke up to the fact that they make a nuisance of themselves every time they touch a rope. There are very few arguments in favour of the Exercise in such light. The only one I can think of is one which has appeared in the pages of "The Ringing World" many times but which seems to arouse little attention, viz: that in a noisy world, church bellringing is the only loud noise made to the glory of God.

Too much ringing is done to satisfy the "selfish attitude" of bellringers. — Yours faithfully,

C. T. BILLINGE.

Stockport, Cheshire.

CORRECT DATA FOR MR. F. HICKS' PARTY

Dear Sir,—May I point out to Mr. Frank Hicks' party from East Grinstead, who rang a quarter peal of Surprise at Sandhurst, Kent, on July 24th, that Sandhurst is in Kent and not in Sussex.

Also their quarter at Bodiam on the same day was neither the first of Minor on the bells nor the longest length on the bells since augmentation, as stated in the footnote.

Previous performances on the bells since augmentation are as follows: September 10th, 1962, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Minor. September 10th, 1962, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minor. April 4th, 1963, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles. June 27th, 1963, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor.—Yours sincerely,

IAN V. J. SMITH.

Battle.

LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Dear Sir,—Mr. John H. Hunt's recent letter advocating the acceptance of only one version of London Surprise Royal may well receive support. However, his choice of the "Beddington" (or "No. 3") version is quite unacceptable.

As Mr. Hunt himself reminds us, there is no true extension of London from Major to Royal, and it might therefore be better if all versions were renamed. If, however, any version is to be accepted it should be that first rung to a peal, in accordance with the long established tradition of the Exercise in allowing the conductor of the first peal in a new method the privilege of naming it. The first peal of London Royal was rung in the "Brighton" version at St. Peter's, Brighton, on February 11th, 1926. This was accepted by the Exercise at the time and should therefore be recognised as the true version.

Whatever merits other versions may possess, they are not London Royal. The fact that the Beddington version is the most frequently rung, due perhaps to its relative simplicity, is immaterial. Quantity and Quality are not necessarily synonymous.—Yours faithfully,

BRIGHTON BELLE,
No. 2 Version.

NOT "PUSH-BUTTON" BELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to R. B.'s note on the Farnham District outing in "The Ringing World," we are surprised by his comment "a difficult 'go' to the six bells" at Hambledon. It seems a pity that he should have made what we consider an unfair criticism public, since none of the ringers voiced it to me on the occasion of their visit.

Admittedly our bells are not on ball bearings and it may be that some ringers used to "push-button" operations are not inclined to exert a rather stronger pull. Nevertheless most of our many visitors compliment us on the easy "go" of the bells and this tower is noted in the district for its good striking. — Yours faithfully,

C. H. TURNER,
Captain of Ringers.

Hambledon, Hants.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S 500th PEAL

Dear Sir,—I write to clear confusion as to the 500th peal for the Shropshire Association—it was the Doubles at High Offley on June 5th.

The High Offley band and the one which rang the Londinium at St. Chad's on July 3rd are both to be congratulated. One might add also to the recorded footnotes that the High Offley peal had the largest number of (official) conductors and that the St. Chad's peal contained the largest number of non-resident life members to a peal for the Association (the whole band!).—Yours sincerely,

ROGER P. MORRIS,
Ringing Master and Peal Secretary.
Oswestry, Salop.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.—At the Abbey, on Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Moore 1, W. Lambert 2, T. Cross 3, T. E. Marks 4, D. Beaufoy 5, R. J. Fox (cond.) 6, T. J. Setter 7, A. C. Vowles 8. A compliment to Abbey ringer, Roland Rowe, and Joan, and a welcome to their baby, Christopher.

SYLVIA'S STEDMAN CINQOPATORS

It was my fault that we were three-quarters of an hour late leaving Brentwood to take part in Sylvia's annual burn-up. Four car loads set off on August 7th, one each from Prittlewell, Downham, South Weald and Brentwood. We poured through the new pipe to Dartford and wheeled into Kent, then the cars became separated. Only three cars arrived at the first tower, Old Heathfield (8), the Downham party leaving there without ringing before the second car, from South Weald, arrived. The Brentwood car was a close third, arriving just over an hour late. One of the traditional ladies always to be seen polishing churches on Saturdays kindly led us to the ground-floor ringing chamber, and our four-bell rise hailed the South Weald ringers from the nearby committee rooms. We rang a course of Bob Minor on the front six, then downed bells and hastened away.

The Prittlewell party started their day's ringing at the second tower, East Hoathly (6) and their additional potential gave us a fine touch of St. Clement's and a course of Cambridge. Ripe bells are lovely and the ladies admired the yellow and blue sallies at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne. The ringing room contained complete bound volumes of "Church Bells" commencing with Volume I, No. 1, of New Year's Eve, 1870, protected under the eye of a little stuffed alligator sitting on the bookcase. Willing Pete, from Prittlewell, pulled the 25 cwt. tenor in to Bob Major but was eager to exchange it with another for Double Norwich.

We pondered a few moments at Eastbourne in nostalgia to watch passing trains, then ate the sandwiches on the beach in Pevensey Bay. The Brentwood ringers, except the writer, who had to look after engagement rings, etc., had a little swim. The task of raising the six bells at Westham was left to the others, who crashed around with Cambridge and Stedman until Sylvia's return influenced some striking Double Oxford and Spliced Kent and Oxford before the bells were lowered.

At Bexhill (8) we rang a touch of Grandsire with two local ringers. Here the hum note of the seventh seems to be a major-third above the hum note of the recently recast tenor. Our last ring was on the mellow seventy-odd-year-old Taylor eight at Blacklands, Hastings. Aided by Mr. Downing, we rang hundreds of changes of Stedman Triples and Bob Major to guide the Prittlewell and South Weald parties to the church; they had been adrift somewhere in Hastings. Fortunately they arrived and then rang three leads of Kent and a touch of Little Bob.

Diana and David Belcham had to return quickly to Downham, but the rest of us decided to extend our Hastings stay with Oriental roast chicken and pineapples.

Our thanks are sent to the clergy and resident ringers and to Sylvia, what is she? For organising ringing outings, all her swains commend her. D.A.B.

A copy of "The Sound of Bells" by Edgar C. Shepherd has been ordered for the Library at the House of Commons. Probably one of the most sensible things that has gone into Westminster for many years!

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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Learning and Teaching Elementary Change Ringing

Synopsis of a Lecture Given by Norman Chaddock

(Continued from page 575)

Common faults to be avoided in the early stages are—late at backstroke when hunting down, wide in 2nds place when hunting up, too close when making the 2nd blow last, wide on the first of the hunting down blows (5ths in Minor) and closed handstroke leads and wide backstroke leads. The remedies for these errors in rhythm and pull should be explained and eliminated.

ACQUIRING ROPESIGHT

The figures of plain hunting or Plain Bob should be studied, and rules for hunting up and hunting down deduced, i.e. when hunting up "follow the bell which followed you on the previous stroke and count your place." Hunting down is more difficult to do and more difficult to define in a simple statement. There are several methods which may be combined until success at hunting down by pure ropesight is achieved. One is to use coursing order, i.e. follow the bells in the same order as when hunting out. Another is to use your course-bell, i.e. follow the bell that follows your course-bell except that you strike over your course-bell for your blow in seconds before leading. Theoretically one can hunt down by careful listening and rhythm alone, but this is too much for most learners. Ultimately the following system is best (say, on six bells). Having struck one blow last, have another blow last at backstroke over whichever bell is last to pull off. Note this bell and disregard it, following the last of the other four bells on the succeeding handstroke. This puts you in 5ths. Now disregard this bell and the previous one to be ignored and follow the last of the other three bells at backstroke. This puts you in 4ths place. Then follow the last of the remaining two bells, putting you in 3rds place at handstroke. Only one bell now remains below you. Follow this one at backstroke in 2nds then lead at almost the same steady pace at handstroke and backstroke. Later the pupil must be taught to lead accurately by vision and rhythm.

It is thus seen that each and every other bell is struck once and once only when hunting up, and once when hunting down, and that ropesight is partly a process of visual elimination and partly being able to see which ropes have pulled off before you and which are being pulled off after you. When hunting up, look only at those being pulled off after you; when hunting down, look only at those being pulled off before you. In practice you get used to seeing only those being pulled off most nearly (in time) to your own bell.

It is most valuable at this stage for a competent tutor to stand with the pupil whilst others are ringing and point out this process.

For the treble in Grandsire Doubles, the coursing order is extremely easy, being 2345 up and down in the first lead, 2534 in the

second, and 2453 in the last lead, with tenor to lead off, and the pupil has had ample leading practice on silenced bells. A pupil's very first introduction to ringing treble might well be to Grandsire Doubles, quickly progressing to Plain Bob Minor.

Before going on to the full course of Plain Bob it is worth while ringing the plain hunt until the pupil has the ability to adjust his rhythm to that required for hunting up and hunting down. There is no harm, indeed there is an advantage in the use of coursing order to get the pupil through his first few courses on the treble, providing this technique is not prolonged. In Minor, the next stage is for the conductor to call "Before and Home," producing the coursing order 65432, a most useful one for teaching hunting down. When the 6th turns treble from behind, for the treble it is "last of 65432, last of 5432, last of 432, last of 32, then 2, then lead." So easy to point out to the beginner on treble. As the pupils gain in confidence, touches should be graded, such as Before and Home (single) repeated. Three Homes, six Homes, etc., gradually progressing to complete mixing up of all the bells. On Major, the touch "Sixth to make three bobs. Three Homes. Wrong and Home twice are useful stages for a beginner on the treble. The beginner should quickly, however, be moved on to an inside bell and not be allowed to continue indefinitely in the "non-dodging" habit of ringing treble.

Common faults when acquiring ropesight include—failure to lead due to not counting place religiously, hesitation or almost setting the bell when the pupil has missed which bell to follow, staring too long at the same bell instead of looking for the next one once the downward stroke is under way, and failure to lead smartly at backstroke because of the preoccupation of looking for the next rope to follow.

MISCELLANEOUS POINTS

The pupil should be encouraged to obtain and study some suitable text books on ringing.

There should be an exchange of question and answer between pupil and tutor, who can test by random questions how much useful knowledge, besides essential basic knowledge, the pupil is assimilating, e.g.: At what stroke are all the blows in even places made when hunting down? At what stroke do you next strike over treble after 5-6 down, and in what place? Scores of such questions can be devised about Plain Bob Minor, designed to make the pupil think. A specimen questionnaire is given at the end of this article.

It is often not possible to carry through an ideal course of instruction because of the needs and difficulties in which a tutor and a band find themselves, and a compromise has to be made. Where there is a fairly good band a balance between good and unavoidably indifferent ringing has to be maintained. Only

those who lack foresight or are selfish will fail to appreciate the need for constant recruitment and training. A good deal of advice on recruitment and running a band of ringers will be found in the Central Council booklet "Ringing for Service."

For individual or group success and interest, progress must be maintained or boredom sets in. Once Plain Bob is mastered, Stedman is an easy next step with many valuable qualities. Short touches are interesting and can be musical. The pupil learns to snap, to lead "wrong" and make "wrong" places and do varied dodges. He usually finds it interesting and satisfying and good for ropesight. Other methods soon follow.

This article may appropriately be concluded with a reference from the writings of Jasper Snowden.

"The bell is controlled by the body and its muscles. The eye places the bell in its correct place by watching the other ropes, whilst the ear criticises the work of body, hand and eye. The brain is ever alert and concentrating on the method being rung."

QUESTIONNAIRE ON ELEMENTARY CHANGE RINGING

- 1.—Write a sentence explaining what you understand by Plain Hunting.
- 2.—When starting Plain Hunt on six bells which direction (up or down) do the odd bells move?
- 3.—Write a short rule for hunting down.
- 4.—At what stroke (Hand or Back) are all the blows in odd places struck when hunting up?
- 5.—At what stroke do you lie in 6ths place behind?
- 6a.—What is meant by the term "dodge"?
- 6b.—At what stroke is it made in Plain Bob?
- 6c.—What causes the dodge?
- 7.—What dodge puts you into 3rds place at the actual dodge (Plain Bob)?
- 8.—What dodge puts you into 6ths place in Plain Bob and when and at what stroke (hunting down) will you strike over treble?
- 9.—At what stroke and in what place do you strike over treble just after 3-4 down?
- 10.—State in words what bell you strike over when dodging back to 3rds in 3-4 up dodge?
- 11.—What is treble doing when the actual dodge takes place?
- 12.—Say what dodge you do when you have struck treble in 4ths place hunting up. When will you next meet treble when you hunt up next time?
- 13.—In what places and at what stroke do you strike over your (1) Course bell. (2) After bell?
- 14.—What is the coursing order for No. 3 in a plain course of Bob Minor (omitting treble)? Who courses 5?

ALDERSHOT'S SUNDAY AT CATHEDRAL

Evensong at Guildford Cathedral on Sunday, August 22nd, was provided by St. Michael's Church, Aldershot. Their ringers rang Grandsire and Stedman Caters, conducted by Mr. Tom Page, and their choir sang in place of the Cathedral choir, who were on holiday. The majority of the congregation also came from Aldershot.

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SINGLES IN CAMBRIDGE

MAXIMUS

By A. S. HUDSON

Since the Single is now gaining recognition as a legitimate call in Surprise ringing, I submit the following five peals of Cambridge Maximus.

In this method it is not possible to obtain a peal without having the 2, 3 or 4 in sixths place at some point, especially if it is desired to obtain the full three courses each with 56 in 56 and 65. The use of singles may overcome this defect to provide peals with only the 5 and 6 in sixths.

Of the peals given below, Nos. 1, 2 and 3 contain "all the 6's and 56's," while Nos. 4 and 5 are given for interest. No. 2 is of particular interest for its simplicity and the fact that it is true irrespective of Incidence, and No. 1 has one extra 56 roll-up, and as far as I can see this must be the maximum number obtainable in 5,280 changes.

I should like to claim authorship of these peals if they have not been previously rung or published.

No. 1 — 5,280				No. 2 — 5,280			
23456	M	W	H	23456	M	W	H
52436	—	—	—	54236	—	—	S
32465	S	S	3	43265	S	2	3
62345	—	S	—	62435	—	—	S
34526	S	—	S	23456	S	2	3
35426	—	—	S				
23456	—	—	3				

No. 3 — 5,042			
23456	M	W	H
42356	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—
24365	S	S	3
63245	—	—	S
25346	—	—	S
34256	—	—	—
52436	S	S	—
(32456)	S	—	—

No. 4 — 5,042				No. 5 — 5,280			
23456	M	W	H	23456	M	W	H
53426	—	S	—	53426	—	S	—
46325	—	—	S	46325	—	—	S
24365	—	—	3	24365	—	—	3
62345	—	—	—	62345	—	—	—
53246	S	—	S	53246	S	—	S
32456	—	2	S	42536	—	—	S
				45236	—	—	S
				23456	—	—	—

Rounds at W in tenth course.

WENTWORTH RINGERS IN EAST RIDING

Thirty ringers and friends from Wentworth and Bradfield Rawmarsh and Wath-on-Dearne held their annual tour on August 7th. An hour on the excellent ring at Howden (8.22 cwt.) was followed by two country ground-floor sixes at Eastrington (10 cwt.) and Wakington (7 cwt.), which enabled the non-ringers to watch the ringing.

Dinner was taken in Beverley, but despite delay in leaving the city, the ring-road round Hull provided a short cut to Hedon. Geoff's Grandsire Triples on the 17 cwt. eight in this massive tower did not quite go, nor did Edwin's Bob Major but the visit was still enjoyed. Patrington's triangular tunnel entrance caused more sore knees than sore tempers before we reached Withernsea.

After tea we rang on the 13 cwt. six at St. Nicholas' Church, which would go without any trouble if the ropes were renewed. The final tower was at Burstwick (6) and home was reached by 11 p.m. after an enjoyable day.

M.K.

LATE NOTICES

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

HOLT.—The address of P.C. Richard Holt, Secretary of the National Police Guild, is 15, Gressingham Walk, Scotforth, Lancaster. 7512

MAY.—As from September 6th the address of Harold A May will be: The Police House, West Street, Haslemere. 7509

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Exeter Branch.—Practice meeting on Saturday, September 4th, Newton St. Cyres. Bells 7-9.—G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road, Exeter. 7504

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Brishford, September 11th. Numbers for tea by 7th, please.—A. R. Tudball. 7500

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Meeting, Handley, Saturday, September 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Numbers for tea to R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec., 35, Appleyards Lane, Chester, by Thursday, September 9th, please. 7501

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.E. District. — Meeting at Boreham (8) on Saturday, September 11th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible to J. P. Brandon, 424, Baddow Road, Chelmsford. (72-100). Special method: London. 7510

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, September 11th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Cherryman, 1, Borough Hill Cottage, School Lane, Pirbright, by previous Wednesday.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 7506

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Cottesbrooke, Saturday, September 11th. Names for tea must be received by Tuesday previous. — J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby. 7508

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 11th, Woodford (8) 2.30-4 p.m. Tea at Dagenham Church Hall at 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. Dagenham (8) 6-8 p.m. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15. 7505

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD OF RINGERS. — The A.G.M. will be held at Hereford on Saturday, September 25th. Members meet for coffee at the Mayor's Parlour 11 a.m. Luncheon City Arms 1 p.m. Ringing details will be circulated to members. All names and addresses, not later than 17th, to P.C. Cousins, Police Station, Ross-on-Wye. Price of tickets 17/6. Any items for the agenda to Hon. Secretary, P.C. Holt, 15, Gressingham Walk, Scotforth, Lancaster. 7511

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social, Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Leicester, October 23rd, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (18/6) from Mr. J. Jelley, 17, Linley Green, Cosby, Leicester, before October 16th. B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7507

LONG LENGTH NOTICE

Dear Sir,—Herewith notice that an attempt will be made to ring 10,080 changes of Grandsire Triples at Edenham, Lincs, on Saturday, September 4th, 1965, commencing at 9.30 a.m.

I understand the previous record was set up by the St. Peter Mancroft Society, Norwich, some considerable time ago.—Yours sincerely,

DENNIS A. FRITH.

Grantham.

Miss Maureen Green, of 51, Vernon Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts, has been re-elected secretary of this tower and asks that all correspondence be forwarded to her.

The ringer of the fourth bell in the peal of Doubles rung at Bradfield (page 569) was John Smalley and not John Smelley, as printed.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Leonard Stilwell, of Worthing, gave a good interview to the B.B.C. South-Eastern News on his forthcoming Australian and New Zealand trip. Its broadcast on August 25th created much interest.

The older members of the band at East Woodhay, Hants, on August 11th, were most impressed by the way that 10-year-old Peter Furness rang the second bell to his first peal. At his present rate of progress it will not be long before he rings one of Major.

Mr. Joseph T. Dyke, of Chilcompton, who for the past eight years has been housebound, has entered Paulton Hospital, near Bristol, for treatment, and expects to be there for three weeks. He sends his good wishes to all his ringing friends.

The quarter peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Solihull on August 15th was a compliment to Robert Hutchings, brother of Richard and Merryn, who rang on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Elizabeth Vickers at St. Peter's Church, Anlaby, Hull, the previous day.

Lustre was added to the 93rd birthday of Mr. John Pugsby, of Minehead, by the presence of the Rev. H. F. Warren, Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, to ring in the congratulatory quarter peal at Minehead. Mr. Pugsby is past captain of this tower and Ringing Master of the Bath and Wells Association.

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SHEFFIELD SIX RING AGAIN AFTER 60 YEARS

In 1895 John Taylor's placed in the Victorian tower of St. Mary's, Walkley, Sheffield, a ring of six bells with a tenor of 13 cwt. Seemingly the introduction of a clock and overlarge clockcase, plus the possibility of complaints, as the church was, and still is, in a built-up area, resulted in the then local band breaking up after only about ten years.

Except for a somewhat irregular use of an Ellacombe apparatus, the tower and the bells were neglected until 1960. Then the church architect recommended that the pigeon dirt in the bell chamber be removed and all the windows in the tower and spire be covered with strong netting. The dirt was removed, the netting was added and under further advice from Taylors the Ellacombe ropes were renewed and the Vicar (the Rev. H. E. George) set up a definite system for chiming the bells.

To ringers in South Yorkshire none of this was known and it was thought that the bells were totally unringable. However, the writer, heartened by restoration experiences in the York region, visited Walkley in February, 1965, and in a short inspection discovered that comparatively minor work was needed to get the bells to ring again. They are hung in two tiers, with the three trebles on the upper layer. Messrs. John Gilbert and John Seagar next inspected the bells and work began, with Sheffield University help, in removing the rusted slider stops (run on a metal bar) and also four rope pulley blocks. Geoff Pilkington, of Rawmarsh, came next with renewed pulley blocks, and three youngsters from Bradfield helped in clearing nearly one and a half sacks of dirt. The fifth visit saw bells 1 to 4 fitted with borrowed ropes and finally with easy-going sliders they were raised on August 9th. A week later, on August 16th, all the bells were raised singly. Rounds, a 180 of Bob Minor, call changes and an excellent lower in peal broke the 60 years of "idleness."

Getting these bells to ring again has involved quite a number of ringers in the Sheffield area and all are to be congratulated on the result, for despite the noisiness of the bells, the cramped ringing space and the odd angles that some of the ropes have to fall, the striking achieved was highly satisfactory, as was the "go."

Until a further announcement, will tower "grabbers" not ask for these bells, as the Vicar hopes to have a local band trained, and efforts to get a local band must take priority over "secular" ringing. However, a quarter peal is to be attempted prior to the church's harvest festival on October 7th.

FIRST PEAL SOUVENIR

Graham K. Austin has a very good souvenir of his first peal attempt, which was on the tenor to Stedman Triples at Emmanuel Church, Everton, on August 14th. He managed to arrange for a tape recording to be taken of the beginning and a large part of the peal. At the same time Robert E. J. Dennis rang his first of Stedman. Grandfather Thomas R. Butler thinks very highly of these two young men. The peal was in honour of the conductor's first grandchild.

WELCOME, GREAT ADVENTURERS!

The new president of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Bellringers is Mr. Henry Bagot, in succession to Miss Enid Lloyd Roberts. In the August issue of "The Ringing Towers" he writes: "Those of us who attended the A.N.Z.A.B. annual meeting and rang in Melbourne in June can hardly have failed to take away an impression of the vitality and improved standard of bellringing in Australia."

"... I think it is true to say that ringing in Australia and New Zealand has 'grown up' in the past 20 years. The enthusiasm of many, guided by the energetic direction of several English ringers very well known to us all, has brought us to the stage now where we shall be able to greet our new Great Adventurers in September not so much as exemplars but as equals, and it is certain that they and all those supporting their venture will be delighted that this is so."

"I know I express the expectations of the whole Association when I say that Great Adventure II will be a memorable event indeed, and I am sure that every tower and every ringer will be ready to make the occasion eminently worthwhile for all concerned."

"Welcome, Great Adventurers!"

MORE PEAL TOURS

A very successful peal week was held in Yorkshire from July 31st to August 7th, during which 18 peals were scored. No fewer than seven of the party of 22 shared in the conducting. These were W. Eric Critchley (six), Richard E. Price, W. F. Moreton and J. H. Fielden (three each), Michael W. Crowder, Ronald Ducker and J. A. D. Woolford (one each). A new method—Skelton Surprise—was rung during the tour.

Mr. J. Martin Thorley had his week's tour in Rutland area from August 9th to August 14th and scored seven peals. Some 12 ringers participated and the conducting was shared by J. M. Thorley (two), R. H. Cook (two), R. D. Bailey, A. G. Payne and D. J. Jones (one each).

ALAS! SO NEAR

Miss Janet Walker, who is shortly leaving Scarborough for Pinner, Middlesex, rang her longest length when she stood in a farewell peal attempt at St. Mary's, Scarborough, on August 19th. Alas! it was not a peal. While in the seventh extent of a peal of Plain Bob Minor there was a miscall after 2 hours 35 minutes' ringing. The band was A. King 1, Janet Walker 2, M. King 3, W. Hudson 4, S. Wright 5, E. P. King (conductor) 6. Despite not achieving a peal, the conductor congratulates Janet on her ringing and assures her that she will be missed.

POSTAL DELAYS

Monday is the last day for Notices, as we start printing that afternoon. Here are a few of last Thursday's deliveries with dates and times of posting: Retford 5.30 p.m. Sunday; Bedford 7 p.m. Sunday; Southend-on-Sea 7 p.m. Sunday; Stratford-on-Avon, 6.45 p.m. Sunday; Nottingham 7 p.m. Sunday.

MR. CECIL W. PIPE IN WASHINGTON

Mr. Rick Dirksen, bellmaster, Washington Cathedral, writes that at their practice on July 21st they were both pleased and honoured to have as their guest Mr. Cecil W. Pipe, of Grundisburgh and father of their old friend, Mr. George Pipe, who was one of the ten ringers present at the dedication of the bells.

"Mr. Pipe was good enough to conduct a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor, which we rang in 57 minutes on the light six with the bells yoked but struck by small 'ting-tangers' attached to the yoke. Mr. Pipe commented that it was a fine quarter and would have sounded very well on open bells, but our neighbourhood would not stand for such a thing at 8 p.m. on a summer evening."

While Mr. Pipe was ringing he was sketched by Miss Edith Irwin, sister of Sarah (one of the band). "A very good likeness," said Mr. Pipe. "Won't my son Roddy be envious to hear that I not only rang a quarter there, but had my picture drawn while doing so."

Mr. Dirksen concludes: "We look forward to welcoming any ringers who appear in our tower. Practices during the remainder of the summer are on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. and on Saturdays at 10 a.m. If they can plan to be at Washington on the Saturdays, we shall be able to ring the bells open for them."

RINGERS WITH IDENTICAL NAMES MARRIED

Two bellringers with identical surnames—Miss Jill Felgate, of Dovercourt, and Mr. John Francis Felgate, of Parkeston, were married at St. Nicholas' Church, Harwich, on August 14th. They are gold medallists in ballroom dancing. The choral service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. N. Thomas).

The bride, given away by her father, wore a white figured brocade empire line dress. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. Cansdale, and Miss Dawn Whycraft, cousin of the bridegroom. The best man was Mr. David Felgate, brother of the bridegroom. The reception was held at Parkeston Railway Club and the honeymoon spent in the Channel Islands.

Fellow ringers of the happy couple attempted a peal of Plain Bob Major on Harwich bells but unfortunately this was lost after 2 hours 25 minutes.

BRIDES LIKE BELLS

From the lips of the Rector of Weston Favell one recent Sunday morning came the words (not once but 15 times)—I publish the banns of marriage between . . . bachelor. and . . . spinster, nine being for the third time of asking, four for the second and two for the first. All except four want bells! Is there another church anywhere which can beat Weston Favell's wedding bells records? If no others are forthcoming, with those on hand they will have rung for 32 this year. Every Saturday up to October is booked for at least one wedding—three requests for bells are for Saturday, August 21st. Weston Favell has only five bells and are a minor five at that. Unfortunately there is no room for a sixth.

TOWER BELL PEALS A YORKSHIRE PEAL WEEK

ALL FOR THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
WATH-ON-DEARNE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.	
James A. D. Woolford .. Treble	Michael W. Crowder .. 5
Jean F. Woolford .. 2	Barry Sullivan .. 6
Vivian Nutton .. 3	David S. Johnson .. 7
Peter Scholfield .. 4	Ronald Ducker .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

SHELLEY, Yorkshire.—At Emmanuel Church.
On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

In 35 methods, being (1) Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck and Canterbury, (2) St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Childwall and Thelwall, (3) Walsingham, Lammas, Olney, Fulmer, Cromer, Steventon, Tibenham, Chalfont Alliance and Little Bob, (4) Old Oxford, St. Albans, Wragby and Charlwood Delight, (5) Neasden, College Bob IV, Wilsden and Newdigate Delight, (6) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Ockley Treble Bob, (7) Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston and Capel Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.	
Stuart Armeson .. Treble	Richard E. Price .. 4
Howard Scott .. 2	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 5
W. Eric Critchley .. 3	Trevor Tarbutt .. Tenor

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

WAKEFIELD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35 cwt. 1 qr.	
Howard Scott .. Treble	Vernon Bottomley .. 7
W. Eric Critchley .. 2	Vivian Nutton .. 8
Iris Lemare .. 3	J. Henry Fielden .. 9
Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 4	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 10
Stuart Armeson .. 5	James A. D. Woolford .. 11
Michael W. Crowder .. 6	Richard E. Price .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard E. Price.

CROFTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Cambridge S., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.	
Catherine R. Slater .. Treble	Barry Sullivan .. 4
Frances Fairbank .. 2	David S. Johnson .. 5
Peter Scholfield .. 3	Ronald Ducker .. Tenor

Conducted by Ronald Ducker.

HEDON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.	
Ronald Ducker .. Treble	Michael W. Crowder .. 5
Howard Scott .. 2	Fred Ross .. 6
Iris Lemare .. 3	Stuart Armeson .. 7
W. Eric Critchley .. 4	Richard E. Price .. Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

GOOLE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.
On Mon., Aug. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 WHITMINSTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.	
Barry Sullivan .. Treble	Vivian Nutton .. 5
Jean F. Woolford .. 2	J. Henry Fielden .. 6
James A. D. Woolford .. 3	David S. Johnson .. 7
Peter Scholfield .. 4	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. Tenor

Composed by F. N. Golden. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

EASINGWOLD, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Tues., Aug. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in A flat.	
Vivian Nutton .. Treble	Ronald Ducker .. 5
Frances Fairbank .. 2	David S. Johnson .. 6
Jean F. Woolford .. 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 7
Peter Scholfield .. 4	James A. D. Woolford .. Tenor

Composed by G. Lewis. Conducted by James A. D. Woolford.

SHAROW, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Divine.
On Tues., Aug. 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey, with 127 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 12 cwt. 5 lb.	
Stuart Armeson .. Treble	Barry Sullivan .. 5
Iris Lemare .. 2	J. Henry Fielden .. 6
Howard Scott .. 3	Richard E. Price .. 7
W. Eric Critchley .. 4	Fred Ross .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Tues., Aug. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.	
Iris Lemare .. Treble	David S. Johnson .. 5
Fred Ross .. 2	Ronald Ducker .. 6
Peter Scholfield .. 3	Stuart Armeson .. 7
W. Eric Critchley .. 4	Richard E. Price .. Tenor

Composed by M. Hodgson. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

HOLBECK, Leeds, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Wed., Aug. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.	
Peter Scholfield .. Treble	Ronald Ducker .. 5
Jean F. Woolford .. 2	David S. Johnson .. 6
James A. D. Woolford .. 3	Fred Ross .. 7
Barry Sullivan .. 4	Richard E. Price .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

NORTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Aug. 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.	
Jean F. Woolford .. Treble	Stuart Armeson .. 5
Iris Lemare .. 2	Richard E. Price .. 6
Howard Scott .. 3	David S. Johnson .. 7
W. Eric Critchley .. 4	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

WHITBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Aug. 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb.	
Richard E. Price .. Treble	Barry Sullivan .. 6
James A. D. Woolford .. 2	Vivian Nutton .. 7
Ronald Ducker .. 3	David S. Johnson .. 8
Peter Scholfield .. 4	Fred Ross .. 9
Stuart Armeson .. 5	J. Henry Fielden .. Tenor

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Aug. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SKELTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 16 lb. in E flat.	
Barry Sullivan .. Treble	Stuart Armeson .. 5
Iris Lemare .. 2	Fred Ross .. 6
Vivian Nutton .. 3	James A. D. Woolford .. 7
W. Eric Critchley .. 4	Richard E. Price .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

The first peal in the method.

GUISBOROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Fri., Aug. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 10 methods, being (1) Double Court, (2) Oxford Bob, (3) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Cambridge S., (5) Oxford T.B., (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in G sharp.	
Jean F. Woolford .. Treble	David S. Johnson .. 4
Peter Scholfield .. 2	Ronald Ducker .. 5
Howard Scott .. 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

ORMESBY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.

On Fri., Aug. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E.	
Howard Scott .. Treble	Fred Ross .. 5
Frances Fairbank .. 2	Barry Sullivan .. 6
Vivian Nutton .. 3	Stuart Armeson .. 7
W. Eric Critchley .. 4	Richard E. Price .. Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

OTLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, being 1,600 London, 1,600 Rutland and 320 each of Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire, Pudsey and Lincolnshire, with 129 changes of method.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.	
Fred Ross .. Treble	Neil Donovan .. 5
James A. D. Woolford .. 2	Barry Sullivan .. 6
Stuart Armeson .. 3	Ronald Ducker .. 7
W. Eric Critchley .. 4	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

SKELTON SURPRISE MAJOR

—58—14, 58—58, 36, 14—14, 58—14, 56, 7.
2nds place lead-end 3527486.

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr.

James A. D. Woolford .. Treble	Howard Scott 5
Iris Lemare 2	Fred Ross 6
Frances Fairbank 3	Vivian Nutton 7
Jean F. Woolford 4	J. Henry Fielden .. Tenor

Composed by W. Barton.

Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

GIGGLESWICK, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Alkelda.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in A flat.

Stuart Armeson Treble	Ronald Ducker 5
Peter Scholfield 2	Neil Donovan 6
Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 7
W. Eric Critchley 4	Vernon Bottomley .. Tenor

Composed by E. Bennett.

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

A RUTLAND AREA PEAL WEEK

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEENE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Aug. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED MINOR

Being seven extents in fourteen methods: (1) Cambridge and Ipswich, (2) Hereward and Single Oxford, (3) Oxford and Kent, (4) Thelwall and Childwall, (5) Surfleet and Beverley, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (7) Double and Plain, 34 changes of method. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Alan G. Payne Treble	Roger D. Bailey 4
Kenneth B. Sissons 2	Roland H. Cook 5
Derek J. Jones 3	J. Martin Thorley .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

GLASTON, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Tues., Aug. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one extent. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*Derek J. Jones Treble	Alan G. Payne 4
Roland H. Cook 2	*J. Martin Thorley .. . 5
Kenneth B. Sissons 3	Roger D. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

* 25th peal together.

EATON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Denys.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Single Oxford, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

J. Martin Thorley Treble	Keith R. Davey 4
*E. Ann Sadler 2	Alap G. Payne 5
Roland H. Cook 3	Roger D. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

* First peal of Minor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASFORDBY, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Aug. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Westminster, York, Beverley, Ipswich, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 13½ cwt.

Roger D. Bailey Treble	Alan G. Payne 4
Kenneth B. Sissons 2	Roland H. Cook 5
Derek J. Jones 3	J. Martin Thorley .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

A compliment to the conductor and Paddy, on their eleventh wedding anniversary.

QUADRING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Fri., Aug. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Wells, Durham, Allendale, Norwich, Primrose, Berwick and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

Kenneth B. Sissons Treble	Roger D. Bailey 4
Derek J. Jones 2	Alan G. Payne 5
J. Martin Thorley 3	Roland H. Cook Tenor

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

A birthday compliment to Janet E. Hubbard and Julie Kendrick.

BICKER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Swithin.

On Fri., Aug. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*Patricia F. Rooney .. Treble	Derek J. Jones 5
Roland H. Cook 2	Kenneth B. Sissons .. . 6
Alan G. Payne 3	†Roger D. Bailey 7
†David R. Baxter 4	†J. Martin Thorley .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

* First peal of Major. † First of Surprise Major. ‡ 50th peal together.

HECKINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt

Kenneth B. Sissons Treble	Alan G. Payne 5
Derek J. Jones 2	Roger D. Bailey 6
Janet E. Hubbard 3	Roland H. Cook 7
Graham J. N. Colborne .. 4	J. Martin Thorley .. Tenor

Arranged by R. D. Bailey.

Conducted by Derek J. Jones.

First peal of Major as conductor.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

YEOVIL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 40 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in C.

Michael J. Hobbs Treble	Peter Bridle 6
Richard J. Bowden 2	James R. Taylor 7
Martin C. Press 3	John C. Slater 8
*Trevor A. Cross 4	D. John Hunt 9
David P. Hilling 5	Ralph G. Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* 450th peal.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHILL, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Ipswich, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

George W. Massey .. Treble	Philip Mehew 4
*Robert D. Bellamy .. . 2	Peter Woollven 5
*Bernard G. North .. . 3	George E. Bonham .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter Woollven.

* First peal of seven methods "inside."

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

WELCOMBE, Devon.—At the Church of St. Nectan.

On Thurs., July 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb. in B.

George A. Dawson .. Treble	Margaret A. Bould .. . 4
Margaret E. Chilton .. 2	D. Roy Bould 5
Yvonne C. Porter 3	John R. Pratchett .. Tenor

Conducted by John R. Pratchett.

A welcome to Rachael Jane Atkin, niece of the conductor, born the previous day; also a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. L. Exton.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HARSTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob, and one each of Oxford and Kent T.B. and St. Clement's Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Jan+ K. A. Cook Treble	Henry C. Foster 4
*Michael Hawes 2	Michael W. Carter .. . 5
J. Richard Hough 3	Harold S. Peacock .. Tenor

Conducted by Harold S. Peacock.

* First peal.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT HOLLAND, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sun., Aug. 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 15 cwt.

Stanley T. Leach .. Treble	Walter Arnold 5
Lesley Ward 2	Peter G. Pitt 6
Brian J. Vaughan 3	Frank B. Lufkin 7
Neil V. Avis 4	Geoffrey H. Isgar .. Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard.

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

Rung to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the rebuilding of the church.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

Parker's Twelve-Part .. Treble	Valerie Willard 5
Angela Grainger 2	Ivor Goulter 6
*Anna Sadowska 2	Cyril A. Wratten 7
Shirley M. Drew 3	Robert Dowdeswell .. Tenor
John R. Norris 4	

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal on eight bells.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Wendy Bird and Paul Treble, after their wedding at this church earlier in the day.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Sun., Aug. 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Gillian M. Hussey Treble	James R. Taylor 5
*Alan Tubb 2	John C. Slater 6
Michael J. Hobbs 3	D. John Hunt 7
Martin C. Press 4	Ralph G. Edwards Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* First peal of London.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.

On Wed., Aug. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*Richard J. Bowden Treble	David P. Hilling 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	James R. Taylor 6
*Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 3	D. John Hunt 7
John C. Slater 4	John H. Gilbert Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* 200th peal.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 ERIN TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*Julia A. Fellows Treble	†Susan E. Smith 5
†Gillian M. Brearley 2	*Thomas J. Lock 6
†Keith J. Walpole 3	*Kenneth J. Darvill 7
†Christine M. Rimmer 4	†Peter T. Dale Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.
* First peal of Erin Triples. † First of Erin. First of Triples as conductor.

HITCHIN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

Caroline Harris Treble	Robert N. Harris 5
Mary S. Taylor 2	Vernon Green 6
John Faircloth 3	D. Kay Adkins 7
Peter F. Wigley 4	Kenneth R. Dunstan Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
A compliment to Ann and Rex Agg on the birth of a son (Philip James).

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

Frank E. Darby Treble	Stanley Jenner 5
Ann Jenner 2	*D. Paul Smith 6
Olive D. Tester 3	Colin A. Tester 7
Andrew J. Corby 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.
* First peal in the method.

Rung in honour of the marriage earlier in the day between Robert W. Hinde and Hilary F. Martin, at Chelsfield.

ST. MARY CRAY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) Single Oxford and St. Clement's, (3) Plain Bob and Double Oxford, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob.	Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G.
*Michael H. O'Callaghan Treble	Ian H. Oram 4
*John Manley 2	D. Paul Smith 5
Richard G. Crosland 3	Tony Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.
* Most methods to a peal. Most methods as conductor.
Rung on the Feast of St. Clare.

CHELSEFIELD, Kent.—At the Church of St. Martin of Tours.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of London Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.	
*Mrs. A. J. Blatcher .. Treble	†David C. Manger 4
†Jennifer M. Payne 2	Ian H. Oram 5
†Raymond J. Talbot 3	Nicholas J. Martin Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* First peal. † Most methods to a peal.

Rung with the best wishes of the band following the marriage at this church between Robert W. Hind and Hilary F. Martin, both of the local band.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sun., Aug. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Being 336 Little and 4,704 Plain, with 12 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

*Raymond Helliwell .. Treble	John H. Fielden 5
†Michael Bell 2	John T. Parsons 6
Maryl Crossthwaite 3	Roger Leigh 7
John P. Partington 4	Anthony Helliwell Tenor

Composed by G. Williams. Conducted by Roger Leigh.

* First peal of Major. † First of Major "inside." 200th peal in the tower.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Aug. 11, 1965 in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

John A. Booth Treble	Christine Andrew 5
Alan McFall 2	Derek Butterworth 6
*Margaret P. Booth 3	Neil Bennett 7
Iris M. E. Lemare 4	†Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Alan McFall.

* First peal in the method. † 400th peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

LIVERPOOL, Lancashire.—At the Church of Emmanuel, Everton.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation.	Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A.
Jack N. Brown Treble	Terence M. FitzGerald .. 5
*Robert E. J. Dennis 2	Edwin C. Birkett 6
Thomas R. Butler 3	Thomas W. Hesketh 7
Dennis R. Jones 4	†Graham K. Austin Tenor

Conducted by Thomas R. Butler.

* First peal in the method. † First peal and first attempt.

Rung to welcome Andrew Thomas Gosling, the newly-born grandson of the conductor.

BOLTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary, Deane.

On Wed., Aug. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*Peter McDonagh Treble	Christopher A. Lomax 4
Philip A. Mason 2	John P. Partington 5
Dorothy Mason 3	John Ashcroft Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

* First peal.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

On Mon., Aug. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb.

Richard Grant Treble	Jack P. Kesterton 6
Malcolm Wade 2	Derek Sawyer 7
Mrs. D. Hunting 3	Herrick B. Bowley 8
Peter J. Staniforth 4	Roland Cook 9
David Wilford 5	Russell S. Morris Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.

Rung with the best wishes of the Cathedral ringers to the Rev. Derek Goodman, M.A., former bellringer and chorister at Leicester Cathedral, on his induction as Rector of Eastwood, Notts, on July 24th, 1965.

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Aug. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Roger I. Kendrick .. Treble	Malcolm D. Barsby .. 5
Mary C. Poyner .. 2	B. Stedman Payne .. 6
J. Martin Thorley .. 3	Harry Poyner .. 7
Rupert A. Clarke .. 4	Alan E. Jacques .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

CLAYBROOKE PARVA, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., Aug. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*Roger I. Kendrick .. Treble	*B. Stedman Payne .. 5
*Mary C. Poyner .. 2	J. Martin Thorley .. 6
*Malcolm D. Barsby .. 3	Harry Poyner .. 7
*Rupert A. Clarke .. 4	Alan E. Jacques .. Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Harry Poyner.

* First peal of Rutland. First of Rutland as conductor.

QUORN, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Fri., Aug. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

Middleton's.	Rupert A. Clarke .. 5
Roger I. Kendrick .. Treble	Alan E. Jacques .. 6
*Harry Poyner .. 2	J. Martin Thorley .. 7
Mary C. Poyner .. 3	*B. Stedman Payne .. Tenor
Malcolm D. Barsby .. 4	

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

* 50th peal together. † 50th peal of Surprise Major and first of Surprise as conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHELMSFORD, Essex.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin and SS. Peter and Cedd.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C sharp.

Delia E. Heppenstall .. Treble	Harold F. Gibson .. 7
Jack L. Millhouse .. 2	James W. Raithby .. 8
Jane K. A. Cook .. 3	Peter A. Sharp .. 9
Joyce M. Gurphill .. 4	Geoffrey R. Parker .. 10
A. Robin Heppenstall .. 5	Geoffrey Paul .. 11
Peter J. Eves .. 6	John R. Pratchett .. Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HETHERSETT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Remigius.

On Fri., Aug. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

F. Charles Goodman .. Treble	David Cubitt .. 5
Peter Adcock .. 2	John Cox .. 6
Geoffrey H. Pullin .. 3	Nolan Golden .. 7
George Sayer .. 4	Martin Cubitt .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

First in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THATCHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Aug. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

*Norma M. Jennings .. Treble	David L. Wilcox .. 5
Reginald W. Rex .. 2	William Butler .. 6
Mary E. Marshall .. 3	Ronald C. Christopher .. 7
H. Jillian Pike .. 4	Roger B. Pike .. Tenor

Composed by James Topp.

Conducted by William Butler.

* First peal.

OXFORD.—At the City Church of St. Martin and All Saints.

On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work in each method for every bell.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A flat.

Barry J. Davis .. Treble	Frederick R. Scott .. 5
Peter J. Heritage .. 2	Michael W. Coleman .. 6
Victor Griffin .. 3	Edward R. Venn .. 7
Frank Osbaldiston .. 4	J. Keith Ward .. Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies.

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major as conductor.

WITNEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Christopher C. Clarke .. Treble	Michael W. Coleman .. 5
Frank Osbaldiston .. 2	Frederick R. Scott .. 6
Anthony D. Sansom .. 3	Edward R. Venn .. 7
William Birmingham .. 4	J. Keith Ward .. Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce.

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sun., Aug. 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*Graham C. Paul .. Treble	*Alan A. Paul .. 6
*Roger W. Smith .. 2	*Michael R. Bennett .. 7
*Geoffrey F. Thompson .. 3	Charles E. Truman .. 8
*Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 4	Richard F. B. Speed .. 9
*David J. Marshall .. 5	Patrick I. Chapman .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

* First peal of Caters.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sun., Aug. 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Roger W. Smith .. Treble	Charles E. Truman .. 6
Patrick I. Chapman .. 2	David J. Marshall .. 7
James Linnell .. 3	Alan A. Paul .. 8
Stanley F. Webb .. 4	Graham C. Paul .. 9
Malcolm J. V. Chown .. 5	Richard F. B. Speed .. Tenor

Composed by Joseph Riley.

Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

UPPINGHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Wed., Aug. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

J. Martin Thorley .. Treble	Christopher J. Groome .. 5
*E. Ann Sadler .. 2	Roger I. Kendrick .. 6
Mrs. M. T. Stimson .. 3	Gerald W. Reynolds .. 7
Robert C. Woodward .. 4	*B. Stedman Payne .. Tenor

Composed by P. O. Bixby.

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* First peal. † 300th tower bell peal.
Rung as a compliment to John Woolley and Margaret C. Woodward, both Uppingham ringers, on their wedding day.

EASTON NESTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In ten methods, being 576 each of Ashted, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 Bristol, and 384 each of London, Rutland and Uxbridge, with 130 changes of method.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

George F. Roome .. Treble	Barry E. Saunders .. 5
James Linnell .. 2	Alan A. Paul .. 6
Graham C. Paul .. 3	Charles E. Truman .. 7
Roger W. Smith .. 4	George W. Holland .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in ten methods for all, and first of Spliced Surprise on the bells.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHWELL, Nottinghamshire.—At the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Tues., Aug. 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in D.

Peter A. Sharp .. Treble	*Margaret E. Chilton .. 7
Beryl N. Reed .. 2	Harold F. Gibson .. 8
Jack L. Millhouse .. 3	James W. Raithby .. 9
*Peter R. Humphrey .. 4	John R. Pratchett .. 10
William L. Exton .. 5	Harry Parks .. 11
Geoffrey Paul .. 6	*George A. Dawson .. Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by Peter A. Sharp.

* First peal on twelve bells. First of Stedman as conductor.

BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., July 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 24 lb.

Jean F. Woolford .. Treble	Harold Gibson .. 5
Beryl N. Reed .. 2	Geoffrey Paul .. 6
James A. D. Woolford .. 3	Colin W. Reed .. 7
Walter Tomlinson .. 4	John Freeman .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by John Freeman.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
HOLME PIERREPONT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Wed., Aug. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.
William L. Exton Treble | Maurice W. Harrison .. 4
Ruth Blackshaw 2 | Graham Fisher 5
Peter K. Else 3 | Sydney Adams Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. Joseph Lee, first Vicar of All Hallows', Lady Bay, West Bridgford.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

LITTLE ASTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Aug. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.
*Susan P. Williams Treble | David W. Barr 4
Marilyn C. Smith 2 | Edward W. Colley 5
P. George Golder 3 | S. Clarke Walters Tenor

Conducted by S. Clarke Walters.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Cynthia Follis and John Allen, and Wendy Smith and Andrew Strathdee, on their engagements.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.
*G. William Shanks .. Treble | *Christopher G. Barnes .. 6
Patricia Rogers 2 | Alan R. Patterson 7
Richard C. Stevens 3 | †Michael J. Uphill 8
Alan E. Bagworth 4 | Christopher H. Rogers .. 9
Alan R. Millidge 5 | Christopher F. Mew .. Tenor

Composed by William Hudson.

Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.

* First peal on ten bells. † 50th peal. First peal of Caters as conductor, first attempt.

A compliment to Stewart Kimber and Jean Lavender, of the Beddington band, on their wedding day. Also to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rawlings, of Beckenham, who celebrate their 46th wedding anniversary on August 11th.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAYFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 4 lb. in E.
Valerie J. Howard .. Treble | †Herbert W. Woollven .. 5
C. Jane Smart 2 | Derek Slater 6
W. Arthur Riddington .. 3 | John A. Howard 7
*James M. Hills 4 | Frank H. Hicks Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

* First peal away from cover. † 100th tower for a peal.

NEWICK, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kept Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grand-sire. Tenor 5 cwt. 27 lb. in B.
Rosemary Earl .. Treble | Janet M. Percy 4
*Betty Percy 2 | Michael J. Bew 5
Catherine M. Powell .. 3 | Alan R. Baldock Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Baldock.

* 50th peal. First in seven methods by all except ringer of 5th. 25th peal as conductor.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARTON STACEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sun., Aug. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 15 methods: (1) London and Wells, (2) York and Durham, (3) Westminster and Allendale, (4) Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge S., (5) Kent and Oxford T.B., (6) Single and Double Oxford, (7) St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 12 lb. in A.
Eunice A. Lewis .. Treble | Brian Bladon 4
Denby Murduck .. Treble | Brian J. Luff 5
*Peter Furniss 2 | Geoffrey K. Dodd 5
Reginald F. Crook .. 3 | Philip Murduck Tenor

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

EAST WOODHAY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Wed., Aug. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in six callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.
Denby Murduck .. Treble | Bradley Murduck 4
*Peter Furniss 2 | Geoffrey K. Dodd 5
Reginald F. Crook .. 3 | Philip Murduck Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal at first attempt. First peal of Plain Bob Minor on the bells.

CHURCH OAKLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods: two extents each of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B. and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in G.
Paul G. Holmes .. Treble | David L. Wilcox 4
*Kay Winterbourne .. 2 | Michael S. Holbrook .. 5
†R. Christine Hassell .. 3 | Roger B. Pike Tenor

Conducted by Roger B. Pike.

* First peal "inside." † First "inside" in three methods.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

EVESHAM, Worcestershire.—At the Bell Tower.

On Wed., Aug. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in C sharp.
A. James Poyner .. Treble | Edward C. Colley 7
Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 2 | Brian S. Chapman 8
John C. Eisel 3 | Gerald C. Hemming .. 9
Martin D. Fellows .. 4 | Michael J. Fellows 10
*Malcolm E. Wade .. 5 | Russell S. Morris 11
E. Alan Jacques 6 | John M. Jelley Tenor

Composed by Leslie W. G. Morris. Conducted by G. J. Hemming.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus and completes the method from Minor to Maximus. First peal of Surprise Maximus as conductor.

Rung on the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Evesham.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., July 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.
Ronald H. Dove .. Treble | C. Barrie Dove 5
Derek Cox 2 | Arnold Cole 6
James S. Webb 3 | Harold B. Schofield .. 7
Adrian C. Boorman .. 4 | Roger J. Lumley Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

CALVERLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Thurs., Aug. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. Treble | Adrian C. Boorman .. 5
Peter Dawson 2 | Harold B. Schofield .. 6
Olivia A. Marshall .. 3 | Roger J. Lumley 7
James S. Webb 4 | C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

First peal of Little Bob for conductor.

A wedding compliment to Ruth Appleby and John Parker.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.
R. Susan Jackson .. Treble | Ronald H. Dove 5
Arnold Cole 2 | C. Barrie Dove 6
Robin Brown 3 | Adrian C. Boorman .. 7
Daphne P. Brown .. 4 | Roger J. Lumley Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

QUEENSBURY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. in F.
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. Treble | John W. Gibson 5
*Stephen R. Munday .. 2 | Harold B. Schofield .. 6
B. Gillian Schofield .. 3 | †Frederick A. Munday .. 7
J. Henry Fielden .. 4 | Roy Bettley-Cooke .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Kippin.

Conducted by Roy Bettley-Cooke.

* First peal of Surprise. † 200th peal.

BRIDLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Priory Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in D.
Frances Fairbank .. Treble | J. Henry Fielden 5
Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 2 | David S. Johnson 6
Vernon Bottomley .. 3 | Fred Ross 7
W. Eric Critchley .. 4 | Wilfrid F. Moreton .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. Wilde.

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. Treble | Adrian C. Boorman .. 4
Roger J. Lumley 2 | Harold B. Schofield .. 5
Olivia A. Marshall .. 3 | C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

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MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Amptill, Saturday, September 4th. Bells (6) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. All welcome.—C. M. Payne, Dis. Sec. 7467

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Evening meeting at St. Nicholas', Warwick, on September 4th, from 5.30 p.m. onwards. Special method: Stedman Triples. 7462

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Practice meeting at Egremont, Saturday, September 4th. Bells available 2.30. Service 3.45. Tea 4.30. Own arrangements for tea. — Dianne Gibson, Branch Sec., Arlecdon Vicarage. 7473

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Evening meeting, Saturday, September 4th, Haddenham. Bells (6) from 6.30–8.30 p.m. 7488

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Shalford, Saturday, September 4th. Bells (5) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wood, 10, The Causeway, Finchingfield, Braintree. 7414

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at Ashwell, Saturday, September 4th, at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck. 7436

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—First Annual Striking Contest at Tunstall on September 4th, commencing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. T. Barton, 100, Park Drive, Sittingbourne. Short service at 7 p.m. followed by general ringing for all.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—North Western District.—A meeting is to be held on Saturday, September 4th, at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss C. Andrew, 162, Hamilton Place, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancs. Everyone welcome. — Mrs. H. L. Horn, Dis. Sec. 7457

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Alford, Saturday, September 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify Mr. J. I. Smith, 15, Commercial Road, Alford, Lincs.—P. J. Kilner, Hon. Sec., 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, September 4th, Harmondsworth (6) 3–4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall, Harlington, at 5 p.m., followed by evening ringing at Harlington. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Grice, 15, Burnham Gardens, Harlington. — W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 4th, at Stowe. Bells (5) from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. W. Yates, 4, Bannerlands, Dadford, Buckingham, by September 1st. 7439

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices will be held at Sandhurst on September 4th, and Twyford on September 18th, at 6 p.m. 7475

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting. Daybrook, Saturday, September 4th. Bells (8) 3.30. Names for tea to Miss P. White, 21, Cragdale Road, Sherwood, Nottingham.—S. Adams. 7463

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, September 4th. West Hothly 3 p.m.; Ardingly 6 p.m.–8.30 p.m. Picnic tea.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, Hon. Div. Sec. 7432

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, September 6th, at 7 p.m. 7491

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Will members please note that the ringing practice on Tuesday, September 7th, will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and not Southwark Cathedral as previously advertised. Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, September 14th, at 8.15 p.m.—John Chilcott. 7471

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilkeston District.—Meeting at Greasley, Notts, Friday, September 10th, 7.30 p.m. Southwell Guild members welcome. Ringing will include Little Bob and Duffield in addition to standard methods. 7479

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Maulden, Saturday, September 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Everyone made welcome.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 7464

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Bridlington (8), Saturday, September 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Flamborough bells also available. Names for tea to Mr. J. A. Parker, 188, Queensgate, Bridlington. 7477

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting, Sutton St. James on Saturday, September 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. Names for tea to Mrs. C. W. Lawton, School View, Sutton Lane Ends. Striking competition in afternoon for the local tower and scratch bands. All welcome. 7427

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Bishopwearmouth, Saturday, September 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Bell, 22, Brinkburn Street, Sunderland, by September 8th. — W. F. Sheraton, Hon. Sec. 7486

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting on Saturday, September 11th, at Godstone (8). Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Evening ringing 6–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. A. Ladd, 4, William Street, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, by September 9th, please. 7438

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. — Meeting, September 11th, Cherry Hinton and Great Wilbraham. Cherry Hinton (5) 3 p.m. Service, Cherry Hinton, 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting; Great Wilbraham (5) 6.30.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 7483

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Chigwell on September 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Walker, 14, Lee Grove, Chigwell. 7466

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Highworth, Sept. 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m.–8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon, by September 8th, please. Tel. 6824 7429

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — Berkhamsted, September 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Sennitt, 33, Curtis Way, Berkhamsted. 7496

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting at Egerton on Saturday, September 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Waddington, Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent. —M. L. Howe, Dis. Sec. 7478

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Bethersden, Saturday, September 11th. Bells (6, 15 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. J. Spree, 5, Chester Avenue, Bethersden, near Ashford, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 7431

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Ospringe, on Saturday, September 11th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea follows in the Church Hall. Those requiring tea, would they please notify Mr. F. C. Earnsworth, 14, King's Road, Faversham, by Wednesday, September 8th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The final of the striking competition will be held on Saturday, September 11th; six bell section at St. James', East Crompton, eight-bell section at St. Thomas', Moorside (both near Oldham). Buffet tea at East Crompton. Names for tea to Mr. G. Abbott, 16, Waveney Road, Shaw, Oldham.—F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 7352

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, September 11th, at Ambleside. Bells (8) 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. A. Capstick, Kirkwood, Millans Park, Ambleside. 7480

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Thurstaston on Saturday, September 11th. Ringing 2.45. Service 4.15. Own arrangements for tea.—M. D. Barsby, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7474

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Wragby (6), Saturday, September 11th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Bartholomew, Wrangham House, Wragby, Lincoln, by the Wednesday previous.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 7494

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, September 11th, The Immanuel, Streatham Common, 3-4. Own tea St. Leonard's, Streatham High Road, 6-7.30. No business.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 7489

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, September 11th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northampton.—F. W. Hancock. 7460

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Norton Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 11th, Childe Okeford. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Richard Longridge, Okeford Fitzpaine Rectory, by Wednesday, September 8th. Tel. Childe Okeford 311. 7497

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Hodnet on Saturday, September 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. Hayward, 7, Eastlands, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, by September 8th. Ringing after tea till 8 p.m.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7499

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oswy Street Cup Contest at Rampton, September 11th. Draw at 2.15 p.m.; first team to ring at 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who write to H. Poyner, 9, Richmond Road, Retford, by Thursday, 9th. Ringing after tea until 8 p.m. 7468

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting, Coddensham (8), Saturday, September 11th. Bells 2.30-3.45 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Service about 5 p.m. followed by the business meeting. Bells available in the evening 6.45-9 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, September 8th, to Mrs. E. Lockwood, Dis. Sec., 2, Chalk Pit Cottages, Oulton, near Ipswich, Suffolk. 7416

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD (Christchurch District) and **SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD** (Wimborne Branch).—Joint meeting on Saturday, September 11th. Ringing at St. James', Poole (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 in St. Peter's Hall, Bournemouth. Ringing at St. Peter's 6.15-7.30 and 8-8.30. Names for tea to Mr. A. C. Conway, 121, Richmond Park Road, Bournemouth, by Thursday, September 9th. No name—no tea.—L. F. Cobb, Mrs. J. Robertson, Hon. Secs. 7485

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Upton-on-Severn, September 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Pool Guest House. Limited number, so names essential to A. A. Jopp, Church Road, Stoulton, Worcester, by previous Tuesday. 7446

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GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Meeting at Buckfast Abbey, Saturday, September 18th. Bells from 2.30 to 4.30. Service 4.30 in the Abbey Church. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to Fr. Paulinus, Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh, Devon. 5437

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Next meeting will be at Kildown on September 18th, starting at 3 p.m. Special business: A new secretary. Make your own arrangements for tea.—D. West, Hon. Sec. 7469

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Thorington (6), Saturday, September 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. St. Osyth bells available in the evening. Names for tea to Miss J. Andrews, Abbey View, Church Road, Thorington, Essex, by Wednesday, September 15th.—A. E. J. L. 7357

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Saturday, September 18th. Long Sutton, Lincs. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss B. Esam, 2, The Chase, Long Sutton, Spalding, Lincs.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7441

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Llanbradach (8) on Saturday, September 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. J. Llewellyn, 1, Matthew Road, Rhoose, Barry, by September 4th. 7398

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—District meeting at Kedington, Saturday, September 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. G. Chilton, The Spinning Wheel Café, Sturmer, Haverhill, Suffolk. 7481

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—All Saints', Pitsford. Service of thanksgiving for restoration of the tower and dedication of a new treble bell to augment the ring to six. Service, September 18th, 4 p.m. Tea and biscuits. Ringing. All welcome.—E. L.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—September general meeting at Selby on Saturday, September 18th. Re-Hallowing service (of the rehung bells) at 2.30 p.m. Tea in the Hawdon Institute at 4 p.m., followed by the meeting. Names for tea to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Port-

holme Drive, Selby, by Thursday, September 16th. General committee meeting in the Institute at 1.45 pm Bells available: Hemingbrough (6) 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Escrick (8) 11.45-12.45; Selby Abbey after the meeting until 9 p.m.; Sherburn-in-Elmet (8) 7.15-8.45 p.m.—W. F. Moreton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7459

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Association Dinner arranged by Rochester District at Sittingbourne, Saturday, September 25th, 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Tickets (12/6 each) from B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent (s.a.e. with application), not later than first post, September 21st.

P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7429

KIMPTON CUP COMPETITION.—Saturday, September 25th, at Kimpton. Draw for order of ringing 2.45 p.m. Arrangements as in previous events. It is hoped to circulate a programme, but please send entries and numbers for tea by card or letter to me before September 12th.—J. G. Cull, 5, The Green, Kimpton, Hitchin, Herts. 7444

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting, September 25th, at West Hanney. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting in Village Hall. Names for tea to C. Corderoy, West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot, by 21st. 7461

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION The Annual LICHFIELD DIOCESAN FESTIVAL

will be held at Oswestry on Sept. 25th (Car park in Lower Brook Street)

Towers open:

Ellesmere, St. Mary (8) 2.00-3.00
St. Martin's, St. Martin (6) 2.45-3.45
Oswestry, St. Oswald (8) 3.15-4.25
Service at Oswestry at 4.30, followed by tea at 5.15.
Shrewsbury, St. Mary (10) 7.00-8.00
Shrewsbury, St. Chad (12) 8.00-9.00
Inquiries and reservations for tea—high, middle or low—should be sent to me at 18, Ferrers Road, Oswestry (Tel. 2744). Last minute bookings are possible, but the fate of the foolish virgins should not be forgotten. Visitors and non-resident life members especially welcome!
Roger B. Morris, Ringing Master. 7327

STRATTON STRAWLESS, NORFOLK.—September 25th, 1965. Flower and Harvest Festival for Tower Restoration Fund. Open striking competition 3 p.m. Entries by September 18th to F. C. Goodman, 260, Norwich Road, Costessey, Norwich, Norfolk. 7451

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

The 328th Anniversary Dinner will be held at The Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1 on Saturday, November 6th, 1965 at 6 for 6.30 p.m.

Tickets (27/6) are now available and, since accommodation is limited, members are advised to make early application therefor.

John Chilcott, Hon. Sec., 14, The Glebe, Hawley, near Camberley, Surrey. 7472

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26435	—	—	3
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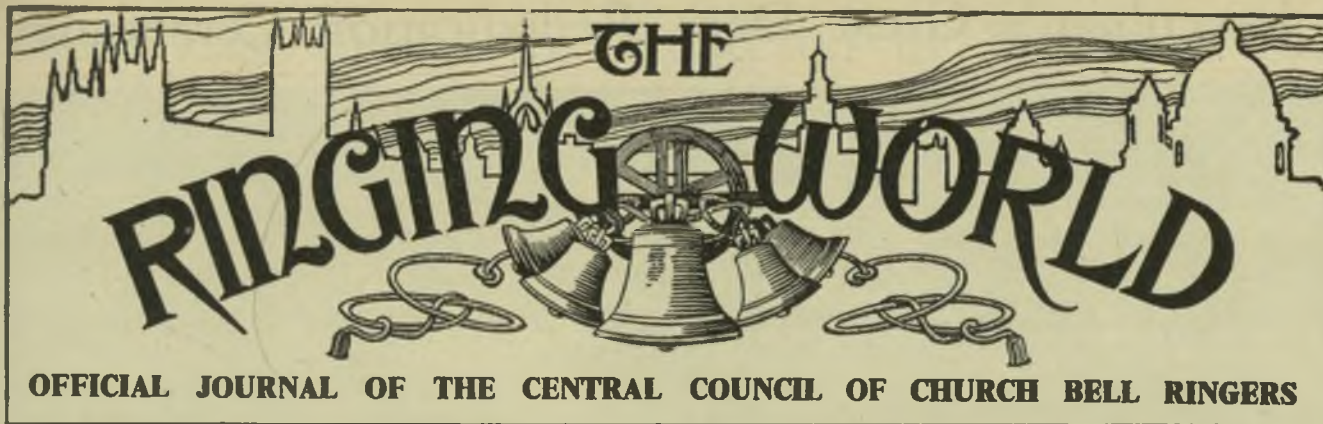
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A GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

SOME men, unknowingly, exert a great influence upon their fellows and it may be that although they recede from the current scene, some of those who still move across it recognise the debt they owe to an almost forgotten figure of the past.

Cyril Normington, of Felkirk, who died on July 18th, probably obtained more space in the obituary column than would be occupied by the collective reports in "The Ringing World" of his ringing activities. He never rang or composed a peal, made any epoch-making theoretical discoveries, wrote stirring letters or articles or engaged in blood-boiling arguments.

Why then do we remember him? As much, I should say, for what he was as for what he did.

After the first world war, efforts were made to start a change ringing team at Felkirk, something that, so far as is known, had never existed before. Cyril was one of those who gathered round J. T. White to receive tuition from Frank Atkinson, then of Wragby, and William A. Wooler, that epitome of taciturnity, from Wortley. In 1921, when Cyril was president of the Barnsley and District Society, the first 720 ever to be rung by a local band was accomplished with Cyril on the fifth. Shortly afterwards the bells were condemned as unsafe and remained silent for twelve months or more. After rehanging, the foundation was laid for what was to prove later probably the greatest Minor method ringing band of that time.

From this bare recital of facts we learn little of Cyril Normington. What sort of man was he? He was unique. Nothing ever upset his equilibrium; neither threats nor curses, jibes nor sarcasm would move him. A colliery fitter by trade, he was the despair of all his superiors from the shop foreman to the general manager. He had a passion for arranging bits of metal, cups and saucers, oil drums or whatever was to hand, in diatonic series and tapping out times or changes. The chief engineer on one occasion rated him solidly for ten minutes, without the repetition of a single expletive, on some point in connection with his work. Cyril waited quietly until he had finished, then, with a disarming smile, picked up a six-inch bolt and said, "Listen, Barnsley St. Mary's"! then ran down a line of wagon wheels he had previously arranged, tapping out a descending scale.

He had a roving commission and would turn up in the most unexpected places. "What are you doing here?" demanded the storekeeper one day when he returned from an errand and found Cyril calmly helping himself to some spare parts he required to repair a lathe. "You ought to have been with us last Saturday," was the unexpected and inconsequential reply. "We went to the bell foundry. There were a chap there turning bells and he were as deaf as a doorpost. Felt the vibrations with his fingers, and he could tell if it were out of tune!" All spoken with a deadly serious innocence.

The handbells, which he taught us to ring, were housed in a large carpet bag which we carried in turns. Each handbell was carefully wrapped in old lace curtaining, and was polished till it shone like a headlamp on a dark night. We rang in all the hospitals within ten or twelve miles radius of Felkirk. He needed no appointment even in those days, but would simply turn up with his troupe, and no matron, however adamant, was immune from his charm. We would be ringing and singing in the wards before she realised what was happening.

We were frequent visitors at what was at that time called the "Workhouse," whilst Hodroyd Holy Rood Priory and Archbishop Holgate's Almshouses offered an ever-open door. There was not a chapel or schoolroom in the area in which we had not performed.

He had a fine tenor voice and was not afraid to use it, and was also a moderate performer on the 'cello. He used to intersperse his ringing and playing with songs, which were always about ringers and bells.

"Oh we be the ringers of the church of St. Peter's,
And ready to ring you whatever you require."

His taunt that:

"Young Tom is bowlegged and William ain't handsome,
But the same don't apply to your humble, that's me"
always brought the house down.

Space is too limited to give anything but a brief outline of his many-sided character, but I think his greatest work was that of holding the band together when the bells were silent, and having on hand several more young potential ringers when ringing restarted.

In the 1926 strike the Felkirk team visited on bicycles or on foot various local towers in order to gain experience and to pass the time, of which there was enough and to spare.

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Lavenham's Great Day—Rededication Ceremony

"ITS weight, its shape, its size alike admired,
And tone wherewith each ringer is inspired,
The merry eight with music fill the ear,
Enterpe, too, invites from far and near.
And though in floating all sounds slowly die,
They're quick revived by echo's sweet reply.
Heard through the woods, their soft melodious
ring

Inspires the feathered tribe to sing,
Nestling 'mid leaves or skimming o'er the
plain,

Distinct to hail each harmonising strain."

Thus wrote Rebecca Ribbans in 1821—ten years after the six at Lavenham were made up to eight—concerning the tenor bell in particular and the ring in general. Six had been there since 1702; earlier there were five, and the wooden frame, dating from early in the 16th century and made to take five bells, had been altered and strengthened through the years to take more bells as they came along, so serving until decay brought an end to its life in 1964, when a thorough general overhaul of the whole installation was begun by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, culminating in the rededication service on August 28th.

THAT TENOR

Much has been written in the past about the tenor bell, cast 1625, and "considered by some to be the finest-toned bell in England." Raven, in his "Bells of England" (1906) refers to Miles Graye, of Colchester, as "the prince of founders" and to Lavenham's tenor as Graye's "chef-d'œuvre." Raven goes on: "The ringing pilgrim, John Carr, when he first heard her, said: 'She came in with such a noble sound that she vibrated a perfect octave' and he is not the only one who has observed the absence of overtones. I have been told that she varies with the weather. So far as I can conclude, the peculiarity seems thinness, especially at the crown."

White's "Suffolk," of 1883, records: "Tradition says that at the time of casting of this bell some rich woolstaplers there and other gentlemen in the neighbourhood contributed great quantities of silver and even gold to the usual metal, which may, perhaps, account for the vast superiority of its tone"; but I do not think that anyone who knows anything about the quality of bells and their tone would agree with this, although the precious metal may well have gone into the pot!

Various publications gave her weight as 23 cwt. and some her note as D or D flat. Raven, in his "Church Bells of Suffolk" (1890), gave it as C.

It is well known that the reputed weight of a bell, a tenor especially, is usually in excess of its actual weight. A fairly recent example was another Miles Graye tenor, only 15 years younger than Lavenham's—that at Eye, Suffolk. This was said to be 21 cwt., some said 22 and even 24 cwt. At the foundry it was found to be 18½ cwt., a thin bell with note nearly down to D. Now its recast is 19½ cwt. and its note, in fact, D. Similarly, Graye's masterpiece at Lavenham has been found to be 21 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lb. and its note C sharp.

For years the clapper ball has been fitted with rubber buffers to its striking surfaces. At first its new clapper was minus these, as they were, and still are, considered by some to be unnecessary, but Lavenham ringers felt that the "hum" was absent and a request for buffers once more has been successfully made. This bell retains its canons and argent but all other bells have been shorn of theirs.

COMPLETE OVERHAUL

All the bells have been turned—3/16 inch wear was in evidence on the tenor and two trebles—and most headstocks had been attacked by beetle. The foundation of the new metal frame has been designed in the form of a steel grillage and the load is distributed over



LAVENHAM TENOR

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all four walls of the tower. The second and fifth bells have been slightly retuned but no recasting has been necessary. Until the overhaul the ring was anti-clockwise, now it is the other way about, and the design of the frame is such that two trebles could be easily added—space has been left for them.

COST £2,500

The cost of the work is about £2,500, and as rededication day arrived this sum had nearly been reached. The day closed fully triumphantly financially; the collection at the service came to £118, and with other moneys received during the day (£25 from the Suffolk Guild Restoration Fund) some £160 was added.

Ringers from far and near attended the rededication service. Mr. Ranald W. M. Clouston, whose wife is the daughter of a former Rector of Lavenham, was present. The lesson was read by Mr. George Pipe, Ringing Master of the Suffolk Guild.

For the rededication, the choir, the churchwardens (Messrs. A. E. Baker and J. N. Peyton), visiting clergy, Mr. Paul Taylor (master bellfounder), the Rev. Rex A. Bird (Rector) and the Bishop of Dunwich walked to the foot of the tower, where the Bishop performed the ceremony. This over, a touch of Grandsire and Plain Bob was rung.

In his address the Bishop congratulated all who had played any part in the undertaking. He praised the Suffolk Guild for all the work they had done, were doing and would do.

Concluding, the Bishop said: "So, let the bells ring out!"; and after the service Stedman Symonds, now 77, his son Maurice, who is tower correspondent, and their brother ringers complied.

They can muster about a dozen ringers at Lavenham today. It has been a place for ringing for generations and there are sets of handbells in many houses. Visitors to the Swan Hotel can see the set of 13 hanging on a beam in the bar.

I am sure that all Lavenham people and ringers everywhere are appreciative of the hard work and enthusiasm of Captain G. A. D. Cooper, R.N. (ret'd.), of Lavenham, who had the money-raising task in his charge and completed it successfully. His 16-page booklet on Lavenham's bells and ringers, produced specially for the rededication, shows his interest.

Ringers, visiting or resident, were pleased with the overhaul and, when everything has bedded down and settled, no doubt it will be better still. As for myself, walking and listening from all angles, I wondered whether the bells sounded quite as mellow, generally, as I have noticed them to be in the past. I cannot quite make up my mind.

CLAUDE RUSH.

A GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

(Continued from front page)

If Cyril was present there was no need to worry about food. He would disappear early from the belfry, and when ringing was finished we would go down and he would be waiting to lead us to the Vicarage or a nearby farmhouse, where sandwiches and cups of tea would be waiting. After tea out would come the handbells, or he would seat himself at the harmonium (he loved the harmonium) and everybody would join in hymns or snatches from cantatas or oratorios. And after two hours, when everybody was exhausted, he would say, "Come on, all together, let's have the 'Old Hundredth'!"

Somebody has remarked that when he gets to heaven he will be teaching the angels how to ring handbells! I should not be at all surprised; as I said before, he was unique.

H. C.

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KEMERTON GOLDEN WEDDING

Celebrating their golden wedding on August 24th were Mr. and Mrs. Stedman Devereux, of Kemerton, Glos. Mr. Devereux has been associated with ringing at the Parish Church of St. Nicholas for some 60 years. For much of this time he was Tower Master, such office being coupled with the duties of stoking the church boiler and mowing the churchyard grass at an hour in the morning unknown to most people. Although no longer able to pull a rope, Mr. Devereux still maintains an interest in ringing and is a staunch supporter of Branch outings. After the quarter peal in honour of the occasion the ringers were kindly entertained.

"A SHORT, fresh-faced Yorkshireman with blue eyes and sandy shorts rested the tenor bell at the Abbey and told me he was responsible for the ringing." This was the discovery made by the reporter of "The Bath and Wilts Evening Chronicle" when he went to investigate the activities of the East Riding ringers. The reporter was rather amazed to find a heap of bicycles outside the entrance to the tower of Bath Abbey and an unusual assortment of people in the belfry ringing the bells on a Tuesday afternoon.

By this time the sixth annual tour, which started on August 14th, was well under way. The main party of 26 cyclists with their 24 bicycles, including two tandems, had travelled to Cirencester from East Yorkshire in a furniture van, which once again proved to be an efficient and economical method of transporting a large number of youthful campanologists between two faraway places. The cyclists were joined by ten other ringers using other means of transport during the course of the tour.

The first ringing was on the old 12 of Cirencester Parish Church, and included Stedman Caters and Little Bob Royal. It soon became apparent that the organisation of the ringing at each tower would be a difficult job. Although the party contained several Surprise ringers there were also some Minor rounds ringers, so the organisation necessary to enable over 30 ringers of such differing ability to have a good ring at each tower in the allotted time was not easy. The more experienced ringers undertook the job of Ringing Master in turn.

Headquarters for the first two nights were at Ashton Keynes Youth Hostel, an establishment

which proved to be painfully overcrowded. However, the local Vicar warmly welcomed us to his parish at Matins on Sunday, when we were able to supply an organist and a band of ringers for the five bells. The rest of the party split up to ring for service at several local churches, one of which was Purton. Here there is a magnificent six (tenor 20 cwt. in C sharp, total weight of bells 84 cwt.). On Sunday afternoon we visited South Cerney, but our ringing here did not do justice to this pleasant ring of six.

Monday's ringing included visiting the detached tower at Malmesbury and the excellent eight at Chippenham, the night being spent at Bath Youth Hostel. Bristol was the centre for Tuesday's activities and it was a real privilege to ring at St. Mary Redcliffe and St. Stephen's (best ringing here) and the Lord Mayor's Chapel. Quarters that night were Bristol Youth Hostel, which is adjacent to St. Matthew's Church. These bells were enjoyed on Wednesday morning, the day being spent around Bath.

Trowbridge and Westbury were included in Thursday's ringing and the road seemed to bristle with huge raindrops as we cycled back to Bath. Friday dawned brightly. Laycock was a most attractive unspoilt village; the Victorian eight at Chippenham was followed by the old-style octave at Calne, and the evening spent at Ashton Keynes, where ringers' songs were sung.

Good company, a splendid selection of towers and favourable weather combined to make this an enjoyable and memorable tour efficiently organised by Ian Goldthorpe. Incumbents and local bands are thanked for their co-operation. J.S.

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Letters to the Editor

GOOD WISHES TO AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS

Dear Sir, — My wife and I would like, through "The Ringing World," to extend our sincere good wishes to Mr. Tom Lock and his party on the eve of their Great Adventure, and we trust that their tour will be completely successful.

Good luck and good peal ringing to you all, and I am certain that all ringers in the British Isles will be watching with interest all your movements, and would wish to join me in asking you to convey to all ringers in Australia and New Zealand greetings and good wishes from us all.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN V. HARDING.

King's Lynn.

THE CONSCIENCE QUESTION

Dear Sir,—Mr. Arthur Davis is, of course, quite correct in his letter ("Ringing World," August 27th), when he says that the payment of fees for peals rung for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild is not a matter for the conductor's conscience. Indeed, under Rule 18, no peal would be accepted unless the fees were paid.

What was at issue was not whether or not fees should be paid for peals rung for the Guild, but rather whether or not members felt strongly about the ringing of peals either non-Association or for another Association within the Guild area. It was on this point that Mr. Kippin suggested that Mr. Diserens should consult his conscience.

Perhaps I did not make this too clear in the report of the proceedings, but in defence I feel that any confusion that has arisen is due to the paragraph headings for which our worthy editor is responsible.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID J. FORDER,

Hon. Gen. Sec.,

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

WOLVERHAMPTON TENOR

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. A. F. Scholfield's letter in "The Ringing World" of August 27th I would like to point out that my musical knowledge extends far enough to know that, in music, not only the notes of C sharp and D flat are the same, but also every note of the scales are the same, the only difference being that some of them have different names.

However, as far as bell-notes are concerned (to digress from Mr. Litten's original letter), out of the five tones, I believe that only two of them are the same for each key. But since these are two of the principal tones, I doubt very much whether Mr. Scholfield or Mr. Litten could tell the difference between a C sharp bell or a D flat bell if they heard one strike. I certainly could not.

However, all this is getting away from the original subject, which was that Wolverhampton bells are tuned to a flat scale, which would then make the tenor in D flat. I think from the amount of correspondence which has appeared about this that it has spoken for itself.

Q sharp it is, and a very fine bell, too. — Yours, etc.,

PHILIP R. JOHNSON.

Godsall, Staffs.

BARSHAM, SUFFOLK, BELLS

Dear Sir,—In reply to the query of "Professional" on page 576 re Barsham bells, I understand that the opinion of a professional bellhanger (who was working in the district at the time) given to the churchwardens is the reason for the closure of this tower.

This was about eight years ago, and I do not intend to discuss in the Press the happenings that led up to this closure, but if "Professional" cares to publish his name and address (or write to me) I will give him some facts of the case.

I am rather intrigued by your writer's nom-de-plume; are we now in the era of "professional bellringers"? — Yours faithfully,

Becles, Suffolk.

EDWIN R. GOATE.

RUTLAND RINGERS MARRY

The newly rehung bells of Uppingham Parish Church were put to good use on August 4th for the wedding of two well-known Rutland ringers—John Woolley and Margaret Woodward. Margaret is the only daughter of the Rector of Uppingham (Canon S. C. Woodward) and Mrs. Woodward, and she is a ringer at Uppingham Church. John is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Woolley, of Gretton, where he was formerly Ringing Master. More recently he has rung at Uppingham, where he is now choirmaster.

The bridegroom and best man (Christopher Groome, from Huntingdon, near York) took part in the ringing before the service, which began at 11.30 a.m. The bride wore a full-length white lace dress with a short bouffant veil and carried a bouquet of red roses and white heather. She was attended by three bridesmaids. As Canon Woodward took the service himself, assisted by the bride's uncle, the Rev. M. H. Wells, of Godmanchester, her brother, David Woodward, gave her away. John and Robert Woodward, two more brothers and both ringers, were ushers. The bride and bridegroom took Communion immediately after their marriage.

After the service the bells were rung by the local band. The reception was held in the Rectory garden, where guests heard a specially recorded message from Peter Woodward, the bride's second brother, who is a missionary in Madagascar. Peter, too, was a ringer before he left England.

Later in the afternoon, when John and Margaret had set off for their honeymoon in Cornwall, a good peal of Plain Bob Major was rung on the bells, a fine finish to a very happy day.

John and Margaret plan to live in Wellingborough, where Margaret teaches. John lectures at Kettering Technical College. They both intend to keep up their links with Uppingham.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

A well-attended meeting for the Bingham District at Whatton on August 14th produced good ringing in various methods. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Miles, and a good tea enjoyed in Aslockton Church Room.

Colston Barsett was confirmed for the September 11th meeting with Melton District, and Granby proposed for October 9th. Ringing till 8.30 concluded a very happy meeting.

R. B.

HOSTILITY TO ST. PHILIP'S, BIRMINGHAM, BELLS

Complaints that St. Philip's Cathedral bells, Birmingham, "nearly drove her stark staring bonkers" while in Birmingham Eye Hospital, appeared in a letter in "The Redditch Indicator." Forwarding the newspaper cutting to us, Mr. Michael V. White, of Studley, Worcestershire, writes: "One never knows though, perhaps there is some small element of truth in the accusation when one considers the number of peals rung at the Cathedral! However, I have been told that the bells are very quiet outside the Cathedral. As I have yet to ring at the Cathedral, I feel I am not competent to write a reply to 'The Indicator' in defence of ringers."

A pungent reply was forthcoming in "The Indicator" the following week from B. D. A. Woolley, of Wythall, who submitted that the remarks of the correspondent were rather exaggerated. He adds:

For some years now the louvres, through which the sound leaves the tower, have been completely bricked up on three sides. The only side left partly open is that which faces Temple Row, and away from the Eye Hospital. It is also worthy of note that over the years not one complaint has been received from the Eye Hospital or any other establishment in the vicinity. If Mr. Hewitt would care to take the trouble to walk around St. Philip's Churchyard any Thursday night, he will observe that the bells are scarcely audible above the noise of traffic. I would assure him that every effort has been made to ensure this is so.

The greater proportion of bellringers are not unreasonable or selfish people and if the proper approach is made to their leader they are always prepared to give a sympathetic hearing to anyone with a justifiable complaint, particularly where there is sickness in the neighbourhood.

Finally, although we do not all share the same interests and hobbies, and it would be a poor world if we did, we have not the right to suggest that other people's are peculiar. I am not interested in killing wild animals or birds or in the collecting of postage stamps but I like to feel that I can show tolerance towards those who do. Perhaps Mr. Hewitt should do the same.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

The monthly meeting of the Marlborough Branch was held at Pewsey on August 28th. Not quite so well attended as usual, it was nevertheless a very pleasant gathering, a good contingent of young people from the Marlborough tower of St. Mary's, mostly taught the ancient art by the Rev. Roger Keeley, adding to the interest of the occasion.

Members were present from Aldbourne, Collingbourne Ducis, Everleigh and St. Mary's, Marlborough, and visitors from Urchfont. The bells were raised at 3 p.m. and the Guild service at 4.30 p.m. was conducted by the Rev. C. Woodford, with Mr. Allan Keen, of Aldbourne, at the organ. Owing to catering difficulties, no organised tea was possible, sandwiches and flasks being the order of the day. Ringing was continued until 7.30 p.m. in various methods, with rounds and call changes for beginners.

W. A. E.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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OBITUARY

THE REV. I. G. JONES

Wisbech Branch members of the Ely Diocesan Association much regretted the news of the sudden death on August 20th of the Rev. I. G. Jones, of Denver, Norfolk, at the early age of 52. He had been Rector of Denver for nearly 16 years and was a ringing member of the Ely Diocesan Association, always giving a welcome to ringers and entertaining them for their meetings.

Mr. Jones played an active part in local affairs. He was chairman of Downham Grammar School Governors and vice-chairman of Downham Secondary School Governors, chairman and chaplain of Downham British Legion and Naval Association and a member of Downham Rural District Council.

The Bishop of Ely gave the address at the funeral service on August 24th. Half-muffled bells were rung before and after the service and in the evening an in memoriam peal, also half-muffled. We can ill afford to lose such an incumbent and offer our deepest sympathy to his widow and four children. E. H. M.

ARTHUR GEORGE ROSE

Arthur Rose, for nearly 50 years a regular Sunday service ringer, enjoyed a very occasional peal attempt, but was always ready to stand in for a "quarter" in the standard methods. He learned to handle a bell in his early youth at St. James', Poole, and between the two wars was a member of the excellent young band there under the leadership of the late Mr. Frederick Townsend. Since the break-up of the Poole band during the war, Arthur rang regularly with the St. John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth ringers, besides giving occasional help at Wareham, Wimborne Minster and other nearby towers.

An accountant by profession, he was for many years in the office of the Haven Hotel, Sandbanks, where he carried out his duties in the same quiet, unassuming manner in which he enjoyed his bellringing. His sudden death on August 21st came as a great shock to many friends, who extend their deepest sympathy to his son and daughter. Mr. Rose had been a widower for many years.

The funeral service took place at St. John's Church, Parkstone, on August 27th, and was attended by a large congregation, including many of Mr. Rose's colleagues in the Independent Order of Foresters. Ringers present represented both the Salisbury and the Winchester and Portsmouth Guilds. They included Mr. L. J. Lockyer (chairman, Wimborne Branch), Mr. E. Bishop (Wimborne Minster), Mrs. Vacher (Canford Magna), Mr. W. C. Shute (Ringing Master, Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Mr. A. V. Davis (chairman, Christchurch District), Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mitchell (St. John's, Surrey Road) and Mr. F. Price. A. V. D.

ALL SAINTS', PITSFORD



A service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the tower and the dedication of an additional treble, weighing approximately 4 cwt., will be held at All Saints', Pitsford, on Sunday, September 18th, at 4 p.m.

The original treble, now the second, was cast by Henry Bagley, of Ecton, in 1698, and the four largest bells by James Keen, of Woodstock, in 1632. These five bells were rehung in 1930 by John Taylor and Co., who cast and hung the new treble.

The total cost of the work done is in the region of £3,000. E. L.

NEW DOUBLES METHOD

Rung at Clifford on August 22nd.

St. Cynidr: Thirds on the front, 5ths, 4ths, 5ths on the back. Plain lead of Plain Bob as a Bob, Grandsire Single as a Single.

St. Cewydd: Plain Course as above. P.L. Rev. Canterbury as a Bob, Grandsire Single as a Single.

St. Cynon: Plain Course as above. P.L. Plain Bob as a Bob, P.L. All Saints as a Single.

St. Ceidio: Plain Course as above, P.L. Rev. Canterbury as a Bob, P.L. All Saints as a Single.—Colin A. Lewis.

OLD RINGER DIES AT 95

Mr. Alfred Arnold, who for some 30 years was a member of the band at St. Mary's, Beddington, died at Wandale Valley Hospital on August 24th, aged 95.

A native of Northampton, he moved to South Croydon, where during the first world war he was a member of St. Peter's band. On moving to Wallington he joined St. Mary's and was most regular until old age and infirmity prevented him climbing the staircase.

The funeral was at Bundon Hill Cemetery on August 31st.

OUTINGS

EASTCHURCH, SHEPPEY

Surrey was chosen by the Eastchurch ringers for a day's tour on August 28th. Seal, Kent (6) made a most enjoyable start with a well-rung touch of Oxford Treble Bob.

Oxted (6), with the sound of the bells directly above the ringing chamber made conducting difficult but a course of Cambridge was achieved. Bletchingley (8) were found difficult to strike accurately although courses of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman were successful. Younger members of the band however, were seen to leave the ground at backstroke!

After lunch at Redhill, 1,500 Doubles was rung on handbells in the back of the coach by Miss Joan Hayward, Nicholas Chesson and Peter Beal.

Our arrival at Kingswood (6) coincided with that of wedding guests. In the ten minutes before the bride's arrival everyone managed to have a quick pull, and the bride, Miss Audry Dawson, was rung in with a touch of Stedman. After the wedding, Kent Treble Bob was rung for the bride and her bridegroom, Mr. Michael Thrussell.

At St. Martin's, Dorking (8), we were met by Mr. Patrick Cannon, who joined us in a course of Cambridge Major, which was brought to a halt when the rope of the seventh snapped. Quick splicing enabled ringing to continue.

After an excellent tea in Dorking we visited Nutfield (6) and touches of Cambridge and Double Court were enjoyed. Methods at Godstone (8) were Grandsire, Oxford Bob and Stedman Triples, and at Limsfield (6) College Single Reverse and St. Clement's with a touch of Plain Bob Minor to conclude the day's ringing.

Tower captains and incumbents are thanked and also those from other towers who joined the outing. H. G., Miss J. A. H.

BATTLE ABBEY

Some beautiful country was traversed by Battle Abbey ringers for their outing. Ringing started at Henfield, followed by Amberley, where a suitable hostelry was found at which to munch sandwiches. During the afternoon we rang at Hambledon (the birthplace of cricket), Warnford, where the church is reached by a drive through the park, and St. John's, West Meon.

A fine tea was then taken at the Queen's Hotel Buttery, Selborne, in the midst of the countryside of Gilbert White, the famous naturalist. On our return journey we rang at St. Mary's, Liss, and at Midhurst.

Unfortunately, we then ran into a spot of trouble. The coach's dynamo had not been working all day and we were left with practically no lights. However, we managed to reach the Red Lion Inn at Cowfold before our driver decided to send back for another coach. This meant a two and a half hour stop at this most opportune spot, although we did eventually get back in time to ring the bells for Matins on Sunday morning. I. V. J. S.

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QUARTER PEALS

THREE QUARTER PEALS IN A DAY
SHALFORD, SURREY.—On Aug. 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. S. Bagworth 1, J. Preston 2, K. Game 3, A. Brown 4, P. R. Johnson 5, M. Hodiston 6, R. J. Talbot 7, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 8. First of Bob Major 2, 4 and 5.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—1,260 Stedman Triples: P. R. Johnson 1, R. J. Talbot 2, J. Preston 3, R. M. Hodiston 4, K. Game 5, N. S. Bagworth 6, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 7, A. Brown 8. First of Stedman Triples 1, 2, 3 and 4.

DORKING, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Brown 1, K. Game 2, J. Preston 3, N. S. Bagworth (cond.) 4, R. M. Hodiston 5, R. J. Talbot 6, R. C. Stevens 7, P. R. Johnson 8. First of Grandsire Triples 3 and 5.

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pauline M. Kingston (cond.) 1, Daphne Webb 2, F. E. Hall 3, C. J. Hall 4, G. Kingston 5. For Evensong.

BEVERLEY, E. YORKS.—At St. Mary's, on Aug. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. Hobson 1, Miss J. Gray 2, G. Smith 3, A. Taylor 4, J. Brookes (first of Major) 5, J. Rank 6, L. Bailey 7, D. Johnson (cond.) 8.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Bourner 1, Miss L. Payne 2, H. Payne 3, Miss C. Wood 4, B. Johnson 5, G. Grant 6, H. Deacon (cond.) 7, F. Goodearle 8. For Matins.

BINFIELD, BERKS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain): C. W. Bailey 1, Dorothy Humphries 2, W. R. Churchill 3, Joan A. Rance 4, A. J. N. Rance 5, S. G. Scott (cond.) 6. Rung by the Easthampstead band in appreciation of the use of Binfild bells whilst their bells are unringable.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Cooper 1, P. Abbott (first quarter) 2, R. F. Baker (cond.) 3, P. E. Wells 4, J. W. Allen 5, P. Godfrey (first quarter) 6. Rung for the marriage of Bernard Roger Mildwater and Cheryl Mary Haynes.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of the Good Shepherd, on Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (without cover bell): C. W. Riddleston 1, Catherine Powell 2, Janette Kipling 3, A. W. Bond 4, S. E. Armstrong (cond.) 5, I. Vauxhan 6, D. Snoswell 7. A compliment to Mr. L. Stilwell, vice-president of the Sussex Association and member of the Central Council, on his departure for the Australian tour.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Brown 1, D. Pattern (first "inside") 2, H. Halls 3, S. W. Bismore 4, K. Everett 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of William Barker, aged 95 years, for 80 years church worker.

CADDINGTON, BEDS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: D. Redfearn (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. M. Mayne 2, Mrs. D. Redfearn (first quarter) 3, Miss S. E. Smith 4, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 5, D. A. Bedford 6.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Susan Lloyd 1, Lynda Roberts 2, Shelagh Guthrie 3, Susan J. Devey 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, E. Borley 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. George Abel, a chorister at this church for many years.

CARDIGAN, CARDS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. P. Griffiths (first of Minor) 1, Sian Evans (first of Minor) 2, A. F. Walters 3, Jean Thomas 4, J. D. Thomas 5, D. Bishop (Llandaff) 6. Jointly conducted by 3 and 6.

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.—At the Cathedral, on Aug. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (on the "heavy eight," tenor 32 cwt.): J. Dunn 1, G. N. Sloan 2, D. Richards 3, J. H. G. Gardner 4, N. F. Reeve 5, R. G. T. Bennett 6, R. H. Idle (cond.) 7, C. H. Ward 8. A farewell to D. Richards, leaving for Singapore.

CHUTE FOREST, WILTS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Johnson 1, R. Huxley (first quarter) 2, A. Keen 3, M. New 4, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 5, J. Fuller 6.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Thomson 1, R. Cooles 2, R. Hodister 3, R. Talbot (cond.) 4, W. Parrott 5, N. Bagworth 6, P. Johnson 7, A. Brown 8. A.M.D.G.

EASTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Judith Fitzgeorge 1, R. Fitzgeorge 2, W. Williams (first as cond.) 3, Suzanne Withers (first "inside") 4, M. Gregory 5, V. James 6.

ESSENDON, HER'IS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Digby 1, R. J. Wilsher (first of Minor "inside") 2, Stephanie Green 3, Eileen Maskell 4, Paula Healing (cond.) 5, Susan Farnes 6.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Rosemary J. Kemp 1, Anne E. Fellows 2, Margaret Lewis 3, Mrs. J. M. Kippin 4, Beryl R. Simpson 5, C. H. Kippin 6, P. J. Joyce (cond.) 7, R. C. Kippin 8. At Evensong in honour of the christening of the Rector's daughter, Clare Mary Preston. First quarter on the eight bells.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 21st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Clover 1, E. R. Goate 2, I. Margetts 3, P. Newstead 4, R. Brown 5, F. Sutton 6, W. Duncan 7, H. Took 8, H. W. Barrett 9, R. Bickers 10. An 88th birthday compliment to "Billie" Harwood, G.O.M. of St. Nicholas' band, after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

HASCOMBE, SURREY.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Doubles: Rosemary Weal 1, Elizabeth Stevinson (cond., 540 Plain Bob) 2, J. H. Payton (cond., 720 Grandsire) 3, A. Hoare (first in two methods) 4, T. Wellen 5. A farewell to Alan Hoare, going to Preston Candover.

HENDON, MIDDXX.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Roth Foreman 1, Dianne Gazeley (first in method) 2, Mary Welch (first quarter) 3, D. Rothera 4, G. Penney (cond.) 5, R. Moore 6. For Evensong.

HINTON BLEWITT, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. H. Andrews 1, Susan Webber (first "inside") 2, Ruth Gay 3, P. W. Gay (cond.) 4, R. J. Gay 5. A compliment to Roger and Sandra Gay on the birth of a daughter.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. J. Marks 1, Miss Y. Porter 2, E. White 3, J. T. Locke 4, F. Welch 5, K. Welch 6, J. W. Drew (cond.) 7, W. H. Marks 8. For the 7th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. Marks, of Ilminster.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Clement's Church, on Aug. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Webber 1, R. Lockwood (first of Minor) 2, M. Whittell 3, N. F. Whittell 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5, P. W. Gay (cond.) 6.

KEMERTON, GLOS.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Onions 1, C. Brazier 2, F. Wood (cond.) 3, M. Walker 4, D. Devereux 5, R. Jones 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Stedman Devereux.

LITTON, SOMERSET.—On July 24th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: Monica Horseman 1, M. Heymann 2, R. Beck 3, A. Beck 4, P. Gay (cond.) 5, R. Smith 6.

LLANDUDNO, CAERNS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,279 Mixed Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob, with 7. 6. 8 covering): K. Richards 1, Christine Evans 2, Rev. T. Evans 3, J. R. Williams 4, J. Astbury (cond.) 5, A. Burton 6, A. Ainge 7, Rev. G. Heywood 8. First of Mixed Doubles 1, 2 and 3.

LEIGH, SURREY.—On Aug. 24th, 1,320 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: A. J. Bull 1, K. G. Game (first in method as cond.) 2, C. J. Dalton 3, W. E. Dunn 4, A. Streeter 5, Judith Hullah (first quarter) 6. First in method 3 and 4. For the Patronal Festival.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Frances Massey 1, R. J. Purnell 2, D. Massey 3, W. C. West 4, D. A. Burt 5, D. J. Orledge 6, C. F. Andrews (cond.) 7, L. E. Hitchen 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. E. D. Aust, churchwarden 38 years and honorary member of the Guild.

MERROW, SURREY.—On May 27th, 1,260 Doubles (three Doubles): B. Davies 1, Hazel J. Giddins 2, M. A. Cattell 3, A. Pamela Warren (cond.) 4, R. A. K. Glue 5, M. Edwards (first quarter) 6. Also on July 10th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: M. Kempster 1, Hazel J. Giddins 2, A. Pamela Warren 3, B. Davies (first "inside") 4, S. Cobbe (cond.) 5, M. Edwards 6. Also on July 11th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Susan Cuthbert (first quarter) 1, Hazel J. Giddins 2, M. A. Cattell 3, A. Pamela Warren (cond.) 4, R. A. K. Glue 5, F. Duncan 6. A farewell to Miss Warren. Also on Aug. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): M. Edwards (first from tenor) 1, Hazel J. Giddins 2, B. Davies 3, R. A. K. Glue 4, S. Cobbe (cond.) 5, F. Duncan 6.

NEMPEIT THRUWELL, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Ballard 1, Mandi McCallion 2, Ruth Gay 3, P. Kimber 4, P. Gay (cond.) 5, A. Jobson 6.

PENN, STAFFS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Griffiths 1, Gillian M. Griffiths 2, G. F. Griffiths 3, Pamela Garbett 4, J. A. Roden 5, C. F. W. Eyre 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, B. T. Ford 8. Rung to welcome Susan Jayne, born August 17th, 1965, to Douglas and Joan Smith.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Mrs. M. E. Brown 1, B. L. Burrows 2, Christine J. Stratford 3, K. P. Gilliver 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Walter Brown, Sapcote's character.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Simpson 1, Nita West 2, Mrs. I. Simpson 3, A. Humphrey 4, W. Barwell (first of Triples) 5, C. Geary 6, D. Marshall (cond.) 7, R. Newsum 8. A wedding compliment to Cynthia Webb, a Sawley ringer, and Keith Charter, married here this day.

SEDLSCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 21st, 1,440 Grandsire Minor: Amette Bradbury 1, Rosemary Earl 2, I. Smith 3, F. Lambert 4, E. Fellows 5, A. Baldock (cond.) 6. First of Grandsire Minor by all except I. Smith.

SHIPTON GORGE, DORSET.—On Aug. 28th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: T. A. Hiller (first of Minimus) 1, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 2, I. L. Andrews (first of Minimus) 3, D. B. Ellery 4. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

SHUSTOKE, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury): J. Belshaw 1, G. Cox 2, J. Alexander 3, M. Edwards 4, G. Lightfoot (cond.) 5, R. Weeks 6.

SPROTBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Toyne 1, Miss M. Battram 2, J. Thorley 3, H. Scott 4, H. Wagstaff 5, E. Dallingwater 6, G. Jackson 7, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 8.

STOULTON, WORCS.—At the Campanile, on Aug. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Wendy Milner (12) 1, Andrew Jopp (12) 2, A. A. Jopp 3, Mrs. A. A. Jopp (first as cond.) 4, Rosalind Porter (14) 5, Paul Jopp (7) 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

TENBY, PEMBES.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Walters 1, G. Thomas 2, E. Williams 3, J. Webb 4, Rev. R. Thomas 5, H. Jenkins 6, I. R. Nichols (cond.) 7, T. Griffiths 8. For Evensong.

TEVERSAL, DERBYS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): E. Chambers (first quarter) 1, A. Smithson (cond.) 2, L. Parker 3, A. Tomlinson 4, W. Riley 5. A wedding compliment to John McCutcheon (Rector's son) and Christine Russell.

TYTHERINGTON, GLOS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,440 Grandsire Minor: D. M. Smith (first of Minor) 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, E. Owens 3, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 4, W. Lampard 5, H. Taysom 6. First of Grandsire Minor for all. Also on Aug. 28th, 1,260 Old Doubles: Elizabeth A. Webb 1, E. Owens 2, H. Taysom 3, D. M. Smith 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, W. Lampard 6. First of Old Doubles for all.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Absolom 1, J. Pladdys (cond.) 2, C. Woodward (first of Minor "inside") 3, A. J. Howes 4, V. Fox 5, R. A. Howes 6. A farewell to John Pladdys, leaving for King's College, London. Also on Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Absolom 1, J. Pladdys 2, V. R. Fox 3, D. Exon 4, P. G. McIlhone (cond.) 5, A. J. Howes 6. Also on Aug. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. K. Cook 1, R. M. Heyworth 2, A. J. Howes 3, R. Mordoun 4, P. A. Brand 5, Angela Ayres 6, R. A. Partridge (first of Stedman as cond. and 50th quarter) 7, H. Rossell 8.

WARMLEY, GLOS.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): Myra J. Gibbs 1, W. Lampard 2, E. Owens 3, D. M. Smith (first of eight Doubles "inside") 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, M. Brain (first quarter) 6.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Emery 1, Valerie Stone 2, F. W. Sweet 3, R. Sellick 4, M. J. Stone (first as cond.) 5, M. Warren 6. First "inside" 2 and 4.

A 16 YEARS' GAP

The peal at Horbling, Lincs, on August 18th, was a happy reunion for the conductor, Mr. J. H. Musson, and Mr. John H. Hunt, of Fareham. They first met in the Isle of Wight in 1949, when they rang a peal together, and not again until Mr. Hunt called on Mr. Musson when recently on business in Lincolnshire. The peal, a happy one, was also for the conductor's birthday.

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SAINT ALBANS BOB

See Albion Delight.

SAINT ALBANS DELIGHT

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 5. 6ths 64523.
Called College Bob IV (mistakenly) in
C.C. Collection, 1907.

ST. ANNE'S DELIGHT

x 56 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 12 x 1. 6ths. 52364.
Finch's notebook, 1825.

ST. ANNE'S PLEASURE

x 56 x 16 x 56 x 36 x 34 x 3. 4ths 64235.
William Woodcock's notebook.

ST. ASAPH

x 36 x 14 x 36.14 x 36 x 36 x 16 x 56.36
x 16 x 14.36 x 36. 2nds 56234.In Annable's notebook. Contains four
other methods on same pattern, viz.:
Oxford Riddle, Sam Jeacock, Bangor Bob
and Canterbury Bob.

ST. BRIDE'S COURT

See Bridge's Pleasure.

ST. CLEMENT'S (I)

x 16 x 36 x 3. 4ths 64235.
"Campanologia," 1702, by J. D. Also
called Lambeth Bob and St. Giles.

ST. CLEMENT'S (II)

x 16 x 36 x 3. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1907.

ST. GILES BOB

See St. Clement's (I)

ST. GILES TREBLE BOB

36 x 56.16.56 x 12.36.12 x 14.3. 4ths ~~52364~~
By Charles Severn.

ST. GUTHLAC

See Killarney.

ST. JAMES' YOUTHS PLEASURE

36.14 x 16 x 3. 2nds 64523.
Also known as St. James' Youths Exercise
and St. Lawrence Bob.
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ST. LAWRENCE BOB

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ST. LAWRENCE LITTLE BOB (I)

x 34 x, 16 x 14. 4ths 36524.
6th place Bob, "Campanologia," 1702.

ST. LAWRENCE LITTLE BOB (II)

36.14 x 14. 2nds 56342.
Modern version. C.C. Collection, 1931.

ST. LAWRENCE TREBLE BOB

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ST. NICHOLAS COLLEGE BOB

34.16 x 36 x 3. 2nds 36245.
Handbells, August 23rd, 1964.

ST. PETER

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 23 x 14 x 1. 4ths 45362.
Single change method. William Walker,
"Bell News," 1882-83.

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x 34 x 16 x 34. 2nds 35264.
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CESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—
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Claverley 309), by Friday, 10th.—Joan Bennett.
7559HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—
St. Albans District.—Sandridge, September
18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.
Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Hawkins, 23,
Blenheim Road, St. Albans.—R. D. R. Brown.
Dis. Sec. 7550LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool
Branch.—Meeting, Emmanuel, Everton, Sep-
tember 11th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.
Names to Miss A. Ismay, 9, Ogwen Street,
Liverpool, 6. 7556LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIO-
CESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—
Correction: Quarterly meeting at Llanbadach
September 11th not September 18th.—D. J.
Llewellyn. Sec. 7548SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—
Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Buxted
(8), Saturday, September 18th. Bells 3 p.m.
Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea,
please, by previous Wednesday, to Miss S. G.
Rice, 40, Fairfield Gardens, Portslade. 7547GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—
South West Branch.—Autumn meeting at Dod-
brooke (6) on Saturday, September 25th. Ring-
ing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. p.m. Tea and
meeting to follow. Further ringing after meet-
ing being arranged. Names for tea to me by
Monday, September 20th, please.—Mrs. M. A.
Bould. Branch Sec., Crelake Mews, Tavistock.
7552SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dor-
chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Upwey,
Saturday, September 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m.
Service 4 p.m. For tea, notify by Wednesday
previous A. J. Slade, 8, Verlands Road, Pres-
ton, Weymouth. 7553OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The
autumn general meeting will be held at Wok-
ingham, Berks. on Saturday, October 2nd.
Meeting in the Masonic Hall at 2.30 p.m. Tea
at 4. Service in St. Paul's Church at 5 p.m.
Please park in Hall car park and not on road.
Tea tickets (3s. 3d. each) on application to
Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road,
Radley, Abingdon, Berks. Ringing arrange-
ments will be sent out with tea tickets or on
receipt of s.a.e. Names for tea by Monday,
September 27th.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec.
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BELFRY GOSSIP

Washington Cathedral bookshop took 100
copies of Edgar C. Shepherd's book "Sound
of Bells." This week the order has been re-
peated for another 100 copies.In the peal report (page 534) the ringer of
the eighth in the peal of London Surprise
Royal (No. 3) at Macclesfield on May 1st
should have read Alan A. Potts, and not Wil-
liam H. Dowse.Mr. E. H. Mastin sends his congratulations
to 11-year-old David Gagen, of Magdalen,
Norfolk, on ringing his first peal at Luton,
Lincs. David has already rung the treble to
six quarters of Bob Minor and one of Bob
Triples and several touches of Bob Major.Coming to a silent tower—Hascombe, Sur-
rey—six months ago, Mr. Alan Hoare has rung
his first four quarters and taught four people
to ring. His farewell quarter was on August
29th. We wish him every success at Preston
Candover.Guildford bellringers congratulate Mr. Harold
A. May, a former conductor of Holy Trinity,
Guildford, on his promotion to be Police Ser-
geant at Haslemere in the Surrey Constabulary.
For 15 years he has been in the Constabulary
and for most of that period on traffic control.In the peal of Spliced Surprise Major at
Southampton (page 585) Mr. Robert C. Kippin
is credited with ringing the sixth and the
tenor. He denies any claim to fame and asks
us to correct the copy submitted. The ringer
of the sixth was Noel J. Diserens, and not as
stated.During the absence of the Editor in Aus-
tralia, the editorial side of "The Ringing
World" will be in the charge of Mr. H. C.
Aldhous, a colleague of long standing of Mr.
White. Mr. Aldhous will be assisted by mem-
bers of the Editorial Committee on technical
matters.

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FRIENDSHIP AND RINGING

Some two years ago the writer applied for the bells at St. Mary, Redcliffe, for a College Youths' peal and this culminated on August 21st. All went well with the arrangements until Thursday, 19th, when John Chilcott rang me to say that, while playing with some nieces and nephews, he fell down and strained his arm badly and would be unable to call the peal. Where friendship comes in, he said he would still call for the writer at Basingstoke and drive him to Bristol. This he did, and listened to quite a reasonable peal (so he says). Part of this friendship in ringing is also the fact that we had to give Albert Tyler very little notice to look up the peal and take John's place, but Albert did this with pleasure and without a grumble.

The third part of friendship and ringing is a very happy week-end two or three of us spent with Reg Hooper and Bryn Shackleton, and it was with great pleasure to all of us that Cyril Hibbert was able to ring a quarter peal on Sunday morning, the first long length since he went down with arthritis some two years ago. For this quarter peal we are indebted to Dick and Liz Bowden, and the ringers of that quarter peal of Stedman Triples at St. Philip's were Patricia Hibbert 1, Cyril Hibbert 2, Liz Bowden 3, Bill Hibbert 4, Derek Jewell 5, John Hibbert 6, Bryn Shackleton 7, Reg Hooper 8. C.H.

LAVENHAM TENOR

This week we feature the rededication of Lavenham bells. While at the Loughborough foundry the bells were weighed. The correct weight of the Miles Graye tenor of 1625 is 21 cwt. 7 lb. Another unusual feature is that the treble weighing 6 cwt. 3 qr. and cast by Dobson, of Downham, in 1811, is heavier than the second or third.

Mr. Claude Rush calls attention to the Sanctus bell in the spirelet at the junction of the nave and chancel. Just under 2 cwt., it was cast about 1350 and came from Buxhall, Suffolk. It passed through the hands of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston and Mr. Ranald Clouston to Mr. Charles Matkin, who gave it to Lavenham Church in memory of his wife.

STARTING YOUNG

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Jopp, who have their own campanile at Stoulton, Worcestershire, rang in an interesting quarter of Plain Bob Doubles on August 28th. It was the first quarter of their son Paul, who is their second son to ring a quarter peal while still only seven! It was his mother's first quarter as conductor.

100 PEALS OF STEDMAN

With the ringing of the peal at St. Ives, Hunts., on August 26th, Mr. J. Howard Freeborn has brought his total of Stedman to 100. The first was on October 27th, 1906, at his birthplace, Kidlington, conducted by the legendary Rev. F. E. Robinson.

He has visited 41 towers to ring these peals, which comprise 48 of Triples, 30 of Caters and 22 of Cinques. He did not conduct any of them, but once rang the treble to an attempt for a silent peal of Stedman Triples, which foundered in the 17th part.

FROM PICCOLO TO CHURCH BELLS

Captain Marybelle Nissly not only learned to ring while stationed with the American Forces at Alconbury, but made hosts of friends among ringers, as she visited more than 50 towers. Her life story now appears in the U.S. Service newspaper "The Stars and Stripes," which describes her as "a Piccolo-Playing W.A.F. Captain with lots of pull."

Marybelle was a high school music teacher in her own town, Lancaster, Pa., and also played the piccolo and flute in the local symphony orchestra. She replied to an advertisement for an experienced piccolo player for the Women's Army Corps. A photograph of her introduction into the Forces with right hand raised became a national picture captioned in one New York paper: "Now the Army can go back to war. . . The W.A.C. have found a piccolo player."

Five months later she was a warrant officer conducting the W.A.C. Band, which during the war greeted more than one million G.I.'s on the piers of New York and San Francisco. War over, she returned to teaching at Lancaster and formed a bellringing band and ordered 20 English handbells from Whitechapel. She rejoined the Air Force in 1952 and was commissioned a captain to organise a W.A.F. band. Her 20 handbells were augmented to 50. It was when she was assigned to Alconbury that she decided to master the art of change ringing, and was coached at Huntingdon by Harold Peacock.

Back in America her ambition is to ring at Washington Cathedral and "stimulate American interest in the age-old English custom." She is now at Little Rock A.F.B., Ark.

RINGING CLASSES AT EVENING INSTITUTE

The prospectus for the forthcoming winter classes at the Willerby (East Yorks) Evening Institute includes a new activity in Campanology. The course "is intended primarily for the beginner, and will include instruction in both tune ringing and change ringing on handbells, and an introduction to tower bells."

The class will be taken by Mr. R. Gibson, of St. Mary's Church, Cottingham. Practical sessions on tower bells will be at St. Andrew's Church, Kirk Ella.

SAPCOTE TOWER AND SPIRE RESTORATION

The tower and spire of All Saints', Sapcote, Leics., is undergoing restoration. All stonework is being repointed and, where necessary, replaced. Work started at the beginning of August and it is hoped will be completed by mid-September. The cost will be £1,250, which has been raised in just over two years. The work has not interfered with ringing.

THE RETURN OF THE NATIVE

From Derbyshire we learn that Bill Barwell, who has been an itinerant railwayman for 40 years, has retired and rejoined the band at Sawley, where he learned to ring. Although he had not rung during that time, he carried on from where he left off. The quarter peal published this week was his first of Triples.

A TELEVISION BROADCAST

Mr. T. J. Lock and some of the Adventurers were televised at St. Lawrence Jewry Church on September 2nd. The leader was interviewed and gave an indication of the extent of their journeying and also recalled the first Great Adventure of 1934. Grandsire Triples was rung and close-up films taken of members ringing. These included Miss Anne Horsford, the Rev. M. C. C. Melville, Messrs. L. Stillwell, A. P. Cannon and R. M. Damerell. Also with the party were Messrs. H. A. Pitstow, W. H. Coles, Jack Phillips and T. W. White.

A younger brother of the Rev. Malcolm Melville, Mr. Gordon Melville, was closely associated with the Great Adventure, 1934. He was serving as a cadet on the S.S. "Barra-bool," which conveyed the party to Australia, and a letter from him giving his impressions was contained in Mr. Goldsmith's book. Gordon learned to ring as a boy at Exhall, where his father was Vicar. He served in the R.N.R. as a Lieut.-Commander throughout the last war. He now lives in the Birmingham area.

ALL ANTIPODEAN TENORS READY, PAT!

Writing to Mr. John Chilcott, Messrs. Peter G. Richards and Hervey Bagot send their fraternal greetings to all ringers in the United Kingdom, and especially to the members of the A.S.C.Y.

"We would also like to assure all Adventurers of a very warm welcome on their arrival 'Down Under.' We were delighted to learn from the last issue of 'The Ringing Towers' that our campanological comrade and fellow Youth, Pat Cannon, is to be one of the 'Adventurers,' and we ask you to kindly pass on the following: 'All antipodean tenors (all that are ringable, that is) are oiled, ready and waiting.'"

LATEST FROM PERTH, W.A.

St. George's Cathedral, Perth, have had a misfortune. Brian Laws has cut his thumb rather badly and will not be able to ring during Tom Lock's tourists' visit. Another ringer has been on teaching practice in the country and a third has had her tonsils out. An extra practice had been introduced and the band were concentrating on Bob Triples.

5,280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

By ROGER BALDWIN
M B W H

35426	—	x	—	—
63254	—	A	—	—
26354	—	x	—	—
32654	—	x	—	—
25634	—	x	—	—
42356	—	A	—	—
34256	—	x	—	—
25463	—	SS	—	—
23564	—	x	—	—

Twice repeat J.

A — Bobs at 2, 3, 4, 5.

SS — Singles at 2, 3.

This composition contains 129 roll-ups.
First rung at Bushey on May 6th, 1965.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Mary Redcliffe.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 52 cwt.

William Hibbert Treble	Reginald G. Hooper 7
John W. T. Hibbert 2	Richard Bowden 8
Albert M. Tyler 3	Brian R. White 9
Richard C. Stevens 4	Francis A. White 10
Brynley A. Shackleton 5	Frederick A. White 11
John H. Napper 6	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONG SUTTON, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Wed., Aug. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

Raymond P. Selway Treble	Ronald D. Short 4
Audrey Short 2	William E. Turner 5
Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 3	Trevor A. Cross Tenor

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Aug. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 4 lb.

Raymond P. Selway Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy 4
Gilbert W. Rendell 2	Trevor A. Cross 5
Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 3	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

DARESBUY, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Alan Twyman Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis 5
Christine Andrew 2	Dennis Latham 6
John Booth 3	Denis Mottershead 7
Neil D. Lomas 4	Jeffrey Brannan Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Alan McFall Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis 5
Cynthia Warrilow 2	Robert B. Smith 6
Robert J. Warrilow 3	John Worth 7
Harold C. Lonyon 4	Basil Jones Tenor

Composed by T. Thurstans (Heywood's Variation).

Conducted by John Worth.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 EASTCOTE SURPRISE MAJOR

27 course block reduced.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Derek F. Yates Treble	Basil Jones 5
Robert J. Warrilow 2	Alan McFall 6
Robert B. Smith 3	Derek Butterworth 7
Harold C. Lonyon 4	Frank Osbaldiston Tenor

Conducted by Basil Jones.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of 3rd.

Rung as a compliment to Joan Massey, of Macclesfield, and William H. Dowse, of Marple, on their engagement.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

WOOTTON WAWEN, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., Aug. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandire.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F sharp.

Fred C. Lyne Treble	James F. West 4
Jill Riley 2	Alan J. Collings 5
Peter S. Bennett 3	James Stockley Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bennett on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., Aug. 22, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

Stanley G. Ponting .. Treble	Frank H. Hicks 5
Ann Jenner 2	*Andrew J. Strathdee 6
Malcolm M. Powell 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
*Derek Slater 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal in the method.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*Kenneth Davenport .. Treble	John Robinson 6
Christine Andrew 2	Philip Davies 7
Sidney Hough 3	Giles Thompson 8
Alan Sharples 4	Jeffrey Brannan 9
Allen Twyman 5	Denis Mottershead Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

* First peal on ten bells.

A wedding compliment to the Rev. Christopher Rees, of Wilmslow, and Miss Janet Somerville, who were married earlier in the day at the nearby Church of All Saints, Turnditch.

BASLOW, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Anne.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being three extents each of Kent and Oxford and one spliced.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A sharp.

Gladys Richardson .. Treble	*Barrie Bateman 4
Brian J. Woodruffe 2	*Timothy Wylie 5
Alex Richardson 3	Malcolm Phipps Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First of Treble Bob on the bells.

A 21st birthday compliment to Timothy Wylie.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., Aug. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods: one extent each Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and St. Clement's, and four Plain Bob.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

M. Roland Reed Treble	Ernest H. Mastin 4
Wallace W. Cousins 2	*Claude Cousins 5
John E. Fox 3	Thomas R. Bush Tenor

Conducted by Ernest H. Mastin.

* 200th peal for the Ely Association.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Marshland Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association at this church on Monday, August 2nd, 1915.

LUTTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Wed., Aug. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods: one extent each St. Clement's and Oxford Bob, and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 4½ cwt.

*David Gagen (age 11) .. Treble	George R. Butler 4
Norman V. Harding 2	Ernest H. Mastin 5
Shelagh R. Collins 3	Claude Cousins Tenor

Conducted by Ernest H. Mastin.

* First peal, first attempt.

DENVER, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Aug. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods: one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's, and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

Peter Gagen Treble	Roland Newsom 4
Wallace W. Cousins 2	Ernest H. Mastin 5
John E. Fox 3	Claude Cousins Tenor

Conducted by Ernest H. Mastin.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of the Rev. I. G. Jones, Rector of Denver, interred this day.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 12 lb.

Peter D. Chapman .. Treble	Dennis Hewitt 5
Joe E. G. Roast 2	Robert J. Chapman 6
Dennis Ellison 3	Dennis A. S. Symonds 7
Peter G. Brown 4	Ian R. Panton Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

Rung in memory of John C. Macbeth, of Nayland, who died on February 10th, 1965.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,344 Cambridge and 1,216 Superlative, with 113 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell. Tenor 8 cwt. 17 lb.

Ivor Goulter Treble	*W. Bertram Kynaston .. 5
Cyril A. Wratten 2	Brian J. Luff 6
Bruce Wakefield 3	Anthony R. Peake 7
Robert C. Kippin 4	Brian Bladon Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise away from treble.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WONERSH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Treble	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in G.
Jill M. May 2	*Gay E. Enticknap 5
Stanley G. Ponting 2	A. Patrick Cannon 6
Walter E. Enticknap 3	Douglas A. R. May 7
Arthur E. Hunter 4	†Arthur F. Rooke Tenor

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.

* First peal. † First on eight. First peal on the eight and on the bells since 1935.

Mr. Cannon's 80th tower in Surrey for a peal.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLIFFORD, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Aug. 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods: being one extent each of St. Simon, St. Martin, Winchendon Place, St. Frideswide, Stanton, Oxford, Beckley, St. Cynidr, St. Cewydd, St. Cynon, St. Ceidio, Grandsire, Bluebell, Daffodil, Newborough, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St. Augustine, All Saints, Rushall, Marchington, St. Hilda, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford, Old, Hudibras, Dedworth, Buttercup, Primrose, Violet, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Campion, Wychbold, Wallflower, Honeysuckle, Cowslip.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Allan R. Greenhill Treble	Colin A. Lewis 4
John W. Hope 2	†Reginald J. Preece 5
†Peter D. Sell 3	Danzey H. Watkins Tenor

Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.

* First peal. † First in 42 methods. St. Cynidr, St. Cewydd, St. Cynon and St. Ceidio believed to be rung for the first time.

Rung for the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Mason.

FOVNHOPPE, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Aug. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Treble	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.
Ivor Goulter 2	Austin T. Wingate 4
Peter D. S. Caligari 2	John F. I. Turney 5
Christine Jay 3	Peter D. Sell Tenor

Conducted by Peter D. Sell.

First peal as conductor.

Rung for the marriage of Miss Irene Joyce Malkin and Mr. Peter Michael Cope, on August 21st.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., June 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

*Rodney Andrews Treble	Charles T. Davidson .. 5
Joan Hayward 2	Peter Muchlinski 6
Leonard Crouch 3	Cyril S. Jarrett 7
George Philpot 4	Terence Barton Tenor

Conducted by Cyril S. Jarrett.

* First peal.

Rung as a 15th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, also on the occasion of the wedding of Alan Hutchings and Jane Cherry, both choir members.

FRINDBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Aug. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Peter S. Muchlinski Treble	Colin A. Tester 5
Thomas E. Sone 2	David S. Osenton 6
Martin L. Howe 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. 7
Cyril S. Jarrett 4	Bernard F. L. Groves .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

First peal in the method as conductor.

ERITH Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Fri., Aug. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Colin A. Tester Treble	W. Arthur Riddington .. 5
Olive D. Tester 2	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 6
Herbert E. Audsley 3	John W. Smith 7
Frederick J. Cullum 4	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Martin L. Howe.

First peal in the method as conductor. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

BIDDENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 832 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey, and 768 Bristol, with 123 changes of method, and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

Robin J. Lee Treble	Doris E. Colgate 5
*Ann Jenner 2	Ralph Bird 6
Olive D. Tester 3	Stanley Jenner 7
Arthur S. Richards 4	Thomas Cullingworth .. Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal of 6-spliced. First of 6-spliced as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Wed., Aug. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 81 lb. in D.

John Robinson Treble	John A. Booth 7
Richard S. Starkie 2	*Jeffrey Brannan 8
Edward Jenkins 3	Alan McFall 9
*Christine Andrew 4	Derek Butterworth 10
Robert B. Smith 5	A. Peter Whitehead .. 11
J. Barry Pickup 6	Neil Bennett Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus.

OSWALDTWISTLE, Lancashire.—At the Church of Immanuel.

On Sun., Aug. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Richard S. Starkie Treble	Philip Crossthwaite 5
Edward Jenkins 2	Jeffrey Kershaw 6
Margaret E. Fort 3	J. Barry Pickup 7
Derek Butterworth 4	Richard J. Parker Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Edward Jenkins Treble	Richard S. Starkie 5
Margaret E. Fort 2	J. Barry Pickup 6
Alison M. Mann 3	Jeffrey Kershaw 7
J. Colin Ashworth 4	Derek Butterworth Tenor

Composed by R. Baldwin. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

James E. Dickinson Treble	Thomas F. Metcalfe 5
William Wall 2	Raymond Suart 6
James E. Burles 3	John Bagnall 7
Nicholas M. Newby, jun. .. 4	Nicholas M. Newby .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Nicholas M. Newby.

First of Little Bob Major by all the band and on the bells.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Prebendal Church of St. Margaret, Churchgate.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb in C sharp.

William A. Lacey Treble	Geoffrey M. Brewin 6
A. James Poyner 2	Martin C. Faulkes 7
W. Ernest Rawson 3	Roland H. Cook 8
David G. Wilford 4	A. Maxwell Lindsey 9
Malcolm E. Wade 5	*R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted R. Kingsley Mason.

* 225th peal.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Alison Clare Ducker, daughter of the Vicar of St. Margaret's, Leicester, and Mr. Howard Norman Gregory, which took place in Leicester Cathedral earlier this day.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALESBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Old Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

Jack Bray Treble	Ronald Chafer 5
Iris M. E. Lemare 2	David S. Johnson 6
Frances Fairbank 3	Rev. Frederick Ross .. 7
*Jean F. Woolford 4	James A. D. Woolford .. Tenor

Composed by A. E. Barnett. Conducted by Jack Bray.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 700th peal for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Mon., Aug. 23, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
A PEAL OF 5184 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Joyce M. Gurnhill Treble	*Peter A. Sharp 5
Claire Dillamore 2	Geoffrey R. Parker 6
Jack L. Millhouse 3	Harry Parks 7
Arthur F. Lewry 4	Geoffrey Paul Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Geoffrey Paul.
 * First peal of Superlative Surprise Major.

BASSINGHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., April 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
 Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. in G.

Jack L. Millhouse Treble	Peter A. Sharp 4
Joyce M. Gurnhill 2	George A. Dawson 5
*Margaret E. Chilton 3	John R. Pratchett Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Bankes James.
 Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
 * First peal of Surprise "inside."

HORBLING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Wed., Aug. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

Charles R. Baxter Treble	Cuthbert T. H. Bradley .. 4
James A. D. Woolford .. 2	John H. Hunt 5
William H. Dale 3	James H. Musson Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

Arranged for John H. Hunt, of Fareham. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WHAPLODE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Aug. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: (1) Double Oxford Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Single Oxford Bob, (4) Oxford T. Bob, (5) St. Clement's Bob, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

Keith R. Davey Treble	Maurice Bengett 4
*Janet E. Hubbard 2	Derek J. Jones 5
Roger D. Bailey 3	Alan G. Payne Tenor

Conducted by Derek J. Jones.
 * First peal in seven methods "inside."

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSN. (Llandaff Branch).

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.
 On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 lb.

Thomas Yeomans Treble	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland .. 5
Ruth E. Havard 2	D. Walford Davies 6
*William T. Petty 3	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 7
Stephen Fenwick 4	Harold Preece Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
 * 100th peal.

RUMNEY, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine. (Llandaff Branch).

On Mon., Aug. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods: (1) Double Bob, (2) Single Oxford, (3) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) Grandsire, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford, (7) Cambridge S. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F sharp.

Stephen Fenwick Treble	Roger G. Havard 4
Ruth E. Havard 2	Christopher Aldridge .. 5
Geoffrey J. B. Stickland .. 3	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
 Rung on the eve of the wedding of the Rev. R. C. Lucas, curate of this parish, and Miss Christine Glastonbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 4 methods, comprising 2,528 of London, 1,056 each of Cambridge and Superlative, and 448 of Bristol, with 86 changes of method. All the bells do all the work of each method.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Claudia A. Critchley .. Treble	John Hill 5
Joan Beresford 2	G. William Critchley .. 6
Ruth M. Foreman 3	Thomas J. Lock 7
Alick Cutler 4	John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
 The composition appears in "The Ringing World" of August 7th, 1942, and was the first all the work peal composed in the four standard Surprise methods. Believed to be rung for the first time.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

OVERSEALE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
 Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A flat.

Arthur E. Rowley Treble	John M. Jelley 5
Derek P. Jones 2	Gordon H. Lane 6
Monica M. Jelley 3	Joseph W. Cotton 7
Roland Beniston 4	David J. Allen Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John M. Jelley.

Rung as a wedding day compliment to Miss Joan Cotton, a member of St. Matthew's band and elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cotton, to Mr. Kenneth Wilson, whose marriage took place at All Saints' Church, Lullington, this day.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.

On Tues., Aug. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 4½ cwt.

John W. T. Hibbert .. Treble	Dennis A. Leslie 5
Norman H. Leslie 2	Francis A. White 6
Charles Coles 3	Brian R. White 7
G. Robert Mordaunt .. 4	*Roger M. M. Tenor

Conducted by Brian R. White.

* First peal.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sun., Aug. 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

Frederick R. Scott .. Treble	Noel J. Diserens 5
Michael W. Coleman .. 2	Edward R. Venn 6
Anthony D. Sansom .. 3	Brian J. Luff 7
Frank Osbaldiston .. 4	J. Keith Ward Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davis. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

SONNING-ON-THAMES, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E flat.

William Birmingham .. Treble	Giles R. Shedden 5
Brian J. Luff 2	Sydney M. Bailey 6
Geoffrey K. Dodd 3	Wilfrid G. Wilson 7
Reginald W. Rex 4	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
 Rung as a farewell to Canon S. J. S. and Mrs. Groves, on their retirement, and as a thankoffering for Canon Groves' 23 years of faithful ministry in this parish.

BRIGHTWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Agatha.

On Tues., Aug. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in G.

Geoffrey K. Cook Treble	Robert Partridge 4
Roger M. Heyworth .. 2	Paul Brandt 5
Barbara M. Butler .. 3	Andrew J. Howes Tenor

Conducted by Andrew J. Howes.
 First peal in the method for all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

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CHICHELEY, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In four methods: (1 and 2) Cambridge Surprise, (3 and 4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) St. Clement's College Bob, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 16½ cwt.
Joyce I. Barton Treble .. Roy Woodruff 4
Ronald J. Snack 2 .. David A. Cornwall 5
Anthony K. Fortin 3 .. Walter Lee Tenor
Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.
On Fri., Aug. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.
Stephen Ivin Treble .. Malcolm J. V. Chown 6
Charles E. Truman 2 .. Alan A. Paul 7
Patrick I. Chapman 3 .. Arthur Gibbs 8
Avril Ivin 4 .. Barrie Hendry 9
Roger W. Smith 5 .. Peter Border Tenor
Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Peter Border.

(The Society of Raving Ringers).
CHACOMBE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 16 cwt.
Edward R. Venn Treble .. James Linnell 4
Barry E. Saunders 2 .. Barry J. Davis 5
Christopher C. Clarke 3 .. Michael W. Coleman .. Tenor
Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.
First peal in the method by all the band.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
POOLE, Dorset.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.
Jeffrey L. Cloughton .. Treble .. William F. J. Cope 6
Herbert A. Mitchell 2 .. Arthur V. Davis 7
*Denby P. Murduck 3 .. Philip Murduck 8
Reginald W. Rex 4 .. Geoffrey Dodd 9
†Richard F. Prime 5 .. Reginald F. Crook Tenor
Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Arthur V. Davis.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal in the method.

WIMBORNE ST. GILES, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Giles.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F.
Frederick R. Scott Treble .. William Birmingham 5
Patricia Diserens 2 .. Brian J. Luff 6
Ronald F. Diserens 3 .. Robin G. Leale 7
Anthony D. Sansom 4 .. J. Keith Ward Tenor
Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

HOLT, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Katherine.
On Tues., July 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES
In 42 methods, each having its own individual plain course. Being 42 extents, viz.: two each New Bob—Oakley, Huntspill—Chipstead, St. Vedast—Itchingfield, Westminster—Broughton, Blackburn Place—Ockham, St. Hilary—Chesham, St. Nicholas—Thornborough, Winchendon Place—Hascombe, St. Remigius—Longford, St. Simon—Slapton, St. Martin—Merton, St. Osmund—Rugby, Plain Bob—Candlesby, Rev. Canterbury—Raveningham; one each of New Bob—Fornett, Huntspill—Ellingham, St. Vedast—Bedingham, Westminster—Knapton, Blackburn—Lyng, St. Hilary—Intwood, St. Nicholas—Fundenhall, Winchendon—Haddiscoe, St. Remigius—Harpley, St. Simon—Braywood, St. Martin—Welford, St. Osmund—Longford, Plain Bob—Boxford, Reverse Canterbury—Dorton; 252 changes of method.
Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb.
Charles Quarterley Treble .. David Orledge 4
David Nibbs 2 .. Robert Purnell 5
Philip Gaisford 3 .. David Burt Tenor
Conducted by Robert Purnell.

Most methods to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.
Rung as an engagement compliment to Mr. D. Burt and Miss Barbara Jones, both Avon Amateurs.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
THURCASTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 10 cwt.
Parker's Twelve-Part.
*Barry Nixon Treble .. F. William Midwinter 5
Katharine Burchnall 2 .. William L. Extop 6
Grace Burchnall 3 .. Harry Poyner 7
Mary C. Poyner 4 .. †B. Stedman Payne Tenor
Conducted by Harry Poyner.
* First peal. † Has now "circled the tower" twice.

ORSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being three 1,440's and one 720.
Albert Foster Treble .. F. William Midwinter 4
*Margaret E. Chilton 2 .. *George A. Dawson 5
Harold Stevenson 3 .. John R. Pratchett Tenor
Conducted by George A. Dawson.
* 25th peal together. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.
BARTON-IN-FABIS, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. George.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 21 lb. in G.
Ruth Blackshaw Treble .. Simon Humphrey 4
Margaret E. Chilton 2 .. George A. Dawson 5
Maurice W. Harrison 3 .. John R. Pratchett Tenor
Conducted by George A. Dawson.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Guild.
25th peal as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to C. Raymond Larkin and S. Jane Dowse, married earlier this day at Bingham, Notts.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.
On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being one 1,440 and five different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.
Katharine Burchnall .. Treble .. Margaret E. Chilton 4
Susan Moxon 2 .. F. William Midwinter 5
Grace Burchnall 3 .. George A. Dawson Tenor
Conducted by George A. Dawson.
A compliment to David and Pat Osbourne, of Gedling, on the birth of a son, Simon Luke.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
HORRINGER, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Leonard.
On Mon., Aug. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
48 course block reduced. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb. in A.
*Raymond J. Fordham .. Treble .. Richard Rose 5
Robin H. Rogers 2 .. †Henry Ivings 6
Janet I. Rogers 3 .. Richard S. Seabrook 7
*Winifred M. Ivings 4 .. Maurice J. Rose Tenor
Conducted by Robin H. Rogers.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
HENFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E.
Leonard Stilwell Treble .. Peter Beresford 5
Joan Beresford 2 .. Derek E. Sibson 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3 .. W. Leslie Weller 7
C. Martin Press 4 .. Dennis Beresford Tenor
Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

PULBOROUGH, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Mon., Aug. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In six methods, comprising 1,088 Cambridge, 928 Rutland, 896 Superlative, 800 London, 672 Brighton and 640 Bristol, with 139 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.
Leonard Stilwell Treble .. Ronald F. Diserens 5
Patricia Diserens 2 .. George Francis 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3 .. Derek E. Sibson 7
C. Martin Press 4 .. W. Leslie Weller Tenor
Composed by Richard G. Crosland. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

WARNHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Mon., Aug. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 WARNHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.
Leonard Stilwell Treble .. *Tom Page 5
*Patricia R. Gough 2 .. *George Francis 6
Edgar R. Rapley 3 .. *Derek E. Sibson 7
*Stapley G. Ponting 4 .. *W. Leslie Weller Tenor
Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
* First peal in the method

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
SKETTY, Swansea, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Paul.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.
*Patricia A. Jenkins .. Treble .. J. Arthur Hoare 5
Brian J. Woodruffe 2 .. †Richard T. Smith 6
†Elizabeth J. Watkins .. 3 .. Edmund J. Morris 7
Penelope J. Welch 4 .. Gwyn I. Lewis Tenor
Composed by G. Patrick. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.
* First peal of Major. † First of Major "inside." ‡ First of Treble Bob Major.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. N. Whitworth, of Morawelon.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

BUDOCK, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Budocus.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (7th. obs.).	Tenor 10 cwt. 5 lb. in G sharp.
Alan Carveth Treble	Rev. A. S. Roberts 5
Anthony Locke 2	Graham D. Carter 6
Michael W. Brown 3	Anthony J. Davidson 7
*Helen A. Hobbins 4	Denis Stephens Tenor

Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.

* First peal on eight. First of Triples on the bells.

Rung to celebrate the tercentenary of the consecration of the Church of King Charles the Martyr, Falmouth. Also a wedding compliment to Michael and Diane Brown, married the previous week.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

KINVER, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Aug. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

*Peter J. Brown Treble	*A. Bryan Ellsmore 5
*M. Irene Ellsmore 2	Martin D. Fellows 6
*Yvonne Edwards 3	Roderick W. Pipe 7
Michael J. Fellows 4	John C. Eisel Tenor

Composed by Edwin A. Barnett. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* First peal of Pudsey Surprise Major.

BREDON'S NORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Chapel of Ease of St. Giles.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 6½ cwt.

Richard Miles Treble	C. I. J. Pearce 4
James Attwood, jun. .. . 2	Fred Wood 5
Joseph Strawford 3	James Attwood, sen. .. Tenor

Conducted by James Attwood, jun.

BREDON'S NORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Chapel of Ease of St. Giles.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 42 methods/variations. One extent each Somervills, St. Jude, Elford, Eynsham, Cassington, St. Simon, St. Alban, Magdalen, St. Lawrence, Austrey, St. Leonard, St. Peter, St. Martin, St. Paul, Hudibras, Litchurch, Seighford, April Day, Old Bob, Plain Bob, Kennington, Nuffield, St. Mary, Shareshill, Lapley, St. Thomas, St. Giles, St. Nicholas, Wadham, St. Crispin, Ryton, St. John, St. Luke, St. Miles, Winchendon Place, Campion, Little Aston, St. David, Clifford's Pleasure, St. Columba, Southrepps, Reverse Canterbury.

Martin Boskett Treble	Martyn Hawkes 4
Anna Sadowska 2	Peter Robertson 5
John Clements 3	Kenneth O'Beirne Tenor

Conducted by Martyn Hawkes.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of SS. Philip and James.

On Fri., Aug. 20, 1965, in 1 Hour and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*Maud Austin 1—2	John T. Dunwoody (cond.) 3—4
John Lindsay 5—6	

* First peal "in hand."

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

RIPLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., July 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Geoffrey N. Goodall .. . 1—2	David W. Friend 5—6
Trevor Taylor 3—4	Leonard Goodall 7—8

Composed by Amburn Wilson. Conducted by Leonard Goodall.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At All Saints' Bell Tower.

On Wed., Aug. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Alan McFall 1—2	Gerard Moorhouse 5—6
Robert B. Smith 3—4	Derek Butterworth 7—8

Composed by J. Nicholl. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

Rung as a compliment to Joan Massey, of Macclesfield, and William H. Dowse, of Marple, on their engagement. Tenor size 15 in C.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 44, Mitchell Avenue.

On Wed., Aug. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

Roger H. E. Askew 1—2	Andrew G. Craddock (cond.) 3—4
*B. Peter Richardsop .. . 5—6	

* First peal away from 1—2.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Elaine Murcott and Frank Lee.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(and the Humphrey Perkins School Campanological Society).

BIRSTALL, Leicestershire.—At 46, Greengate Lane.

On Mon., Aug. 16, 1965, in 1 Hour and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents differently called.

Malcolm D. Barsby .. . 1—2	*David F. Moore 3—4
B. Stedman Payne (cond.)	5—6

* 100th peal.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLEATHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Cleatham House Farm.

On Mon., Aug. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

John Hall 1—2	Jack Bray 5—6
George E. Feirn 3—4	Michael W. Crowder .. . 7—8

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Jack Bray.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.

On Fri., Aug. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 23 methods, comprising 320 each of Bristol, Ealing, Elford, Leatherhead, Lindum, London, Uxbridge, Watford and Wembley, and 160 each of Aldenham, Ashted, Berkshire, Cambridge, Eastcote, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, Painswick, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1—2	John R. Mayne 5—6
Roger Baldwin 3—4	Gerald Penney 7—8

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Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

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J. Arthur Hoare 5—6	

First peal in the method on handbells.

On Wed., July 21, 1965, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 KILAMARSH TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6	

First peal in the method on handbells.

On Thurs., July 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

Hazel Way 1—2	J. Arthur Hoare 5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe 3—4	*Raymond J. Hosking .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal on handbells and first peal of Major.

A birthday compliment to Raymond J. Hosking

On Fri., July 23, 1965, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 BURTON TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6	

First peal in the method.

On Sat., July 24, 1965, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAPEL TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6	

First peal in the method on handbells.

On Mon., Aug. 9, 1965, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TRINITY SUNDAY TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1—2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3—4
J. Arthur Hoare 5—6	

First peal in the method on handbells.

On Thurs., Aug. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

Raymond J. Hosking .. . 1—2	J. Arthur Hoare 5—6
Brian J. Woodruffe 3—4	*John M. Hughes 7—8

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal on handbells, and first of Major.

On Sun., Aug. 15, 1965, in 2 Hours 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor size 18 in G.

Hazel Way 1—2	J. Arthur Hoare 5—6
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Composed by Henry Hubbard. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

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ENGAGEMENT

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Chapman are now living at Clubburn, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. Sorry, no phone. 7532

PHILLIPS.—The address of John Phillips is now 60, Coleman Road, Camberwell, London S.E.5. 7521

PERSONAL

"And be content with such things as ye have; for He hath said I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.—Heb. xiii, 5.

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MISCELLANEOUS

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Would all Freshers coming to Birmingham in October please write to: Mr. Paul M. Evans, Brynmawr, Priory Terrace, Maesteg, Glamorgan, Wales.

CORRECTION.—Will those with copies of the Middlesex Association Report please amend the times of Wednesday practices at St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, to 7 p.m. Our ringing must finish at 8 p.m.—C. Neal. 7415

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—All ringers coming up as freshers to Liverpool University next session are invited to contact Miss Ann Freeman, 1, Hillside Road, Grange, West Kirby, Cheshire. 7539

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Dinner-Dance will be held on Saturday, October 9th, 1965, at the Mollington Banastre Hotel, Parkgate Road, Chester. Meet 5.45-6.15 p.m. Tickets 23/- each. All applications for tickets to Gen. Sec. before October 1st, together with remittance. The following towers will be open: Christleton (8) 1-2 p.m., Hoole (6) 2-3 p.m., Handbridge (8) and St. Mary's-within-the-Walls (8), Chester 3-4 p.m., Shotwich (6) and Backford (6) 4-5 p.m.—Henry O. Baker, Gen. Sec., 63, Parkgate Road, Chester. 7393

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly and quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walton, Liverpool, on Saturday, October 9th. Ringing at Tuebrook 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Walton 3.15 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and after tea. Names for tea (2/- each) to Mrs. M. Martin, 77, Bedford Road, Liverpool 4. — F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 7353

SNOWDON SCHOLARS' 20th Anniversary Reunion Dinner-Dance on December 4th, 1965, at the Guildford Hotel, Leeds. Tickets (25/-) from Olivia A. Marshall, 9, Chapel Street, Calverley, Pudsey. 7485

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—New students coming up are warmly welcome at the first practice of term on Thursday, October 7th, at St. Olave's, Hart Street, at 6.30 p.m. Tube: Tower Hill. Turn right out of station and right again up Seething Lane. Further information from the Secretary: R. E. J. Dennis, Christ Church Vicarage, Breeze Hill, Bootle 20, Lancs. General meeting, October 16th. 7482

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN HANDLE A BELL? You do? Then come and be disillusioned in the Great Minimus Contest at Pamber Priory, near Basingstoke, Hampshire, on Sunday, October 10th. Entries (complete 4-bell bands only) by end of September, to Box No. 7537, "The Ringing World," Guildford. 7537

HUNTINGTON (YORK).—Tower secretary is now Gordon Pearce, 33, Broom Close, Huntington, to whom all requests for special ringing and peal attempts should be addressed. 7529

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—John O. Freeman would be very pleased to hear from all freshers going to Durham. He lives at Dudley House, The Firs, Bowden, Cheshire, or in term time at Grey College. 7536

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Meeting, Sutton St. James on Saturday, September 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. Names for tea to Mrs. C. W. Lawton, School View, Sutton Lane Ends. Striking competition in afternoon for the local tower and scratch bands. All welcome. 7427

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting, September 11th, Cherry Hinton and Great Wilbraham. Cherry Hinton (5) 3 p.m. Service, Cherry Hinton, 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting; Great Wilbraham (5) 6.30.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 7483

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Boreham (8) on Saturday, September 11th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea as soon as possible to J. P. Brandon, 424, Baddow Road, Chelmsford. (72-100). Special method: London. 7510

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Chigwell on September 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to A. Walker, 14, Lee Grove, Chigwell. 7466

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—Meeting at Coaley, Saturday, September 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to G. G. J. Minors, Quarry House Farm, The Quarry, Cam, near Dursley. 7522

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Pirbright (6) on Saturday, September 11th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Cherryman, 1, Borough Hill Cottage, School Lane, Pirbright. — D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 7506

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridge-north Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Alverley, September 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea to Joan Bennett, Rudge Heath, Claverley, near Wolverhampton, not later than September 9th. 7516

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Berkhamsted, September 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Sennitt, 33, Curtis Way, Berkhamsted. 7496

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Meeting at Egerton on Saturday, September 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Waddington, Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent. — M. L. Howe, Dis. Sec. 7478

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Bethersden, Saturday, September 11th. Bells (6, 15 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. J. Spree, 5, Chester Avenue, Bethersden, near Ashford.—C. T. H. 7431

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Ospringe, on Saturday, September 11th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea follows in the Church Hall. Those requiring tea, would they please notify Mr. F. C. Farnsworth, 14, King's Road, Faversham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting, Chewton Mendip (8), September 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Litton (6) available 6.45-8 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. de Jong, 6, Beresford Close, Saltford. 7535

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Wragby (6), Saturday, September 11th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Bartholomew, Wragham House, Wragby, Lincoln.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 7494

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, September 11th, The Immanuel, Streatham Common, 3-4. Own tea St. Leonard's, Streatham High Road, 6-7.30. No business. — Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 7489

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Burry Port, Saturday, September 11th. Bells (5) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. Sage, Norfolk House, Stepney Road, Burry Port, Carm. — R. Warburton, Hon. Sec. 7514

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Hodnet on Saturday, September 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. Hayward, 7, Eastlands, Marchamley, Shrewsbury, by September 8th. Ringing after tea till 8 p.m.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7499

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, September 11th, Woodford (8) 2.30-4 p.m. Tea at Dagenham Church Hall at 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. Dagenham (8) 6-8 p.m. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, London, S.W.15. 7505

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Joint meeting with Melton District at Colstan Bassett on September 11th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Ouen's, Whetton, by Wednesday previous.—R. Blackshaw. 7517

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South East District.—Quarterly meeting, Coddendam (8), Saturday, September 11th. Bells 2.30-3.45 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Service about 5 p.m. followed by the business meeting. Bells available in the evening 6.45-9 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. Lockwood, Dis. Sec., 2, Chalk Pit Cottages, Offton, near Ipswich, Suffolk. 7416

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting at Easebourne on Saturday, September 11th. Bells (8) at 3 o'clock, followed by service at 4.30. Please make own arrangements for tea. Bells available in the evening.—R. Wake, Div. Hon. Sec. 7518

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew and Frome Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Chew Magna (8) on Saturday, September 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea. Chew Stoke bells (6) available in evening.—D. G. Yeo and E. J. Chivers, Branch Secs. 7369

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting at Weaverham on Saturday, September 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Hornby, 33, Forster Avenue, Weaverham, by September 15th. Special method: Killamarsh T.B.M. 7503

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Fairford (8), September 18th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. Notify for tea by September 16th, Mr. W. A. Godwin, 12, Fairford Road, Quenington, Cirencester.—R. Wenban, Sec. 7542

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Mid-Devon Branch.—Meeting at Buckfast Abbey, Saturday, September 18th. Bells from 2.30 to 4.30. Service 4.30 in the Abbey Church. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to Fr. Paulinus, Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh, Devon. 5437

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—District Striking Competition, Send, September 18th. Bells 2.30. Evening ringing for all. Names for tea to Mr. S. Strudwick, Eskholm, Potters Lane, Send, Woking. 7533

LADIES' GUILD.—Eastern District.—Meeting at Thorington (6), Saturday, September 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. St. Osyth bells available in the evening. Names for tea to Miss J. Andrews, Abbey View, Church Road, Thorington, Essex, by Wednesday, September 15th.—A. E. J. L. 7488

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting, September 18th, at Shephed. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall. Names for tea to Mr. G. Butler, 21, Bridge Street, Shephed, Loughborough, Leics. 7488

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Saturday, September 18th. Long Sutton, Lincs. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Miss B. Esam, 2, The Chase, Long Sutton, Spalding, Lincs.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7441

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsay Branch.—Meeting at Messingham, Saturday, September 18th. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Hull Surprise and Little Bob.—Geo. L. C. Lunn, Hon. Sec., and Mr. Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 7515

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 18th, at Edgware. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business to follow. Evening ringing. Please make an effort to support this meeting.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 7541

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—All Saints', Pitsford. Service of thanksgiving for restoration of the tower and dedication of a new treble bell to augment the ring to six. Service, September 18th, 4 p.m. Tea and biscuits. Ringing. All welcome.—E. L. 7519

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Final Crawford Cup Contest, Barnby, Saturday, September 18th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mrs. C. W. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton, Newark, by previous Tuesday.—B. N. Reed. 7519

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.W. District.—District meeting at Kedington, Saturday, September 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. G. Chilton, The Spinning Wheel Cafe, Sturmer, Haverhill, Suffolk. 7481

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Epsom Common, September 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. Marsh, 94, Manor Green Road, Epsom, by September 15th. Note: St. Martin's bells not available.—K. Game, Dis. Sec. 7524

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Truro Branch.—Meeting at St. Mawgan-in-Pydar, Saturday, September 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss B. J. Duck, Branch Sec., 1, Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. 7496

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Practice meeting at St. Peter's, Curdridge, September 18th. Bells from 2.30 till 5.30 p.m.—L. Duguid. 7534

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Brierley Hill, Saturday, September 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by 16th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 7525

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—September general meeting at Selby on Saturday, September 18th. Re-Hallowing service (of the re-hung bells) at 2.30 p.m. Tea in the Hawdon Institute at 4 p.m., followed by the meeting. Names for tea to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby, by Thursday, September 16th. General committee meeting in the Institute at 1.45 pm. Bells available: Hemingbrough (6) 10.30-11.30 a.m.; Escrick (8) 11.45-12.45; Selby Abbey after the meeting until 9 p.m.; Sherburn-in-Elmet (8) 7.15-8.45 p.m.—W. F. Moreton, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7459

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sampford-Arundel, September 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 7523

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Association Dinner arranged by Rochester District at Sittingbourne, Saturday, September 25th, 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Tickets (12/6 each) from B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent (s.a.e. with application), not later than first post, September 21st.

P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7429

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD OF RINGERS.—The A.G.M. will be held at Hereford on Saturday, September 25th. Members meet for coffee at the Mayor's Parlour 11 a.m. Luncheon City Arms 1 p.m. Ringing details will be circulated to members. All names and addresses, not later than 17th, to P.C. Cousins, Police Station, Ross-on-Wye. Price of tickets 17/6. Any items for the agenda to Hon. Secretary, P.C. Holt, 15, Gressingham Walk, Scotforth, Lancaster. 7511

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting, September 25th, at West Hanney. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting in Village Hall. Names for tea to C. Corderoy, West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot, by 21st. 7461

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Moulton on Saturday, September 25th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton. 7538

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

AUTUMN MEETING AT SWANSEA September 25th, 1965

PROGRAMME

Coach depart St. Mary's Square 9.40 a.m.

St. Thomas (6), Neath, 10 to 11 a.m.

Coach arrives Port Talbot station 11.30 a.m. (approx.) to meet London train. Baglan (6), 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Lunch, The Camopic, Restaurant, Southend, Mumbles, 1.45 p.m.

St. Mary's, Swansea (8), 3 to 4 p.m.

High tea, Stuart Hall, Sketty, 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.

St. Paul's, Sketty (8), 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.

Aberavon (8) available Friday, September 24th, 7.30 p.m.

J. Arthur Hoare, Hon. Sec. 7420

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual Striking Competition, Cavendish, Saturday, September 25th. Teams please meet at church for draw at 1.45 p.m. Late arrivals please report to Ringing Master on arrival. Service follows last band to compete at 5.15 p.m., approx. Tea 6 p.m., followed by results and presentation of shield. Ringing at Clare, 7-9 p.m. Entries and names for tea by Saturday, September 18th, if possible, please, to Andrew T. Beckwith, 8, Lansdowne Road, Ipswich (Tel. 75647). 7540

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Alfriston (6), Saturday, September 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. R. Baldock, 23, Broomfield Street, Eastbourne, by Wednesday, September 22nd.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 7527

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.—The first practice of term will be held on Tuesday, October 5th, at Sacred Trinity, Salford, at 7.30 p.m. Freshers are invited to write to the secretary for details.—A. S. Taylor, Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton, Devon. 7530

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner and social, Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, Leicester, October 23rd, 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (18/6) from Mr. J. Jelley, 17, Linley Green, Cosby, Leicester, before October 16th. B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7507

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

The 328th Anniversary Dinner will be held at

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John Chilcott, Hon. Sec., 14, The Glebe, Hawley, near Camberley, Surrey. 7472

MISCALL CAUSES DISAPPOINTMENT

Through a miscall, a quarter peal attempt at St. Michael's, Yorktown, ended prematurely on August 23rd in the 33rd minute. It was rung on the birthday of one of the band, Miss Gwendolen Marshall, and was intended to be a compliment to her on her engagement to Mr. Ernest Williamson, of Woking.

(Late Notices on page 611)

COMPOSITIONS

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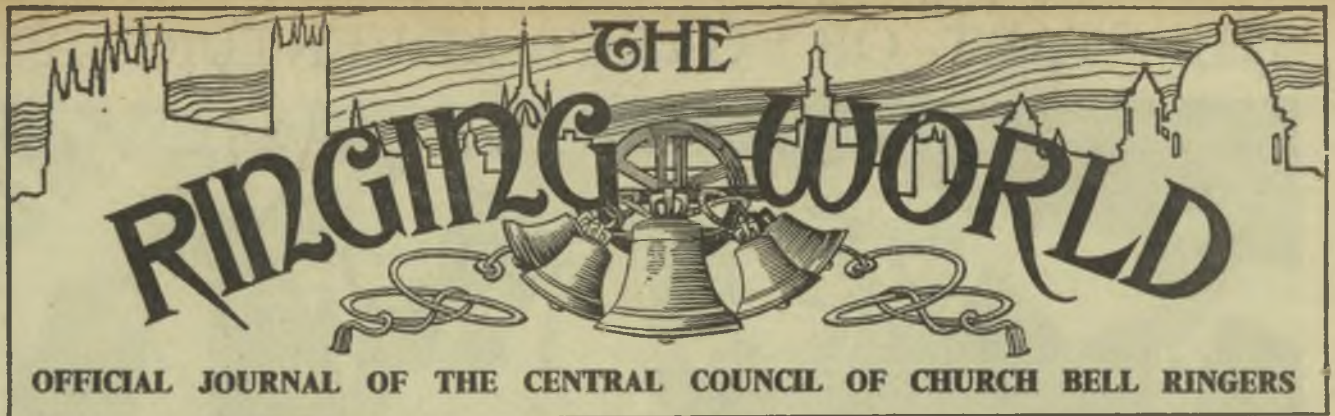
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WILLIAM SNOWDON

SEPTEMBER 17th brings the fiftieth anniversary of the death of William Snowdon, and with it a fresh reminder of the life, work and influence of one of the most important figures in the ringing history of Yorkshire. He was the third son of John Snowdon, M.A. Cantab., who was Vicar of Ilkley for more than twenty-five years. The mother, a Miss Whitfield (from whom Jasper Whitfield Snowdon took his second name) died when the family was still quite young, and the father was left with the problem of bringing up the children. William's destiny was decided almost by accident. In one of her letters his daughter Margaret has described what happened. We may perhaps be permitted to let her speak.

"On a memorable afternoon, Grandfather was taking Jasper and William (my father-to-be) for a walk—when a gentleman meeting them came up and said, 'I cannot pass you, Mr. Snowdon, without expressing my sympathy. I am staying at the Wells House for a complete rest, but we don't know one another.' The stranger then declared himself. His name was Edmund Beckett Denison (the barrister), who curiously was known as the greatest authority on clocks and bells in the country, one who became the first Lord Grimthorpe and restored St. Albans Cathedral. After a chat about the boys' education he said 'It would give me such pleasure to educate one of them. I am a Governor of Christ's Hospital—what about one of these?'"

Jasper, it seems, was too old to be entered and so William was chosen, and (says Miss Snowdon) "one morning my father went off with his father in the coach to Leeds, well labelled like a parcel, 'Snowdon, passenger to Horsham,' which was the Junior School at that time." Jasper went to Rossall School.

The friendship with Lord Grimthorpe continued and had considerable influence on the character and development of the young William; and in these things the kindness and graciousness of Lady Grimthorpe played a big part.

Both Jasper and William later went through the shops at Kitson's Locomotive Works at Leeds and learned to be engineers. Finally they went into business together and were partners until Jasper's untimely death in 1885. For ten years William was engaged to Miss Laura Archer, and in 1883 they were married and took their honeymoon

at Keswick. "My mother," says Margaret, "was Laura Archer—such a pet, who lived to be nearly 91." There are those to-day who knew Laura Snowdon very intimately and who would testify gratefully to the loving kindness and grace of William's wife; but could anyone express their affection so felicitously as the daughter has done in that one simple sentence?

William Snowdon was a good practical ringer, a writer of great clarity and with power to express his very strong convictions in terms that carried weight but could never give offence. To read his letters and speeches in support and defence of Yorkshire Minor ringing is to find revealed a character that stood firm for what he considered right, refused (in true Yorkshire fashion) to admit defeat, yet never lost the fitting dignity of debate nor destroyed his case by overstatement. For twenty years he represented the Yorkshire Association on the Central Council, and remained their President until his death in 1915.

He was keenly interested in the theory of change ringing, and that at a time when the first great efforts were being made to explore the matter scientifically, and among his writings is a considerable essay on the Surprise methods of his day. But his greatest contribution to change ringing was the continuing and extension of the historical and instructional work begun by his brother, Jasper. To him we owe the issue of the books on Grandsire, Stedman and the Surprise methods (all written by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) and the complete revision of "Standard Methods." These tasks alone would be enough to place him in the front rank of those who have provided the Exercise with indispensable material.

The devotion and self-sacrifice he displayed in all he did were lovingly reinforced by his wife and passed from thence to his daughter, Margaret; for it is to these gracious ladies that we owe the continuance of the Snowdon books. For them it was a labour of love, for they loved as mother and daughter very dearly. Let the final tribute to this fine Yorkshireman come from the wife, again through Margaret.

"My mother's eldest sister, Kate, said to her, 'You know, Laura, I don't think you are interested enough in who the Archers are. We are the bowmen who came over with the Conqueror.' My mother answered, 'I don't care a scrap about that—all I know is that I have been the wife (and am now, alas, the widow) of the nicest man that ever lived.'" E. C. S.

THE START OF "GREAT ADVENTURE II"



Nine members of a party of bell-ringers left London Airport for a tour of the Far East, Australasia and the United States. The party, who came from organisations throughout the United Kingdom, was led by Mr. Lock (extreme right), Secretary of the Bell-Ringers Society. They are seen here boarding an Air-India Boeing on the first part of their flight to Perth, Western Australia: Mr. T. J. Lock (leader), the Rev. M. C. C. Melville, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. White, Miss Anne Horsford, Messrs. A. P. Cannon, R. M. Damerell, L. Stilwell and W. Williams.

It was fine and sunny at London Airport on the afternoon of Sunday, September 5th, as the tourists assembled for the start of their long, but swift, journey to Perth, Australia. An impressive crowd of relatives and friends, both ringing and non-ringing, came to see them off and wish them God-speed.

After taking photographs of those willing and available, the farewelling party conducted the tourists to the Customs barrier and said their good-byes. We caught last glimpses of Tom Locke efficiently shepherding his flock. Wilfred Williams with his tightly-rolled umbrella, Tom White looking as cool as ever. Pat Cannon muttering about the Great Bell of Moscow (the first stop), and Malcolm Melville nattily dressed in tropical suiting.

All our good wishes go with them, and we look forward to hearing the tales from Down-Under.

BEST WISHES FROM W. AUSTRALIA

In a letter dated August 29th to the Editor, wishing him a safe and pleasant journey, Basil Potts, of Mount Lawley, Western Australia, writes:

"'Great Adventure II' has already begun! Jim Pipe arrived in Perth on Thursday morning, and within hours he had seen the bells and had lunch with two local ringers at King's Park... Today we rang for Matins, achieved a quarter of Bob Minor in the afternoon, and rang for an hour for Evensong. Jim Pipe wants you to ask, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' who was the English ringer who rushed out of a Perth cafe, roundly defeated by a juke box? This occurred as we were having tea between the quarter and service ringing..."

Having mentioned that Jim was not the only English ringer in Perth at that moment, Basil Potts adds: "I have heard from Shirley Burton their ship has been delayed, but is now due

on Wednesday. We shall certainly be worked up to fever pitch by the time the main party arrives."

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Thirty members attended a meeting held at Shalford on September 4th. After ringing on the five bells members attended a service conducted by the Vicar (Rev H. C. Tre grove). Tea was served in the Village Hall and at the business meeting which followed several items of interest were discussed, including the striking competition, a joint meeting with the Suffolk Guild, and a social evening to be held during the winter. The meeting was concluded with votes of thanks to the Vicar and all who had helped with the arrangements. During the evening Wetherfield bells were also available. Next meeting: Great Easton, provisional date, November 6th.

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A SHORT HISTORY OF WITNEY RINGING SOCIETY, 1868-1918

THE high-handed uncompromising stand taken by the Rector of Witney in dismissing all the ringers at St. Mary's was called a number of unprintable things. The ringers were furious, but could do nothing. There was all the talk, too, about each one having to sign their agreement to a set of rules! They just wouldn't come to this meeting of his, they said, and the bells could be silent of a Sunday, and how would he like that?

Time passed and tempers cooled. The Rector had his way and the meeting was held. The bells rang again as they had rung for years untold: "The loudest sound made to the glory of God," and all was well.

A year or so later, Rector Cunningham, looking back to that January meeting in 1868, penned his account of it all in the Parish Diary. I have assumed the row, but the rest is plain enough.

Jan. 2. The ringing of Church bells and all matters connected with the Belfry reduced to order. Hitherto the men had kept the key and had placed themselves in all things. Beer and tobacco prevailed in the Belfry, and order there was none. The men were all dismissed, but re-admitted on signing the new rules. A Ringing Society was formed. . . . An annual supper on the 1st Monday in each year was promised."

I had known of this reference to the origin of the Witney Ringing Society for some years, and knew that a minute book had been preserved somewhere, but only now that the book has been found is it possible to study the Society's early days.

A printed copy of Cunningham's rules is stuck inside the minute book. They said that there were to be eight "Stated Ringers" (Salary of £1 per annum) and eight "Probationary Ringers" (Salary 3s. per annum). A committee was formed. The frequency and manner of service ringing was laid down and also the practice nights for Stated Ringers and Probationers. The Leader was to keep an attendance register and "prevent all irreverence (such as drinking, smoking, all unseemly conduct or language, etc.) in the Belfry or Churchyard." There were fines for lateness and absence, and finally the belfry keys were to be kept in the Rectory.

The procedure at the annual supper followed a general plan. After a good meal in the Rectory kitchen they got down to the business meeting. First the officers were elected: president, secretary and treasurer, leader, committee, fine keeper, belfry keeper. Next the Stated Ringers. Then any new Probationers. After this the fines of the past year were added up and divided equally among the ringers. The money collected round the town at Christmas likewise. The leader and belfry keeper got more than the others.

The suppers and elections were held regularly in the first few years after the formation of the Society, and minor alterations made to the rules. The committee met to unravel knotty points: e.g. what should be done if a ringer (W. Gould) asked leave of absence because he was to be away, didn't go, and still didn't come to practice? "Resolved to remit the fine, though his conduct was considered irregular." They met to discuss money matters, elect new ringers and settle disputes. But as one reads on there still seems to be an undercurrent of unruliness. "The ownership of the Handbells was discussed, and it was understood that until the sum paid by the Rector was cleared off, they were to be considered his property." "It was resolved that T. Haley, who had collected Christmas boxes unauthorised should . . . refund the money and be fined 6d." "H. Ball, Stated Ringer, having been reported for his conduct, it was decided that upon the next offence (this not being the first), he should be expelled from the Society." "That the money given at Weddings be equally divided amongst those who rang before any portion was spent." "Complaint having been made as to the non-attendance of the Ringers at Church . . ."

By 1881, only Charles Nobes, then Leader, was left of the original band, and in this

year a man was elected who was to be Stated Ringer or Leader for 46 years. He was John Monk, and it was his character and enthusiasm that laid the foundations for the high peak of performance the Society showed at the turn of the century. It is unlikely, however, that this could have come about without two significant things. The first is that about this time a more friendly tone comes into the minutes. In 1881 after the supper and business meeting "A vote of thanks to the Rector . . . closed a very pleasant evening." In 1884 "the usual songs were sung and a touch tried upon the handbells. At 11 p.m. Mr. Miller rose to propose a vote of thanks . . ." The other factor, and the two are closely linked, was the formation in 1881 of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.

One of the objects of the new Guild, besides the sort of belfry reform Cunningham had brought in, was the fostering of "Change Ringing." Anyone listening to the old "Call Changes" "would hear the bells sounding in the same order over and over again ("until the dead rise and fling their headstones through the belfry window").

Change ringing is more difficult. The bells' order of sounding changes after each bell has spoken once, giving an effect (e.g. on 4) like this: 12341234, 21432413, 42314321 and so on until the method being rung brings the bells "round" to 1234 again. The subject of the Guild was raised in 1883, and although Witney tower was not affiliated until 1886, Change Ringing was in the air, as is proved by the phrase "a touch tried upon the handbells" quoted above.

In November, 1886, two practice nights are recorded: Probationers on Mondays and Change Ringing on Thursdays. In the same year six Guild members are shown, and the account of the supper becomes quite gay: "After the dinner the following toasts were drunk: (i) Queen (three cheers), (ii) Bishop of Oxford and Bishops of other Dioceses, (iii) Rector and Family, (iv) Witney B. Ringing Society. Moses Fowler responded to the last toast: also the President. Songs were sung, pipes and tobacco in request. Rev. Hiley proposed the health of the Revd. W. Newman and family. Broke up at 11 p.m."

Eighteen months later things were coming on well. The men were keen, and eager to learn more. At a committee meeting "it was proposed by Rev. R. Buller to form a side for regular instruction in Change Ringing once a week under the direction of the Guild Instructor (J. Washbrook)." The accounts show that Washbrook, who was 24 at the time, paid five visits that year. On January 1st, 1889, "the excellent and substantial supper having been carefully disposed of—some capital songs were sung, and in an atmosphere of tobacco smoke the accounts were submitted, annual payments made and . . . John Monk was unanimously elected Leader . . ." Washbrook came another seven times that year, and there is a pencilled note of five names headed "passed 120 changes." In July, 1890, the president and seven Stated Ringers went to Buckingham for the Guild Festival, and on March 30th, 1891, John Monk called his first peal. It was of Grandsire Doubles, 5,040 changes, and the first peal for the other five ringers.

Nothing could halt progress now. In 1892 three peals of Grandsire Triples were rung. Washbrook called them all, and the first, Holt's Original, on August 30th, is described as "The first peal of all except the Conductor, and the first in which the local men have taken part for 65 years." (N.B.—This evidently refers to the 1827 peal of Grandsire Triples—see board in the belfry.) I cannot reconcile these two claims of first peals, unless it is because no peals of Doubles are recorded in the first Guild Collection.

The Witney ringers were now established as one of the best bands for miles around. Although they were occasionally given little lectures on church attendance by the president, they were loyal, well instructed and well led. The bells were needing attention (two men on the tenor for a peal in 1896, and seven bells rehung in 1898), but the local paper has little

notes about "the improved quality of ringing" and reports odd lengths such as "720 Grandsire Minor." Various peals were rung, culminating in November, 1899, with a peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by John Monk. The peal tablet which was put up afterwards hails this, in a lavish spread of gold leaf, as the first peal on the bells by a band resident in Witney.

One of the men who stood in that peal was the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn. A very good ringer, he had come to Witney as a curate and became a member of the Society at once, remaining the secretary for 12 years. Another, Francis P. Powell, was assistant master at the Grammar School. These two very able men must have been the greatest help to the local band, and both called a number of peals, introducing Stedman, Plain Bob Major and the Kent Treble Bob. In the Guild Report for 1900 the Master says: "Praise is due to the Witney men for their progress in Stedman; we hope they will soon ring a peal in that method without any extraneous assistance." Francis Powell, especially, seems to have been partial to Kent, as is shown in this rather awful verse, delivered by John Monk at the dinner in 1902:

"For a gentleman of ringing fame,
F.P. Powell from Yorkshire came,
To ring Kent Treble Bob was his delight,
Though he'd ring Stedman with all his might,
And in the musical Grandsire I declare
Struck his bell as well as you could wish to hear."

The band that reopened the Clanfield bells in 1905, and Bampton bells in 1906, consisted mostly of Witney men. They went out and helped the villages; John Monk was appointed A Guild instructor. In 1908 Harry Brooks conducted his first peal—Stedman Triples. In 1910 the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was elected Master of the Guild. These were great years in the history of the Society. They were followed, inevitably, by a decline as old members left the town and the Rev. Mr. Jenkyn became Vicar of Caversham. Then came the War.

During the dreadful war years Herbert Long, Albert Brooks and . . . were killed. The Rev. Mr. Jenkyn won the Military Cross. Ringing went on steadily, but few of the old band carried on afterwards, and newcomers began to take their places. At some time the annual dinner lapsed and was not revived.

In 1918, Leslie T. Oliffe was elected a member. He is our direct link with those earlier days and with his election I think it fitting to end this narrative. As I write (1964) he has completed 46 years as a most regular ringer, 28 of them as Foreman or Ringing Master. The present Master is Mr. B. John Cogans, and under his guidance the numerous activities of the Society flourish. Long may they do so.

PEALS

A summary of peals rung by Witney men (or a majority of them) is set out below. The list may not be complete.

1891	1	1898	1	1905	2	1912	-
1892	3	1899	4	1906	4	1913	1
1893	-	1900	10	1907	8	1914	1
1894	-	1901	5	1908	6	1915	1
1895	-	1902	5	1909	2	1916	-
1896	1	1903	4	1910	1	1917	-
1897	1	1904	3	1911	1	1918	-

(I hope later on to write about the history of the bells themselves, a little about ringing prior to the formation of the Society and something on Henry Bagley, the Witney bell-founder.—David Smith.)

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Ellison (first quarter) 1. S. Laud 2. D. Laud (cond.) 3. Sally Holland 4. G. Aven 5. W. Paul 6. R. Bell 7. D. Bell 8.

WITHCUMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Aug. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): P. Gutter 1. F. Williams 2. H. Crisp 3. G. West 4. D. A. Wills (cond.) 5. N. Shepherd 6. S. Sharland 7. A. Knight 8. Rung half-muffled on the day of the funeral of the Ven. J. S. Hawkins, Archdeacon of Totnes and former Vicar of this parish.

Letters to the Editor

BARSHAM, SUFFOLK, BELLS

Dear Sir,—My name is mentioned by your correspondent in his letter appearing on page 576, but I fear I have little information to add.

Before 1893 there was a single pre-Reformation Norwich bell here, and in that year four new bells were cast by Mears to make a ring of five, tenor 7 cwt., with the old bell as the fourth. A new timber frame and fittings, including plain bearings, were then supplied, and though the tower is round in plan it is of some size and the bells are on one level. I rang them in changes on August 27th, 1956, and found that they went quite well, though there was a noise emanating from the tenor which suggested worn or loose gudgeon pins.

I understand that in 1957 they were inspected by another firm of bell-founders who were worried about the gudgeon pin wear, and are said to have advised that the bells be not rung in full circles. I have no note of ever having seen this report.

I am making an antiquarian/engineering inspection of all the 500 sets of bells in the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, and so far I have completed 289 inspections. Many of the bells have not been seen by bell hangers for very many years, and I have been concentrating on these first, as in many cases the parishes have never been told what state their bells are in. The main area I have not so far covered is N.E. Suffolk, which includes Barsham, and I hope to make an inspection of the ring there before too long.

The present incumbent, who was inducted in 1960, is well aware that the bells need attention, but it must be appreciated that a parish with a total population of 213 and an electoral roll of 57 has great difficulty meeting the costs of keeping the main fabric in order let alone rehanging the bells.—Yours faithfully,

RANALD W. M. CLOUSTON.

Lavenham, 1, Canons Close, Radlett, Herts.

Dear Sir,—In reply to "Professional's" letter (page 576) concerning the bells at Holy Trinity Church, Barsham, Suffolk. Having done much of my early ringing at the church in 1955/56 I was particularly sorry when I heard that some unknown person had declared the bells unringable. In the hope that it will give some indication to your correspondent I have pleasure in sending you as much as I know about the situation at Barsham.

In early 1955 Trevor Bailey and I, then learning to ring at Beccles, went over to Barsham several times to oil and generally attend to the bells, which had not been rung regularly for some years. We taught a team of youngsters there under the keen encouragement of the then Rector, Dr. Geoffrey Soden, and the bells were rung regularly on Sundays to call changes.

When Dr. Soden left the village in August, 1956, a peal was rung on the bells (Trevor's and my first peal), conducted by Mr. H. W. Barrett, of Loddon, and recorded on a board in the tower. Regular ringing continued, including two quarter peals, until about April or May, 1957. At this time I lost touch with the area, having moved away.

When I next returned, I found that a new Rector had been appointed and that the bells were not allowed to be rung. I remember visiting the Rector and inquiring about this, to be told that he had had the bells inspected and that they were unsafe.

As far as I remember the bells were an easy going five (they must have been for two very inexperienced 14 year olds to teach a band there). The bearings rumbled slightly, but no more than at many other towers. Mr R. Clouston looked at the bells in 1956 and said that they were in quite good condition.

Perhaps, when this myth of unringability is nailed, the bells will be rung again. Although only a light five they are very tuneful and well worth ringing.—Yours sincerely,

PAUL CATTERMOLE.

Worcester.

THANKS FOR GOOD WISHES

Dear Sir,—May I point out an error in the very nice write-up you gave me in last week's "Ringing World."

Of the peals I've rung numbering over 300, 54 were of London Surprise Major.

My wife and I send our thanks to you and all our ringing friends for the congratulations and good wishes we received. We have not forgotten the many friends who came to our house after ringing peals at Horley Church.

It is true that after being silent for 12 years Horley Church bells will ring out again; but, alas! not our own lovely peal. The Parochial Church Council have decided that they should be recast and a peal of eight with the tenor weighing six and a half cwt. be installed and lowered 15ft., to the bitter disappointment of our ringers.

A. J. BULL.

Hon. Sec., Horley Bellringers.

22, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

LUNCH-TIME RINGING

Dear Sir,—Last year, about six ringers from the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association started ringing for the lunch-time service at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, W.C.2. Since then we have managed to ring nearly every first Thursday in the month.

Owing to some of us having left the district ringing is becoming a little difficult. If there are any ringers who work in the West End, they would be very welcome to come along.

We ring on the first Thursday in the month, from 12.55 to 1.25 p.m. The next ring will be on Thursday, October 7th.—Yours sincerely,

TONY LEWIS.

Chislehurst, Kent.

Dear Sir,—I would like to draw your readers attention to ringing at Kingston-upon-Thames for a lunchtime service on Tuesdays. Starting on Tuesday, October 5th, we will be ringing at 1 p.m. for a service at 1.30 p.m. Last year we were able to ring nearly every Tuesday, but as some of our regulars will not be able to come any more, new volunteers will be most welcome. I would be pleased to give more information to anyone either at my address below, or during office hours on TFD-dington Lock 3222, Ext. 51. Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL BANGHAM.

15, Poplar Grove, New Malden, Surrey.

COMPOSITIONS REQUIRED

Dear Sir,—May I through your columns, ask the conductor of the peal at Breadsall, Derbyshire, on July 31st. if he would publish the callings of Quantum, Xerxes, Yttrium and Zeus.—Yours, etc.,

PAUL CATTERMOLE.

Worcester.

OBITUARY

JOHN B. YOUNG

It is with regret that we report the sudden death on August 10th of John B. Young, of Frampton, Lincs. He was at work until 8 p.m. and soon after retiring for the night he collapsed and passed away suddenly.

A ringer at Frampton for many years for service ringing, also a sound peal ringer and an expert on Spliced Minor ringing. Since the sudden death of his brother some years ago he lost some interest in ringing. He was laid to rest on August 13th in the presence of several ringers and friends.

The bells of Frampton were rung half-muffled in the evening. W. E. C.

CHARLES CLARKE

We are very sorry to record the passing of Mr. Charles Clarke, of Grundisburgh, Suffolk, whose death took place on August 29th, at the age of 81 years. As a builder he constructed almost a new street which is named after him as Charles Avenue. Before his business occupied most of his time, he was an adjunct to St. Mary-le-Tower Society with whom he rang peals of Stedman Cinques, and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, Superlative, also Rochester, all Maximus. He also rang a peal of Bob Major with his father Frederic and son's (only peal) and three generations of Tillett, the band made up with G. E. Symonds (cond.) and his son.

A large congregation attended the funeral on Thursday, September 2nd. Afterwards a muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Grundisburgh bells by some of his old ringing friends whose average age was nearly 70 years—A. Munnings 1, C. J. Sedgley 2, Jim Bennett 3, R. J. Munnings 4, G. E. Symonds (cond.) 5, P. May 6, J. F. Tillett 7, F. Crapnell 8.

G. E. SYMONDS.

DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—May I point out to Doubles ringers that the compositions of Carlton, St. Cleer, Wexford and others may be found in my letter on page 648 of the "R.W." dated September 25th, 1964, please?

In his peal ("R.W.", August 13th), Mr. Harrison has renamed two methods. Rev. Canterbury—Shipway's Bob is St. Philebert not Quantum. Shipway's Place with a Plain Bob Pl. is St. Cyril not Yttrium.

I would be obliged if anyone would inform me of the Bobs and Singles for Spondon, Breaston Breadsall and Alfreton.

Spondon	Breaston	Breadsall	Alfreton
12345	12345	12345	12345
21354	21354	21435	21435
23154	23145	24153	24153
32514	32415	42513	24513
35241	34251	24531	42531
53421	34521	42351	42351
35412	43512	43215	43215
53142	43152	34125	34125
51324	41325	31425	31452
15234	14235	13452	13425
12534	12453	14352	14352

These methods are Grandsire or New Grandsire in "structure," therefore may have Grandsire-like calls.

Yours sincerely,

ROY H. JONES.

118, Oxford Road,
Marston, Oxford.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

SEE BACK PAGE

A WEST COUNTRY TOUR



MR. A. BISHOP'S RINGERS AT WESTON ZOYLAND.

Left to right: Deborah Hopkins, David Hughes, Tony Bishop, Michael Uphill, Vanessa Rodrigues, Rodney French, Lesley Reed, Hilary Johnson, Ruth Carr, Michael Bingham and Elizabeth Zass. Missing are Alan Bagworth (who took the photograph) and Gerald Reynolds.

On Saturday, August 14th, the West Country was once again invaded by Tony Bishop's ringing party. This year Porlock was to have the unenviable duty of accommodating us for the week. Sunday always being a quiet day on these occasions, we only rang at four towers. However, we started well with good ringing on the ten at Minehead, including a touch of Stedman Caters, conducted by David Hilling, who joined us for most of the day.

The majority of the party then adjourned to the beach at Porlock Weir and either rang handbells or swam. After lunch five of the party walked to Luccombe (6), where they were glad to be able to rejoin the minibus. After ringing here we drove to Selworthy, another six, where we were welcomed by the first of the many Arscotts. We returned to Porlock to ring for evening service and met two more Arscotts. Here we rang Norwich, the first of the methods we had been ordered to learn by Tony.

On Monday we ventured up Porlock Hill, disdaining the toll road, and all arrived safely at Lynton, where we rang a good course of Ipswich before proceeding to Kentisbury and lunch. The first tower in the afternoon was

Arlington, a very pleasant six, where we attempted Beverley. Teatime was reached after two sixes, Berrynarbor and West Down, and finally the eight at Braunton, where some of us acquired an appetite by listening to Double Norwich whilst paddling in the stream. We then rang at Heanton Punchardon (6) and Bishop's Tawton (6), where possibly the best ringing of the day was some "Devonshire Surprise," rung half way through the rise.

On Tuesday we started on the fine eight at Dunster, having first been shown round the famous dovecote by the Vicar. At Carhampton (6) we did full justice to these lovely bells with, among other things, a good course of Cambridge. To get to the next tower, St Decuman's, we had to pass through Watchet and a large traffic jam. In the evening we met at Stogursey, a fine 24 cwt. six in a beautiful and partly pre-Norman church. Ringing at Over Stowey (6) was not as good and the heavy eight at Bishop's Lydeard did not help, particularly as the tenor is very deep set.

On Wednesday morning it was well worth passing through a ford and over a cattle grid in order to ring at Exford, where we were pleased to ring with the Rev. H. Warren, who

allowed us an extra, and very welcome, quarter of an hour on this lovely six. We arrived early at Exton (6), where we were pleased to meet our old friend Brig. Young, who accompanied us for the rest of the day. After lunch we rang a good half course of Cambridge on the fine eight at Dulverton. The afternoon's towers were all sixes, Morebath, Chipstable and Huish Champflower. Brig. Young had kindly arranged an evening meal and also entertained us at home before taking us to ring at Wiveliscombe. Here we satisfied Tony by ringing an excellent course of Rutland.

On Thursday morning, therefore, we were reduced to twelve for ringing at Norton Fitzwarren, Halse and Ash Priors, all sixes. Tony had prepared us for a difficult afternoon on the three heavy sixes. Cotelstone at first defeated us, but we were pleased to achieve three leads of Plain Bob. The bells at Enmore proved to be a fine ring, as did those at West Bagborough. At the latter tower we rang Quantock and Hull.

In the evening five of the party went to Taunton to join the local practice, but we all met again to celebrate Deborah's birthday.


On Friday morning we left for home and travelled as far as Weston Zoyland for our first ring on this pleasant six. After lunch in Langport we rang the lovely eight at Huish Episcopi. Here we were joined by Chris Marshall and Trevor Cross, who remained with us for the last few towers. So we came at last to Queen Camel where, once we had rung the bells up, we acquitted ourselves very creditably with a course of Cambridge and a good drop in peal. Concentration relaxed after this and ringing at Bruton was disappointing. Having found Stourton, despite the signposts, we redeemed ourselves before coming to the last tower of the week. We finished off with some reasonable ringing, including Bristol, on the eight at Mere before making our separate and sleepy ways home.

We would like to thank Tony and Deborah for organising the holiday so well, the three drivers, all incumbents and those who met us.
V. R. and E. Z.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

Bells were raised at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, September 4th, for a meeting of the Guild at St. Mary's Church, Elland. After Evensong, conducted by the Rector (Rev J. R. Howarth), the members joined a missionary garden party for an ample tea. The belfry was adapted for the business meeting. Mr. Scargill, of Thornhill, was elected a member. It was noted with pleasure that we had, as ringing members, three generations of one family—Mr. Charles Byram, his daughter Mary, her husband (Mr. Joseph Greenwood) and their children, Dennis and Susan. A very enjoyable evening's ringing ended at 9 p.m. W. M.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): L. Ann Gasson 1, B. J. Bull 2, L. W. Allen 3, C. F. Mew (cond.) 4, G. W. Shanks 5, Christine M. Cobb 6. For Evensong.

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HALF PEAL

HUNTINGTON, N. YORKS.—On Aug. 24th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: Mary I. Hildred 1, D. Pearson 2, C. J. Groomie 3, Jennifer E. Pearce 4, Susan E. Thompson 5, A. C. Banton (cond.) 6. Longest touch of Minor by the local band. Rung for the York Minster Society.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob, St. Simon's and St. Martin's; M. C. E. Hodge 1, Heather A. Alford 2, J. M. Elaine Dixon 3, M. Patricia Dixon 4, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 5, E. Anne Kilgour (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of fourth.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On Aug. 8th, at the Town Hall, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. O. Goulter 1, B. R. Cox 2, R. A. S. Adams 3, R. K. Russ 4, W. B. Plicher (cond.) 5, D. J. Bleby 6. First quarter on the back six. Also at St. Peter's Cathedral, on Aug. 22nd, 1,328 Plain Bob Major: J. O. Goulter 1, Kaye W. Lynas 2, W. M. Rowe 3, B. R. Cox 4, R. A. S. Adams 5, R. K. Russ 6, W. B. Pitcher (cond.) 7, D. J. Bleby 8. For Evensong.

BAIDOCK, HERTS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: M. Hutton 1, E. Wills 2, A. Buck 3, S. Hutton 4, J. Dear 5, E. Buck (cond.) 6, D. Sutcliffe 7, R. Castledine 8.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. J. Brown 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss H. Copperthwaite 3, F. Southwood 4, Miss B. Fisher (cond.) 5, For Matins.

BINFIELD, BERKS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,276 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Joan A. Rance 1, Rosamund Murrell 2, C. W. Bailey 3, A. J. N. Rance 4, S. G. Scott 5, F. C. Price (cond.) 6. Rung for the engagement of Linda Parkhouse and Graham Murrell.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 7 covering): R. J. Wilsheer 1, Eileen Maskell 2, Stephanie Green 3, Susan Farnes 4, Paula Healing (cond.) 5, D. Digby 6, P. Owen 7.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Lockwood 1, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 2, R. Southgate 3, M. H. Whittell 4, A. Walters 5. Also on Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Kinsey 1, A. Walters 2, R. Lockwood 3, R. Southgate 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Also on Aug. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Hore 1, A. Walters 2, R. Lockwood 3, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 4, R. Southgate 5.

BRIDPORT, DORSET.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Powell 1, Miss A. Quick 2, D. B. Ellery (first of Stedman Triples) 3, M. J. Hiller 4, H. Keeley 5, C. W. H. Powell (cond.) 6, F. Knight 7, A. F. Knight 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. H. Powell (September 2nd).

CHERITON, KENT.—At St. Martin's Church, on Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Court (first quarter) 1, Dilys Eastmead 2, Mary Munt 3, Rev. C. Munt 4, A. Eastmead (cond.) 5, W. C. Chandler 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Thomas Piddock, former ringer, sidesman and P.C.C. member.

CLITHEROE, LANCs.—1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. Washbrook 1, E. Crabtree 2, P. Norman 3, W. Wilkinson 4, S. Wright 5, F. Price (cond.) 6.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Taber 1, G. H. Humphries 2, N. Brown 3, N. S. Bagworth (cond.) 4, A. Brown 5, W. G. Wilson 6, R. C. Stevens 7, M. Parry 8. Rung on the back eight for Evensong.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Halstead (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, R. V. Johnson 3, G. Ford 4, J. Jeffrey 5, B. Dixon 6, F. F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. Breit 8. Rung by all members of the Cuckfield band.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Jordan 1, M. Bishop 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, L. F. Cox 4, C. J. Garlick 5, W. Corderoy 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, B. Wheeler 8. Rung for the wedding of Clare Napper and John Lightfoot. First quarter for the ringer of 8th.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,276 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. R. Churchill 1, Joan A. Rance 2, S. G. Scott 3, F. C. Price (cond.) 4, A. J. N. Rance 5, Tony Price 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Susan Rance, eldest daughter of the ringers of 2 and 5.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. G. Smith 1, E. C. Buckley 2, J. W. Hall 3, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 4, J. G. Mitchell 5, J. Mitchell 6, R. J. Cowley 7, D. G. Pearson 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Chapman.

QUARTER PEALS

FLORE, NORTHANTS.—On July 24th, 1,440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: R. J. Fonge 1, Judith A. Ashby 2, E. C. Garratt 3, T. G. Hill 4, J. F. Thorne 5, R. J. Danby (cond.) 6.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Barnard 1, R. Mann (first "inside") 2, E. W. Brown 3, B. D. Threlfall (cond.) 4, B. Horrell 5. Rung on the departure of the Rev. and Mrs. Dewart, for their home in America, after a four-month exchange visit to this parish.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Sawtell 1, Sue Webber 2, A. Walters 3, R. Southgate 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6. First of Minor "inside" for 2, 3 and 4. For Matins.

HUDESODON, HERTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Eileen Maskell 1, Paula Healing 2, Susan Farnes 3, R. J. Wilsheer 4, D. Digby 5, P. Owen 6, S. P. Darvill (cond.) 7, Stephanie Green 8. First of Triples by all the band except the conductor.

HURSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Cynthia Elson (first quarter) 1, I. Davies 2, I. Robinson 3, T. G. Fox 4, M. Turner 5, G. Francis (cond.) 6, J. Smith 7, C. Denyer 8. Rung in honour of the engagement of Audrey Trott to Vivian Hutchings.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 29th, at St. Margaret's Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. Whittell 1, E. Bloomfield 2, J. Munnings 3, C. J. Sedgley (cond.) 4, P. May 5, K. Whittell 6, R. Steward 7, C. Woodard 8. For morning service.

IWERNE MINSTER, DORSET.—On July 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret M. Godley 1, E. C. Chant 2, B. Ridout 3, F. Hilliar 4, W. C. Shute (cond.) 5, J. Longridge 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss P. Wells (the Rector's daughter) and Mr. M. Marsh.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Sept. 5th, 1,440 London Surprise Royal (No. 3 Version): Susan Newman 1, R. J. Cooles 2, Alison Mann 3, Rosamund Rawlings 4, Deborah Hopkins 5, M. Bangham (first in method as cond.) 6, A. Bishop 7, J. Maybrey 8, K. Newman 9, W. Jackson 10. First in method 2 and 8.

LADBROKE, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: H. J. Baker (first quarter) 1, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 2, M. Hill 3, J. F. Thorne 4, T. G. Hill 5. For the wedding of Michael Fleming and Carole Willmott.

LANCHESTER, CO. DURHAM.—On Aug. 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Walker 1, J. Tonks (first as cond.) 2, J. Thomson 3, R. Jackson 4, H. P. Thompson 5, J. Stephenson (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

LONDON.—At St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Sept. 5th, 1,311 Grandsire Cinques: Miss H. Maltman (first quarter on 12) 1, Miss G. M. Hussey 2, W. Rawlings 3, W. Theobald 4, A. Stubbs 5, D. Harris 6, W. T. Cook 7, D. Darby 8, D. J. Hunt 9, D. R. Randall 10, J. Phillips (cond.) 11, T. J. Setter 12.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gillian Anderson (first quarter) 1, D. Feek 2, W. Moore 3, P. H. Langton 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, M. Hart 6. For Morning Prayer. Also a half-muffled tribute to Miss F. Check, a life-long worker at this church.

NOTTINGHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Aug. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Inglis 1, S. Foskett 2, F. A. Salter 3, Mrs. S. Foskett 4, D. Stainsby 5, C. Towers 6, F. N. Pailing (cond.) 7, H. Dale 8. For Evensong.

OTTERTON, DEVON.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. A. Wills (first in two methods as cond.) 1, J. Carter 2, N. Shepherd 3, G. West 4, T. Gooding 5, A. Knight 6. First in two methods 3 and 5.

PORTHKERRY, GLAM.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): H. A. Smart 1, R. S. Price 2, B. A. Williams 3, W. E. Pearce 4, L. J. Mallings (cond.) 5, R. C. Smart 6.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): J. I. Margetts 1, J. W. Forder 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, G. G. Walpole 4, T. N. J. Bailey (cond.) 5. Rung for the group service.

SALISBURY, RHODESIA.—On July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Mrs. E. Mason 1, Monica Blagrove 2, Frances Pellatt 3, Ruas Reid 4, Colin Stevenson 5, K. S. Cross 6, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 7, N. F. Mason 8. Rung for Harvest Festival, and as a welcome to the new Dean of Salisbury, Very Rev. S. M. Wood. Also on Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. Mason 1, Monica Blagrove 2, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 3-4, K. S. Cross 5, N. F. Mason 6. Rung for Salisbury's 75th birthday festival, and for the visit of the Bishop of Hereford.

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SOUTH WALES RINGERS' WEDDING



On August 10th the wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Whitchurch, Cardiff, between the Rev. Ronald Charles Lucas and Miss Christine Margaret Glastonbury.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. John Glastonbury, wore a full-length gown of white brocade and short veil, and carried a bouquet of pink roses and lilies of the valley. She was attended by her niece, Miss Judith Glastonbury. The best man was Mr. Robert Jones, a friend of the bridegroom.

The choral service was conducted by the Vicar of Whitchurch, the Rev. Emrys Rees, and the Vicar of Rumney, Canon C. K. Smith, celebrated nuptial mass.

The bridegroom, who is Curate of Rumney, Cardiff, and a member of the local band, was before his ordination vice-captain of the same tower. He has been an honorary auditor of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association for many years.

Miss Glastonbury is a former member of the Whitchurch band, and for some years was captain of that same tower. She successfully conducted the first South Wales Ladies' Guild peal of Plain Bob Minor at Rumney in February of this year.

The bride and bridegroom are active members of the Association and frequently attend practice nights at towers in and around Cardiff: both have rung in peals for the Association.

The bells of St. Mary's were rung by members of the Association before and after the wedding. A peal of Minor in seven methods was rung on the eve of the wedding at Rumney by members of the Association.

The happy couple spent their honeymoon in Jersey.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (North Lindsey Branch) and **BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**.—Joint meeting at Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, Saturday, October 2nd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meetings. Names for tea to Mr. P. Barnes, Tee Lane, Burton-on-Stather, by Wednesday previous.—C. A. H. 7608

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Lingfield, October 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. G. Parsons, 31, Beacon Hill, Dormansland, Lingfield, by September 29th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 7610

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MEETINGS

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Mark (8) on Saturday, September 25th, 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 7609

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting at Ewhurst and Cranleigh on Saturday, September 25th. Ewhurst bells 3.4.15 p.m. Service at Cranleigh 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Cranleigh bells after tea. Names for tea to Mr. L. Warner, Fairmead, Parkhouse Green, Cranleigh, by previous Wednesday. 7614

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Croston, Saturday, September 25th. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 22nd, to Mr. P. Ascroft, 19, Highfield Road, Croston, Preston. Buses: 98 from Preston, 2.10; 367 from Chorley, 2.15; also 113 from Preston, 1.53, via Leyland, change Lydiate Lane, also 298 buses.—L. Walmsley. 7617

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Annual meeting at Hornby, Saturday, September 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss P. James, Greycroft, Melling Road, Hornby, Lancaster. —P. Handley, Branch Sec. 7619

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, September 25th. Branch striking competition at Dorney during afternoon. All welcome to ringing in the evening until 8.30 p.m.—Miss Hague. 7502

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lichfield Diocesan Festival, September 25th. Bells available: Ellesmere (8), 2-3 p.m.; St. Martin's (6), 2.45-3.45; Oswestry (8), 3.15-4.25; Shrewsbury St. Mary's (10), 7-8; Shrewsbury St. Chad's (12), 8-9. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for teas to Roger B. Morris, 18, Ferrers Road, Oswestry, as soon as possible.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7620

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Joint with **EAST DERBY AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION**, Saturday, September 25th, Greasley (8). Bells 3-9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. and business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mrs. P. M. Beach, 17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, Notts.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 7618

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Idle, on Saturday, September 25th, jointly with the **LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**. The bells will be available at 3 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) by Thursday, September 23rd, to Mr. T. Hill, 5, Leyton Crescent, Idle, Bradford. The business meeting will follow tea and the District Committee will meet at 4.15 p.m.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7616

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BELFRY GOSSIP

In a recent tour of Cornwall, Eddie Rapley, of Horsham, rang his 500th peal, and Leslie Weller, of Billingshurst, Sussex, his 200th.

The band of All Saints' Church, Nottingham, welcomed back for a quarter peal on August 29th, Mr. F. A. Salter, following his serious illness last year.

A quarter peal on August 21st at St. Leonard's Church, Eynsham, Oxfordshire, was rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Russell, of Eynsham, on their diamond wedding.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Dursley, Glos., during the "Around Portishead" peal week was for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and not for the Bath and Wells.

The band in the peal at Salehurst on September 4th all belong to Hawkhurst, and the peal was rung at Salehurst as Hawkhurst bells are under repair by Mears and Stainbank (re-hanging on ball-bearings, etc.).

Miss Gillian Anderson, a Queen's Guide, and one of seven young lady bellringers at March St. Wendreda's Church, rang her first quarter peal recently. Gillian has been ringing only a few months and rang the treble very well indeed.

The band who were to have rung the long peal of London Surprise Royal at Macclesfield on September 4th met one short, and so the attempt for a long peal never took place. However, Mr. Harold Lonyon kindly stood in at very short notice and a "normal length" peal was rung in 3 hours and 8 minutes.

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HUNTINGTON (YORK) LOSING STALWARTS

Since David Pearson and Christopher Groomer restarted the band at Huntington (York) three years ago, progress has been quite rapid. The bells were rehung in 1963 and there is now an enthusiastic young band.

In 1962 the band could just manage rounds and call changes. So far in 1965 nine members have rung peals, including four peals of Doubles by the local band. Since the first of these peals (All Saints' Doubles on November 1st, 1964) the band has worked towards a peal of Minor. An attempt on August 17th came to an end after three extents, when two bells were crossed.

Another attempt was arranged for the following Tuesday, August 24th. This time British Rail intervened and David was an hour late getting back from work. It was too late for a peal, but a half-peal was attempted and this was very successful.

There seems little chance of another attempt in the near future. David has married and left the parish. Christopher is going to Canada. Susan Thompson is going to College in Sheffield and Colin Banton, the present Ringing Master, is going to Derby. These departures are most untimely as some local rivalry is at stake, as Huntington have been hoping to ring a peal of Minor before the band at Walkington!

VETERAN RINGER WILL CELEBRATE

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howard, of 1, Flint Cottages, Church End, Barley, near Royston, Herts, will celebrate their golden wedding on Saturday, September 25th. Now aged 74, Mr. Howard since a serious illness a few years ago has been unable to ring for long periods, but he occasionally gives a hand.

In his younger days he rang in the Long Peal of Bob Major at St. Peter's Church, Benington, Herts, on Whit Monday, June 5th, 1933, being 18.144 changes, which took ten hours 52 minutes. He also rang and conducted four peals of Surprise Minor in seven methods in one day, and on another occasion rang and conducted three peals in a day. Old friends as well as present-day ringers deeply appreciate Mr. Howard's services to the fraternity.

TO SURPRISE IN TEN MONTHS

The ringers in the peal at Eastrington, East Yorks, wish to congratulate 14-year-old Robert C. Hawtree on his first peal. He rang an inside bell to seven Minor methods and is also ringing Surprise Minor and Major. It is only ten months since he started ringing and he is a credit to his instructor, the Rev. F. Ross. There are several more young ringers out of the same stable at Hessle, who we shall be reading about during the next few months. The peal was also a welcome to Norman V. Harding, who was in the East Riding for the week-end.

SALISBURY, RHODESIA

Latest arrivals in Salisbury are David Brown, from Suffolk, and Mr. and Mrs. Russ Reid, from Lincolnshire. David and Russ are on a nine-month P.C.E. course at U.C.R.N. before returning to teach in Zambia.

Welcome visitors have been Michael Carter, formerly of St. Nicholas', Liverpool, but now living in Blantyre, Malawi, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. White, from Penzance, and M. G. Humphreys, from Esher.

THE NEW TREBLE

The tall trees hide St. Paul's small spire,
The five bells ring till the ringers tire,
Across meadows and woods the music sounds
As Grandsire and Stedman come home in rounds.

The ringers dream of the day to come,
When the harvest of their toil is won,
And the sixth bell rings above the five.
Then at Treble Bob Minor they will strive.

There's sales of rummage and sales of work
And lots of tasks that none may shirk,
Then they hang the bell all bright and new
And straight away the account comes through.

All we need is one hundred more,
Which means sales of work and rummage
galore,
Although we really enjoy the task
And friends offer help before we ask.

In October we've fixed the date,
When to the glory of God we dedicate
Our bell; whose voice will sound upon the breeze
Over Bentley Common amid the trees.

B. FISHER.

Miss Fisher, of Hatch Road, Brentwood, Essex, who sends us this poem, writes that for several years they have been working to raise £475 to hang a new treble bell to the existing five at Bentley Common, Brentwood. The bell has now been installed by Mears and Stainbank, and will be dedicated on October 17th. "We are still in need of a further £100, and we hope to raise a good proportion of this by a rummage sale and sale of work this autumn."

RINGING IN SCHOOLS

Mr. Alfred Froggatt writes from Lincoln: "I regret that I did not respond previously to the request regarding ringing connected with schools, but maybe the following is relevant:

"Ian Marshall and Stephen Etccl are both pupils at the Sincil Bank Secondary Modern School, Lincoln, and John Clarke was also a pupil there until leaving at Easter this year. Three others from the same school also commenced to learn at St. Mary's but seem to have fallen away for one reason or another, although I have hopes of two of them carrying on if circumstances change. John Clarke was the first to learn and it is he who has brought the others in, partly through running a tuning-ringing class on handbells (8) during term-time (after school hours) last year, assisted by one of the masters who, though not a ringer, is interested."

ALMOST CHASED UP TOWER!

Cirencester ringers, meeting early for a quarter peal before Sunday Evensong, and hearing from the verger that a ringer passing through the town was waiting about in the hope of joining in service ringing, kindly rang a few rounds, and paused. "Summoned by bells," and almost chased up the tower by the friendly verger, the visitor arrived short of breath and full of gratitude, and had the privilege of a short ring before the quarter peal.

CHELSEFIELD RINGERS' WEDDING

The marriage took place on August 14th at St. Martin of Tours' Church, Chelsfield, Kent, of Mr. Robert W. Hinde and Miss Hilary F. Martin.

Bob Hinde, a native of Christleton, near Chester, has worked in the London area for some six or seven years, living first at Mitcham and more recently at Chelsfield. Hilary Martin, whose brother Nicholas is also well known as a ringer, learned to ring at Chelsfield, and she and Bob have been much in evidence as peal ringers in Kent and elsewhere.

The organist, Mr. Barley, rendered Fantasia in G (Bach) as a prelude to the exquisitely-chosen music that was to follow so fittingly for the wedding of a bride who is an accomplished musician. The bride, escorted by her father, Mr. Frank Martin, was attended by Miss Jennifer Wright and Miss Lynda Pullen and a child bridesmaid, Anne Hathaway, in turquoise green princess-line long dresses with puff sleeves. The bride's long dress was close-fitting in heavy white satin with a full-length veil. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Leslie King and Mr. Alan Farndell was best man.

During the signing of the register Miss Jennifer Wright sang as a solo Handel's "He shall feed his flock." The bride and bridegroom emerged from the vestry to the strains of Toccata in F, by Widor. At this point the six bells, manned by the local band, under the leadership of their captain, Mr. David Manger, went into well-struck call-changes. Other touches of changes and call-changes followed. A reception followed at High Woods, Oxenden Wood Road, the home of the bride and her parents.

There were several ringing friends present, mainly from Kent and Surrey but also including Mr. Frank Poston from Christleton. Peals were rung in the evening at Chelsfield and Westerham, and during the day at Gravesend and elsewhere. The honeymoon was spent in Guernsey and the bride and bridegroom hope shortly to move into a new house at Meopham.

BOWLS v. BELLS

A most agreeable evening was spent by ringers from Wymondham, St. George's College (Norwich) and Mulbarton recently when they combined to field a team to compete against the Tradesman's Arms Bowls Club, Mulbarton, at Mulbarton. Experience told against the visitors, and the local club won comfortably. Leaving the green to rising dew and gathering gloom, the evening was rounded off in a reserved room at the Tradesman's Arms. Peter Adcock arranged this enjoyable and successful diversion.

FAMILY QUARTERS BY EASTHAMPTON RINGERS

In a quarter peal at Finchampstead, Berks, on August 23rd, a mother and father (Mr. and Mrs. A. J. N. Rance) rang as a 21st birthday compliment to Susan, their eldest daughter. At Binfield, Berks, on September 2nd, Mrs. R. Murrell rang in a quarter peal for the engagement of her son, Graham, to Linda Parkhouse. Both mother and son are ringers at Warfield. The two quarters were manned by the Easthampstead band (with one exception in each), whose bells are out of use for some months.

TOWER BELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD WEEK

ELVEDEN, Suffolk.—At the Memorial Tower of SS. Patrick and Andrew.

On Mon., Aug. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

R. W. H. Hayes (Caius) .. Treble	*V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 5
Susan Jackson (Girton) .. 2	A. R. Heppenstall (Selwyn) 6
*K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) 3	W. J. Ridgman (Queens') 7
J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's) 4	S. C. Walters (Pembroke) Tenor

Composed by N. Golden. Conducted by A. Robin Heppenstall

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

FOXEARH, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Tues., Aug. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation of Middleton's. Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb. in A

Susan Jackson (Girton) .. Treble	V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 5
R. Leigh (St. Cath's) .. 2	R. W. H. Hayes (Caius) .. 6
S. C. Walters (Pembroke) 3	W. T. Cook (Jesus) .. 7
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's) 4	C. W. Woolley (Selwyn) .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank E. Haynes.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.

On Wed., Aug. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

W. J. Ridgman (Queens') Treble	V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 5
C. W. Woolley (Selwyn) 2	W. T. Cook (Jesus) .. 6
*H. E. Bishop (Selwyn) .. 3	J. H. Fielden (St. Cath's) 7
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's) 4	A. R. Heppenstall (Selwyn) Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley

* First peal in the method.

ST. IVES Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of All Saints

On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Arranged from Thurstans. Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G

*J. H. R. Freeborn (Clare) Treble	W. T. Cook (Jesus) .. 5
Susan Jackson (Girton) 2	K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) 6
V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 3	F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's) 7
R. W. H. Hayes (Caius) 4	R. Leigh (St. Cath's) .. Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.

* 100th peal of Stedman. First of Stedman as Conductor.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas. Pier Head.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

Thomas W. Hesketh .. Treble	Peter S. Bennett .. 7
John E. Bibby .. 2	Tudor P. Edwards .. 8
Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 3	Cyril Crossthwaite .. 9
Edward Jenkins .. 4	Walter Allman .. 10
Richard S. Starkie .. 5	Derek Butterworth .. 11
V. David Jenner .. 6	Jeffrey J. Fox .. Tenor

Composed by David E. Parsons. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards

Rung as an 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. Lester L. Gray.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH PETHERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. Treble	Alan Tubb .. 5
Gillian M. Hussey .. 2	Richard J. Bowden .. 6
Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 3	Martin L. Howe .. 7
Trevor A. Cross .. 4	D. John Hunt .. Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by D. John Hunt

EAST COKER, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

*Raymond P. Selway .. Treble	Trevor A. Cross .. 5
†Gilbert W. Rendell .. 2	Martin L. Howe .. 6
Gillian M. Hussey .. 3	D. John Hunt .. 7
*Derek S. Beaufoy .. 4	*William E. Turner .. Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal of Kent. † First of Kent Major.

MARKSBURY, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 extents in seven methods: (1-6) Grandsire (7-14) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, (15-18) St. Nicholas Bob, (19-22) Winchendon Place Bob, (23-26) St. Simon Bob, (27-32) St. Martin Bob, (33-42) Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. in F sharp.

*Susan J. Webber .. Treble	Raymond J. Ballard .. 4
Richard J. Tibbetts .. 2	Philip W. Gay .. 5
Andrew J. Jobson .. 3	Madeleine McCallion .. Tenor

Conducted by Philip W. Gay

* First peal Most methods as conductor.

NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 6000 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 50 six-score. Tenor 9 cwt.

Marjorie Legg .. Treble	*Walter S. Rice .. 4
*T. Cecil Mogford .. 2	George Prescott .. 5
John Walton .. 3	*Roy W. Rice .. Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott

* Longest length of Doubles.

Ten six-score of each were rung with the treble. 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th as the plain hunt bell.

B.R.S.A. GUILD OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.

(Railwaymen's Guild)

ASTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.

*John W. D. Miller .. Treble	John E. Brough .. 6
Minnie I. Foskett .. 2	Sidney Foskett .. 7
Graham Paul .. 3	†Edric J. Franklin .. 8
Herbert Taylor .. 4	Jack N. Brown .. 9
Frank R. Morton .. 5	F. Neville Pailing .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker.

Conducted by John E. Brough.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Royal First as conductor on ten bells.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Hunter's No. 2. Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb. in E.	
F. C. Hobson (St. John's) Treble	S. P. Darvill (Downing) .. 6
K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) 2	K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) .. 7
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) 3	R. W. H. Hayes (Caius) .. 8
A. S. Hudson (Clare) .. 4	C. H. Rogers (Emmanuel) 9
S. C. Walters (Pembroke) 5	R. Shipp (Peterhouse) .. Tenor

Rung strictly silent and non-conducted.

Umpire: Robert C. Kippin

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At Chris. Church.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.	
Brian J. Woodruffe .. Treble	John H. Fielden .. 6
Neil Bennett .. 2	John C. Eisel .. 7
Basil Jones .. 3	Frederick Shallcross .. 8
Harold C. Lonyon .. 4	A. Peter Whitehead .. 9
John Robinson .. 5	Robert B. Smith .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

Rung after meeting short: Mr. Harold Lonyon standing in at very short notice.

NORBURY (Hazel Grove), Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Tues., Aug. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Robert J. Warrilow .. Treble	Philip G. K. Davies .. 5
Derek F. Yates .. 2	Basil Jones .. 6
Kenneth R. Davenport .. 3	Giles B. Thompson .. 7
John L. Shenton .. 4	John Robinson .. Tenor

Composed by W. Barton.

Conducted by Basil Jones.

AUDLEM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great.

On Fri., Sept. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in two methods: 20 of Grandsire and 22 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*Leon A. Perry .. Treble	*John R. Scott .. 4
*Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 2	Terence E. Trickett .. 5
Frank R. Morton .. 3	*Leonard J. Meredith .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* First peal and first attempt. Quickest peal on the bells.

A birthday compliment to Gerald Parsons (Sandbach).

THE CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSN.
CLEATOR MOOR, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. John Evan.
On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in E.

Richard S. Starkie Treble	Jeffrey Bragman 5
Philip G. K. Davies 2	Leslie Boumphrey 6
Christine Andrew 3	John Robinson 7
Dennis Latham 4	Denis Mottershead Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

Conducted by John Robinson.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

WEST PUTFORD, Devon.—At the Church of St. Stephen.

On Mon., Aug. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.
Alan J. Hicks Treble	Harry Stacey 4
Nigel J. Maggs 2	*Brian G. D. Vince 5
Derek S. Beaufoy 3	Thomas J. Setter Tenor

Conducted by Derek S. Beaufoy.

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First peal on the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LONDON, W.C.—At the Church of St. Clement Danes.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

Frank V. Gant Treble	Dennis Ellidson 6
John W. Stephenson 2	Roy D. Tomlin 7
Joan M. Peacock 3	Robert J. Chapman 8
Peter D. Chapman 4	Andrew J. Salisbury 9
Harry Turner 5	Alfred J. House Tenor

Composed by George W. Debenham. Conducted by Alfred J. House.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THORINGTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob.	
Peter G. Pitt Treble	Neil V. Avis 4
Lesley Ward 2	Brian J. Vaughan 5
Stephen D. Humphrey 3	George N. Orman Tenor

Conducted by George N. Orman. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

Jack L. Millhouse Treble	Alexander J. Martin 7
Iris M. E. Lemare 2	Robert J. Warrilow 8
Norah M. Randles 3	George H. Randles 9
Derek F. Yates 4	Geoffrey R. Parker 10
John Worth 5	Basil Jones 11
C. Kenneth Lewis 6	A. Peter Whitehead Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sun., Aug. 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 Cambridge, Superlative and London, with 110 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Derek F. Yates Treble	C. Kenneth Lewis 5
Iris M. E. Lemare 2	Alexander J. Martin 6
Robert J. Warrilow 3	Geoffrey R. Parker 7
Jack L. Millhouse 4	Basil Jones Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Ambrose.

On Tues., Aug. 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Richard J. Bowden .. Treble	Michael J. Hobbs 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	D. John Hunt 6
Alan Tubbs 3	John C. Slater 7
*Jacqueline A. Hobbs .. 4	James R. Taylor Tenor

Composed by R. J. Parker. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal of Yorkshire. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.

On Thurs., July 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,088 London, 1024 Cambridge, 992 each of Pudsey and Superlative, and 928 Bristol, with 100 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

H. George Hart Treble	S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 5
Elsie K. Hart 2	Roger Baldwin 6
Christopher W. Woolley .. 3	Kenneth R. Dunstan .. 7
John Faircloth 4	Stephen Ivins Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.
On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, and 832 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, with 127 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

D. Kay Adkins Treble	Christopher W. Woolley .. 5
Elsie K. Hart 2	Roger Baldwin 6
Christine M. Rimmer 3	Anthony R. Kench 7
David Carpenter 4	Richard F. B. Speed .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt in E.

Peter S. Muchlinski .. Treble	John W. Gander 6
Cyril S. Jarrett 2	David S. Osenton 7
*Ann Jenner 3	Martin L. Howe 8
Alexander Waddington .. 4	John W. Coleman 9
Stapley Jenner 5	Bernard F. L. Groves .. Tenor

Composed by Giles B. Thompson. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of Royal in the method. † First of Royal.

SALEHURST, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 16½ cwt.
Edward Baker Treble	Leslie W. Jarvis 5
Judy Bowen 2	†Philip Harrison 6
*Marion Kemp 3	Geoffrey Waters 7
William Gorrington 4	Albert E. Kemp Tenor

Conducted by William Gorrington.

* First peal. † First "inside" and first of Triples.
All the band are Sunday service ringers at St. Laurence's, Hawk-hurst.

TONBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 ADDERBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

Doris E. Colgate Treble	Timothy G. Pett 5
Hilary F. Hinde 2	Ralph Bird 6
*Ann Jenner 3	Robert W. Hinde 7
Edward J. Jenner 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* 150th peal. First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

A birthday compliment to Mr. John Willis, vice-president of the Association.

MILTON REGIS, Kent.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.
Joan A. Hayward Treble	George A. Naylor 4
*Peter D. J. Beal 2	Brian Jemmett 5
*Nicholas J. Chesson .. 3	Peter M. Wilkinson Tenor

Conducted by Peter M. Wilkinson.

* First tower-bell peal and first of Minor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KENDAL, Westmorland.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

Richard S. Starkie .. Treble	Denis Mottershead 6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 2	Philip G. K. Davies 7
Christine Andrew 3	Dennis Latham 8
Cyril Crossthwaite 4	Jeffrey Brannan 9
John A. Booth 5	John Robinson Tenor

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

(Preston Branch).

SAMLESBURY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard-the-Less.

On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. Treble	*Roger Barnes 5
*John Ascroft 2	*Dennis McCormick .. 6
Margaret Crossthwaite .. 3	*Alan Gardner 7
Lawrence Walmsley .. 4	Cyril Crossthwaite Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

* First peal of Bob Major. First peal on the bells for 30 years.
Rung for the christening of Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Clayton—both ringers at this tower.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

AUGHTON, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.
On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

John R. Lunham Treble	Eric Cook 5
Robert Larkey 2	Edmund Rothwell 6
William E. Court 3	Dennis R. Jones 7
Stanley Livesey 4	Jack N. Brown Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Jack N. Brown.
In memoriam James Marsh, for over 60 years a ringer at this tower.

SOUTHPORT, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.

On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

*Dennis Jones Treble	Norman Heaps 5
*Fred Pearson 2	Eric Cook 6
*Victor Draper 3	Joseph Ridyard 7
*Martin Snape 4	Ronald Kenrick Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Ronald Kenrick.
* First peal of Yorkshire. † 25th peal together.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Martin Snape.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Mary the Great.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 27 cwt. 13 lb.

Peter J. Staniforth Treble	A. James Poyner 7
David G. Willford 2	Brian S. Chapman 8
W. Ernest Rawson 3	Alan McFall 9
Alan E. Hartley 4	Roland H. Cook 10
Malcolm E. Wade 5	Russell S. Morris 11
John M. Jelley 6	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by John M. Jelley.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

RAUNDS, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

A. Maxwell Lindsey .. Treble	Geoffrey M. Brewin .. 5
*Malcolm E. Wade .. 2	William A. Lacey .. 6
W. Ernest Rawson .. 3	Roland H. Cook .. 7
Martin C. Faulkes .. 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.
* 50th peal for the Guild.

Rung as a 78th birthday compliment to Mr. Walter J. Tanser, of St. Margaret's, Leicester.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EWERBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

*Geoffrey R. Parker .. Treble	*John H. Parker .. 6
*Joyce M. Gurnhill .. 2	George H. Randles .. 7
*Peter A. Sharp .. 3	*George A. Dawson .. 8
*Margaret E. Chilton .. 4	*John R. Pratchett .. 9
Jack L. Millhouse .. 5	*Geoffrey Paul .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Michael W. Crowder and Roseann Pile, married this day at Barrow-on-Humber.

GREASLEY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Middleton's.	
Graham J. N. Colborne .. Treble	*Derek J. Jones .. 5
Roger D. Bailey .. 2	Alan G. Payne .. 6
Keith R. Davey .. 3	Harold Barsley .. 7
F. Neville Pailing .. 4	*Richard A. G. Inglis .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

* 100th peal. † First of Surprise Major "inside."

ALFORD, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Sat., Aug. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) London, (2) Wells, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Janet E. Hubbard .. Treble	Harold Barsley .. 4
Derek J. Jones .. 2	Albert E. Flatters .. 5
Keith R. Davey .. 3	Alan G. Payne .. Tenor

Conducted by Albert E. Flatters.

Conductor's 100th peal.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITHAM-ON-THE-HILL, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 12 methods: (1) London, (2) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (3) Hexham and Berwick, (4) Norwich, (5) York, (6) Ipswich and Cambridge, (7) Beverley and Surfleet.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

J. Martin Thorley .. Treble	*Keith R. Davey .. 4
Derek J. Jones .. 2	Roland H. Cook .. 5
Roger D. Bailey .. 3	Alan G. Payne .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

* 50th peal together.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ABERGAVERN, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERIS

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in D.

Donald G. Clift .. Treble	Frank L. Harris .. 6
Mrs. F. J. Marshall .. 2	John Hartless .. 7
Michael J. Thomas .. 3	Lewis F. Cobb .. 8
Philip N. Tubbs .. 4	Robert C. Kippin .. 9
*Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 5	Ronald N. Marlow .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
* 100th peal.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire. At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Aug. 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Dan S. Pont .. Treble	Joseph W. Cotton .. 5
Richard J. Clifton .. 2	Arthur E. Rowley .. 6
*Edwin Deakin .. 3	G. Ronald Edwards .. 7
*Ron Hughes .. 4	Roland Beniston .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pittsow. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Wed., Aug. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

Ernest H. Mastin .. Treble	Peter Adcock .. 5
Shelagh R. Collins .. 2	Kevin S. Hohl .. 6
*Timothy G. Pett .. 3	John S. Barnes .. 7
George P. Adams .. 4	Norman V. Harding .. Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Shelagh R. Collins.
* 50th peal.

MULBARTON, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.

On Wed., Aug. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, with four variations of calling.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

*Peter N. Mackley .. Treble	Timothy G. Pett .. 4
*Richard A. J. Bower .. 2	George P. Adams .. 5
†Sidney Marshall .. 3	John S. Barnes .. Tenor

Conducted by John S. Barnes.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Cambridge Minor. The conductor has now rung Cambridge from Minor to Maximus.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION NORTH ELMHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sun., Aug. 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Marion Adcock Treble	Sidney Marshall 5
John S. Barges 2	Tony Owen 6
Peter Adcock 3	Kevin S. Hohl 7
Edward Howes 4	Timothy G. Pett Tenor

Composed by F. Nolan Golden. Conducted by Timothy G. Pett.
* First peal, first attempt. Tenor 14½ cwt.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. HUGHENDEN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Roland Biggs Treble	Sydney M. Bailey 5
Joyce I. Barton 2	Roger G. Hazell 6
Gillian N. Smith 3	Robert H. Newton 7
Arthur Newton 4	David A. Cornwall Tenor

Composed by G. Williams. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.
350th peal on the bells. Tenor 14 cwt, 3 qr. 19 lb.

ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 20 methods, comprising 640 London, 320 each of Cray, Lindum, Lincolnshire, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Bristol, Eastcote and Wordsworth and 160 each of Framley, Superlative, Uxbridge, Hitcham, Watford, Hereford, New Gloucester, Heathcote, Wembley and Rutland, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 10 cwt, 2 qr. 14 lb.
Maurice A. New Treble James R. Taylor 5
Brian Bladon 2 Anthony R. Peake 6
Michael J. Hobbs 3 Cyril A. Wratten 7
Edward R. Venn 4 Rev. Roger Keeley Tenor
Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
The greatest number of Major methods to a peal by all the band.

IFFLEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Tues., Aug. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being 1,440 each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and 2,160 of Grandshire. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.
*David Pullen Treble †Roy Goodwin 4
Leonard R. Porter 2 Laurence H. W. Busby 5
Roy H. Jones 3 A. James Adams Tenor
Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
* First peal, first attempt. † First in three methods.
Rung for the Festival of St. Bartholomew.

FRITWELL, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Olave.

On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINIMUS

*Pauline H. Willis Treble †Garth A. Porter 3
Leonard R. Porter 2 Roy H. Jones Tenor
Conducted by Roy H. Jones.
* First peal, first attempt. † First of Minimus "inside."
Rung as a farewell to Miss Margaret Winning, daughter of the tower captain, who leaves for college

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

OAKHAM, Rutland.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt, 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

Anthony D. Sansom Treble	Robin G. Leale 5
David P. Hilling 2	Edward R. Venn 6
Gillian A. Leale 3	J. Keith Ward 7
Frederick R. Scott 4	Christopher C. Clarke Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

UFFINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 St. Clement's, Nos. 7, 86; Oxford T.B., No. 121; Plain Bob, No. 8; Kent T.B., No. 125; Plain Bob, No. 11; one spliced 720 of Oxford and Kent T.B. Tenor 13 cwt.
Ian Bell Treble Charles E. Black 4
*Maureen Simop 2 Frank Bovall 5
Susan Stimson 3 John H. Bluff Tenor
* First peal. Conducted by John H. Bluff.

WHISSENDINE, Rutland.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods: (1) Beverley and Surfleet, (2) Double Court, (3) Cambridge, (4) Hereward and Single Oxford, (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (6) Oxford T.B., (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
John H. Bluff Treble Roland H. Cook 4
Derek J. Jones 2 Roger D. Bailey 5
Alan G. Payne 3 J. Martin Thorley Tenor
Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt, 21 lb. in D.

J. Alan Ainsworth Treble	John C. Eisel 6
*S. Clarke Walters 2	Martin D. Fellows 7
Roderick W. Pipe 3	Frederick Shallcross 8
George E. Fearn 4	Clifford A. Barron 9
Michael J. Fellows 5	Peter Border Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* First peal of London Royal.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt, 21 lb. in D.

Mary Prior Treble	Michael J. Fellows 6
George E. Fearn 2	Norman J. Goodman 7
John C. Eisel 3	Clifford A. Barron 8
J. Alan Ainsworth 4	Frederick Shallcross 9
Martin D. Fellows 5	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Sun., Aug. 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge, and 992 each of Superlative, Bristol and Pudsey, with 101 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 21 cwt, 1 lb. in E flat.

D. John Hunt Treble	Martin D. Fellows 5
John C. Eisel 2	Peter Border 6
Gillian M. Hussey 3	George E. Fearn 7
Norman J. Goodman 4	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Peter Border.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

STAFFORD.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt, 11 lb. in E.

*Ruth A. E. Fairbrother .. Treble	Remi M. Hodister 6
Richard J. Warrilow 2	Frank Beech, jun. 7
*Edward R. Fairbrother .. 3	George E. Morrall 8
A. Elizabeth Timmins 4	Christopher J. Hughes 9
*Philip R. Johnson 5	Ian Friend Tenor

Arranged by David W. Friend. Conducted by Ian Friend.
* First peal on ten bells. The ringer of the 2nd has now "circled the tower."

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NOTTINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 35 cwt, 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

*Christine L. J. Mills Treble	*R. Brian Mills 6
Joyce M. Gurnhill 2	‡David Stainsby 7
†Judith A. Stocker 3	Peter A. Sharp 8
*Peter R. Humphrey 4	William L. Exton 9
Harry Poyner 5	Walter Nichols Tenor

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal of Grandshire and on ten. † First peal. ‡ First of Grandshire Caters "inside."
Rung as a 45th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Nichols.

BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt, 24 lb. in G sharp.

*Grace Burchnall Treble	‡David H. Pritchett 5
*Katharine Burchnall 2	Harold Denman 6
†Beryl N. Reed 3	§Cyril H. Pritchett 7
†Peter Wakefield 4	Colin W. Reed Tenor

Composed by J. B. Worsley. Conducted by Colin W. Reed.
* 350th peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First of Major. § First of Treble Bob. First of Treble Bob as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Denis.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt, 3 qr. 18 lb.
Ruth Blackshaw Treble Walter Tomlinson 4
Ronald G. Russell 2 Maurice W. Harrison 5
Philip C. Pitchford 3 James H. Musson Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

The conductor has now called 100 peals from the tenor.
A wedding compliment to Kenneth L. Wade and Miss Rhoda M. Mays. A birthday compliment to Mr. Walter Tomlinson. A 21st birthday compliment to James R. Musson, the conductor's son.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. John of Beverley.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 24 lb. in E.
 Margaret E. Chilton .. Treble *Richard A. G. Inglis .. 4
 Thomas G. Goodwin .. 2 †George A. Dawson .. 5
 Simon Humphrey .. 3 John R. Pratchett .. Tenor

Conducted by John R. Pratchett.

* First peal of Minor in the method. † 75th peal.

A birthday compliment to Miss Elisabeth Foster and Simon Humphrey, both of Wollaton.

BABWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, comprising one extent each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Christine L. J. Mills .. Treble John A. Coates .. 4
 Mary C. Poyner .. 2 R. Brian Mills .. 5
 William L. Exton .. 3 Harry Poyner .. Tenor

Conducted by Harry Poyner.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Clement.
 On Tues., Aug. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods: (1 and 2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Margaret Egglestone .. Treble Roy C. Groom .. 4
 Robert E. Lester .. 2 C. Stanley Bloomfield .. 5
 Colin F. Loke .. 3 Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

A 20th birthday compliment to Timothy Gooderham.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

WEST CLANDON, Surrey.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
 On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

John W. Smith .. Treble Alan R. Millidge .. 5
 Robert J. Cooles .. 2 D. Paul Smith .. 6
 *G. William Shanks .. 3 Alan E. Bagworth .. 7
 Anthony E. Clayton .. 4 Michael J. Uphill .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.

* First peal "inside." First of Plain Bob Major as conductor.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
WHITCHURCH, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

Geoffrey K. Dodd .. Treble *Sydney M. Bailey .. 5
 *Christopher C. Clarke .. 2 William Birmingham .. 6
 Reginald W. Rex .. 3 *Wilfrid G. Wilson .. 7
 *Michael Hatchett .. 4 Alan R. Pink .. Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

FROXFIELD, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., Aug. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.
 *Lesley J. Read .. Treble *David M. Hughes .. 4
 Denby Murduck .. 2 Geoffrey K. Dodd .. 5
 Charles E. Bassett .. 3 Philip Murduck .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Minor. The first peal on the bells. A complete six by Mears and Stainbank.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
PERSHORE, Worcestershire.—At the Abbey Church of St. Edburgha, St. Mary and the Holy Cross.

On Sat. Aug. 28, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

*Martin J. Boskett .. Treble Arthur C. Berry .. 5
 Ian Lloyd .. 2 Alan E. Bagworth .. 6
 †Alan R. Millidge .. 3 †Michael J. Uphill .. 7
 Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 4 Gerald C. Hemming .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Arranged by H. Johnson

Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

* First peal of Surprise. † 25th peal together.

EARL'S CROOME, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
 On Sat., Aug. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 14 lb. in A sharp.

Alan R. Millidge .. Treble James Attwood, jun. .. 4
 Michael J. Uphill .. 2 Arthur C. Berry .. 5
 Ian Lloyd .. 3 Alan E. Bagworth .. Tenor

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.

BREDON'S NORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Chapel of Ease.

On Sun., Aug. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

Michael J. Uphill .. Treble Alan E. Bagworth .. 4
 Richard G. Bateman .. 2 Arthur C. Berry .. 5
 Martin J. Boskett .. 3 James Attwood, jun. .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael J. Uphill.

The first peal of Minor on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank earlier this year.

A compliment to Martin Boskett, on his 15th birthday.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

Roger J. Lumley .. Treble Vivian Nutton .. 6
 Edward Jenkins .. 2 Neil Donovan .. 7
 Stuart Armeson .. 3 Derek Butterworth .. 8
 J. Henry Fielden .. 4 Neil Bennett .. 9
 J. Barry Pickup .. 5 Richard E. Price .. Tenor

Arranged by W. E. Critchley.

Conducted by Richard E. Price.

(The Sheffield and District Society).

HANDSWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

John J. L. Gilbert .. Treble Cyril Rusby .. 5
 John E. Turley .. 2 John N. D. Chaddock .. 6
 *Mrs. D. A. Chapman .. 3 Dennis A. Chapman .. 7
 Geoffrey Goodall .. 4 †Frederick J. Jackson .. Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by John J. L. Gilbert.

* First peal in the method.
 Rung to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Percival Knights.

BRIGHOUSE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

David Smith .. Treble M. Susap Jackson .. 5
 Iris M. E. Lemare .. 2 Vivian Nutton .. 6
 Frances Fairbank .. 3 *David S. Johnson .. 7
 *Ronald Ducker .. 4 J. Henry Fielden .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pittow.

Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

* First peal of London. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

ADWICK-LE-STREET, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
 On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 Single Oxford, 1,440 Oxford T.B., 720 Kent T.B., 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Florence P. E. Chester .. Treble *John Laughton .. 4
 Russell Stephenson .. 2 †John Whitham .. 5
 *Leonard Vegabes .. 3 Frederick J. Jackson .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Jackson.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

Rung to celebrate the 50th year of Adwick Urban District Council.

(Beverley and District Society).

EASTRINGTON, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents as follows: Double Court, Single Oxford, Cambridge, Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.

Michael J. Wilson (14) .. Treble Norman V. Harding .. 4
 *Robert C. Hawtree .. 2 David S. Johnson .. 5
 Richard D. Gibson .. 3 F. Charles Hobson .. Tenor

Conducted by F. Charles Hobson.

* First peal, first attempt.

Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb.

HANDBELL PEAL

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At All Saints' Bell Tower.

On Wed., Sept. 1, 1965, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*Alan McFall .. 1—2 †Robert B. Smith (cond.) 3—4
 †Gerald Moorhouse .. 5—6

* First peal of Kent T.B. Minor "in hand" and 100th peal together
 † First of Minor "in hand."

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ENGAGEMENT

PHILLIPS—HASTINGS.—The engagement is announced between Malcolm Anthony, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Phillips, of Solihull, Warwickshire, and Muriel Caroline, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Hastings, of Wigton, Cumberland. 7564

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MISCELLANEOUS

CORRECTION.—Will those with copies of the Middlesex Association Report please amend the times of Wednesday practices at St. Matthew, Upper Clapton, to 7 p.m. Our ringing must finish at 8 p.m.—C. Neal. 7415

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly and committee meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walton, Liverpool, on Saturday, October 9th. Ringing at Tuebrook 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Walton 3.15 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and after tea. Names for tea (2/- each) to Mrs. M. Martin, 77, Bedford Road, Liverpool 4. — F. Reynolds, Gen. Sec. 7353

RINGERS' SERVICE

St. Leonard's-the-Less, Sablesbury.

Special service 3 p.m.

September 19th, 1965.

Ringing 1.30 p.m. and after service.

All welcome. 7590

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Annual outing to Beverley on September 18th. For details please contact Malcolm Phipps, Dis. Sec., 23, Walton Drive, Boythorpe, Chesterfield, as soon as possible. 7557

BELLRINGERS' DIARY, 1966.—A record number of reminder postcards have been sent requesting information. Mr. Viggers hopes for all replies before press date, September 20th. 7597

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—New members of the University are invited to contact the Secretary, F. C. Hobson, 96, Southella Way, Kirk Ella, Hull, or St. John's College. First practice of term Wednesday, October 6th, St. Andrew's Church. 7595

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Committee meeting, King's Head Hotel, Matlock, Wednesday, September 29th, 7.30 p.m.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 7602

ELSTOW ABBEY, BEDS.—Ringing resumed following repairs to the tower and frame supports. Practice night Friday at 7.45. Sunday at 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Visitors welcome.—Miss M. F. Pettitt, Tower Captain. 7576

KEELE UNIVERSITY.—Would all intending ringers coming up this term contact Philip Kimber, c/o Physics Department. 7567

KINGSBURY, WARWICKSHIRE.—Practice night changed to Friday, 8-9.30 p.m.; Sundays, 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Methods up to London. All welcome. 7575

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—The first ringing of term will be on Sunday, October 3rd, at 6 p.m. at St. John's, Newcastle. Freshers are invited to contact Jennifer Sceny, 105, Wyndham Crescent, Burnham, Bucks. 7585

ROSS.—Your prayers are asked for all those who are to be ordained at this time, and especially for Frederick Ross, who is to be ordained priest by the Lord Archbishop of York in York Minster on Sunday, September 19th, 1965. Now serving in the parish of All Saints, Hesse. 7571

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—New students coming up are warmly welcome at the first practice of term on Thursday, October 7th, at St. Olave's, Hart Street, at 6.30 p.m. Tube: Tower Hill. Turn right out of station and right again up Seething Lane. Further information from the Secretary: R. E. J. Dennis, Christ Church Vicarage, Breeze Hill, Boodle 20, Lancs. General meeting, October 16th. 7482

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hinton St. George (6), Saturday, September 18th. Usual arrangements, notify for tea to J. I. Locke, Hon. Sec. 7563

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Wilmslow, September 18th. Striking competition 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. S. Sage, 71, Oak Lane, Wilmslow. All welcome.—C. K. Lewis. 7572

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 18th. Newbold-on-Avon. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to A. G. Eveleigh, 39, Meadow Road, Newbold-on-Avon, Rugby. 7560

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, March St. Wendreda, Saturday, September 18th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7544

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Whitlesey (St. Mary's Church), Saturday, September 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. After tea further ringing. The venue, either St. Mary's or St. Andrew's (not both), will be announced at tea.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7570

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—District Striking Competition, Send, September 18th. Bells 2.30. Evening ringing for all. Names for tea to Mr. S. Strudwick, Eskholm, Potters Lane, Send, Woking. 7533

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Next meeting will be at Kilndown on September 18th, starting at 3 p.m. Special business: A new secretary. Make your own arrangements for tea.—D. West, Hon. Sec. 7469

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Sandridge, September 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. T. Hawkins, 23, Blenheim Road, St. Albans.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 7550

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting, Brent Pelham, Saturday, September 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Ringing at Barkway in the evening. Names for tea to W. J. Trigg, Lower Cottages, Brent Pelham, Buntingford, Herts.—D. H. K. 7573

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting at Flixton on Saturday, September 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea only at 5 p.m.—J. Brannan, Branch Sec. 7569

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting, September 18th, at Shephed. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall. Names for tea to Mr. G. Butler, 21, Bridge Street, Shephed, Loughborough, Leics. 7488

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting at Ilston-on-the-Hill, September 18. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., Fox and Goose.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 7579

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 18th, at Edgware. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business to follow. Evening ringing. Please make an effort to support this meeting.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 7541

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Parker, 138, Smithfield Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 7568

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—All Saints', Pitsford. Service of thanksgiving for restoration of the tower and dedication of a new treble bell to augment the ring to six. Service, September 18th, 4 p.m. Tea and biscuits. Ringing. All welcome.—E. L.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Meeting, Bremhill (6), September 18th. Usual times. Names for tea, please, to W. Frayling, 9, Lodowicks, Bremhill, Calne. Special method: Single Oxford. 7558

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Bottesford (8) on Saturday, September 18th, at 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements. 7566

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Final Crawford Cup Contest, Barnby, Saturday, September 18th, 2.30. Names for tea to Mrs. C. W. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton, Newark.—B. N. Reed. 7519

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Epsom Common, September 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. Marsh, 94, Manor Green Road, Epsom. Note: St. Martin's bells not available.—K. Game, Dis. Sec. 7524

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Buxted (8), Saturday, September 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by previous Wednesday, to Miss S. G. Rice, 40, Fairfield Gardens, Portslade. 7547

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Truro Branch.—Meeting at St. Mawgan-in-Pydar, Saturday, September 18th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Miss B. J. Duck, Branch Sec., 1, Benson Road, Hendra, Truro. 7496

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Brierley Hill, Saturday, September 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., 17, Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcs. 7525

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Open practice at St. Alkmund's, Derby, on Thursday, September 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. Special methods: Grand-sire and Double Norwich.—M. A. Willis, Dis. Sec. 7586

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Sampford-Arundel, September 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 7523

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Meeting, Saturday, September 25th. Caddington. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names by 23rd to Mrs. A. Baldwin, 81, Dunstable Road, Caddington, near Luton. 7598

CHESTER GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Warburton on Saturday, September 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 7600

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Church Lawton, September 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by September 22nd to W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 7584

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Sprotborough (8), Saturday, September 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. Short, 310, Melton Road, Sprotborough, Doncaster. 7582

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — South West Branch.—Autumn meeting, Saturday, September 25th, at Dodbrooke. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Ringing arrangements: Dodbrooke (6). 2.30-4.30; West Alvington (6). 2.30-3.45; Kingsbridge (8). 6.30-7.30; West Alvington (6). 7.45-8.45 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, September 20th, please.—Mrs. M. A. Bould, Branch Sec., Crelake Mews, Tavistock. 7552

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Association Dinner arranged by Rochester District at Sittingbourne, Saturday, September 25th, 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Tickets (12/6 each) from B. W. May, Keithston, Keycol Hill, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent (s.a.e. with application), not later than first post, September 21st.

P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7429

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter Smithills on Saturday, September 25th. Free tea at 5 p.m. only for those who send names to John F. Wood, 20, Moorside Avenue, Bolton. St. Peter's afternoon only from 2.30 p.m. All Souls' from 6 p.m.—Thornley. 7599

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's R.C. Church, Clifton Street, Lytham, on Saturday, September 25th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. 7596

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hinckley District.—Meeting, Enderby, Saturday, September 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 7601

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD OF RINGERS. — The A.G.M. will be held at Hereford on Saturday, September 25th. Members meet for coffee at the Mayor's Parlour 11 a.m. Luncheon City Arms 1 p.m. Ringing details will be circulated to members. All names and addresses, not later than 17th, to P.C. Cousins, Police Station, Ross-on-Wye. Price of tickets 17/6. Any items for the agenda to Hon. Secretary, P.C. Holt, 15, Gressingham Walk, Scotforth, Lancaster. 7511

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting, September 25th, at West Hanney. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting in Village Hall. Names for tea to C. Corderoy, West-Wynds, Westbrook Street, Blewbury, Didcot, by 21st. 7461

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Moulton on Saturday, September 25th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton. 7538

RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

AUTUMN MEETING AT SWANSEA

September 25th, 1965

PROGRAMME

Coach depart St. Mary's Square 9.40 a.m.

St. Thomas (6), Neath, 10 to 11 a.m.

Coach arrives Port Talbot station 11.30 a.m. (approx.) to meet London train.

Baglan (6), 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Lunch, The Camopic, Restaurant, Southend, Mumbles, 1.45 p.m.

St. Mary's, Swansea (8), 3 to 4 p.m.

High tea, Stuart Hall, Sketty, 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.

St. Paul's, Sketty (8), 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.

Aberavon (8) available Friday, September 24th, 7.30 p.m.

J. Arthur Hoare, Hon. Sec. 7420

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Upwey, Saturday, September 25th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. For tea, notify by Wednesday previous A. J. Slade, 8, Verlands Road, Preston, Weymouth. 7553

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, September 25th. Damerham. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Tuesday, 21st, to Mrs. J. Baverstock, 14, West Park Lane, Damerham, Fordingbridge. 7556

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Lyme Regis, Saturday, September 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 7577

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Annual

LICHFIELD DIOCESAN FESTIVAL

will be held at Oswestry on Sept. 25th (Car park in Lower Brook Street)

Towers open:

Ellesmere, St. Mary (8) 2.00-3.00

St. Martin's, St. Martin (6) 2.45-3.45

Oswestry, St. Oswald (8) 3.15-4.25

Service at Oswestry at 4.30,

followed by tea at 5.15.

Shrewsbury, St. Mary (10) 7.00-8.00

Shrewsbury, St. Chad (12) 8.00-9.00

Inquiries and reservations for tea—high, middle or low—should be sent to me at 18, Ferra's Road, Oswestry (Tel. 2744). Last minute bookings are possible, but the fate of the foolish virgins should not be forgotten. Visitors and non-resident life members especially welcome! Roger B. Morris, Ringing Master. 7327

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Newark District) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Eastern Branch).—Joint meeting, Balderton, Saturday, September 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to me, please, by previous Tuesday.—Mrs. B. N. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton, Newark. 7520

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual Striking Competition, Cavendish, Saturday, September 25th. Teams please meet at church for draw at 1.45 p.m. Late arrivals please report to Ringing Master on arrival. Service follows last band to compete at 5.15 p.m., approx. Tea 6 p.m., followed by results and presentation of shield. Ringing at Clare, 7-9 p.m. Entries and names for tea by Saturday, September 18th, if possible, please, to Andrew T. Beckwith, 8, Lansdowne Road, Ipswich (Tel. 75647). 7540

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Alfriston (6), Saturday, September 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. R. Baldock, 23, Broomfield Street, Eastbourne, by Wednesday, September 22nd.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 7527

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Hutton Cranswick, on Saturday, September 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Harrison, Westholm, Hutton Cranswick, not later than Wednesday, 22nd. Subscriptions payable. Reports available.—R. Ducker, Dis. Sec. 7562

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting, Staveley (8), Saturday, October 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Norton (8) available 7-8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Smith, 73, Railway Cottages, Staveley, Chesterfield, by September 29th.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 7603

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Dudley, on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea must be forwarded to me by September 28th at the latest. Netherton (8) will be available in the evening, if required.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 7583

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Tonbridge on October 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and Meeting at 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Sec., 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge, by Wednesday, September 29th. 7593

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The autumn general meeting will be held at Wokingham, Berks, on Saturday, October 2nd. Meeting in the Masonic Hall at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4. Service in St. Paul's Church at 5 p.m. Please park in Hall car park and not on road. Tea tickets (3s. 3d. each) on application to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. Ringing arrangements will be sent out with tea tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. Names for tea by Monday, September 27th.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7546

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD. — The first practice of term will be held on Tuesday, October 5th, at Sacred Trinity, Salford, at 7.30 p.m. Freshers are invited to write to the secretary for details.—A. S. Taylor, Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton, Devon. 7530

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Snowdon dinner is being held at the Co-operative Restaurant, Westgate, Rotherham, on October 16th at 6.30 p.m. Applications for tickets (16s. 6d. each) stating all names, please, to Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 10, Pye Bank Close, Sheffield 3, by October 2nd. Ringing programme in Sheffield and Rotherham. Any special ringing requests from visitors welcomed given due notice. A hearty welcome to all.—N. Chaddock, J. J. L. Gilbert. 7561

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice. —12th annual dinner on Saturday, October 30th, in Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford, at 6.45 p.m. 7581

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COMPOSITIONS

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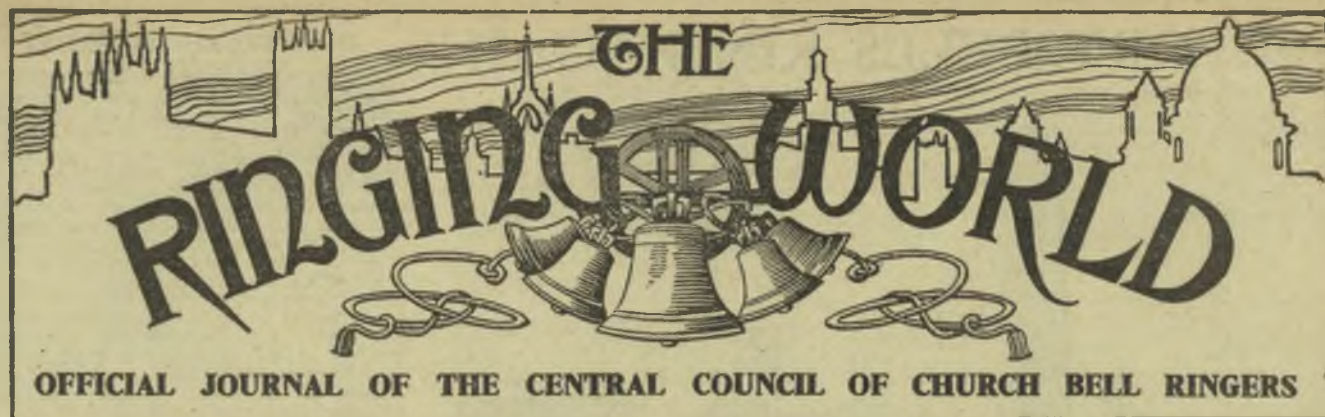
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RINGING AND TRAINING

THE training of ringers must always be taking place, and this applies from beginning with a stranger to the art being taught how to handle a bell to the one who has really been bitten by the bug and desires to progress through the stages of bob calling, conducting and composing. Without this incessant teaching ringing would perish in next to no time. In fact, when the present generation passed along the art of ringing would also be gone.

Unfortunately ringing has partly died in some areas, hence our silent towers. In reverse, one hears the happy news that a tower long silent has recruited a new band together, and once more the bells are ringing, even if only to rounds and call-changes for the present.

There are many reasons why towers have become silent. I have heard it said in years gone by that ringing contests (better known today as striking competitions) created the situation that once having got together a good band at a tower there was no time for teaching anyone else lest the quality of striking be lowered, and future contests be lost. I never fell for that one. I have known instances where the tower leader, or conductor, had not the ability to progress along with the band who were desirous of advancing, with the result that finally the band drifted away one by one, and so another silent tower. There is also the situation wherein the leader of a tower moves away from the district, leaving the band as helpless as a ship without rudder.

The motor age has of course altered our whole lives, and this may account for the actions of some ringers in deserting the tower where someone spent many hours in teaching them to ring.

But to return to this question of teaching. We are not all born tutors, and unfortunately many people who may be quite capable of performing a task themselves in an excellent manner do not have the ability to pass on to others the "know-how"—and how apparent this is in ringing circles.

In "The Ringing World" for July 30th last there was an article by Jeanne A. Bottomley on the teaching of a band for Dewsbury bells. I have paid visits to this tower, and on my first visit since the new band commenced I was very pleased to see that, although the teaching of change-ringing was in its embryo stage, the standard that was being set by Vernon Bottomley and his wife was indeed high, and one that I am sure will pay. So best wishes,

Vernon and Jeanne, for future success; and, still remembering the good work Vernon did at another Yorkshire tower a few years ago, I feel sure your efforts will not be in vain.

It is amazing when one stops to think how much habit plays a part in our lives. We rise out of bed after sleep and go through the process of getting dressed; but if you ask a man whether he first puts his left or right leg into his trousers, does he button his waistcoat up or down, does he first put his left or right arm into his coat sleeve, he would have the greatest difficulty in telling you, because this is habitual.

I may be wrong, but when I see what I consider bad habits in ringers I usually blame their teacher. The difference between good and bad is many times a question of opinion, but untidy or incorrect handling of a bell rope is often criticised even by people who I consider are bad handlers themselves; but again we are all blind to our own faults.

I recently saw a new recruit ringing rounds with a stance like a Western cowboy getting ready to shoot it out. Many of us have seen experienced ringers leaping up in the air in order to, as they rightly or wrongly pretend, get the bell down at backstroke, and yet all ringers were up in arms when a similar thing was depicted in the national press supporting a margarine advert.

So it behoves us all of the present generation to provide for the future and set a high standard, even if this is not achieved. If we are tower leaders let us encourage the rest of the band to progress, whether it be in learning new methods, or conducting. If there is no desire on their part to do any of these things—well, at least you tried.

In order to keep any organisation healthy there must be a regular intake of new members, and so it is with ringing. If you have the task of being tutor to any new entrants try to teach them good ringing habits, or maybe when these pupils venture out into the ringing world, and others see their bad habits, the comment may be passed: "What can you expect, so-and-so taught them." One-day schools serve a useful purpose, but it is impossible to correct in one day what is allowed to go on unchecked the rest of the year.

Finally, however proficient you are you only get out of ringing what you put into it; and although some people may be natural ringers they still lead ringing lives with a large percentage of habit in them, so let me end with an old saying: "Man, know thyself." It is most difficult.

F. AITCH.

GOSPORT BELLS RING AGAIN



Many are the tales handed down by older members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild about the bells of Holy Trinity, Gosport, which hang at the top of a tall brick tower, completely detached from the main structure of the church.

Only a few ringers are left who had rung on the light eight (tenor 9 cwt.), last rung before the war in 1938. A peal board in the tower recalls a peal of Bob Major, with such well known names as Frederick W. Burnett, his father, Frederick A. Burnett, Frederick Bayley, Tower Taylor, Reg Reed, Ernest Munday and the late Fred Rogers, who conducted; the peal being rung because of the determination of the band to stick it out.

However, since this time the bells had fallen into a rapid state of decay; bearings and framework were still in good order, but a number of the wheels were rimless, and the only two remaining ropes were rotten.

After much correspondence with the incumbent, we found a good ally in the verger, and an inspection of the bells on August 20th revealed that with some work they could be put into good order, but ringing them from the proper belfry ropes of 60 ft. length would be required. A phone call to the verger later in the week gave us the o.k. for August Monday morning, and a working party of three from Highclere and David Hughes (Liss) set to work freeing pulley of pigeons' dung, fixing short ropes and repairing wheels. The three hours' work that morning resulted in the back six being rung to rounds only from round the clock case, a blind course of Bob Minimus being the only changes rung that day.

However, on September 11th, the big day, a reception committee from the P.C.C., the churchwardens and other interested listeners were there to greet us, all wishing to hear the bells ringing once again. A welcome sight was John Faithfull and his daughter, both determined to have a ring when the set of long ropes was fitted.

Charles Bassett (Petersfield), Phil Murduck (Kingsclere) and our Highclere contingent had all managed to find ropes long enough and we set to work fitting them, giving the bells a final oiling and trying them all individually.

At 5.30 all was ready and the first rounds on the eight bells since 1938 were rung. The oscillation of this tall tower must be one of the worst in the world and this makes the bells tricky to handle.

A touch of 168 Grandsire Triples was rung on them and some quite nice tapping resulted, and we completed the day's proceedings with a course of Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Plans are now under way for an open day in October, and it is hoped neighbouring towers will also make their bells available for the large crowd of ringers expected. A word of warning: these bells are not for beginners, the tower sees to that, but all experienced ringers who wish to try them will be welcome when the open day is arranged.

Interest is already high to form a local team to ring the bells and it is hoped that they will then be rung regularly once again.

G. DODD and G. EVANS.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Farnham District

Twice postponed, due to repairs to the tower, a meeting was held at Pirbright on September 11th. Afternoon ringing was conducted in part in opposition to a violent thunderstorm, but this did not deter a fair number turning up, 28 being present for the service. In the absence of the Vicar the service was conducted by a chaplain from the Guards' Barracks, Rev. Mr. Darbyshire, with Mr. Busby at the organ.

Tea, provided by local ladies, was followed by a short business meeting, the principal item being the election of five non-resident and three new members from Ash. Evening ringing continued in a variety of methods, considerable amusement being caused by various conductors' attempts to call round touches of Original. Altogether a most enjoyable meeting.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Stephanie Green 1. P. Owen 2, D. Digby (cond.) 3, R. J. Wilsher 4, Paula Healing 5, Susan Farnes 6.

DEPARTURE OF GREAT ADVENTURERS

Sunday, September 5th, was a warm and sunny day, and the departure on Great Adventure II to Australia was imminent. It was a slightly sad occasion, with the thought that the tourists were going to be so far away for five weeks. But amongst those at London Airport to say farewell to the party there was an air of expectancy and hope that the tour would be enjoyable and successful. At exactly 3 p.m. the huge Air India plane, its powerful engines creating a deafening noise, moved slowly and smoothly down the runway. Then, almost in a second, it was gathering speed, and our last farewell wave came almost too late as the aircraft soared up into the sky and away out of sight.

Those at the airport to wish the tourists good luck and bon voyage included Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Coles, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. and Mrs. P. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. C. Smith, Mrs. T. J. Lock and Martin, Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Damerell and Mr. A. H. Fulwell.

M. F. L.

ADVENTURING "UP OVER"

A few days before the English bellringers went adventuring "down under," an Australian ringer arrived in England hoping to find employment, and opportunities to advance campanologically. He is Mr. Walter G. Knight, of St. James', Turramurra, New South Wales. His first ring in this country must have created a record. He is probably the only person who can claim that his first pull at a bell rope in Britain was at Windsor Castle.

On August Bank Holiday he joined an excursion into Rutland with the result that his Australian "bag" of towers gathered from miles of travelling was quickly superseded by his English tally. His first three weeks were spent at Slough, Bucks, during which time he stood in his first peal attempt, and scored an excellent peal of Plain Bob Major at Burnham, in which he rang the fourth bell in masterly style.

Walter has already made numerous friends in South Bucks, who hope that when he has settled into his job in London he will frequently renew the friendships established in the Windsor area.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN

The 1965 Summer Festival of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held in the Culworth Branch, 14 towers being available for ringing during the day. The Guild service was conducted by the President (Canon G. F. Turner) and the Master (Mr. J. H. Bluff) read the lesson, the Vicar of Culworth being the preacher.

After tea in Culworth Village Hall, the President took the chair at an extraordinary business meeting. The main items were the special finance committee's proposal of a scheme of voluntary affiliation to the Guild by parochial church councils, and a proposal from the Rutland Branch of a peal fee of sixpence per ringer. The affiliation scheme was carried unanimously and the peal fee was agreed by a large majority, there being only two votes against.

A vote of thanks to all concerned with the arrangements and success of the meeting was proposed by the Master (Mr. J. H. Bluff) and seconded by the Secretary of the Wellingborough Branch (Mr. R. J. Cowley). The next opportunity for a social get-together will be at Peterborough on October 16th, on the occasion of the Guild dinner.

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BELLS AT RECEPTION



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Miss Susan Chaddock, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock, of 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Rotherham, was married at Rotherham Parish Church on September 4th to Mr. Frederick Neil Johnson, of Sandbach, Cheshire. The Rev. Gerald Hollis officiated, the organist was Mr. W. Shepherd and Mr. A. Holroyd captained the bellringers.

The bride was given away by her father and wore a full-length gown of white satin with a short train, and a full-length veil held in place by a diamante coronet. The bride was attended by Miss Carole Brothwell (bride's cousin), Miss Jane Galway (bridegroom's cousin), Miss Judith Gilbert and the Misses Elizabeth and Rosemary Gilbert (twins).

Best man was Mr. Peter Salmon and groomsmen were Messrs. Graham and Christopher Galway (bridegroom's cousins).

The parish church bells were rung before and after the ceremony, and during the reception for 80 guests Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by the bride's father, uncle and brother, and by Mr. John Gilbert, father of three of the bridesmaids. The honeymoon was spent in Switzerland.

The couple will reside at Selly Oak, Birmingham, where both will continue post-graduate study and research at the University Medical Wing.

RINGERS WED

A wedding of interest to ringers took place at St. Peter's Church, Barton-on-Humber, on September 4th, when Mr. Michael W. Crowder was married to Miss Roseann Pilc. The bridegroom is Ringing Master of the North Lindsey Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, and the bride is also a ringer. The bridesmaids were the Misses Pauline and Aileen Pilc and Margaret Crowder. Mr. James Crowder was his brother's best man, and the ushers were Messrs. J. Hall and C. Potts. There were many ringers among the guests, and as the bridal party left the church several joined the local ringers in some Grandsire Triples at the neighbouring Church of St. Mary. Owing to repairs to the fabric it was not possible to ring at St. Peter's. A peal attempt at Barrow-on-Humber following the ceremony was unfortunately lost, but a good one was rung on Monday, September 6th.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

At the quarterly meeting on September 11th at Childe Okeford, attended by some 20 members, standard methods up to Cambridge were rung on the fine-sounding 17 cwt. six. At the Guild Office an address was given by the Rector (the Rev. Dr. R. M. Taylor), a former chairman of the branch (1947-52). At tea, members were the guests of Mrs. Cousins at Childe Okeford House, where a short business meeting was held. N. Lewis, of Okeford Fitzpaine, was elected a ringing member. Ringing later continued at Childe Okeford and Stourpaine. R. N. L.

TOURS AND OUTINGS

RIVER THAMES TOUR

"Wilb's" brilliant ideas usually come to nothing, but this time he came up trumps. The idea of holidaying on the Thames, by 10 St. Albans ringers, rowing and ringing, was finally crystallised on Saturday, August 14th. The weather was excellent, but the schedule was rather too tight for comfort, and some towers had to be missed because of insufficient time.

The tour started in Oxford on Saturday morning, where four towers were visited; including the delightful 4 cwt. eight at St. Ebbe's, where Yorkshire was rung. Later the boats were collected from the boatyard, while two peal grabbers returned home to ring a peal of Erin Triples at Bushey. They rejoined the tour at 7 the following morning after having walked for two hours along the Thames bank in the wrong direction!

Sunday started the tour proper when we made our way to Appleton to join the locals for some nice Grandsire and Stedman Triples before attempting the ten. The evening was enjoyed by everyone who rang at Kidlington, where Mr. Walter Judge made us feel at home and helped us ring some tolerably good Stedman and Yorkshire before trebling down. Monday afternoon saw us wending our way towards the ten at Abingdon, sucking lemon lollies. Some good simple ten bell ringing was achieved, despite the hot weather. Later, two touches of Original Minor were successfully rung, thus starting an almost feverish enthusiasm for the stuff which persisted all week. Sutton Courtenay was our mooring place that evening, ready for the lovely six bells the following morning. Appleford was visited next, where we were joined by Inspector Smith, who brought news of Wilb's lost coat complete with wallet.

Next day Benson started us off and it was here that half the band suddenly decided they did not know Stedman and promptly proceeded to prove it. On to Wallingford, where the lovely 21 cwt. ring was tried out first to Minor then to Major, a tolerably good performance after the dismal start to the day. Thursday's marathon started at 9 a.m. at Pangbourne, where Mr. Burt kindly met us and brought news of his daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Tony. On our return to the boats Gill very kindly fell in with a minimum of fuss before we pressed on, undaunted, to Whitechurch, where Primrose was unsuccessful. As this was to be a mere practice for the bob in Ebor Surprise we felt perhaps this method was best left alone. On to Mapledurham, where Mick decided to mutiny which resulted in his crew transferring to another boat leaving the luckless mutineer to "paddle his own canoe" to the next tower. That evening we rang at St. Laurence's, Reading, after unfortunately missing St. Mary's through lack of time. Mr. Albert Disersen joined us here and kindly complimented us on our ringing.

An attempted quarter of Stedman Triples next morning at Shiplake unfortunately came round with two bells over. The conductor expressed some little disappointment and two ringers looked a little pink round the edges after being questioned about a certain single. Next morning the boats had to be returned in inclement weather to the boatyard at Henley before ten shattered bodies bade final farewells and moved off in the direction of home. Our grateful thanks to our enthusiastic organiser, Andrew Wilby, all incumbents and people who met us. K. J. W.

DEVON RINGERS TOUR THE EXE VALLEY

Members of the Devon Guild of Ringers held another successful day tour in the Exe Valley area on September 11th. Mr. A. L. Bennett was again the organiser, and those accompanying him included Miss D. Johnson, Mr. D. J. Roberts and daughters, Messrs. G. J. Roberts, P. A. Lock, R. A. Caffry, K. E. Fursdon (all of Torquay), Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Myers and family, Messrs. T. G. Myers and D. F. Wheeler (Plymouth), and Mr. J. P. Coad, a visitor from Glasgow. Mr. and Mrs. N. Mallett and family, of Exeter, joined the

company after lunch. Towers visited were Upton Pyne, Brampford Speke, Silverton (the only octave of the day), Cheriton Fitzpaine, Poughill, Cruwys Morchard, Washford Pyne, Morchard Bishop and Lapford. Methods rung throughout the day were Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Doubles and Triples, and Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Bennett for the arrangements.

LOUGHBOROUGH RINGERS' OUTING

Ringers' outings are no new thing. It has long been the custom for bellringers to visit other churches for the privilege of ringing other people's bells, a tradition that is shared throughout the length and breadth of the country. One of the earliest records we have is in the Loughborough churchwardens' accounts for 1616: "It, spent on entertainment to the gentlemen strangers when they came to ringe xjs"; and Loughborough still is a "must" for many ringers.

Prior to the era of the internal combustion engine only a few churches could be visited and the distance covered was not great, yet in Morris's "The History and Art of Change-ringing" we read: "1733 May 24 Thursday—On Whitsunday last (May 13) came to Oxford on foot fifteen ringers from London, and the day before came on horseback, one Mr. Skelton." This is followed by a detailed account of the ringing they did in Oxford. It is more likely than not that the 15 ringers who walked would take the opportunity of ringing at several churches on the way.

Loughborough Parish Church bellringers held their annual outing on September 11th. Tamworth Parish Church was the first place of call, and soon the ten bells were raised and a course of Grandsire Caters rung. After further ringing on this grand ten, all were soon en route for Colehill Parish Church. Here everything was in readiness and various methods were rung on the eight bells.

By this time the weather had improved and it was pleasantly warm, hence the journey to Warwick was pleasant. Lunch had been arranged at The Pack Horse, and as we entered the town the bells of St. Mary's gave us a welcome—true they were ringing for a wedding; still it was nice to hear them. At lunch we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. L. Hall, formerly of Loughborough, now residing in Leamington, and Mr. J. Garner-Hayward, the Master of the Coventry Diocesan Guild of Bellringers and leader of the ringers at St. Nicholas' Church in the town. After lunch the Church of St. Nicholas was visited, and the grand ring of eight, installed a few years ago by John Taylor and Co., was thoroughly enjoyed.

Lillington, the next church on the list, was not far away, and ere long the bells were being rung to Stedman Triples. On completion of the ringing it was time for tea. Daventry, with its new ring of ten bells, was the last tower of the day, and full justice was done to this grand Taylor ten. The best ringing of the day was at Daventry, and the time for departure came all too soon.

J. P. F.

5,024 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

By E. W. TIPLER

23456	B	W	M	H
24536	—	—	—	2
43265	x	—	—	3
23564	—	—	—	3
62534	—	—	—	3
23645	x	—	—	3
26435	—	—	—	2
32654	x	—	—	2
53624	—	—	—	3
32546	x	—	—	3
54326	—	—	—	—
63425	—	—	—	—
63254	x	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	3

Rung at Overton, Hants, on June 12th, 1965.

Letters to the Editor

BELL FUND SUGGESTION

Dear Sir.—Having recently developed great interest in bell ringing I feel most depressed every time I hear of churches where the bells have been allowed to go into a state of "unringableness" through sheer neglect and lack of interest, or where the need for bell ringers has been replaced by the instalment of a mechanised device.

It seems to me unfair that parishioners who are not interested in, or may even dislike, the sound of bells should be expected to pay for their maintenance, but I feel that there should be a central fund contributed to entirely by people interested in ringing. This fund should be used to help the maintenance or restoration of any bells in any tower, where such help could mean the salvation of a ring of bells.—Yours truly,

MARY W. WHALLEY.

Hawkshead, Ambleside.

A NEW INTEREST

Dear Sir,—I wonder if people, like the latest, Mr. Chant, realise how very much pleasure and interest the methods being published give, and not only to peal ringers.

I, through age and odds and bits accompanying it, have had to stop ringing. I've never had any opportunity of getting beyond the plainest of plain methods and my peals total is six.

Now I've found a new interest. With lots of time, unable to read for long and hating wireless, I can get a bit of paper and pencil and write out some of these methods, which I shall never ring. My wonder is that anyone has! But it has opened up a new vision of ringing.

Once one knows what the hieroglyphics mean the rest is simple. And what stinkers some of them are! In a new method published the other day there are 84 places and dodges to make in the plain course. Two 4-bell methods linked by the treble crossings.

How many of us imagine that, except in Stedman and its allies, treble work is confined to Plain and Treble Bob? It seems that it can be almost as complicated as the method! Yet stuff one has learned in one plain method still comes in and it is of further interest to note down any obvious aids in each method. May I commend to any ringer of modest limitations, who should be so unfortunate to find himself in hospital, to take with him the current copies of "R.W.", pencil and plenty of paper. The staff will probably think he's mad, but it may help them to put up with bells!

Thank you, Mr. Chant, and others, for a new interest in life.—Yours, etc.,

X. R. M.

"...GAINED ON THE ROUNDABOUTS"

Dear Sir.—The composition referred to on page 558 was got out solely for that method: it will not go to Yorkshire although there are other methods to which it will. It interested me to get as many "Before's" into a normal length as possible. Its defects are obvious but one cannot have everything, and what is lost on the swings is gained on the roundabouts by having roughly 50 per cent more 7-8 courses—than in a composition of natural courses.—Yours sincerely,

CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich.

"A SIMPLE VARIATION"

Dear Sir.—Whilst working on material for the new Central Council collection of compositions for Major methods, I have realised, somewhat tardily, that the composition of Ealing Surprise by P. J. Wycheley, published on March 5th, 1965, and referred to in the article in August 20th, is a simple variation of one composed and conducted by me at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on August 24th, 1963. The second bob M in Mr. Wycheley's peal is unnecessary, and if omitted the format of my own peal is produced, as follows:

23456	M	B	W	H
43526	—	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—	3
53246	—	—	—	3
23645	—	—	—	3

Twice repeated.

As the authors of the article referred to above point out, the composition produced by S. Jenner is an improvement on this, inasmuch that it is reduced from 5,280 to 5,184, with the same qualities. If anyone can produce a 5,088 three-part with 12 combination courses I should be interested to see it.

Finally, I should like to comment that I feel it is undesirable that the authors of the article mentioned should find it necessary to conceal their identities.

W. E. CRITCHLEY.

38, Castle Hills Road,
Scawthorpe, Doncaster.

NEW DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir.—Reference the peal rung at Cliford, Herefordshire, on August 22nd (pages 609 and 619, "R.W."), I would like to inform Mr. Lewis that these methods have been rung before. They are included in a section of the supplement (yet to be published) which deals with methods with twenty changes to the plain course. These methods have Grandsire Bobs, Pink Bobs, Antelope Bobs and others as their plain course.

The plain course of St. Cynidr and the others is "Wallflower Bob" (Grandsire 3rds on the front and 5th 4ths 5th at the back). The 20 changes which can be obtained from this bob are called Cannon Doubles—Wallflower Bob—Pl Plain Bob—Grandsire Single.

I understand that methods with 20 changes to their plain course are not recognised by the C.C. If I have made a mistake and such methods are allowed, I would be obliged if someone would correct me.

If I have misinterpreted Mr. Lewis' note on these methods I would be obliged if he also would correct me.—Yours faithfully,

ROY H. JONES.

118, Oxford Road,
Marston, Oxford.

CORRECTION

Dear Sir.—Thanks for inserting my little note about "Friendship and Ringing," but the actual layout of the peal was incorrect in so far as Frederick E. Collins rang the 11th and not as printed. Also, it was John Hunt's 400th peal. Thanking you, and wishing you well while the Editor is in Australia.—Yours faithfully,

W. HIBBERT.

Basingstoke.

CRICKET MATCH

Ladies v. Gentlemen of the Essex Association

Sandon House School, Essex, was the scene of an enjoyable cricket match on July 22nd. The ladies batted first, with Mesdames Roast and Harrison opening against the pace attack of Brown and Cooper. With the score at 3 (all wides off Cooper), Saltmarsh struck the first blow by getting Mrs. Roast caught by Mr. Roast. A recovery was made by Miss Towler and Mrs. Harrison, but when the score had reached 6 Thoday claimed the second wicket, a third going to J. Towler. Miss Y. Murray then joined the former, and runs came fairly briskly against a varied attack of some seven or eight bowlers (Saltmarsh using his resources to the full).

After the innings had been in progress for 1½ hours wickets began to tumble. Miss Towler, having played well against the body-line bowling of her brother, was finally bowled by Thoday. A superb catch by Brown off the same bowler dismissed Miss Frith, who was soon followed by Miss C. Murray and Miss Edwards, the latter being run out, and the innings closed at 39.

Messrs. Edwards and Brown opened for the men, but Edwards was soon bowled by Mrs. Roast. Towler then joined Brown, and a useful stand of 20 resulted. The captain, Saltmarsh, then retired these two, Panton and Thoday taking over the attack. The latter was eventually out hit-wicket, although both umpires thought otherwise. Five other batsmen were retired before Messrs. Roast and Saltmarsh, at the unusual positions of 10 and 11, steered the score past 39.

There was some dispute over the apparent run-out of Roast, but amid the encircling gloom no one could be sure. Afterwards both teams retired to a nearby hostelry. Thanks are due to the organisers, and to the headmaster of Sandon House School for allowing the use of the ground.

G. E. T.

OBITUARY

MR. H. A. T. PRICE

We regret to report the death of Mr. "Bert" Price, a well known West Country ringer and tower captain of St. Mary the Virgin, Yatton. He passed away on September 6th, aged 58, after a short illness.

He learned to ring when he was 14 years old at Kingston Seymour, and moved to Yatton in 1938. He was elected vice-captain in 1945, a post he held until 1961, when he became captain. A most regular and punctual service ringer, he enjoyed his hobby until a few weeks before his death. Bert will be remembered for his untiring efforts to train and keep a strong local band of ringers. He will also be remembered for his ability in organising outings to many parts of the country. Although not a true tower collector, he acquired enough friends and stories from these excursions to ensure that visitors were not strangers to him, and that "tower gossip" did not falter. He was greatly interested in his church, being a lay reader and member of the Parochial Church Council. He was also a member of the Special Constabulary.

Many towers were represented at the funeral service on Friday, September 10th, at Yatton, and representatives of Wrington rang handbells at the graveside at Kingston Seymour, where the interment took place.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

SEE BACK PAGE

Mr. G. E. Thoday's Peal Week



Photographed outside Stratton Church on Mr. G. E. Thoday's peal week tour of Devon and Cornwall.

Devon and Cornwall Visit

Saturday, August 14th, dawned bright as ringers from a wide area converged on Uffculme's very fine ring. Despite traffic jams, which some were able to by-pass, the late arrivals were in time for Cullompton. A change in the programme brought us to the very rewarding eight at Silverton, and thence to Crediton. Here we were joined by Pat Cannon; but alas, D.N.C.B.M. could not be brought round! Our headquarters for the week at Stratton was reached by 7.30.

Sunday morning saw a very slow start, but Poughill provided us with our awakening. The delightful six were soon put to good use, and several members of the party were initiated into the art of call-change ringing. However, the local band then showed us how it should be done. We joined in the ringing at Marhamchurch, for "Revel Sunday" Matins. The first "Knock-Knock" (used by kind permission of A.P.C.) came in Launcells, where we performed after Matins. The afternoon activities commenced with a ring at Kilkhampton, where the one and only peal board was of interest to our Surrey historian. A short journey to Morwenstow gave the engineers some work to do, in adjusting a rope guide. After a curtailed ring the navigators found us a short cut (although not in time) to Welcome. What a pity this road is not classified! Tea was taken at Hartland, and soon the majestic six (housed in the tallest tower in Devon) were booming out to Cambridge. Evening ringing was carried out at Clovelly, with call-changes proving a great success. Upon our return to Stratton our host for the week, Harry Stacey, was wait-

ing to welcome us in the belfry. After a few touches he requested us to ring a quarter peal; this we did, it duly being recorded on tape. The result of our labours was broadcast over breakfast the next morning.

FIRST PEAL SINCE 1902

The very good eight at North Tawton saw the first peal of the week under way. The traditional composition of Double Norwich was called by Pat. It was the first peal on these bells since 1902, although a call-change peal was rung in 1914 of some four hours' duration. Meanwhile the second XI (or was it VI) were busy with a peal at Launcells. An excellent lunch was followed by ringing at Sampford Courtenay, Okehampton, Hatherleigh, Holsworthy and Bridgerule, during which the writer endeavoured to call touches of Stedman Triples, amongst other things. Later in the evening the party split up, with some attending a local dance at Marhamchurch; but despite the activities of Tamara Press we returned to Stratton in the early hours of the morning.

Tuesday took us southward into Cornwall, where a long length of Middleton's Cambridge was scored at St. Mabyn. Following a quick lunch in Wadebridge, Mawgan-in-Pyder bells were soon pealing out to Yorkshire. Fortunately the tenor rope lasted the peal, as it snapped on the way down. It is about time certain ringers knew their own strength! Difficulty was experienced at Lanteglos (6), where the long ropes proved a hazard. The last tower of the day was Tintagel, where the road to the church eluded the drivers for some time.

The longest trip of the week came on Wednesday, with the first stop at Georgeham (8) before going on to Ilfracombe Holy Trinity, for what was the first peal there since 1926. After lunch farewells were paid to Pat Cannon, who was leaving to return home, everyone wishing him well for the Australian tour. Following a short ring at SS. Philip and Jacob. Plain Bob was the order at Braunton, John calling one of his own compositions.

FIRST LOSS

The long trip of the previous day took its toll at Warrington, where two bells crossed over in Kent T.B. after 40 minutes' ringing. However, this was soon forgotten with a busy afternoon programme, the highlights being a touch of 8-Spiced Surprise at Stoke Climsland (8) and a plain course of Yorkshire on the magnificent eight at Tavistock. The day concluded at Launceston, where the familiar figure of Wilf Boucher greeted us at St. Mary's. The homeward journey was somewhat confusing as the thirsty members of the party did not know the difference between the licensing hours of Devon and Cornwall.

By the time Friday came, keeping to time was proving difficult, but Northam was eventually reached, followed by Appledore, where we were joined by Brian Mountjoy, of Bideford, who kindly arranged the day's programme. The afternoon peal band took full advantage of the mid-day sun, which resulted in a fine peal of Rutland being rung at Bideford. The attempt coincided with the centenary celebrations of the rebuilding and consecration of the church in 1865. After the usual refreshments, the undersigned left the party for the "Emerald Isle." Littleham and Parkham were visited on the return to Stratton.

Alas! the last day arrived, but the success of the previous days could not be maintained, the peal at Winkleigh being lost after some 40 minutes' ringing. An additional attempt at Curry Rivel suffered a similar fate.

In conclusion, our thanks are due to all those who made this week a success, and especially to Mr. and Mrs. Stacey for accommodating us, and to Wilf Boucher and Brian Mountjoy in assisting the organiser with the arrangements. Last, but not least, to all the incumbents and tower captains for granting the use of their bells.

G. E. T.

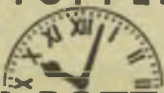
KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION Lewisham District

The quarterly meeting of the District at Bromley Common on July 24th was only moderately well attended. After a service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. R. Osborn), the tea and business meeting were held in the Church Hall.

The Vicar took the chair at the short-to-the-point meeting, in which a vote of thanks to him was passed. Thanks were also expressed to the organist, and to the ladies for an excellent tea. Ringing was resumed after the meeting until 8 o'clock, under the direction of the District Ringing Master, Tony Lewis. Ringing ranged from rounds to Bristol Surprise.

Unfortunately the meeting was not the success it could have been, due to some members putting it second-best to peals, etc.

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QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gaynor Wallace (first quarter) 1, Amanda Powell 2, R. Rayfield 3, Wendy Wallace 4, C. H. Macve 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For Matins.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Painter 1, Angela Bagnall (first "inside") 2, C. J. Gall 3, N. White (first "inside") 4, C. M. Smith (cond.) 5, S. J. Lacombe 6. Rung with the good wishes of the band prior to the wedding of Miss Jennifer Ford to Mr. Edward Hough, a ringer at Aldridge.

ASTLEY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,280 Doubles (April Day, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury): R. Weekes 1, J. Alexander 2, J. Belshaw 3, G. Lightfoot 4, M. Edwards (first as cond.) 5.

AXBRIDGE, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Minor (Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob): Shirley Jones 1, P. C. Randall 2, A. J. Cox 3, S. Royal 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, G. W. Randall 6. Rung by a team from Warwickshire and Worcestershire.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. L. K. Whittell 1, R. W. Lockwood 2, M. Whittell 3, R. J. Southgate 4, M. J. Howes 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss N. Fenwick (first quarter) 1, G. J. Hawkins 2, J. G. Hobbs 3, D. C. Hawkins (first as cond.) 4, P. J. Devrell 5, B. Sarll 6. First in method 5 and 6.

BISHOP'S STURTFORD, HERTS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Westwood 1, H. White 2, H. Watts 3, A. Richardson 4, P. Warboys 5, R. Hayden 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, D. Hutley 8. First quarter of Triples away from tenor 1 and 4. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. D. Samuel, who is leaving this parish.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: M. J. Howes 1, R. J. Southgate 2, M. Whittell 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5. Rung for Evensong, and as a compliment to Miss Jill C. Southgate, on her 21st birthday. Also on Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. L. K. Whittell 1, S. Christian (first "inside") 2, R. W. Lockwood 3, R. J. Southgate 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5.

BUTCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): L. Childs 1, L. Derrick 2, T. Phillips 3, C. Kortright (cond.) 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain and Oxford Bob Minor: A. W. King 1, H. Burton 2, J. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier 4, A. J. Ede 5, I. Wickens (cond.) 6. First of Oxford Bob by all the band except the ringer of the 5th.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. V. Johnson 1, Miss R. Stevens 2, S. Upton 3, W. Savill 4, J. Jeffrey 5, B. Dixon 6, F. F. Godmark (cond.) 7, E. Brett 8.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. E. W. Baines 1, Lynn Taylor (first "inside") 2, Betty Butler 3, A. W. Fuller (first as cond. and 25th quarter) 4, J. E. Warner 5, W. J. Sale 6. For Evensong.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—At St. James' Church, on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: June Waits 1, J. Saxton 2, R. W. Bridges 3, R. Harris 4, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 5, A. T. Weeks 6. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. R. Harris (a ringer for 35 years) and Mrs. Harris.

DINGESTOW, MON.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. W. E. Bainham (first quarter) 1, D. Phillips 2, J. E. Phillips 3, L. F. G. Bainham 4, C. L. R. Bainham (cond.) 5.

EASTCHURCH, KENT.—On Sept. 5th, 1,440 Reverse St. Bartholomew Doubles: N. Crane 1, P. D. S. Beal 2, Joan A. Hayward 3, N. S. Chesson 4, H. Gardener (cond.) 5, P. Jackson (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

EDMONTON, MIDD.—On Sept. 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Pamela Mills 1, Beryl Platt 2, Janet Cave 3, T. Bailey (cond.) 4, Trudy Newcombe 5, J. H. Negus 6, T. G. Hawkins 7, D. Langdon 8. First quarter 1 and 3. For Evensong.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Marion Hunt (first quarter) 1, A. Flood (first as cond.) 2, Susan Aveyard 3, C. K. Hill 4, J. W. Priest 5, D. E. Parsons 6, N. Summerhayes 7, R. Tickner 8. For the christening this day of Graham Ian Knowles.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Ruby Morimer 1, Mary Pollard (first as cond.) 2, Jean Pollard 3, P. Birkett 4, V. Nulton 5, A. Rogers 6. For the Patronal Festival by the Sunday service band.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On Sept. 5th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Anne Warren (first of Minor) 1, S. Warren (first of Minor "inside") 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, R. E. Fentiman 4, W. Parrott 5, D. J. Herschell (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and as a wedding compliment to Carole Clark and John Allen, who were married the day before at St. Luke's, Acton.

EYNHAM, OXON.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods and variations): W. Butler 1, J. A. H. Betts 2, D. Floyd 3, A. E. Hicks 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. Rung as a diamond wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Russell, of Eynham.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Faith Riley (first quarter) 1, A. Nunn (first "inside") 2, Sarah Byford 3, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 4, J. Mussell 5, J. L. Cloughton 6.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,560 Doubles (16 variations): J. Dawson 1, J. T. Burnup 2, D. A. Osbourne 3, D. Surman 4, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 5. For Matins, and as a compliment to David and Pat Osbourne, on the birth of a son, Simon Luke.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Thurstans): Fiona Winderam 1, Norma Gilfillan 2, R. M. Preston, sen. 3, M. J. Pink (first of Stedman) 4, J. Mossop 5, D. M. Graham-Service 6, T. Winderam (cond.) 7, T. Winderam, jun. 8. First quarter 1, 2, 6 and 8. For Evensong.

GRIMSBY, Lincs.—At St. James' Church, on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marjory Hewson (first quarter) 1, Muriel Pashley (first "inside") 2, F. Kennington 3, J. Parker 4, W. Longbottom 5, A. Pashley (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to Rev. Alan Charters, on his departure to Guernsey.

HALKYN, FLINTS.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Doreen Kendrick (13 years, first attempt) 1, D. N. Collins 2, J. H. Jones 3, J. George 4, E. M. Jones (first as cond.) 5, W. Price 6.

HILTON, DORSET.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan E. Smith (first quarter) 1, A. J. Cox 2, P. C. Randall 3, S. Royal 4, P. Cattermole 5, G. W. Randall (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service by a team from Warwickshire and Worcestershire.

HONILEY, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Norma Riley (first in method) 1, G. J. Lightfoot (cond.) 2, A. Cox 3, C. Royal 4, G. Cox 5.

HUNTINGTON, N. YORKS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. N. Pearce 1, Margaret C. Woolley 2, J. Woolley 3, Jennifer E. Pearce 4, C. J. Groome (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled on the minor five as a tribute to Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sept. 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Whittell 1, E. Bloomfield 2, K. Whittell 3, C. J. Sedgley (cond.) 4, J. Munnings 5, P. May 6, R. Steward 7, C. Woodard 8. For morning service.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Sawden 1, R. Hutchings 2, G. J. Lightfoot 3, G. Box 4, J. L. Lightfoot 5, M. Lawrence (cond., first of Minor) 6. First quarter of Minor 1 and 2. For Evensong.

LINCOLN.—At St. Mary-le-Wigford, on Sept. 5th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: I. R. Marshall (aged 14, first quarter) 1, S. D. Eteell (aged 15, first quarter "inside") 2, J. Clarke (aged 15, cond.) 3, A. W. Froggatt 5. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Sept. 12th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Susan Davis 1, M. Hatchett 2, C. A. Hughes 3, M. T. Sprackling (cond.) 4, Mrs. J. Rose 5, A. E. Laker 6, W. F. Oatway 7, A. H. Fulwell 8, W. G. Wilson 9, B. A. Rose 10. First on ten for ringer of 5th.

LONDON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Julia M. Sanders (first quarter) 1, L. E. Monk 2, C. M. Smith 3, J. D. Chamberlain 4, C. T. Collins (first attempt as cond.) 5. For Evensong.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Doris Thacker 1, N. Garrard 2, Elizabeth Holmes 3, K. Lewin 4, A. J. Smith 5, H. Wood 6, A. E. Ruahon (cond.) 7, C. McCarthy 8. For evening service.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Thwaites (first of Triples away from tenor) 1, Mrs. G. Evenden 2, T. E. Sone 3, L. Head 4, G. Cantrill 5, B. Groves 6, T. Cullingworth (cond.) 7, G. Evenden 8.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): S. G. Davis 1, R. Curtis 2, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 3, D. C. Hawkins 4, P. J. Devrell (first "inside") 5, A. Swatton 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 extents): D. Strong 1, J. Yeates 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, M. York 4, H. Hardwidge 5, L. Childs 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of H. Price, tower captain and steeple-keeper, of Yatton, interred this day.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's, Jesmond, on Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. E. Askew (first away from "cover") 1, J. P. L. Pardoe 2, Susan Elliott 3, S. J. Pardoe 4, J. G. White (first as cond.) 5, A. G. Craddock 6. For Evensong.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.—On Sept. 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Jane Hough 1, P. Erith 2, Rachel J. Sinden 3, Brenda Foster 4, E. F. P. Bryant 5, A. Berry 6, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 7, N. J. Davies 8. First of Kent T.B. Major for 1, 3 and 5. Rung for the Church Gift Day service.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Giles' Church, on Aug. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Fox (first quarter) 1, Jacqueline A. Downing 2, Dorothy J. Mann (first "inside") 3, G. F. Roome (cond.) 4, R. A. Eldridge 5, A. F. Lcleux (first quarter) 6. Also on Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 behind): Jane Frost 1, Mrs. R. Roome 2, Dorothy J. Mann 3, Heloise E. Lcleux 4, Jacqueline A. Downing 5, Valerie P. Williams 6, R. A. Eldridge 7, G. F. Roome (cond.) 8.

NORTHILL, BEDS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. D. Flint 1, Sheila I. Smith (cond.) 2, D. G. Carr 3, E. Wagstaff 4, A. S. Smith 5, L. Norman 6. Rung in honour of the 85th birthday of William Wagstaff.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Yates 1, Mrs. W. A. Yates 2, W. A. Yates (cond.) 3, C. Gough 4, R. A. Vickers 5. In memoriam Canon Carlton.

PANCRASWYKE, DEVON.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Bissat 1, H. Heard 2, E. J. Ladd 3, H. Stacey 4, N. Maggs (cond.) 5.

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—At St. George's Cathedral, on June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jim Carter 1, Jacoba Hos 2, John Watson (first "inside") 3, Faith Reynolds 4, Basil Potts (cond.) 5, Bunny Warren 6. Also on Aug. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Jacoba Hos 1, Merrill Chambers (first of Minor) 2, Michael Page 3, Faith Reynolds 4, Basil Potts (cond.) 5, Jim Pipe (first quarter in Australia) 6. Rung to mark Michael Page's 21st birthday.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Tipper (12 years, first quarter) 1, Jane Walker 2, Shelagh Rushforth 3, K. Tipper 4, K. Sansom (cond.) 5, S. Lockyer 6. For Evensong.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Darby 1, Miss J. Chiswell 2, K. Chatwin 3, A. Roberts 4, R. Tandy (cond.) 5, G. Chiswell 6. For Evensong Patronal Festival.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Watkins 1, Christine I. Stratford 2, B. L. Burrows 3, A. Chapman 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung to start the Gift Day on Sapcote Wake Saturday.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Shute 1, Judith A. Robertson 2, Margaret M. Godley 3, A. W. Hall 4, E. H. Amey (cond.) 5, F. Criddle 6, R. G. W. Robertson 7, D. Clothier 8.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, Christine McLaren 2, Verona Naylor 3, Muriel Reay 4, C. A. S. Webb 5, G. E. Fearn 6, T. J. Warner (cond.) 7, H. H. Fearn 8, C. W. Bragg 9, P. D. Warren 10. For Evensong.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Diane I. Hickman (first quarter) 1, Joy F. Butler 2, A. Jackson 3, C. J. Butler 4, M. J. Butler (cond.) 5, B. V. Butler (first quarter) 6. First of Doubles for all except ringer of 3rd. Rung on the front six for Evensong.

SPRATBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,250 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Stacey 1, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 2, E. Short 3, E. Dalington 4, H. Wagstaff 5, T. D. Spencer 6, C. Toynce 7, J. Thorley 8.

STEEP, HANTS.—On July 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Grandsire, St. Simon's and Plain Bob): R. L. K. Whittell 1, B. Redgers 2, L. R. Pizzey (cond.) 3, M. J. Howes 4, N. F. Whittell 5, J. G. Sawtell 6.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): C. Slyfield 1, Mrs. M. Lodge 2, J. Harrison 3, D. Lodge 4, J. Collier (cond.) 5, J. Stacey 6.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**Biggleswade District**

The September meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Maulden on September 11th. Ringing in a variety of methods continued on the light eight throughout the afternoon, with Mr. R. J. Sharp as Ringing Master.

Mr. M. J. Lockey, the District organist, played the organ at a service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Oakley), who gave an address. One new member from Maulden was elected during the business meeting, which followed an enjoyable tea in the Village Hall. The secretary stated that there were still some subscriptions outstanding for this year. Ringing during the evening ranged from rounds and Plain Bob for the less proficient but none the less keen learners, to 4-spliced for the more experienced.

Next meeting: Stotfold, October 9th.

A. R. A.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Selby and District Society was held at Huntington, near York, on September 4th. After two hours of ringing in a variety of methods there was a celebration of Holy Communion by the Vicar (the Rev. Geoffrey Lawn). The Epistle was read by the former tower captain, David Pearson, and the Gospel by the secretary of the Yorkshire Association, Wilfrid Moreton.

Nearly 60 people later enjoyed a buffet tea served in St. Andrew's Church Hall, where parishioners had the opportunity of meeting the bellringers.

At the business meeting, four new members from Huntington were elected: Shirley Bealand, Susan Mitchell, Lynn Clowe and Christopher Milner. Bert Foster proposed the vote of thanks. He thought that it was the first meeting of the Society at which there had been a celebration of Holy Communion and he knew of no other tower where the parishioners took such an active interest in the bells. There was further ringing in the evening.

SWANSEA AND BRECON**DIOCESAN GUILD****Southern District**

On Saturday, August 21st, 1965, a quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Gorseinon. The weather, although unsettled, should not have caused the disappointing attendance; but thanks to the visitors the ringing before and after the service was very satisfactory. The service, which was held in St. Catherine's Church, was conducted by the curate, and a short address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. Trevor Evans.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, and the appreciation of all, for the excellent meal and the voluntary service given, was fully expressed in the vote of thanks by Mr. Malcolm Johns.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the Vicar, who welcomed the Guild to St. Catherine's, and especially the visitors. Apologies were read from Mr. L. Evans and Mr. W. Dobbins. Mr. Dobbins is now unable to leave his home.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and duly adopted as a true record. Arising out of the minutes, it was reported that the meeting at Eardisland was held on July 31st.

An invitation to Sketty for the Annual General (District) was accepted. A Notice of Motion by Mr. John Hughes was read, and will be included in the agenda at the Annual Festival, 1966.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding at the meeting, for the arrangements made, and for the use of the bells. The organist was also thanked for his kind services.

J. A. H.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Stacey 1, A. Bisset 2, B. G. D. Vince 3, H. Heard 4, N. Mages 5, H. Stacey 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, J. Sangwin 8.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY

By kind invitation of the Gnosall ringers, a successful meeting was held at St. Lawrence's Church. The heavy ring of six bells, tuned in F minor, was rung prior to the service, which was fully choral and conducted by the Vicar.

The Gnosall ladies did the Society proud by providing a really excellent tea, after which it was announced that the annual reports were available. The next meeting would be at Enville, on Saturday, October 16th, usual arrangements, but members are warned that no tea will be provided. The annual dinner will be at the Black Horse, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, November 6th. An appeal was made to members who might have any books they would like to present to the Society towards the building of a library, to be run by the assistant secretary, Mr. Peter Barker, of Cannock.

It is hoped to organise a series of evening instruction courses for anyone interested in the teaching of ringers. The six-bell striking competition will continue, but in addition it is hoped to arrange one for eight bell bands if support is forthcoming. The following new resident members were elected: A. Marson (Lichfield St. Michael), and J. D. Chamberlain (Lichfield Cathedral). After the Society's thanks had been given to all who had worked so hard towards this extra meeting, further ringing was enjoyed on Gnosall's 17 cwt. six.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

"Sunny Rhyl" did not live up to its reputation for the half-yearly meeting held on September 4th, but in spite of the rather inclement weather about forty members and visitors attended. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. J. Lloyd, Vicar of Llanferris, who deputised for the president (Chancellor D. E. M. Glynne-Jones).

Canon J. Knighton Jones, Vicar of Rhyl, presided over the tea and business meeting, supported by Mr. F. R. Evans (Ringing Master). A feature was a proposal by Mr. A. Bailey that two of the Association's oldest members be elected honorary life members, viz.: Mrs. J. Clutton (Wrexham) and Mr. O. Evans (Abergele); both have been staunch members for over 60 years—Mr. Evans having joined the Association when it was formed in 1903. New members elected were: Gareth Jones (Buckley), Kenneth Evans and Phyllis Davies (Llandudno), and Mr. J. Roberts (Chirk).

The Ringing Master said that during his visits to towers during the last twelve months he was pleased to see that progress was being maintained, and meetings well attended by young ringers. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, to the Rev. H. J. Lloyd for his excellent address at the service, to the organist and to Miss Wallis and her band of helpers for the excellent tea provided.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The third annual outing of the branch on September 4th was in the Hampshire area and included six towers. At Damerham—a lovely church in its wooded setting and with lovely bells, too—we were welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. G. W. H. Moule), himself a ringer, as was his father before him, and in the same tower.

Fordingbridge's much-rung eight provided the first Triples of the day and a course or two of Plain Bob. Here we were met by R. Marlow, a welcome prop to our mainly 6-bell ringers. Hordle (noisy but well-going) raised the standard to London Surprise Minor, and the conjunction of another touring company meant continuous ringing and no lack of catching hold. Lymington, and more Triples to speed a newly-married couple on their way, and Milford-on-Sea, with its very delightful and musical octave and the pleasure of ringing with some of the local band. Tea at Milford's Bay Trees Restaurant fortified the inner man for the finale at Ringwood. Again, welcomed and joined by the local captain, Mr. Cheater, Stedman Triples rounded off a pleasant day of good bells, good ringing and good company.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Distinctly heard in a recent peal—"Ice-cream"—derivation of "extreme."

We regret to learn that Mrs. Edith Fletcher has been admitted to Northgate Hospital, Great Yarmouth. She is seriously ill as a result of strokes and the blood circulation of the brain has been severely damaged.

Ron Tipper, 12-year-old son of the captain of Petersfield tower, rang his first quarter on Sunday, September 12th. He started ringing last Easter. Well done, Ron; how about a peal soon?

Will Mr. G. Arnold Moore, of North Staffs, kindly send his address to the "Ringing World" office so that the peal cards may be forwarded to him when ready.

Members of the band which rang the peal of Rutland at Rotherfield would like to congratulate Ray Large and Margaret Ladd on their recent engagement. It was unfortunate that circumstances prevented the peal being rung in honour of the engagement.

The attempt for 10,080 Grandsire Triples at Edenham, Lincs, on September 4th, failed after two hours, due to a too-late call.

The reason the band met short for the long peal of London Royal at Macclesfield was due to a misunderstanding with regard to dates. (The original arrangements were for September 11th.) For all future attempts with our band, we will announce the venue and time in the "R.W." at least two issues prior to the attempt. Sincere apologies are offered to all concerned.—R. B. Smith.

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BARNSELY DISTRICT CONTEST

The Barnsley District Society held a cup contest at Hoylandswaine on September 11th. Two teams entered, and eight towers were represented. Mr. Hilton Sykes was judge, and Mr. Noel Moxon marker.

This was a rise and fall, with 360 changes as the test piece, the result being: No. 1, Shelley, fall 2, rise 4, faults for test 20; No. 2, Meltham, fall 14, rise 22, faults for test 15. Meltham were declared the winners of the test piece, and Shelley winners of the rise and fall. The cup was presented by Mr. Noel F. Moxon, and received by Mr. Charlie Byram on behalf of the Meltham team, in which three generations were represented: Denis Greenwood, with his mother and father, and Mr. Byram grandfather.

Susan Greenwood was elected a member. Mr. Edward Earnshaw (Meltham) offered the usual vote of thanks, and had special praise for the ladies. Although the contest was disappointing, ringing afterwards was enjoyable.

J.W.B.

RINGERS TO THE RESCUE!

During the period 1951-1964 the bells of St. Luke's, Bedminster, Bristol, were not rung. However, local volunteers have carried out such minor repairs (mainly to the wheels and a general tightening-up) as were necessary to get the bells ringing again. Only two peals—both Bob Minor—had been rung on the bells, one in 1901, the other in 1903. This long spell was broken on September 6th when a peal of four Minor methods was rung. Although the "go" of the bells is not entirely satisfactory it is hoped that arrangements can be made in the near future to teach a local band. The six bells were cast and hung by Messrs. Llewelyn and James, Bristol.

AN ACT OF WORSHIP

The Rev. John Freeman, Vicar of Warmminster, addressing a gathering at Corsley, Wiltshire, said that service ringing was an act of worship. "It was, therefore, right that we should ring for the joy of exercising our art. Equally, it was important that the ringing should be good. No member of a band should allow himself, through carelessness or indifference, to mar the offering the belfry was trying to make."

RINGING IN PUBLIC

At the Brighton and Hove Archaeologists' meeting at Alfriston on September 11th, a mediaeval superstition was demonstrated to be still effective (vide "R.W." January 4th, 1963, page 2). Two talks were given, the first on the architecture of this Cathedral of the Downs and the second on the ringers' art. This was immediately followed by a quarter peal of Doubles performed by ringers from Aldington, Brighton, Burgess Hill and Hurstpierpoint. During the whole of the ringing the audience of over 60 sat attentively as bells and thunderstorm met in conflict, and at the end they almost, but not quite, burst into applause—the storm had fled, and the evening sun smiled all the way home.

A. V. S.

YORK OFFICIAL RETIRES FROM RAILWAY

Mr. Harold Walker, of Clifton, Yorkshire, vice-president of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers and president of the York Minster Society of Change Ringers, has retired from the railway after 50 years service. For 10 years until July, 1964, Mr. Walker was assistant carriage and wagon works manager York.

Now 65, he began ringing at Doncaster Parish Church at the age of 18, and has since rung in about 500 towers up and down the country.

Last October he was a member of the York Minster team which rang 5,016 changes in 3 hours 49 minutes, the first time this had been accomplished at the Minster since 1892.

RETURNING FROM JAMAICA

Mr. Hugh Falkner, writing from the College of Technology, Kingston, Jamaica, says it may interest Croydon and Cirencester readers to know that his six years in Jamaica are now being completed, and that he will be returning to the Old Country—not, however, directly, but by way of New Zealand and Australia. He hopes to get some ringing there and to be in the U.K. for Easter, 1966. "St. Thomas" in Salisbury (Wilts) might also be warned. They promised me a quarter peal on my return!"

RECORD BY ELIZABETH?

Sending details of a long length peal rung at Babworth, Notts, the conductor, Mr. Martin Kirk, of Bishop Otter College, Chichester, offers his thanks and congratulations to the rest of the band, and especially to Elizabeth Foster who, he says, at the age of 17 is believed to be the youngest lady ringer to ring such length—certainly in the north Midlands if not the country. The peal was rung in 4 hours 39 minutes, and slips were very few.

KIRKBY RINGERS' OUTING

The sun had just broken through when a team of eight ringers left Kirkby for their annual outing, which this year was concentrated on villages situated on either side of the River Trent, between Newark and Gainsborough. They managed to ring at five towers before lunch, including Eagle, where they were met by two local ringers, Mr. F. Butler and Mr. G. A. Smith (the latter has rung for over 61 years), who joined the band for touches of Plain Bob Minor as well as Grandsire.

After a picnic lunch the band went on to Stow, where the tower captain, Mr. A. L. Denton, joined them for Original. After tea the party called at Rampton, where a ringing contest had been held before tea. Here, joined by contestants, some of the Kirkby band rang in well-struck Cambridge Minor.

It was already dark by the time the party reached the last tower at Ossington, but unfortunately they were unable to stay long as the rope on the second bell broke and descended upon its ringer!

Mr. William Wagstaff, of Ickwell Green, celebrated his 85th birthday on August 30th. He has been a ringer for 65 years, and fellow members of the Bedfordshire Association rang a quarter peal of Bob Doubles in his honour at his home tower.

NO "COLD FEET" THIS TIME!

A three year old ambition was fulfilled for the University of Bristol Society at Leicester on September 11th, when a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus was rung. This was the Society's first attempt at Maximus, having previous met short at Tewkesbury and getting "cold feet" at Birmingham. It is notable that there were seven "firsts" in the band, and one bearded ringer declared afterwards that he had "never struck a blow in the method before." The band was representative, comprising three resident members, six Past Masters, a past secretary and tower secretary, these "eleven other yobs" all being kept in order by a past honorary head gardener and resident grandfather!

U.B.S.C.R. TOUR

The University of Bristol Society enjoyed a pleasant Thames-side tour on August Bank Holiday week-end. Meeting at Caversham on the Saturday, they found several pleasant spots westwards, ringing at Mapledurham (with the Rev. E. Woods), Benson, Dorchester, Wallingford and Pangbourne, the last named being an enjoyable six.

Sunday was spent in Buckinghamshire. Bells at Burnham, Hitcham, Slough and Dorney were all very much enjoyed. Angela and Cliff Blundell not only arranged the day's ringing, but laid on a splendid lunch and tea on their lawn.

Monday, a brilliant day, started at Waltham St. Lawrence and picturesque Bray. Maidenhead (Boyne Hill) bells were enjoyable, and there was good ringing at Cookham. Henley had to be rushed because of holiday traffic. At Shiplake the party were greeted by old friends, Don and Sally Cobb (and son), and enjoyed the bells. Farewells were made at Wargrave after finishing with the by now traditional Stedman Triples.

Thanks are due to all incumbents and ringers who allowed the use of bells, and to Angela and Cliff for such splendid hospitality.

AMBITION REALISED

A peal of 5,040 Plain Bob Minor on September 11th at St. Michael's Church, Appleby Magna, Leicestershire, achieved a long cherished ambition by Charlie Eyre. He learnt to handle a bell at Appleby some 40 years ago and left the district without having a peal recorded there.

For over 20 years now Sunday service ringing has taken place and the infrequent visits of peal bands and tower grabbers have been insufficient to prevent seizure of the slider gear, and clogging of the bearings. And for some years now surrounding ringers had pronounced them unpealable and virtually unringable. However, a few weeks before the attempt Charles, ably assisted by young Gordon, went along with tools and large quantities of oil. The bell loft was cleaned, the sliders, bearings and pulleys freed and lubricated, and the band were able to score a good peal.

In the "local" afterwards the greeting was "Are you the blokes (and blokes) who have been ringing the bells all afternoon?" When the bashful affirmative had been given a local said, "It was really splendid; please come again!"

The band were entertained to a lavish repast at the home of Mrs. Eyre, senior, and sincere thanks are recorded to all who helped to make the attempt possible and the social hour so enjoyable.

B. C. K.

TOWER BELL PEALS

MR. GEORGE E. THODAY'S PEAL WEEK

All peals rung for THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS except where stated.

NORTH TAWTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Mon., Aug. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

Frank D. Mack Treble	Philip Mehew 5
John G. Gipson 2	C. Martin Press 6
Geoffrey Pratt 3	George E. Thoday 7
Arthur C. Berry 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

First peal of Major on the bells and the first since 1902.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

LAUNCELLS, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Swithin

On Mon., Aug. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge, one each of Kent and Oxford T.B., and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	Alan Tubb 4
George E. Bonham 2	Keith J. Triplow 5
David E. Rothera 3	Giles B. Thompson Tenor

Conducted by Giles B. Thompson.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

ST. MABYN, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Mabena.

On Tues., Aug. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. in A flat

A. Patrick Cannon Treble	Alan Tubb 5
Arthur C. Berry 2	C. Martin Press 6
George E. Bonham 3	Philip Mehew 7
David E. Rothera 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by George E. Thoday.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

MAWGAN-IN-PYDER, Cornwall.—At the Church of SS. Mawgan and Nicholas.

On Tues., Aug. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in G sharp.

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	C. Martin Press 5
Giles B. Thompson 2	George E. Thoday 6
Alan Tubb 3	A. Patrick Cannon 7
Keith J. Triplow 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Philip Mehew.

ILFRACOMBE, Devon.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Wed., Aug. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 20 lb. in G.

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	George E. Bonham 5
C. Martin Press 2	George E. Thoday 6
*David E. Rothera 3	Philip Mehew 7
Alan Tubb 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal in the method. First of Major on the bells and first since 1926.

BRAUNTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Brannock.

On Wed., Aug. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lb. in E.

Keith J. Triplow Treble	*George E. Bonham 5
John R. Ketteringham .. 2	Arthur C. Berry 6
David E. Rothera 3	Giles B. Thompson 7
Alan Tubb 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.

* 50th peal. 50th as conductor.

BIDEFORD, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., Aug. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	Giles B. Thompson 5
John G. Gipson 2	*†C. Martin Press 6
Geoffrey Pratt 3	Philip Mehew 7
Keith J. Triplow 4	*George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by N. Smith.

* 25th peal together. † 100th peal.

Rung for the centenary of the rebuilding and consecration of the church in 1865.

A PEAL TOUR IN CORNWALL

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Candida and the Holy Cross.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

Ann E. Fellows Treble	Edgar R. Rapley 5
E. Jane Sibson 2	Derek E. Sibson 6
Rosamund M. Rawlings .. 3	W. Leslie Weller 7
Joan Beresford 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

ST. COLUMB MAJOR, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Columba.

On Mon., Aug. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Joan Beresford Treble	Edgar R. Rapley 5
Jane Foster 2	Peter M. Wilkinson 6
Susan J. Newman 3	Dennis Beresford 7
Ann E. Fellows 4	W. Leslie Weller Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

ST. ANTHONY-IN-MENEAGE, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anthony

On Tues., Aug. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Joan Beresford Treble	Edgar R. Rapley 5
Ann E. Fellows 2	Peter M. Wilkinson 6
Jane Foster 3	W. Leslie Weller 7
*Rosamund M. Rawlings .. 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

* First peal of London Surprise Major.

TRURO, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Keyne, Kenwyn.

On Wed., Aug. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Rosamund M. Rawlings .. Treble	*Edgar R. Rapley 5
Ann E. Fellows 2	Kenneth Newman 6
Susan J. Newman 3	W. Leslie Weller 7
Joan Beresford 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

* 500th peal.

ST. AUSTELL, Cornwall.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Jane Foster Treble	Edgar R. Rapley 5
Ann E. Fellows 2	Kenneth Newman 6
Joan Beresford 3	Dennis Beresford 7
Peter M. Wilkinson 4	W. Leslie Weller Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by W. Leslie Weller.

ST. ENODER, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Enoder.

On Fri., Aug. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 8 lb. in F sharp.

Joan Beresford Treble	Edgar R. Rapley 5
*Alan Carveth 2	*Kenneth Newman 6
*Ann E. Fellows 3	†W. Leslie Weller 7
*Anthony J. Davidson .. 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

* First peal of Cornwall Surprise Major. † 200th peal.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 42 cwt. in C.

William Hibbert Treble	John Phillips 7
G. William Critchley .. 2	Dennis Randall 8
Andrew N. Stubbs 3	Robert C. Kippin 9
David P. Hilling 4	John S. Mason 10
William T. Cook 5	John H. Crampson 11
Alan J. Frost 6	Michael V. Chilcott Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by G. William Critchley.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

YATTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Fri., Sept. 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.		Tenor 21 cwt. 4 lb. in D	
John Owen	Treble	Walter S. Rice	5
Leonard Derrick	2	Sidney G. Smith	6
Marjorie Legg	3	George Prescott	7
*Peter J. England	4	John K. Baker	Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.

* First peal in the method.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. A. Price.

BATHFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Swithin.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents		Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in A flat.	
Julian E. Newman	Treble	Thomas W. Harris	4
*Valerie E. Stock	2	*Reginald M. Virgin	5
Edric J. Ovens	3	Alan F. Lee	Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* First peal.

Rung as a welcome to Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Hunt, of Keynsham.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MILTON ERNEST, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court Bob, Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., St. Clement's College Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Colin M. Payne		Tenor 9 cwt. in A sharp.	
.. .. .	Treble	Bernard G. North	4
Kathleen A. Rivett	2	John B. Long	5
James H. Edwards	3	Martyn J. Marriott	Tenor

Conducted by Martyn J. Marriott.

A birthday peal for John Long, organist at this church.

THE BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

and

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HEMINGBROUGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Seven extents in 16 methods: (1) Single and Double Court, (2) London and Wells Surprise, (3) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) Norwich Surprise, (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford and Thelwall, (6) Plain Bob and Single Oxford, (7) Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Ian G. Campbell		Tenor 10½ cwt.	
.. .. .	Treble	Ronald Ducker	4
Graham K. Smith	2	David S. Johnson	5
F. Charles Hobson	3	John S. Rank	Tenor

Conducted by John S. Rank.

Most Minor methods in a peal for all the

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WHITTLESFORD, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Andrew

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Bourne, London, Wells, York, Norwich, Cambridge and Beverley.

Robert D. Bellamy		Tenor 14 cwt. in F.	
.. .. .	Treble	George E. Bonham	4
*Robert E. Thoday	2	J. Richard Castledine	5
Peter Woolven	3	Jack S. Dear	Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 150th peal for the Association.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRITTENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

David S. Osenton		*Kevin S. Hohl		5
John W. Coleman	2	Peter Adcock	6	
Edwin G. Jenner	3	Bernard F. L. Groves	7	
Timothy G. Pett	4	H. William Barrett	Tenor	

Composed by Rev. H. Law James

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal in the method.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

H. William Barrett		Kevin S. Hohl		5
Peter Adcock	2	*Edward J. Jenner	6	
*Ann Jenner	3	Timothy G. Pett	7	
John W. Coleman	4	Stanley Jenner	Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* 50th peal together.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sun., Aug. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

H. William Barrett		*Timothy G. Pett		5
Ann Jenner	2	*Edward J. Jenner	6	
*D. Paul Smith	3	Stanley Jenner	7	
*Kevin S. Hohl	4	Peter Adcock	Tenor	

Composed by Chas. Roberts.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal in the method. 100th peal as conductor.

BENENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. George.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

Cyril S. Jarrett		Robert T. Lambert		5
Thomas E. Sone	2	Timothy G. Pett	6	
Peter Adcock	3	John W. Coleman	7	
Kevin S. Hohl	4	Bernard F. L. Groves	Tenor	

Composed by Giles B. Thompson. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

Alan Tubb		D. John Hunt		5
J. Frank Smallwood	2	Richard J. Bowden	6	
Gillian M. Hussey	3	John C. Slater	7	
James R. Taylor	4	Rev. Roger O. Fry	Tenor	

Composed by George J. Hawkins. Conducted by Rev. Roger O. Fry.

Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Luke, Bedminster.

On Mon., Sept. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob, and one extent of Oxford T.B.

James R. Taylor		Tenor 10 cwt. approx.	
.. .. .	Treble	Philip M. J. Gray	4
Gillian M. Hussey	2	John C. Slater	5
Michael J. Hobbs	3	D. John Hunt	Tenor

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

First peal on the bells in more than one method and first on the bells since 1903.

HARESFIELD, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one of 2,160 and 4 different 720's.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Edward Cribbley		David J. Orledge		4
Alan F. Lee	2	Cyril A. Wratten	5	
Leonard C. Edwards	3	*Robert J. Purnell	Tenor	

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to David A. Burt and Barbara Jones, who were married on this day at Blaisdon, Gloucestershire.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BLACKBURN, Lancashire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Wed., Sept. 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*Maryl R. Crossthwaite		Richard J. Parker		6
Cyril Crossthwaite	2	J. Barry Pickup	7	
Marilyn C. Smith	3	*Philip J. Crossthwaite	8	
John T. Parsons	4	Tudor P. Edwards	9	
Jeffrey Kershaw	5	John H. Fielden	Tenor	

Composed by J. E. Groves. Conducted by Maryl R. Crossthwaite.

* 50th peal together. First in the method as conductor.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Sept. 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Richard S. Starkie		Allan Scholfield		5
Derek Butterworth	2	John Robinson	6	
Christine Andrew	3	Philip G. K. Davies	7	
Edward Jenkins	4	Jeffrey Brannan	Tenor	

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

LYTHAM ST. ANNE'S, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Anne.

On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt.

Philip J. Crossthwaite		Richard J. Parker		5
Marilyn C. Smith	2	J. Barry Pickup	6	
Maryl R. Crossthwaite	3	Cyril Crossthwaite	7	
Jeffrey Kershaw	4	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor	

Composed by Ernest Bennett.

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Fri., Sept. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

Richard J. Parker Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw 5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite 2	John H. Fielden 6.
Philip J. Crossthwaite 3	Richard S. Starkie 7
Margaret E. Fort 4	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

TODMORDEN, Yorkshire.—At Christ Church.

On Fri., Sept. 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5090 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

J. Barry Pickup Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw 5
J. Colin Ashworth 2	*Philip J. Crossthwaite 6
Margaret E. Fort 3	*Richard J. Parker 7
Richard S. Starkie 4	John H. Fielden Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price.

Conducted by John H. Fielden.

* 50th peal together.

MANCHESTER.—At the Church of St. James, Birch-in-Rusholme.

On Sat., Aug. 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Jane Reynolds (C.L. 1st Prestwich Guild Company) Treble	
*Margaret Fish (Ranger—Leyland and District Ranger Company) 2	
*Nigel Goulding (T.L. 19th Widnes Scout Troop) 3	
*John Ridley (P.L. 19th Widnes Scout Troop) 4	
Roger Leigh (S.M. 2nd Hindley Scout Troop) 5	
Alan Ward (A.S.M. 5th Chadderton Scout Troop) Tenor	

Conducted by Roger Leigh.

* First peal.

Rung to welcome Derek Geoffrey, third child of Joan and Alan Ward, born July 6th, 1965.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSN.
(Llandaff Branch).**PENARTH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Augustine.**

On Fri., Sept. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

*Susan Harber Treble	Christopher Aldridge 5
Nicholas D. Evans 2	M. Jack Pryor 6
†Gwendoline Bidgood 3	Nicholas W. H. Simon 7
Thomas Yeomans 4	†John Barton-Plumb Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker (No. 1). Conducted by N. W. H. Simon.

* First peal. † First on eight. First peal in the method for all the band and on the bells.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.**

On Mon., Sept. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

W. Arthur Crowder .. Treble	Frank G. Bloomfield .. 5
Walter Ayre 2	George E. Feirn 6
Jack Bray 3	Harold Judd 7
C. Aubrey Harrison .. 4	John Hall Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Jack Bray

A wedding compliment to Michael W. Crowder and Roseann Pile, who were married at St. Peter's. Barton-on-Humber, on September 4th.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Mon., Sept. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Harold F. Gibson .. Treble	A. Robin Heppenstall .. 5
Joyce M. Gurnhill .. 2	Geoffrey Paul 6
*Richard A. G. Inglis .. 3	Geoffrey R. Parker 7
Jack L. Millhouse .. 4	Peter A. Sharp Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of London Surprise.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**HETHERSETT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Remigius.**

On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

Charles H. Moore .. Treble	Martin Cubit 5
Nolan Golden 2	*Raymond G. Lofty 6
William Clover 3	George Sayer 7
H. William Barrett .. 4	Henry Tooke Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker

Conducted by Henry Tooke.

* 100th peal.

A wedding compliment to Mr. D. Tate, of Ascot, and Miss E. G. Back, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Back, of Hethersett Hall. Also a welcome to Angela, grand-daughter of the treble ringer.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**ALDERMASTON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.**

On Mon., Sept. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

Comprising 3,660 Plain Bob and 1,440 Cambridge Surprise, with 90 changes of method.

Reginald W. Rex .. Treble	William Butler 5
Eunice A. Lewis 2	Frank W. Lewis 6
Ronald C. Christopher .. 3	Philip Murduck 7
Brian J. Luff 4	Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal of this combination by all the band.

AMBROSDEN, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 ZURICH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

*Peter Pearce Treble	*Brian W. Hall 5
Edward R. Venn 2	*Michael Hatchett 6
*Reginald W. Rex 3	Victor Griffin 7
*D. Kay Adkins 4	*Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

BURNHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

Frank W. Lewis .. Treble	Ronald C. Christopher .. 5
Eunice Lewis 2	E Russell Gotham 6
Gordon W. Limmer .. 3	William Birmingham .. 7
*Walter G. Knight .. 4	Howard Oglesby Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin.

Conducted by William Birmingham.

* First peal at first attempt

Mr. W. Knight has just arrived in England from St. James' Church, Turramurra, N.S. Wales, Australia.

MIDGHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents	Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.
Roger B. Pike .. Treble	Mrs. S. E. Smith 4
Mary E. Marshall .. 2	Michael S. Holbrook .. 5
R. Christine Hassell .. 3	*David L. Wilcox Tenor

Conducted by Roger B. Pike.

* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Surprise by all except tenor.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**FLORE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of All Saints.**

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 13½ cwt

Richard J. Danby .. Treble	Hugh M. Johnson 4
*Judith A. Ashby .. 2	*Terence G. Hill 5
†John F. Thorne 3	David J. Marshall Tenor

Conducted by David J. Marshall.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BULWELL, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Souls.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.
George A. Dawson .. Treble	F. William Midwinter .. 5
Margaret E. Chilton .. 2	A. Harry Hawcroft .. 6
Richard A. G. Inglis .. 3	John R. Pratchett .. 7
*Susanna Poppleston .. 4	*Simon Humphrey .. Tenor

Conducted by John R. Pratchett.

* First peal of Triples.

A compliment to John T. Burnup and Katharine Verney, married earlier this day at All Hallows', Gedling.

WINTHORPE, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints and St. Mary.

On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 7 cwt.
Harold Stevenson .. Treble	Ruth Blackshaw .. 4
F. William Midwinter .. 2	Maurice W. Harrison .. 5
Margaret E. Chilton .. 3	George A. Dawson .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

A birthday compliment to Ruth Blackshaw.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Fri., Aug. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods, being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and three extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

Robert E. Lester .. Treble	*Alan J. Munnings .. 4
Mrs. E. J. Lockwood .. 2	Frank B. Lufkin .. 5
Roger K. L. Whittell .. 3	Neville F. Whittell .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal in five methods.

WETHERDEN, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

Robert E. Lester .. Treble	Edward E. Davey .. 4
Geoffrey H. Pullin .. 2	John L. Girt .. 5
Jennifer Andrews .. 3	Alan R. Andrews .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Sept. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, viz.: (1) Kent and Oxford T.B., (2) Norwich Surprise (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Ipswich Surprise, (5) Double Court, (6) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat

Winifred Lockwood .. Treble	Robert E. Lester .. 4
Janet I. Rogers .. 2	Robin H. Rogers .. 5
Richard Rose .. 3	Maurice J. Rose .. Tenor

Conducted by Robin H. Rogers.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

ST. GLUVIAS, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Gluvias.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

George W. Massey .. Treble	David G. Massey .. 5
Frances M. Massey .. 2	Alan Carveth .. 6
*Helen A. Hobbins .. 3	Graham D. Carter .. 7
Anthony Locke .. 4	Anthony J. Davidson .. Tenor

Composed by Tom Chapman. Conducted by Anthony J. Davidson.

* First peal of Major.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
HIGHCLERE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., Sept. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 HIGHCLERE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 27 lb in G.

Eunice A. Lewis .. Treble	David J. Forder .. 5
Reginald W. Rex .. 2	Michael J. Thomas .. 6
Frank W. Lewis .. 3	Robert C. Kippin .. 7
Brian J. Luff .. 4	Geoffrey K. Dodd .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal in the method.

HIGHCLERE SURPRISE MAJOR.

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DODDERHILL (Droitwich), Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

Michael G. Selby .. Treble	Arthur C. Berry .. 5
Edward W. Colley .. 2	Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 6
Gerald C. Hemming .. 3	John C. Eisel .. 7
Ian Lloyd .. 4	Martin D. Fellows .. Tenor

Composed by Joseph Pigott.

Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.

STOKE PRIOR, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Richard Bateman .. Treble	Arthur C. Berry .. 5
Ian Lloyd .. 2	John C. Eisel .. 6
Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 3	Martin D. Fellows .. 7
Edward W. Colley .. 4	Gerald C. Hemming .. Tenor

Composed by William Barton.

Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEVERLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D flat.

*Alan Sheppard .. Treble	†Alan W. A. Leggett .. 6
F. Charles Hobson .. 2	Norman V. Harding .. 7
†Frances Fairbank .. 3	Ronald Ducker .. 8
Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 4	†David S. Johnson .. 9
*Richard D. Gibson .. 5	R. Gordon Corby .. Tenor

Composed by G. T. Daltry. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal of Stedman. † First of Stedman Caters.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

Howard Scott .. Treble	W. Eric Critchley .. 6
*Diana Chapman .. 2	Harold B. Schofield .. 7
A. William Kirkby .. 3	Peter Bridle .. 8
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 4	S. Barry Schofield .. 9
†Adrian C. Boorman .. 5	Richard E. Price .. Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

* First peal on ten bells. † First of Surprise Royal.

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Being the method known as No. 3 version. Tenor 34 cwt.

Mrs. E. Chaddock .. Treble	Vivian Nutton .. 6
Iris M. E. Lemare .. 2	Frederick Ross .. 7
M. Susan Jackson .. 3	J. Henry Fielden .. 8
Neil Donovan .. 4	Stuart Armeson .. 9
Norman Chaddock .. 5	John N. D. Chaddock .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Susan Chaddock and Frederick Neil Johnson, who were married on September 4th.

BIRSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 Pudsey, with 125 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E.

Adrian C. Boorman .. Treble	Roderick W. Pipe .. 5
*†Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 2	S. Barry Schofield .. 6
B. Gillian Schofield .. 3	*Harold B. Schofield .. 7
Roger J. Lumley .. 4	Richard E. Price .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal of 7-spliced on this plan. †100th peal for the Yorkshire Association.

HARWORTH, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Childwall, Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Roger A. Smith .. Treble	*John R. Whitham .. 4
*John Laughton .. 2	W. Eric Critchley .. 5
*Stephen Barton .. 3	Frederick J. Jackson .. Tenor

Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung to welcome Rev. Heritage to the parish.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The St George's Guild, Jesmond.)

JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne.—At 22, Castleton Grove.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In five methods: (1) Single Oxford Bob. (2) Plain Bob, (3) St. Clement's Bob, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Reverse Bob, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

*J. Geoffrey White .. 1—2 | †Rodney A. Yeates .. 3—4

†Andrew G. Craddock (cond.) 5—6

* First peal. † 25th peal together.

Rung by the committee of the St. George's Guild.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At 37, Vicarage Road, Rodbourne Cheney.

On Fri., Sept. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

W. Bertram Kynaston .. 1—2 | *Anthony R. Peake .. 5—6

*Brian Bladon .. 3—4 | †Maurice A. New .. 7—8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First peal of Major on handbells. † First on handbells. First of Major in the method as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane.

On Wed., Aug. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 23 methods, comprising 320 each of Bristol, Ealing, Elford, Leatherhead, Lmdum, London, Uxbridge, Watford and Wembley, and 160 each of Aldenham, Ashtead, Berkshire, Cambridge, Eastcote, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, Painswick, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method.

Tenor size 13 in E.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1—2 | Roger Baldwin .. 5—6

John R. Mayne .. 3—4 | Gerald Penney .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

First peal of 23 Spliced Surprise Major on handbells for the Association.

BUSHEY HEATH, Hertfordshire.—At 39, Titian Avenue.

On Wed., Sept. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 23 methods, comprising 320 each of Bristol, Ealing, Elford, Leatherhead, Lindum, London, Watford, Wembley and Uxbridge, and 160 each of Aldenham, Ashtead, Berkshire, Cambridge, Eastcote, Hitchin, Langley, Lincolnshire, Painswick, Pudsey, Radlett, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 144 changes of method.

Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin 1—2 | Roger Baldwin .. 5—6

*Christopher W. Woolley 3—4 | John R. Mayne .. 7—8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal of Spliced in 23 methods.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of SS. Philip and James' Church.

On Fri., Sept. 10, 1965, in 1 Hour and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

Maud Austin .. 1—2 | John T. Dunwoody (cond.) 3—4

John Lindsay .. 5—6

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of SS. Philip and James' Church.

On Fri., Sept. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

*Maud Austin .. 1—2 | †John T. Dunwoody .. 5—6

†John Lindsay .. 3—4 | ‡Jonathan S. N. Porter .. 7—8

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.

* First peal of Major. † First of Major "in hand." ‡ First peal "in hand."

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South.

On Tues., Aug. 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

John A. Acres .. 1—2 | John M. Jelley .. 5—6

Peter J. Staniforth .. 3—4 | Alfred Ballard .. 7—8

Robert B. Smith .. 9—10

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

QUARTER PEALS

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260

Doubles (two methods): Christine T. Wilkins (first quarter) 1, B. J. Edwards 2, Diane W. Presdee 3, R. G. Mitchell 4, L. J. Floyd (first quarter as cond.) 5, N. J. Cox 6.

WEST QUANTOXHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Aug.

31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Jarvis 1, G. Davis 2, W. Smith (cond.) 3, R. Somerfield 4, J. Aldridge 5. In memory of Frank Stone, a ringer in this tower for 65 years.

WILBY, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 30th, 1,320 Plain

Bob Minor: Miss J. Barber 1, F. Coales 2, Miss A. Chertle 3, S. Leaberry 4, T. Smith 5, R. Cowley (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 4. For the wedding of Miss Lesley Evans to Mr. David Watts at Wilby this day.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260

Stedman Triples: J. Moore 1, Miss E. Halldron (first of Triples) 2, Miss M. Gerrard (first of Triples) 3, A. Howell 4, D. Jordan (first of Stedman Triples) 5, J. Cranmer (first of Stedman Triples) 6, H. Howell (cond.) 7, A. Jordan (first quarter) 8. Rung for Evensong by St. Giles' band for St. Giles' Patronal Festival.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,504

Cambridge Surprise Major: Elizabeth Zass 1, M. Bingham (cond.) 2, Vanessa Rodrigues 3, Deborah Hopkins 4, Hilary Johnson 5, A. Bagworth 6, R. French 7, A. Bishop 8.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,308 Plain.

Little and St. Clement's Bob Minor: P. Fletcher (first quarter) 1, Susanna Poppleston (cond.) 2, P. R. Humphrey 3, S. Humphrey 4, R. Blackler 5, Elizabeth J. Foster 6. For Evensong.

Ringers are always welcome at Gnosall, near Stafford, practices on Friday evenings, but note that ringing is only from 7-8 p.m.

The Chester Diocesan Guild dinner and dance will be graced by the presence of the Bishop of Chester, the Right Rev. G. A. Ellison, D.D., and his wife. The Mollington Banastre Hotel, at Chester, will be the venue. The Rev. P. J. Pasterfield, Vicar of Oxtown, and Mr. Fred Dunkerley, former general secretary of the Lancashire Association, are to be the guest speakers.

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(Two Methods)

By P. G. K. DAVIES

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STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. P. Cannon 1, G. B. Thompson 2, G. E. Bonham 3, S. Brown 4, J. R. Ketteringham 5, A. C. Berry 6, G. E. Thoday (cond.) 7, P. Mehew 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Peter Middleton, a server at this church. Rung during Mr. George Thoday's Peal Week.

TORQUAY, DEVON.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. Pollard 1, K. Fursdon 2, C. Pearson 3, T. Clark (cond.) 4, W. Whiddon 5, F. Pearson 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. G. H. Nicholas, Vicar of Torquay, to Miss Herklot.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Sept. 12th, 1,320 Doubles (Fortune and Dedworth, with 7, 6, 8 covering): Shirley A. Cox (14) 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, A. F. Lee (cond.) 3, R. L. Coles (15) 4, I. M. Cox (14) 5, Linda Lee (first quarter, age 13) 6, M. J. Hawkins (15) 7, J. R. Thompson (13) 8. First quarter in these variations by all the band and on the bells. Rung by the local band as a compliment to David A. Burt (member of the band) and Barbara Jones, on the occasion of their wedding, September 11th at Blaisdon, Glos.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Joan C. McLean 1, Marion E. Addy 2, W. G. Ledward 3, J. Curd 4, D. R. McLean (cond.) 5, D. H. Thorpe 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. N. Chatfield, curate, and his wife.

WALKERVILLE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On Aug. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Gambling 1, Kaye W. Lynas 2, W. B. Pitcher 3, R. S. Jolly 4, R. K. Russ (cond.) 5, R. G. Stevenson 6. First of Minor for 1, 4 and 6.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Maureen White 1, Mary White 2, Betty Daysh 3, R. A. Stone 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. A silver wedding compliment to the conductor.

WELLAND, WORCS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: M. Hawkes 1, C. Haylings 2, J. Smith 3, L. Dovey 4, D. Price (cond.) 5, F. Hawkes 6.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 5th, 1,313 Double Norwich Caters: Monica Horseman 1, P. Bridle 2, R. D. Short 3, E. T. Lee 4, M. J. Horseman 5, J. Gilbert (cond.) 6, J. Brain 7, D. G. Yeo 8, G. Salmon 9, S. G. Smith 10. First by all. For Evensong.

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BIRTHS

BARTHOLOMEW.—On Tuesday, August 31st, 1965, at the Watford Maternity Hospital, to Mary (née Carnochan) and Donald, twin daughters, Sandra Jill and Helen Ruth.

MORETON.—To Joan (née Roper) and Wilfrid, on September 17th, 1965, a daughter, Frances Madeline, a sister for Adrian and Ralph. 7656

ENGAGEMENT

GROVES—WHITE.—The engagement is announced between Bernard, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. L. Groves, and Valerie Jean, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. White, both of Maidstone, Kent. 7648

PERSONAL

For thus, saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength."—Isaiah xxx, 15.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

BOND.—As from Friday, October 1st, the address of the Rev Peter N. Bond will be The Missions to Seamen, Athlone House, Dock Road, Tilbury, Essex. Phone Tilbury 2080 (messages will be taken if out). 7637

PUBLICATIONS

"THE CHURCH BELLS OF GUERNSEY. ALDERNEY AND SARK." price 8s. 9d., post free, to be obtained from the author, Mr Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire. 7259

"THE THEORY OF CHANGE RINGING," by A. W. T. Cleaver; 3s. (3/6 post free), from Hilton, 19 Lonewood Way, Hadlow, Tonbridge Kent. A few copies are also available of "Joseph Hatch, the Ulcombe Bellfounder," 1/10 post free. 7543

MISCELLANEOUS

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.—St. Lawrence's practice night changed to Tuesdays until further notice. We regret any inconvenience caused.—G. R. Fielding, Tower Capt.

BIRMINGHAM—SALTLEY CARILLON.—The 23-bell G and J. Carillon at Parkfield Road, Birmingham 8 (opposite "Country Girl"), can be heard between 6.40 and 7.30 p.m. on Sunday next, September 26th, played by Clive M. Smith. Last Sunday evening recital 1965. 7588

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—St. Andrew's Church, Congresbury, will be holding a Tower Sunday, first Sunday in October. Ringing from 5 p.m. until the service and after harvest service. All ringers welcome. 7635

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Dinner-Dance will be held on Saturday, October 9th, 1965, at the Mollington Banastre Hotel, Parkgate Road, Chester. Meet 5.45-6.15 p.m. Tickets 23/- each. All applications for tickets to Gen. Sec. before October 1st, together with remittance. The following towers will be open: Christleton (8) 1-2 p.m., Hoole (6) 2-3 p.m., Handbridge (8) and St. Mary's-within-the-Walls (8), Chester 3-4 p.m., Shotwich (6) and Backford (6) 4-5 p.m.—Henry O Baker, Gen. Sec., 63, Parkgate Road, Chester. 7393

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Dinner. Sittingbourne, Saturday, September 25th. Ticket holders only.—P. A. Corby, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7430

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY welcomes ringers coming to Nottingham. The first practice will be at Beeston (8) on Wednesday, October 6th. There will be a stall at the freshers' conference.—John Hallett, Sec.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Service ringing, Sunday, October 10th, 10 a.m. St. Mary Magdalene, 10.30 a.m. St. Ebbe. Business meeting, Tuesday, October 12th, 8.15 p.m., North Lecture Room, St. John's. All freshmen welcome.—R. M. Heyworth (University). 7605

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Would all freshers coming to Southampton University in October please contact Mr. P. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. All are welcome. 7632

SWINESHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.—Flower Festival, October 1st-4th, 1965. Bells (8) available Saturday, 2nd, 2.30-8.30 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30-11 a.m., 5.30-6.30 p.m. Light refreshments available on Saturday. 7651

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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Farnborough on Thursday, September 23rd, 7.30-9 p.m. 7645

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Bidston, September 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea free for those notifying Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtun, Birkenhead. 7624

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Darlington on September 25th. Ringing: Heighington, 2-3.30 p.m.; Holy Trinity, 2.30-4; St. John's, 3.15-4.15; and St. Cuthbert's, 4.15-4.30 and 7-9 p.m. Service 4.30 at St. Cuthbert's, and tea at 5 p.m., with business meeting to follow in St. Cuthbert's Hall. Names, please, for tea to Mrs. Cooke, 116, Eastbourne Road, Darlington. 7626

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—South West Branch.—Autumn meeting, Saturday, September 25th, at Dodbrooke. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Ringing arrangements: Dodbrooke (6) 2.30-4.30; West Alvington (6) 2.30-3.45; Kingsbridge (8) 6.30-7.30; West Alvington (6) 7.45-8.45 p.m. Names for tea to me please.—Mrs. M. A. Bould, Branch Sec., Crelake Mews, Tavistock. 7552

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Olveston on Saturday, September 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. W. Gibbs, Branch Sec. 7622

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Moreton-in-Marsh, Saturday, September 25th. Bells (8) from 3-4.30 and from 6-7.30 p.m. or later if required. Service 4.30. Tea 5—own arrangements. Meeting 5.30 p.m.—L. C. Dowdeswell, Sec., Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold. Tel. Stow/Wold 350. 7631

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Saturday, September 25th. Branch striking competition at Dorney during afternoon. All welcome to ringing in the evening until 8.30 p.m.—Miss Hague. 7502

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Important autumn meeting on September 25th at Wansford. Bells (5) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to A. Waller, Sacrewell Mill Farm, Thornhaugh. Thornhaugh (5) also available after tea.—R. H. Daw, Sec. 7623

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Easton Neston on September 25th. Names for tea to Mrs. P. Brangwyn, Hulcote, Towcester. 7629

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, September 25th, Damerham. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mrs. J. Baverstock, 14, West Park Lane, Damerham, Fordingbridge. 7556

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Lyme Regis, Saturday, September 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 7577

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (Newark District) and LADIES' GUILD (Eastern Branch).—Joint meeting, Balderton, Saturday, September 25th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to me, please.—Mrs. B. N. Reed, 43, Dale Crescent, Balderton, Newark. 7520

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Joint with EAST DERBY AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION, Saturday September 25th, Greasley (8). Bells 3-9 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. and business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. P. M. Beach, 17, Coach Drive, Eastwood, Notts.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 7618

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Hutton Cranswick, on Saturday, September 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Harrison, Westholm, Hutton Cranswick, not later than Wednesday, 22nd. Subscriptions payable. Reports available.—R. Ducker, Dis. Sec. 7562

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—October 2nd. meeting at Keynsham. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Evening ringing will be announced at tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. L. Ellis, 51, Rock Road, Keynsham, by September 30th.—Alan F. Lee, Branch Sec. 7574

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Othry, Saturday, October 2nd. Bells (5) 3 and 6.30-8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Moorlynch (6) 7.30-9 p.m. Names for tea a must.—K. Prime, Ashcott. 7634

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—The next meeting will be held at Radway on October 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after tea also. It is hoped that Oxhill bells will be available in the evening. Names for tea to P. S. Bennett, College Farm, Bearley, Stratford-upon-Avon (S-upon-A 5701). 7636

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Cockermouth, Saturday, October 2nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by September 29th to R. W. D. Wetenhall, Shatton Lodge, Cockermouth. 7638

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting. Staveley (8), Saturday, October 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Norton (8) available 7-8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Smith, 73, Railway Cottages, Staveley, Chesterfield, by September 29th.—B. P. Morris, Sec. 7603

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Dudley, on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea must be forwarded to me by September 28th at the latest. Netherton (8) will be available in the evening, if required.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 7583

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Stevenage on October 2nd at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7633

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Tonbridge on October 2nd Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 Tea and Meeting at 5 p.m. Names for tea. Please, to W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Sec., 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge, by Wednesday, September 29th. 7593

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (North Lindsey Branch) and **BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Joint meeting at Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, Saturday, October 2nd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meetings. Names for tea to Mr. P. Barnes, Tee Lane, Burton-on-Stather, by Wednesday previous.—C. A. H. 7608

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Bourne, Saturday, October 2nd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to the Rev. Canon H. P. Laurence, The Vicarage, Bourne, Lincs, by Monday, September 27th.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 7625

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Ratby, Saturday, October 2nd. Bells 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—A. J. Poynor, Dis. Sec. 7646

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—“Riverside Ringing Festival,” Saturday, October 2nd. Shepperton (5) 2-3 p.m. Sunbury (8) 3-4.30. Tea in Parish Hall, Hampton, at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and evening ringing at Hampton (8). Names for tea to me, please, at 12, Cardinal's Walk, Hampton.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7592

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn general meeting will be held at Wokingham, Berks, on Saturday, October 2nd. Meeting in the Masonic Hall at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4. Service in St. Paul's Church at 5 p.m. Please park in Hall car park and not on road. Tea tickets (3s. 3d. each) on application to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. Ringing arrangements will be sent out with tea tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. Names for tea by Monday, September 27th.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7546

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ringstead, October 2nd. Usual arrangements.—F. Coales, Twywell, Kettering, Northants. 7630

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 2nd, at Westbury (8). Usual arrangements. Names to A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge, Wilts. 7294

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.Meeting at Penistone and Wortley, Saturday, October 2nd. Penistone bells 3 till 5; Wortley bells 6 p.m. onwards. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Champion, 32, Church View Road, Penistone.—J. Seager, Sec. 7643

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, October 2nd, Wingfield (6), 6.30-9 p.m. Ringers also invited to ring before and after the induction service for the Rev. W. G. Muir at 2.30 p.m. Teas can be reserved by applying to Mr. C. Brown, Church Road, Wingfield, Diss, Norfolk.—L. E. L. 7591

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Practice meeting, Lingfield, October 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs G. Parsons, 31, Beacon Names for tea to Mrs. J. Parsons, 31, Beacon Hill, Dormansland, Lingfield, by September 29th.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 7610

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

(Northern Division).

Joint meeting with the Western Division,
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WARNHAM.

Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5.
Bells 6-7 p.m., followed by social in
Village Hall. All ringers welcome.

Names to G. Francis, 35, Friday Street.
Warnham, by September 29th. 7639

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Kingsclere, October 2nd Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. Pares, Priory House, Kingsclere, near Newbury Sydmonton bells after tea. 7627

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Rayleigh on October 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to M. J. Hallett, 180, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, by Thursday, October 7th. 7642

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—Meeting at Kirby-le-Soken, Saturday, October 9th. Service 4.15 followed by tea. Names to Mr. U. W. Wildney, The Croft, Edith Road, Kirby-le-Soken, Frinton-on-Sea. 7652

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hemyock, Saturday, October 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Ringing after meeting. Names for tea to L. J. Hart, Hazeldene, Hemyock, by October 6th.—R. C. Woodley, Sec. 7640

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashtford District.—Annual General District Meeting at Folkestone, Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8. 25 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. J. Whittaker, 76, Surrenden Road, Folkestone, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 7650

LADIES' GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, October 9th, 1965, at Launceston, Cornwall. St. Thomas' (6) 2.30-4.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Ringing at St. Mary's 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, October 4th.—Mrs. P. Burnham, Branch Sec., 60, Above Town, Dartmouth. 7657

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Annual General Meeting at West Stow (6), Saturday, October 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Please do help the tea caterers by sending names for tea to A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds, by Wednesday, October 6th. 7641

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Mortlake on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at Richmond (8). Names for tea to B. Bull, Asst. Sec., 68, Gowan Avenue, London, S.W.6, by October 5th. 7565

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, October 16th, 1965,

at the Angel Hotel, Peterborough.
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(6), Woodston (6), 3-4.30 p.m.
St. Mary, Peterborough (6) 4-5.30 p.m.
St. John, Peterborough (8), 5-6 p.m.

E. Billings, Gen. Sec. 7621

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of the Winchester D.G. will be held at Crawley and Sparsholt on Saturday, October 16th, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Monday, please. 7644

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Jasper Snowden Dinner at the Co-operative Restaurant Rotherham, on October 16th at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (16/6 each) from Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 10, Pye Bank Close, Sheffield 3, by October 2nd, stating all names, please. Towers open for ringing: Handsworth (8) 11.30-12.30, St. Marie's R.C., Norfolk Row,

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY TOUR

The O.U.S., some 20 strong, arrived at
Truro on April 17th. Sunday ringing was con-
fined to Truro Cathedral and some local
towers, and Monday heralded the first day of
the tour proper. Harry Miles and Miss Lidger
joined us, and our organiser, Colin Taylor,
made the total up to 23. The day's ringing
was in the Bodmin area.

Tuesday dawned bright and clear. The day's
towers included the most southerly in the
country, Landewednack. Wednesday enabled
us to wash our feet in the foaming brine at
Lelant after perilously traversing a golf course.
The best ringing of the day was London at
Carbis Bay and Superlative at Penzance.
Thursday had several touches of the mythical
Kilburn rung, although by now no one was
too surprised when the one at St. Austell
turned out to be Real Superlative. Lunch was
taken at the beautiful town of Fowey, and at
2.30 we all somehow managed to cross the
ferry to Polruan to rejoin our coach.

At the last eight of the tour, Liskeard, some
good 10-spliced was rung. Lack of time pre-
vented a farewell course of Cornwall. The
last tower of all, Lostwithiel, is a home of
call-change ringers. We were all on our best
behaviour and it is hoped our scientific ringing
did not compare too badly. After a long
evening of jollification the party left on Fri-
day morning. Most of us thought the tour to
be over, but those still at college were joined
in Oxford on Sunday night by all but two of
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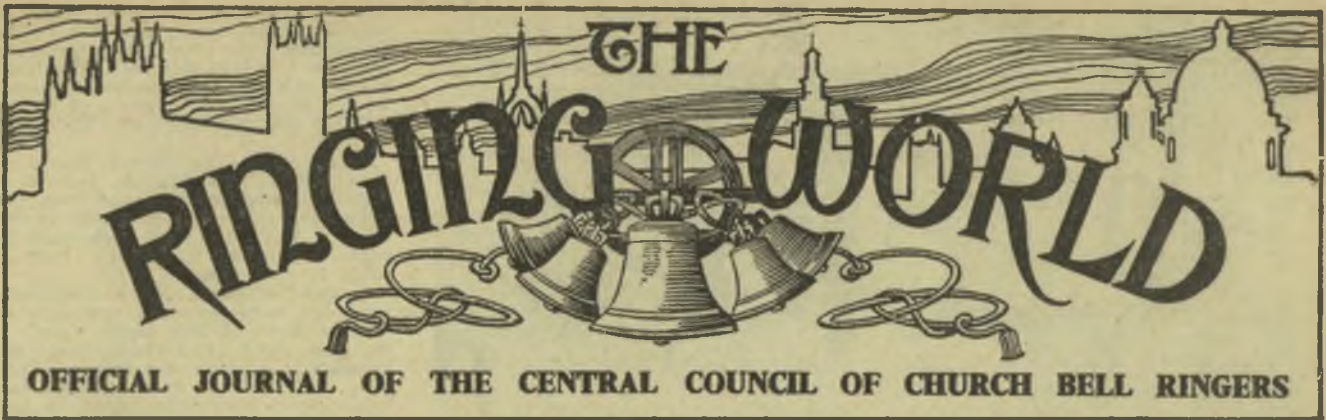
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Publicity Induces Church Authorities to Approach Lord Mayor for New Bells

GREAT ADVENTURE II had a wonderful send-off at London Airport on Sunday, September 5th. Promptly at 3 p.m. the Boeing 707 set out on the journey to Moscow, which was not reached until it was dark.

The first drink on the plane was on the call of the leader, Mr. Tom Lock. "Success to the Adventure" was toasted in champagne. Supervision was stricter at Moscow than at any other airport. Passports were collected before we left to spend an hour in the spacious transit hall and drink coffee. The shops were not open, but the windows had a fine display, prices marked in dollars. Departure was delayed half an hour owing to a police investigation; happy to say no suspicion fell on our party.

It was a long hop to Delhi. A leisurely beautifully cooked dinner passed the time and most of the party dozed off. But dawn was at 2 a.m. G.M.T. The brilliant golden reflection of the sun over the mountains of white clouds was a sight few will forget. This was within half an hour of Delhi. None of us were ready for the overpowering heat as we left the plane for the transit hall, and the cup of tea was most refreshing. Returning to the plane, we had our first introduction to damp ice-cold cloths. We had a new crew. The Indian air hostesses had a perfect command of English, and their hands held together as if in prayer to welcome travellers entering the plane was impressive.

There was a two-hour break at Bombay. It was a short journey to Madras, again very warm as we left the plane. Leaving, we had a wonderful view of miles of the sandy Malabar coast. Night had fallen when we reached Singapore.

The final section to Perth was 2,514 miles, most of the journey being at a height of 36,000 feet. It was after 1.30 a.m. before we landed. Brian Potts, Laith Reynolds, Jim Carter and many other Perth ringers were waiting for us with Arthur Mason.

Perth ringers were delightful hosts and our party were entertained by the following: Mr. and Mrs. S. Burton with Basil Potts; Mark Damerell with Jacoba Hos; A. Patrick Cannon and L. Stilwell, Helen Whale; Anne Horsford, Mrs. Peterkin, T. J. Lock and A. Mason, Marilyn Chambers; Rev. Malcolm Melville, The Society

of the Sacred Mission; Cecil E. Pipe, Margaret Johnson; Mr. and Mrs. White, Jim Carter; Wilfred Williams, Terry Slee.

It was a very tired party that assembled on Tuesday, and a number had stomach trouble, probably through heavy meals and lack of Exercise. Tuesday's ringing consisted of six touches at lunch time and eight in the evening. They included the first of Cambridge Major on the bells, the first of Plain Bob Major since 1934, and the first of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Marilyn Chambers and John Watson rang their first of Major. Joining in the Tuesday's ringing was Mr. W. B. Cartwright, who had been attending the third Commonwealth and Empire Law Conference at Sydney, and also rang on the new ten at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, and a quarter of Bob Triples at St. Mary's R.C. Cathedral. After the practice, Tom Lock presented to the tower a copy of Edgar C. Shepherd's book, "The Sound of Bells." A social hour at the King Edward Hotel finished the day.

CRITICISM OF BELLS

There was a very full programme on Wednesday. The Rev. Malcolm Melville was the celebrant at a Corporate Communion at 10.30 a.m. At noon the party met the Archbishop of Perth (the Most Rev. George Appleton) and the Dean (the Very Rev. James Payne). Mr. Cecil Pipe had previously given a Press interview in which he criticised St. George's bells and the oscillation of the tower. This was followed by a Press cartoon headed "You see, I told you the bell tower was a bit shaky," with a sorrowful assembly of tower debris and broken bells. This focused attention on the needs of the belfry. What St. George's ringers wanted was an augmentation to ten with two new trebles, a reduction in the weight of the tenor and lowering the bells in the tower. The Archbishop and the Dean both discussed this matter and it was also mentioned on A.B.C. television and radio.

A reception was given by the Lord Mayor (Cclr. C. J. B. Veryard) in the magnificent new Council House.

A hasty lunch preceded ringing for the lunch-hour service, at which the Rev. M. Melville gave the address. Some of the party explored the glories of King's Park in the afternoon before settling down to two quarter peals, the idea of a peal being abandoned on account of the general condition of the tower and a number of the

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The band who rang the first quarter of the tour, 1,260 Stedman Triples, on September 8th at St. George's Cathedral, Perth. From left to right: T. J. Lock, Wilfred Williams (conductor), Cecil E. Pipe, Arthur Mason, Malcolm Melville, A. Patrick Cannon, Mark Damerell and Leonard Stilwell.

GREAT RECEPTION FOR ADVENTURERS AT PERTH

(Continued from front page)

ringers being under the weather. An excellent start was made by a good quarter of Stedman Triples conducted by Wilfred Williams and completed in the very fast time of 38 minutes for a tenor of 22 cwt. The band was: W. Williams treble, A. G. Mason 2, C. E. Pipe 3, M. C. C. Melville 4, L. Stilwell 5, R. M. Damerell 6, A. P. Cannon 7, T. Lock tenor. The ringing gave great pleasure and a number of people gathered in the precinct of the Cathedral to listen. Later the band was to be seen in action on television.

Before the band left the belfry the Dean sent his congratulations and it was announced that in appreciation of the visit of the English ringers the Archbishop and Dean had decided to approach the Lord Mayor to issue a civic appeal for £4,000 for the restoration and augmentation of the bells.

Three local ringers were included in the second quarter attempt of Grandsire Triples. The band stood: Miss A. Horsford treble, S. Burton 2, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 3, M. Damerell 4, B. Potts 5, L. Reynolds 6, T. J. Lock 7, T. J. Gregory tenor. The last-named only arrived in Australia about a fortnight ago and formerly rang at St. John's, Crawley. The quarter was successfully brought round in 46 minutes.

Among those who were introduced to the ringers was Mr. Thomas Hodgkiss, now aged 80 and living at the War Veterans' Home, Mount Lawley. He was granted the privilege of pulling a rope and told the company that it was 40 years ago that he last rang a bell, when he was a member of the Woodchurch, Birkenhead, band. There was another social evening later. All the members of the band had been elected hon. members of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Bellringers. The Master again expressed

his appreciation and thanks to Perth ringers for a wonderful introduction to Australian ringing, and this was further endorsed at the airport on Thursday, when we were entertained to lunch.

THE TOURISTS IN ADELAIDE

First Peal of Surprise at the Cathedral Town Hall Bells Too Big a Proposition

OUR stay in the beautiful city of Perth was all too short and on Thursday afternoon we were in the plane for Adelaide. Although it was showery, the morning was spent sight-seeing—the Editor and Mrs. White being taken to Freemantle by the Rev. John Williams and Mrs. Carter. Perth ringers had lunch with us at the airport.

Pent-up excitement was clearly visible among Adelaide ringers as we left the plane. Bill Pitcher, the Cathedral captain and editor of "Ringing Towers," had organised a full programme. With him were Brian Cox, David Bleby, Kaye Lynas and Ron Russ with cars to transport us to our hotel. Monica Collins gave Pat Cannon a warm embrace and also the Editor and Mrs. White, who both lived in her home town. Anne Horsford accompanied her to her flat. Pat Cannon and Len Stilwell stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Russ and the remainder at the Grosvenor Hotel.

CLAPPER ADJUSTED

That evening a practice was held at St. Peter's Cathedral, which has the second heaviest eight in the world with a tenor of 41 cwt. 1 qr. in C. The advantage of this ring is that the 7th of 27 cwt. and the 6th of 21 cwt. prevent the tenor from dominating and spoiling the real beauty of the ring. These bells were cast by Taylor's in 1946 and installed in 1947; they are truly a magnificent ring. Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung. It was

noted by Cecil Pipe that the tenor's clapper needed attention; assisted by Bill Pitcher and David Bleby the clapper was centralised by Cecil the following morning. After the practice a pleasant hour or so was spent at Toorak Gardens as the guests of Mrs. Lynas and her daughter Kaye, who is secretary of the tower.

That evening Len Stilwell met a former Sussex ringer, Fred Smeaton, formerly of St. Nicholas', Brighton, who had been in Australia since 1949 and is bursar of Poltney School, Adelaide. Fred took part in the bankers' peal at St. Olave's, Hart Street, called by Alan Pink.

Financial difficulties arose on Friday morning when the band presented themselves at the National Bank of New South Wales. Drafts on this bank had been sent to the branches at Adelaide and Sydney. The Adelaide draft had not been received; inquiries locally were unsuccessful; finally a call was put through to Sydney, who had received their portions. Payments were accordingly made of the Sydney credits and assurances were given that the Adelaide draft would be awaiting us at Sydney.

UNEXPECTED TAYLOR'S BELLS

The afternoon was spent at two beauty spots—on the seafont at Glenelg, where the English cricketers will stay during their sojourn at Adelaide, and at Mount Lofty, a peak in the range of hills overlooking Adelaide. Near the summit is St. Michael's House of the Society of the Sacred Mission from Kelham.

In the grounds, mounted on four steel struts is a 25 cwt. Taylor bell complete with wheel. This is rung for services and booms across the valley when a fire alarm is necessary. The bell came from the Community of the Ascension at Golburn, N.S.W. The Principal chatted with us and knew a number of friends associated with the Order, among them being the Rev. Alan Butler, who was a founder member of the Roving Ringers.

A Devonshire tea of cream and splits was served at the restaurant at the top of the mountain before we descended into Walkerville for a practice and peal attempt. St. Andrew's Church, Walkerville, was founded about 117 years ago—and the bells (a ring of six) were installed by Mears in 1886 and new bearings provided in 1950. Our peal—one in seven Minor methods—was successful and was the fourth on the bells. It was relatively "easy meat." Pat Cannon conducted and the bells came round with the seventh extent completed in 2 hours and 47 minutes. Len Stilwell, who rang the second, was photographed for "The Advertiser" with Anne Horsford, who was ringing her first of Minor, and the Rev. Malcolm Melville, who rang the third. In the interview Len admitted that he had been ringing for 62 years.

A happy band joined the rest of the party at St. David's, Burnside Rectory, where all were hospitably entertained by Archdeacon J. R. Bleby and Mrs. Bleby. The entertainment included Bill Pitcher showing his film on the production of "Ringing Towers," the quarterly journal of the Association. Bill seemed to combine most of the production duties in his job as editor.

AT THE TOWN HALL

On Saturday morning came the visit to the octave at the Town Hall (tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.). Cast by Warners in 1865, they had not been touched for 54 years until Ron Russ and others started repairs. After preliminary rings the conclusion was that no peal could be rung.

A quarter peal of 1,344 Plain Bob Major was rung and a good standard maintained, the time taken being 46 minutes. The band con-

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sisted of: Rev. M. C. C. Melville 1, A. F. Mason 2, Brian Cox 3, R. K. Russ 4, C. W. Pipe 5, M. Damerell 6, T. J. Lock (conductor) 7, A. P. Cannon 8.

Brig. J. C. D. Veale (the town clerk) met some of the ringers and commented on how pleasant the bells sounded. He admitted that reconditioning was desirable. In the street below, a woman told the Editor that the bells took her memory back 50 years when they used to ring "Good people come to church on Sundays." She had not heard bells rung like that for many years.

WILD LIFE

The barbecue in the afternoon in the National Park was a new experience to the English ringers. Eight car loads went to a beautiful spot. Steaks and sausages were soon sizzling. The birds were a source of endless interest.

In the evening Australian ringers held their annual dinner, at which the English visitors were honoured guests. We were feeding for more than two hours and sampling Australian wines. Bill Pitcher, as Ringing Master at the Cathedral, presided. The Bishop of Adelaide (the Right Rev. Tom Reed) and Mrs. Reed entered fully into the informality of the proceedings. Here is some of the Bishop's verse:

Some diners from the far U.K.,
All being polite had little to say,
But the hosts we find were doing fine,
Chatting away in atrocious time,
And comforting their guests with lots of wine.
Mr. C. Hervey Bagot, president of the Australian and New Zealand Association, had come by coach the 600 miles to give the official speech of welcome and said he was particularly pleased that the opportunity occurred in the premier ringing State! (Hervey was one-time captain of Adelaide Cathedral band.)

Tom Lock appropriately replied and the recorded greeting of Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Central Council, was played. The Bishop, in his speech, expressed the hope that when he was next in London, in 1968, he would have the opportunity of drinking a glass of "Thames Water" with Tom Lock.

The first real test of the tourists' peal ringing ability came on Sunday afternoon immediately after the Sung Eucharist at the Cathedral. Hardly any of the party were fit for a big ordeal. Cambridge Surprise Major was chosen with Wilfred Williams as conductor, calling from the treble. A good peal of Middleton's was rung at a steady beat of 23-24 to the minute. The only blemish came within the last few minutes but the trip was righted at once. Widespread congratulations followed, completion being in 3 hours 42 minutes. These included a special message from the Bishop and Mrs. Reed. This was the fourth peal on the bells and the first of Surprise.

Pat Cannon, who has rung four peals on Sherborne tenor, declared that this bell was a harder proposition. The heavy bells were rung well—Tom Lock being on the seventh and Cecil Pipe on the sixth. Before starting, Cecil insisted that the clock face in the belfry be covered; he couldn't bear to see the 222 minutes slowly crawling round the clock face!

FAREWELL GIFTS

Ring the second was Hervey Bagot, who was captain of St. Peter's Cathedral band from 1957 to 1960. He had never rung a peal on the bells and this was his first peal of Surprise—and well rung, too! A cup of tea in the Bishop's Vicar's residence was most welcome to the band. Afterwards Tom Lock made presentations of Edgar Shepherd's book and an ash tray. The peal band also gave a donation of £5 towards the ringers' pew for the Cathedral in memory of the donor of the bells.

Cars took the party to the airport, which was not without incident—the Editor's case was missing. Fortunately it was found in the hall of the Vicarage and reached the party before they embarked on the Melbourne plane. And so ended three days of happy memories in which new friendships were created,

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

On Their Own Ground

A SUB-TITLE such as the above does not, perhaps, give a very fair picture of this year's tour, which began on August 21st, as for most of the time we were well out of Cambridge, only returning there to dine, sleep and breakfast. We were comfortably accommodated on "B" staircase of Selwyn College, thanks to the good offices of the bursar, Dr. C. M. P. Johnson, and for dining and breakfasting the food was adequate, provided one remembered that most of the staff were on holiday. This opening paragraph seems a good place to mention that we were in Cambridge this year because we always have our tour in Cambridge every fifth year, and this was one of them.

During last year's tour the request was made that the place of the peal attempt which normally opens the week on the first Saturday afternoon should be published in the programme of the week, so that those who wanted to could go along and listen. This was duly done, and the first item on the programme read, "Saturday—Peal—Chelmsford." It therefore came as no surprise that the peal attempt was at King's Lynn. It appears that the bells here disliked either the ringers or the method (Stedman Caters) and decided to go badly, so the attempt was unsuccessful.

For those who had arrived by Sunday morning, there were no fewer than seven towers shown on the programme to choose from during the course of the day—you could even go to two of them twice. Personally, I didn't arrive in Cambridge until the evening—at the same time as the rain—so I did not ring anywhere.

On Monday a.m. a peal of Bristol was rung on the fine bells at Elveden, while the non-pealers visited Horringer and the extremely interesting six at Fornham St. Martin—a splendid ring of bells for those who are prepared to work hard. After lunch there was ringing at Ixworth, Stowmarket and the Norman tower at Bury St. Edmunds. In the evening some of us joined the Cambridge Youths at their practice at Great St. Mary's.

I doubt whether anyone who took part in the peal of Cambridge at Foxearth on Tuesday afternoon will ever forget that experience. Proceedings began with a key-hunt, during which we learned that people in the village liked to hear hymns being played on the bells. When we eventually got into the tower we duly obliged on the chiming apparatus. Then two stalwarts in the band took all the ropes up a foot or so on the wheel and applied a liberal dose of castor oil to the bearings, after which we could ring on this melodious anti-clockwise light eight, with a pendulum case in the middle of the rope circle, making rope-sight that little bit more interesting.

The saner part of the day consisted in ringing at Saffron Walden and All Saints', Sudbury, and, for the non-peal band, ringing at Long Melford, Clare and Haverhill.

In the evening we had our business meeting, which fortunately did not last very long. Members were reminded at this meeting that last year a member had requested that the words "This is all" should be used for a touch coming round at hand, "That's all" being reserved for touches coming round at back. As an alternative, "Here's all" and "There's all" were deemed, respectively, permissible.

Wednesday was mainly a Hertfordshire day. We called first at Ickleton, then visited Brent Pelham, Bishop's Stortford, Braughing and Norton. As a concession to this being our "Cambridge" week, the afternoon peal (London) was rung at Trumpington, while, after dinner, in case we had not had enough ringing during the day, the Master coerced us all into going to ring at Great Mary's.

We began Thursday with Corporate Communion in Selwyn College Chapel, the cele-

brant being Canon Thurlow, on his way home from foreign parts. We then journeyed through the fen country to ring at St. Andrew's, Whittlesey (if you open the trap door there you can hear the bells!), and at Peterborough (you can't help hearing the bells there!) After lunch, while some rang at St. Mary's, Huntingdon, St. Neots and Biggleswade, others rang a peal of Stedman at St. Ives. This was Major Freeborn's 100th peal of Stedman. In the evening we rang on the glorious bells of Cambridge Roman Catholic Church.

By Friday, various members had left, and as we had never been more than 20 strong, this meant that there were not enough of us left to have a peal band as well as a "tower-grabbing" band. So the peal attempt at Littleport was cancelled. We had a good day in the sunshine; first we went to Over, where Dr. J. B. Williamson rang the bell he had rung to his first peal in 1912. Then we had ringing at Haddenham, and after lunch we rang at Ely, following this with a journey through more fenland to Hilgay. Our last tower should have been Mildenhall, but as there was no key to be had we did not ring there.

The programme said: "Saturday—Disperse," and that is what we did. Besides the ringing, travelling, eating and sleeping already described, other activities during the week included handbell ringing, buying postcards, taking snapshots, playing darts (on one occasion we were offered six-inch nails for the purpose), playing cards, admiring church architecture, sneaking out of the tower when you hoped the Master was not looking, taking the wrong turning, getting rained on, and even (so I hear) adjourning to nearby hostleries. In short, a good time was had by all. Our thanks are due to all those who worked to make our "Guild Week" the success it always is. W. T. C.

BROMHAM OUTING

On Saturday, August 28th, the ringers of Bromham, Bedfordshire, had their second outing of the year, when a half-day trip was made to Oxfordshire.

At Great Tew the local secretary, Mr. C. Marley, was unable to meet us, but Mr. Clifton was waiting to conduct us to the ringing chamber at St. Michael's, where a very happy hour was spent on the fine ring of eight. Leaving this charming spot, we headed for Hook Norton, where, at St. Peter's Church, we were received by Mr. C. Sole, and the splendid ring of eight proved all that could be desired.

After tea at Deddington, SS, Peter and Paul's Church was visited, and Mr. W. Ivings welcomed us to the belfry.

A journey of about seven miles brought us to Lower Heyford and its beautiful church, St. Mary's, in a perfectly kept churchyard. Mrs. Adams led us to the belfry, and we hope the sound of the bells completed the picture of a typical English village. The last tower of the day was St. Mary's, Bloxham, where Mr. E. S. Hitchcox, who conducted us to this imposing church, expressed his approval of our handling of the excellent ring of bells. The last "pull" of the day was at Banbury and the sole performer was the barman at a well known hostelry! Sincere thanks to the incumbents, to all who contributed to our enjoyment, and especially to Mr. C. C. Clarke of Deddington, who not only helped by arranging tea but obtained a substitute tower at short notice and whose co-operation is warmly appreciated by Derek Hammond, our organiser. A. E. R.

TUDDENHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK. — On Aug. 29th, 1.260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): G. W. Pipe (cond.) 1. R. Crooks 2. F. E. Wiseman 3. A. Dilley 4. R. W. Steward 5. C. Woodard 6. For Evensong, and specially as a farewell to Rev. P. H. Biddlecombe.

Letters to the Editor

WITNEY BELLS

Dear Sir,—Your article on Witney bells interests me, as my family gravitated between the incumbencies of Witney and Chobham for about 100 years. From the article it is not quite clear as to exactly when it was that the Rector took hold. Was the Rev. Cunningham referring in 1868 to the past or present?

My grandfather left Witney about 1854 to return to Chobham, where my father was born in 1855. But my general impression is that things could either not have been in a very bad way at Witney in his time; or, alternatively, that he was the Rector responsible for putting things right, which would be in character.

My reasons are that my family always seems to have had an interest in ringers. My grandfather, certainly at Chobham and, I think, at Witney, always held a ringers' supper in the Vicarage, and, after his death, his daughters gave one of the present Chobham eight.

My parents, when we went to Talland, in Cornwall, in 1890, started a practice of the ringers' supper there, where I learned to ring on the old four.

A cousin, James (Jimmy) Jerram, was well known in Salisbury in his day.

None of this looks very much like trouble in the belfry up to about 1854. It seems, therefore, probable, to me, that the bad times were "got over" by my grandfather and that during the process he acquired a very friendly feeling for ringers, which endured over the succeeding generations. But I'd be interested to know more about those early years.—Yours truly,

C. F. JERRAM.

Helford, Helston, Cornwall.

WILLIAM SNOWDON

Dear Sir,—I am writing to correct a small error in the otherwise excellent leading article of September 17th marking the 50th anniversary of the death of William Snowdon. This refers to him being sent off to the Junior School of Christ's Hospital labelled "passenger to Horsham." No date is given for this journey but I assume it to have been about 1855.

The foundation stone of the school at Horsham was not laid, however, until 1899, and the transfer of the school from the site in Newgate Street, London (where the G.P.O. building now stands) did not take place until 1902. At the time William Snowdon became a Blue the Junior School was housed at Hertford, in buildings where the girls' school of Christ's Hospital now flourishes.

It must, therefore, have been to Hertford that he travelled from Leeds.—Your faithfully,

E. T. BEAUCHAMP.

Edmonton, N.

MOST METHODS TO A PEAL

Dear Sir,—The most methods to a peal for the Salisbury Guild are 50, rung at Mildenhall, Wilts, on June 23rd, 1963; the footnote to the peal rung at Holt on July 13th, 1965, is therefore not correct.—Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY R. PEAKE.

Swindon, Wilts.

RECENT COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—Although I agree with G. B. T. that it is wasteful if compositions are published more than once, surely it is natural, after waiting six months for publication, to resubmit the composition assuming that it has been mislaid. It is not, I feel, unreasonable to expect compositions to be published as soon as possible after submission, e.g. Skelton Surprise Major published in the issue for September 3rd together with the peal report. I suggest that a section be reserved each week for the sole purpose of clearing the backlog of unpublished compositions, and that, in future, compositions should not be used merely as useful space-fillers.

I cannot accept G. B. T.'s comment on the unoriginality of the Bristol. It was seen by Stephen Ivlin prior to submission and, although it varies only slightly from his composition, there is only a 5,280 by E. A. Barnett in existence with these particular qualities.

Referring to the final paragraph of G. B. T.'s article it would appear inadvisable to use Singles in Lincolnshire, but I expect someone will attempt to prove me wrong!

Finally, would it not be possible, for the benefit of new recruits to the Exercise, for articles to be signed in full? I'm sure that not everyone will know that G. B. T. stands for Giles B. Thompson.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Note.—The occasional duplication of an item, be it a peal or a composition, is, we regret, probably inevitable if submitted twice. If with our readers' help we could double our circulation we should have both space to print contributions speedily and cash to afford the necessary staff for checking. So long as we are given his name, we accept that some of our contributors prefer publication over their initials only—they risk not being recognised.—Ed.

RINGERS' HOSPITALITY

Dear Sir,—Having just returned from a holiday in London, I would like, through the courtesy of "The Ringing World," to thank the ringers I met whose hospitality and fellowship made my holiday so enjoyable.

Thank you, ringers of Bushey, Isleworth and Putney, whose practices I attended, and Chelsea and Fulham, where I rang on Sunday.

I would add a special note of thanks to the tour party from Norwich and Southampton, who on Saturday afternoon so kindly allowed me to join their party and, with them, to "grab" five towers. This sort of fellowship is the stuff the Exercise is made of.—Yours sincerely,

TERENCE M. FITZGERALD.

Great Crosby, Liverpool.

VETERAN SECRETARY'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted to write and thank you very much for your many kindnesses to me during my 33 years as Eastern District secretary of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers in inserting notices of meetings, etc., in "The Ringing World" so promptly every time.

I have just retired from the position and have been very happy in my job; and you have been very good in helping me in my work. Many thanks.—Yours sincerely,

HORACE S. MORLEY.

Selby, Yorkshire.

We very much appreciate Mr. Morley's kind letter.—Ed.

DOUBLES—UNTRUE COMPOSITIONS

Dear Sir,—Recent rechecking of certain Doubles variations reveals that the methods named by us as Quantum, Xerxes and Yttrium have no true composition for a 120. As a result we are obliged to withdraw a quarter at Leighton Bromswold, May 31st ("Ringing World," page 419); a peal at Breadsall, July 31st ("Ringing World," page 550); two quarters at Kirkby-in-Ashfield, August 22nd and September 5th; and 10,080 at Babworth, September 9th. Our apologies to all concerned.

In answer to Roy Jones' letter ("Ringing World," page 624) I would point out that if, as he claims, he has rung two of these methods under other names, he would be advised to revise his peal lists also.

To Mr. Cattermole's letter on the same page, the reply is that the first three methods have no true composition, and the fourth uses a standard 3-bob calling, providing it does not end with a bob.

In view of the fact that these errors have gone unnoticed, in spite of considerable checking of similar methods, for nearly four months, and having heard of another Doubles ringers' efforts recently coming to grief, I would exhort those trying to expand the field of Doubles variations not only to take care in checking their work, but also constantly to revise their methods and principles of checking, to ensure that they are still valid for the methods being used.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN A. HARRISON,
E. ANDREW HARRISON,
MARTIN J. KIRK.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

About 35 attended the service and tea at the Ashford District meeting at Bethersden on September 11th. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. H. O. Albin, who, in his address, paid tribute to Mr. W. C. Marshall and Mr. Peter Jarvis (both of whom have died this year), for their loyal services to Bethersden ringing. Mr. J. Spree, secretary of the local band, was at the organ, and the lesson was read by Mr. L. Sweatman. The offertory amounted to £1 15s., and was allocated to Pluckley Bell Restoration Fund.

Tea was enjoyed in the Village Hall, and was followed by a short business meeting. On behalf of the visitors, Mr. A. Phelps thanked the Rector for permission to ring the bells and for conducting the service, and Mr. Spree for his invaluable services.

Ringing on this fine six (tenor 15 cwt.) ranged from rounds to Surprise Minor. The striking was, on the whole, good, everybody being inspired by the thought of retribution (in the shape of the dreaded "firing-at-meetings" correspondent) lurking within earshot. Mr. Ring did actually venture as far as the church, but on being recognised decided discretion was the better part of valour, and beat a hasty retreat! Expectant visitors were thus disappointed of receiving any practical (as opposed to literary) benefits from his advice.

C. T. H.

PEMBROKE, PEMB.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Norris 1, S. Rogers (first "inside") 2, E. Lingard 3, P. R. Huntbach 4, Mrs. B. M. Rogers 5, Miss N. M. Rosen 6, P. C. Rogers (cond.) 7, I. Russant 8. First of Triples for all the band. For Evensong. Rung on the eve of the 12th birthday of 2, and as a compliment to Miss Susan Stevens, who is entering Cardiff Training College.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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OBITUARY

MRS. MARY BARKER

Mrs. Mary Barker, of Finchley, died on September 12th, within a month of the death of her husband, Fred, who was a Finchley ringer for 60 years. Although not a ringer herself, she will be remembered by many for her hospitality and friendship to ringers. A. F. W.

MR. G. FAIRALL

In the early hours of September 12th George Fairall passed away after a short illness. He started to ring at Portsmouth Cathedral in 1913 after learning at Ryde, Isle of Wight, while in his teens, under the guidance of Mr. Coombs. Always cheerful, he will be greatly missed by the Cathedral ringers, and his place in the belfry will never be filled.

At the age of 15 he joined the railway and retired after 50 years' service. The funeral was on September 15th at his local church. The Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled for an hour that evening. A. A. J. B.

MR. H. A. PRICE

In Memoriam

The untimely death of Bert Price, the well-known captain at Yatton, Somerset, came as a great shock to all those of us in the Chew Deanery who rang with him over the years and knew him as a man devoted to his church and to his tower.

What he did, he did well; whether as lay preacher, chorister or ringer, and similarly in his wider services to the community as parish clerk and special constable.

His pride in Yatton bells was evident to all who rang with him, and he was instrumental in the recasting and rehanging which produced the fine eight which we ring today.

Triples were his joy, and under his guidance Yatton could ring Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Court Bob, often to the surprise of visitors from afar. If he could end the practice by conducting one of his special touches of Stedman, followed by a good lower, he was more than content.

Bert's peals were few, although he was particularly proud of a peal of Caters at Wells Cathedral in 1949, when he rang the tenor. His main pleasure, apart from the wonderful outings he organised, was to ring his own bells for services as often as possible, and in this he set us the example of what a good tower captain should be.

In extending our sympathy to his wife and family we can only endorse the words spoken by Prebendary Beechey, the previous Vicar of Yatton, at the funeral service: "His faith was simple and strong . . . he was friendly, always ready to help, and happy; he was always faithful to his church and his Vicar, and he is going to be very much missed."

J. B.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6, 8 covering): L. Boxell (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. A. Poolman 2, Miss A. Rowland 3, D. Heath 4, E. V. Williams (cond.) 5, H. Perry 6, W. J. Poolman 7, W. R. Trickey 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Crawley, former churchwarden, who died the previous week.

MR. JOHN E. PRICE

The news of the death of Mr. John Price, of Putney, came as a great shock to us all. He died after being involved in a car accident on the Grantham By-pass on Sunday, September 5th. With him was his fiancée, Miss Gerda Baresel, who is at present recovering from an operation in the Harlow Wood Hospital, Mansfield, Notts.

John was a regular ringer at St. Mary's, Putney, and rang his first peal there on April 6th, 1963. He was a well-liked person and did invaluable service as a driver on our various outings.

The funeral was held at his home town of Knighton, Radnorshire, on Thursday, September 9th. Amongst those who attended the service were ringing friends and representatives of the Air Ministry, where he had been employed since 1960, including two years in the R.A.F. A half-muffled peal was rung at Putney on the same evening by those unable to attend the service. A further attempt for a peal on Saturday, 11th, by other friends came to grief.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and fiancée; he will be greatly missed by us all. C. F. M.

MRS. B. M. SANFORD

The sympathy of many ringing friends is with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Last, of Hoxne, Suffolk, on the death of their only daughter, Mrs. Bertram M. Sanford, at the early age of 37. She passed away at Hartismere Hospital, Eye, on September 11th, leaving her husband and three children.

The funeral service and interment took place at Harkstead, Suffolk, on September 15th. Mr. A. G. Harrison, of Diss, represented the St. Mary's, Diss, ringers. Mr. Last, besides being a member of the Diss ringers and the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers, is the hon. secretary of the Central District of the Suffolk Guild of Ringers. A half-muffled quarter peal was rung on Diss bells the following evening. A. G. H.

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TANFIELD, 1965

"There's nothing under Heaven so blue,
That's fairly worth the travelling to."
(Robert Louis Stevenson).

CERTAINLY the members of the Durham and Newcastle Association, who gathered at Tanfield on Saturday, July 17th, for their annual cricket encounter, considered the journey worthwhile, as conditions for the occasion proved the best yet. In contrast with last year's downpour, the sun put his hat on and came out all day and we had the additional luxury of enjoying the facilities of the Stanley Urban Council's playing field. Good fortune also smiled on the president, Mr. E. P. Rock who in the last year of his triennial period of office was able to lead a team for the first time.

Wickets were pitched shortly after 2.30 p.m. and in consideration of the claims of the other attractions of the day—the tea table and the belfry—it was agreed to restrict play to 12 overs a side. Umpires Bill Tyson (Consett) and Fred Cooke (Darlington) took up their positions and the game was on. Winning the toss, the president elected to bat and in the presence of an expectant gathering of members, Messrs. Arthur and Harrison opened to some hostile bowling from the Lancashire and Whickham contingents. Some good hitting by Harrison soon brought runs, but with the departure of the openers the innings closed at 38 in the prescribed spell. Losing no time, the home side went to the wicket and, despite several bowling changes by the visitors, Harry Thompson and his men maintained a steady scoring rate and reached 35 in 11 overs for the loss of six wickets. With only four balls remaining, the winning "hit" was made with a 4 bye, and the honours were thus retained by Tanfield for another year.

As Tanfield parish is still without a church hall, the members of the Mothers' Union had requisitioned the sitting room of the Pack Horse for tea arrangements, and when all the perspiring players and spectators had been transported thence, a meal that gladdened all hearts was laid before us. The president offered congratulations on victory and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. A. J. Ellery, and the Tanfield protagonists.

Adjournment was made to the Church of St. Margaret, where a special form of Evensong was held. The Ringing Master read the lesson, and the Vicar in an address stressed that our ringing should be not only a call to others to worship but a continual rededication of ourselves to Christ and the work of His Church. The tower and bells now came into their own and members were able to enjoy many good touches and an abundance of traditional fellowship until 9 p.m. K. A.

WORLE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mr. Hallett 1, S. Lewis 2, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 3, J. Coombs 4, J. Lambard 5, G. Kingdon 6. Rung after the marriage of Mr. R. Ballam (ringer at this tower) and Miss C. Fairclough.

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LONG LENGTH

BODENHAM, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 10th. 2,100 Doubles (in 63 methods/variants): K. S. Morton 1, P. D. Sell 2, D. M. Morton 3, J. F. I. Turney 4, M. C. W. Sherwood (cond.) 5. Rung by the Hereford Cathedral School Society.

ABERGAVENNY, MON.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Eckley 1, G. Ward (cond.) 2, M. Smith 3, R. Stephens 4, S. Edwards 5, R. Horsington 6. First quarter 1 and 3. Rung half-muffled in respect of Mrs. Lewis, wife of George Lewis, Deputy Leader, following her interment earlier this day.

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—At St. Peter's Cathedral, on Sept. 6th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: G. C. Pryor (first quarter), 1, Monica E. Collins 2, Kaye W. Lynas 3, J. O. Goulter 4, D. J. Bleby 5, W. B. Pitcher 6, R. K. Russ (first of Triples as cond.) 7, R. A. S. Adams 8. Rung for Synnod Evensong.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (treble leading, tenor covering): Miss S. Bailey 1, T. Gilligan 2, G. Newman 3, H. Craig 4, A. Palmer 5, A. Keen 6, F. Read (cond.) 7, F. Cuss 8. For Evensong.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Southey 1, Mrs. T. Norris 2, T. J. Clark 3, E. Ashby 4, C. Cook 5, R. W. M. Clouston 6, T. H. Norris (cond.) 7, W. S. Gilks 8. Rung with best wishes of the band to Betty Inwood, a local ringer, following her marriage at this church.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. Paton 1, Miss A. Butcher 2, Mrs. M. Stevens 3, Miss B. Jones 4, Mrs. J. Tyler (cond.) 5, Miss G. Mitchell 6. To celebrate the engagement of Miss B. Jones to Mr. D. Burt.

BARNES, SURREY.—On Sept. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. R. Ketteringham 1, Susan E. Smith 2, A. R. Millidge 3, Jean M. Egerton 4, G. W. Shanks 5, K. Warner 6, D. Hewitt 7, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 8. Rung in memory of John E. Price, of Putney.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Mary, Bathwick, on July 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss A. Craner 1, Miss M. Stubbs (first "inside") 2, Mrs. J. Stubbs 3, K. G. Harrison 4, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 5, P. R. Stubbs 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. E. Avery.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Sept. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. A. Benn 1, Allison M. Mann 2, Jean Henderson 3, R. J. Cooles 4, A. R. Millidge 5, D. C. Brookes 6, A. E. Bagworth 7, M. J. Uphill (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of John E. Price.

BIRLINGHAM, WORCS.—On Aug. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (in three methods): Carol Vaughan 1, A. Berry 2, J. Firkins 3, J. Clements (cond.) 4, I. Lloyd 5. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. H. Parsons, on his retirement.

BLAISDON, GLOS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. B. Paton 1, Mrs. M. Stevens 2, Mrs. J. Tyler 3, A. Paton 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, T. Stevens 6. Rung following the marriage of Barbara Jones and David Burt.

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth W. Smith 1, Anne M. Smith 2, Valerie J. Meadows (first of Minor) 3, A. G. Stevens 4, K. C. Knight 5, P. Stevens (cond.) 6.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDS.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Thomas 1, J. H. Thomas 2, J. Bedford 3, J. Clements (cond.) 4, R. Bethel 5, G. Corbett 6.

BROMESBORROW, GLOS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan Doubles: W. E. Spicers 1, L. Smith 2, R. Chew 3, K. Tyler 4, F. Turner (cond.) 5, R. Coppin 6. Rung for the church fete.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, on Sept. 12th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, Miss S. R. Collins 2, R. Stannard 3, W. W. Cousins 4, R. Newson 5, E. H. Mastin 6, C. Cousins 7, W. Goodship 8, N. V. Harding 9, H. Doel 10. For Evensong, also birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Moore.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Maxine Lush 1, Wendy Coombes 2, E. Amey 3, I. Vardy 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5. A 91st birthday compliment to Mr. F. Stedman, of Wyke Rigis.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Blatcher 1, Ann Galloway 2, P. Lane 3, Jennifer Payne 4, R. Hinde 5, D. Manger (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

CHOLSEY, BERKS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,488 Plain Bob Major: Susan Heyworth (first in the method) 1, R. A. Partridge 2, Angela M. Ayres 3, W. Irving 4, J. N. Money 5, J. Beaumont 6, T. W. Palmer 7, G. K. Cook (first in the method as cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell compliment to Angela Ayres, who is taking up a post in London.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (8 covering): O. Claxton 1, A. G. Harrison 3, F. Sutton 4, C. Catchpole 5, R. Churchill 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, E. G. H. Maynard 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Barbara Mary Sanford, aged 37 years, wife of Ernest Sanford and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Last, of Hoxne.

DORCHESTER-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. Freeman (first quarter) 1, A. R. Cope (first of Triples) 2, R. A. Partridge 3, Susan Heyworth 4, M. C. E. Hodge 5, R. M. Heyworth 6, A. J. Howes (cond.) 7, W. Thame 8. Rung for the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.—On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Griffith 1, A. House 2, Mrs. D. Belcham 3, P. Perkins 4, D. Belcham 5, M. Hallett (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Carol Griffith.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Minyon Sutton 1, M. Presland (first quarter) 2, W. A. R. Chamberlain 3, R. D. Bellamy (first as cond.) 4, A. K. Peck 5, D. J. Prescott 6. First quarter by local band for approximately 30 years. Rung for Patronal Festival.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—On Aug. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Taylor 1, W. Robson 2, J. Hedley 3, T. Sewell 4, K. W. Cheeseman 5, E. N. Harrison (cond.) 6, K. Arthur 7, P. Reavely 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Sewell, for their silver wedding.

FILTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,310 Doubles (two methods): G. Gooding (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Morse 2, Miss M. Haslum 3, A. Howard (cond.) 4, D. Haslum 5, F. Sheldon 6. Rung for the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. O. Coleman 1, Sarah Byford 2, J. Russell 3, H. Juhkental 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, R. Sparey (first quarter) 6. For the Patronal Festival service.

HESSLE, EAST YORKS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. Horton 1, R. Jordan 2, V. Beaumont 3, R. Hawtree 4, Rev. F. Ross (cond.) 5, R. Sharp 6. First quarter 1 and 2. For Evensong.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire: Doubles: Annette Taylor (first quarter) 1, I. S. Merry 2, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 3, R. A. Gilliver (first "inside") 4, R. Clayfield 5, J. L. Merry 6. Rung for Evensong.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Mussett 1, S. Christian 2, M. H. Whittell 3, R. W. Lockwood 4, R. J. Southgate 5, R. L. K. Whittell (first as cond.) 6. For Matins.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDY.—On Aug. 8th, 1,263 Stedman Triples: Jeannette Felton 1, Patricia Rogers (first as cond.) 2, Felicity Pocock 3, June Creak 4, C. H. Rogers 5, H. W. Rogers 6, D. M. Boniface 7, R. Collis 8. Also on Sept. 12th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: R. Collis (first of Stedman Caters) 1, Carol Pacey (first of Stedman Caters) 2, Patricia Rogers (first of Stedman Caters as cond.) 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, H. Blagden (first of Stedman Caters) 5, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 6, P. N. Felton 7, C. H. Rogers 8, H. W. Rogers 9, N. Felton 10. Also on Sept. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: June Creak 1, L. Carole Andrews 2, Patricia Rogers 3, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 4, D. W. Struckett 5, C. H. Rogers 6, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, D. M. Boniface 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of John Price, ringer at Putney and Knighton (Radnor), killed September 5th, 1965, in road accident.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. R. Norton 1, E. C. Baker 2, W. H. Neath 3, R. J. Luxton (cond.) 4, A. E. Harris 5, W. T. Baker 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. T. Price, a local ringer.

KIRK ELLA E. YORKS.—On Aug. 12th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Wilson 1, H. C. Palmer 2, G. K. Smith 3, F. C. Hobson 4, I. G. Campbell 5, D. S. Johnson 6. Rung silent and non-conducted.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, YORKS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,440 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Fenwick 1, H. Pickering 2, F. G. Reed 3, J. G. Hobson 4, D. V. Stipetic (comp. and cond.) 5, M. Harding 6. A compliment to the Rev. M. H. Hunt (Precentor) and Joyce Kitching, on their engagement, also a 21st birthday compliment to H. Pickering.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings): Miss J. M. Wood 1, Miss L. Baguley 2, G. Allcock 3, M. Kirk (cond.) 4, E. A. Harrison 5. Also on Aug. 8th, 1,270 Kirkby Doubles: Miss M. Green 1, M. Kirk 2, G. Allcock 3, J. A. Harrison 4, E. A. Harrison (cond.) 5.

LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sept. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. G. Davies-Havard 1, Miss P. Ann Freeman 2, J. Barton-Plumb 3, N. W. Hughes-Simon 4, N. A. Crowther 5, C. J. Aldridge 6, M. Pilgrim 7, H. Stacey (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the second wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Aldridge, of Cardiff. Also a compliment to Miss Margaret Ann Ladd, and Mr. R. A. Large, who were recently engaged.

LEEK WOOTTON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): P. C. Randall 1, A. J. Cox 2, S. Royal (cond.) 3, A. J. Collings 4, P. Bennett 5. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. C. Netleship.

LEYTON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. D. E. Sibson 1, D. Ellisdon 2, C. A. Hughes 3, Miss S. Davis (first in method) 4, K. Warner 5, D. Hewitt 6, W. G. Wilson 7, D. E. Sibson (cond.) 8. Rung for the Michaelmas Ordination of Deacons, and the best wishes of the band are extended to E. J. Sibson, brother of D. E. Sibson, who was ordained as deacon at this service, which was conducted by the Bishop of Barking.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Bunting (nee White) 1, Mrs. R. Deal 2, Mrs. A. Tonge 3, C. Hughes 4, D. Ellisdon 5, A. White 6, C. Willmington (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8. For Evensong.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Sept. 11th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Devall 1, Miss J. M. Yardley 2, Miss J. D. Woolgar 3, M. Matthews 4, B. D. Sims 5, M. F. Hall (cond.) 6. Rung by the St. Mary's, Handsworth, band on tour.

LONDON, W.C.—At St. Clement Danes', Strand, on Sept. 12th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Adrienne Gibson 1, P. J. Munday 2, Sally Parrott 3, R. J. Cooles 4, W. Parrott 5, C. W. Munday 6, W. J. Munton 7, J. C. Davidge 8, D. J. Hereschell (cond.) 9, G. W. Stevens 10. First of Stedman Caters 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10. First of Caters as conductor. For Evensong.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Jean Cunliffe 1, W. Barwell 2, J. Harvey 3, C. Beswick 4, A. Humphrey (cond.) 5, C. Geary 6. First of Doubles "inside" 4. For Evensong.

LOXTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Rice 1, M. G. Dodson 2, M. Hebden (first of Minor "inside") 3, G. Jones 4, G. Hebden 5, W. S. Rice (cond.) 6. Rung in memory of Mr. H. A. Price, of Yatton.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Sept. 12th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: B. Butcher 1, A. Neilson 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Evensong.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Piper 1, A. Chalk 2, M. Gliddon 3, R. Corney 4, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 5, R. J. Hicks 6. First quarter 1, 2, 3, 4. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late R. L. Badcock.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Richardson 1, D. Atfield 2, Joan Hanning 3, K. G. Game 4, A. T. Shelton 5, W. Dunn (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Atwater 1, Marion Dallison 2, W. Dunn 3, G. Charlton 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, K. Dallison 6. For Evensong.

OATLANDS PARK, SURREY.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Hilary Bailey (first quarter) 1, Mrs. N. Broadbridge 2, Jo Munday (first in method) 3, Mrs. V. Smith 4, J. Bailey (first in method and first as cond.) 5, Joan Smith 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 St. Clement's Triples: Miss J. Griffith 1, P. Perkins 2, Mrs. E. Sandwell 3, F. May 4, D. Belcham 5, A. House 6, M. Hallett (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. First method 2 and 3. For Evensong.

HUGH MAKINS' TOUR

Young Ringers' Profitable Week

Organised by Hugh Makins as a learners' tour, and sponsored by the Warwickshire Education Committee, a party of young ringers from Warwick, Kenilworth and Southam set out on Sunday, August 22nd, for a week's ringing in Somerset and Dorset. The writer, who had agreed to act as the party's instructor, was surprised to find that five of them were already able to ring London Minor!

Transported by van to Frome, the party took to cycles and headed for Croscombe. In an unscheduled stop at Shepton Mallet, Mr. J. Rose, a local ringer, joined us in ringing for evensong on a fine-sounding eight. The six bells at Croscombe went well, and some good Spliced Minor was rung.

Next morning, a liberal allowance of time enabled us to ring at Binegar. Our first course of London was rung on the good light six, and the instructor introduced Original with Bobs and Singles. Chewton Mendip's famous octave lived up to its reputation. A sense of anticlimax was felt at Litton, and we moved on to Hinton Blewett, where we found a tuneful five. Compton Martin has an interesting Norman church with a pigeon loft over the fine vaulted chancel. A steady touch of six-spliced was enjoyed. At East Harptree we rang on a very long-rope six.

On Tuesday we rang first at Cheddar on the rather difficult octave before setting off for Axbridge, where a good quarter of Minor was rung on the 20 cwt. six. Later, cycling through the town, we were hailed from a stationary car and complimented on our ringing by its driver, himself a ringer.

From Weare we went to Compton Bishop, where some good ringing was enjoyed on an excellent 12 cwt. six. Rain setting in, a damp band reached Loxton, where the light ring of six is rung from the floor of the tower, which forms the south porch. The doors were shut to exclude the rain and the bells raised in almost total darkness. Later it was decided to reopen the doors as ringing in semi-darkness was found to be not very successful.

Going on to Bleadon, the six there—anticlockwise and with a long draught—were rather difficult. Mr. Toogood, the ringer who stopped us in Axbridge, joined us and invited us to ring at Uphill in the evening, offering to meet us by car at the Youth Hostel at Hutton. After supper we were transported to Uphill, where we spent an enjoyable time ringing in an unusual tower, the base of which is used for seating and is also the main entrance to the church. Ringing takes place among chairs and with visitors passing through the circle of ropes.

Miss M. Legg, the Locking tower secretary, offered to take us to ring at Weston-super-Mare, but there we found a silent tower, practice having been cancelled, so we were whisked off to Wick St. Lawrence, in the depths of the marshes, where we rang some good Doubles.

The captain at Brent Knoll let us ring the excellent 21 cwt. six, and at Mark we were joined by two local ringers in Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. Wedmore's 30 cwt. octave proved rather too much for us. At Meare, the sounds of Oswald Delight attracted the attention of Mr. W. Deason, of Hampton, Middlesex, who came in and rang with us. Miles of flat marshland brought us to Ashcott, obviously the home of a keen and enthusiastic local band. After ringing on the excellent six we stopped at Walton, where we found a pleasant 16 cwt. five, rung from an indescribably dark boiler-house. In the evening, at Street, we rang Triples, helped by two local ringers and Mr. Deason. On Friday, Somerset's 20 cwt. six went well to Original, and at Kingsdon some very slow London was rung with great dignity. West Camel provided a delightful 12 cwt. five, and we rang Orpheus Doubles. The ride to our next tower involved some complicated map reading and the discovery of a short cut to Milborne Port. The good old octave were rung before departing for Stalbridge, where some good Minor, including 12-spliced, was rung.

Our last full day's ringing began on the excellent six at Sturminster Newton, where Single Court on this fine ring of bells was the best ringing of the week. The old Mears' six rung from around the font at Child Okeford went to Grandsire Minor and Spliced Beverley and Cambridge. Shillingstone Church has an easy-going six. A local ringer at Okeford Fitzpaine joined us in Double Court. On Sunday morning we rang a quarter of Bob Minor for service at Hilton, and in the evening, some 130 miles away, joined the local band for evensong ringing at Droitwich, where each bell rope has a sally of different colour.

All seemed agreed that the tour was a useful experience in ringing on heavy sets of bells and long draughts of rope. Some 20 different Minor methods had been rung, including their first touches of Oswald, Worcester, Boatrace, Hereward, London, Single Court, College Bob and Original by most of the band. One of the party rang her first quarter—well-struck Bob Minor, at Hilton.

We are grateful for the kindness shown by local incumbents and ringers, and we would like particularly to thank Mr. Toogood, of Uphill, and Miss Legg (Locking) for arranging extra ringing for us and providing transport. Hugh Makins deserves congratulations on his selection of first-class rings of bells and his ready help in all emergencies. P. C.

BRISTOL CITY STRIKING CONTEST

The recent increase of activity and enthusiasm in the Bristol City Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association reached a climax on Saturday, September 11th, the occasion of a striking competition held at St. Mark's, the Lord Mayor's Chapel. It was the first time such an event had occurred in Bristol, and it was organised on a city basis rather than a branch one.

Eight teams took part, namely Kingsdown, Redcliffe, Cathedral, St. Philip's, St. Stephen's, Stoke Bishop A, Stoke Bishop B and an all-comers' team. Each band was allowed one minute of practice followed by the test piece: two minutes of rounds and 120 Grandsire Doubles. The judges, comfortably installed with paper and pencil in the nearby College of Commerce, were warned of the start of each test piece by two blows of the treble. Marshalling of the competitors and supervision in the tower were ably carried out by John Slater and Albert Tyler.

When all eight teams had performed in order as drawn by ballot, they assembled in the vestry of Christ Church-with St. Ewen's, where the Vicar had kindly arranged for a tea to be provided. Philip Gray, president of the branch, then introduced the two judges, Albert Diserens and Frank Smallwood, to the competitors, after saying that the effects of the striking competition had been noticeable in the city long before the day itself.

Mr. Diserens announced the results of the adjudication, pointing out that he and Mr. Smallwood were unanimous in their marking, and making a few remarks about each team's performance, expressing the hope that these criticisms would be taken as constructive comment.

Mr. Smallwood congratulated the officers on their enterprise in organising the event; encouraged the teams with poor marks to take heart and try again; and said he was impressed with present day ringing in Bristol. He gave full marks for cunning to the two teams who had used their one minute of practice ringing to best effect by ringing changes rather than rounds.

Handsome certificates were then presented to the conductors of the three placed teams: First, Cathedral (4 faults); second, St. Philip's (8 faults); third, Stoke Bishop A (13 faults). After tea and an informal discussion everyone climbed the stairs to the belfry for an hour's general ringing on the ten bells to round off the day. J. R. T.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

In the peal of Spliced Surprise Major at Southampton on August 7th Robert C. Kippin rang the sixth and Noel J. Diserens the tenor. (See also "Belfry Gossip" page 611.)

A quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor rung half-muffled at Bethersden, Kent, on August 22nd, was in memory of Peter Jarvis, "whose faithfulness to the Bethersden band will be long remembered," writes Mr. John E. Spree.

The band that rang the peal of Minor at Peterston-super-Ely on Saturday, September 18th, would like to thank 14-year-old Gwen Bidgood for ringing at very short notice, she being asked at 7.45 a.m.; the peal started at 10 a.m.

Two peals rung on September 18th for the Llandaff Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association brought the Branch's total of peals this year to 36—easily a record for any year. The number of peals rung for the Association this year is so far 43—only seven short of last year's total, which was a record.

It has been discovered that a peal of St. Clement's College Bob Minor has already been rung for the Southwell Diocesan Guild, and the claim is therefore retracted that the peal in this method rung at Barton-in-Fabis on Saturday, August 21st, was the first in the method for the Guild. (See "The Ringing World," page 616.)

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PARTING GIFTS

For their latest meeting the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association met at Ospringe. Always a very happy place for meetings, this one had an air of sorrow. It was to be the last meeting for Wilf and Eileen Palin, of Faversham, who with their three young children, were shortly leaving for Western Australia. Always a popular couple with ringers wherever they went, they will be sorely missed by all. Wilf had been a Ringing Master for the District and had been responsible for getting many ringers to meetings by arranging coaches, and both he and Eileen had done much for the District. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon, there being a break for a wedding (the happy couple thus getting a free wedding ring!) A service was conducted by the Vicar, and the organist was Miss N. Taylor, an old friend of Eileen's.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, the members being the guests of the Ospringe ringers. A short business meeting followed, at which two new members were elected, and the collection was voted towards the cost of repairing the tower of the church. A message was sent to Mrs. Eric Eades, who was unfortunately in hospital. Mrs. F. Farnsworth and her helpers were thanked for preparing the tea and seeing to everyone's needs. The highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a cheque to Wilf and Eileen, a slight token in recognition of all they had done for the District. To take with them they also have a set of handbells given them by another old friend, Mr. Harry Manuel, formerly a ringer at Throwley. Following tea the handbells were brought into use, and further ringing took place at the Parish Church.

Cheerio, Wilf and Eileen; you have all our good wishes for the future and our very grateful thanks for all you have done.

B. J. L.

BRISTOL'S NEW LOOK

Certainly there is a new look in this famous city. Twenty-five years ago it was lying in ruins as a result of enemy action. To-day it is being rapidly rebuilt, and fine new buildings are rising phoenix-like from the ashes. Even St. Mary Redcliffe has been cleaned and is mothering the city, and looking more beautiful than ever.

Ringing has also taken on a new look. All the old misunderstandings, jealousies and quarrels are gone. There is now a very strong group of attractive and capable young people full of enthusiasm and energy who are determined to put Bristol amongst the leading centres of ringing in this country. Under the wise leadership of Philip Gray, J. Taylor and John Hunt they are forging ahead rapidly. Typical practices at the Cathedral disclosed them ringing various Surprise methods, concluding with a touch in eight Sliced Surprise Major methods. At Christ Church a recent practice saw them ringing Spiced Surprise Royal in four methods.

A striking competition (the first in Bristol) was organised with eight teams competing, and a rota system has also been arranged whereby four or more experienced ringers attend the practices in towers where help is needed. Truly Bristol has a new look and the best wishes of all worthy ringers will go out to those who are working so hard and enthusiastically.

JAFUS.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK, ON TELEVISION

The ringers of Hartest, Suffolk, were surprised on their practice night on September 15th by the arrival of a B.B.C. television camera team. Richard S. Seabrook, a local ringer and farmer, was being featured in a farming programme. Bellringing, being his main interest, aroused the producer's curiosity; the ringers were filmed, with close-up shots, whilst ringing a touch.

Bob Minor was recorded amongst difficult conditions with the small ringing chamber inundated with camera men and very bright lights. Anyone in East Anglia can see the B.B.C. programme, "Farming Club," on Sunday, October 3rd, at 1.45 p.m. There will be background sounds of the bells during interviews, shots of the church and recordings in the ringing chamber.

R. H. R.

YOUTHFUL RINGERS AT PEMBROKE

Simon Rogers, of Pembroke, who has been ringing for two years, rang his first quarter on the treble six months ago. He then said it was his ambition to ring "inside" before his 12th birthday. This he managed to do, as he was 12 years old the following day. Miss Susan Stevens, also of Pembroke, has been a ringer for about 18 months, during which time she has regularly attended practices and been a Sunday service ringer. The band are very sorry to lose her and hope that she will continue ringing in Cardiff.

LADIES' GUILD Western District

A quarterly meeting of the Western District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Chewton Mendip on September 11th. A good number of members and friends gathered to enjoy these grand bells, and even the men were heard to pass favourable comments on the service "touch"—a well-struck course of Grandsire Triples by an all-ladies' band.

The service was conducted by the Rev. L. Wilson, Rector of Litton, in the unfortunate absence of the Rector of Chewton Mendip through indisposition. After the service in the church, beautifully decorated for harvest festival, members adjourned to a nearby guest house for tea, at the conclusion of which the president proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and tower master of Chewton Mendip for their hospitality, to the Rector of Litton for taking the service and allowing members to ring at his tower in the evening, and to Mr. Battin, organist at Corston, who had kindly played for the service.

At the short business meeting a report was given on the annual meeting at Eastbourne, and one new member was elected, Miss J. Dodd, of Wrington. Attention of members was drawn to practice meetings at Wrington, Warmley, and St. Michael's, Bath, and to the next meeting (the annual) at Portishead.

After the meeting members went to Litton, where further ringing up to London Minor was enjoyed.

M. de J.

ST. DUNSTAN'S (CANTERBURY)

A consistently blue sky made the annual outing of the St. Dunstan's ringers one of the most enjoyable yet. For the first time a full day was selected and a goodly number of ringers and friends took advantage of this innovation. Our first stop was at St. Margaret's, Barming, where the light six (9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.) have fairly new ropes and the stretch in these was noticeable; the ringing was, however, tolerably good. At the elegant Palladian style Church of St. Lawrence, Mereworth, the 9½ cwt. six sound rather strangely in the fine tower. Methods up to Cambridge were rung.

We then proceeded to our only central tower, in the impressive Victorian Church of St. Giles, Shipbourne, where there is a rough ring of six (10½ cwt.) by T. Lewis, who, we are told, was an organist, and in order to obtain this maiden ring cast no less than 30 bells! An hour and a half break awaited us in Tonbridge, where some individuals partook of their first meal of the day! Then came the extremely pleasant six (8½ cwt.) at Hever, where Cambridge was achieved again but London fired up successively twice. Tea was taken in the appropriately named "Henry VIII," Grace being said by Canon A. L. Lawler, Vicar of St. Dunstan's, whose regular and cheerful presence is always much appreciated. Thanks were accorded to Mr. D. C. Chatfield, the organiser of the outing, by Mr. B. J. Luck. After spending more time in the grounds of Hever Castle, the party was on its way to the interesting tower of Cowden, which is entirely of wood resting upon massive wooden joists carried to the ground. The light six (8 cwt. 2 qr. in A) were soon ringing out, and more than one person noticed that, in spite of the good "go" of the bells, the tower sways visibly during ringing.

Our last call was at St. Mary the Virgin, Hartfield, Sussex, where a notice informed us that after the six bells (12½ cwt. in F sharp) had been hung by Chapman and Mears in 1782 the fifth changed its tone with the weather! It was found to be cracked, and recast in 1783; it is still noticeably out of tune. After a quick trip to the local it was homeward bound to the strains of several well-known songs.

D. L. C.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A successful joint meeting of the Chew and Frome Branches of the Association was held at Chew Magna on September 18th. The bells were kept ringing in various methods and the service touch was rung by an all-Frome Branch band.

After the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. M. Luxmoore-Ball), a company of nearly 60 enjoyed a buffet tea prepared by the ladies in the nearby Church Hall. The Vicar welcomed those present, and in reply Mr. E. J. Chivers, secretary of the Frome Branch, said he hoped to arrange a return visit next year. Further ringing took place at Chew Magna and Chew Stoke during the evening.

J. B.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Christine Andrew Treble	Geoffrey R. Gardner 5
Joyce Grainger 2	John A. Booth 6
*G. Richard King 3	John Robinson 7
Derrick A. Davenport 4	Jeffrey Brannan Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard.

Conducted by John Robinson

* First peal.

A 21st birthday compliment to Geoffrey R. Gardner.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MORPETH, Northumberland.—At the Watch Tower.

On Wed., Aug. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

William Davidson Treble	Andrew Cradock 5
M. Elaine Murcott 2	James Crowther 6
Frank J. Lee 3	Michael Maughan 7
George S. Deas 4	Eric N. Harrison Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivir.

Conducted by Eric N. Harrison.

Rung as a compliment to Elaine Murcott and Frank Lee, on their recent engagement.

MORPETH, Northumberland.—At the Watch Tower.

On Wed., Sept. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 10 cwt. 26 lb. in G
Alan R. Patterson Treble	Rodney A. Yeates 5
George S. Deas 2	James Crowther 6
*Robert C. Woodward 3	Eric N. Harrison 7
William Davidson 4	Michael Maughan Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal of Surprise.

Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Elaine Murcott and Frank Lee, whose wedding took place at Monkseaton the previous Saturday.

CRAMLINGTON, Northumberland.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being 2,160 (C.C.C. 50, 55, 58) and four extents (C.C.C. 31, 32).

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

William A. Thow Treble	William Davidson 4
*Stephen J. Pardoe 2	Michael Maughan 5
Robert C. Woodward 3	Alan R. Paterson Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal "inside"

Rung to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the present church, which took place on September 11th, 1865.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

HATFIELD BROAD OAK Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Fri., Sept. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 16 cwt. in F.
Yvonne A. Murray .. Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 5
*Rosemarie Frith 2	George E. Thoday 6
Ian R. Panton 3	James L. Towler 7
Michael J. Cowling .. 4	Peter G. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Peter G. Brown.

* First peal of Major. 50th peal and first of Major as conductor. Rung with the best wishes of all the band to Philip and Susan Rothera, married on September 11th, 1965, at King's Norton, Birmingham.

EPHING, Essex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20½ cwt

*Ian L. Dear Treble	David E. Belcham 5
Kenneth Warner 2	Frederick W. Ellis 6
Dennis Ellidson 3	Dennis A. Hewitt 7
Michael C. Austin 4	Donald E. Cobb Tenor

Composed by N. Pitslow.

Conducted by Dennis Ellidson.

* First peal.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 108 lb. in D

*Jill M. May Treble	†Dennis G. Blows 6
†Genebeth C. Webb .. 2	†Peter G. Smart 7
*Alan D. Elsmore 3	*Roy Collins 8
†David J. Herschell .. 4	†John F. M. Maybrey .. 9
†Christopher D. J. Webb 5	*Douglas A. R. May .. Tenor

Composed by John Cox

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal on 10 bells. ‡ First of Royal. First of Royal on the bells.

STOKE D'ABERNON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

*Anthony Walker Treble	†Martin Morris 4
†Peter J. Munday 2	John C. Davidge 5
†Sally Parrott 3	David J. Herschell Tenor

Conducted by David J. Herschell

* First peal. † First of Minor ‡ First "inside."

Rung by members of the Leatherhead District.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 14 methods, comprising 448 Bristol, 384 each of Rutland, London, Superlative, Ashted, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Cassiobury, Uxbridge, Lindum and Cambridge, and 192 each of Cray and Cornwall, with 130 changes of method.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

Diana M. Chapman .. Treble	*Bruce Wakefield 5
Michael J. Hobbs 2	*Peter Bridle 6
James R. Taylor 3	Victor Griffin 7
Anthony R. Peake 4	*Gordon W. Land Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First of Major in 14 methods. The tenor ringer has now "circled the tower." The most methods to a peal on the bells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 20 lb.

Janet S. Evenden Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 6
Christopher T. Osenton .. 2	W. Arthur Riddington .. 7
*Leonard Manning 3	John W. Coleman 8
Alexander Waddington .. 4	Martin L. Howe 9
David S. Osenton 5	George E. Evenden Tenor

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of Royal in the method.

Rung as an engagement compliment to the conductor and Valerie Jean White.

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Sept. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Frederick J. Hogan .. Treble	†John W. Gander 5
*Thomas E. Sone 2	†Norman R. Mattingley .. 6
Martin L. Howe 3	John W. Coleman 7
Cyril S. Jarrett 4	*Bernard F. L. Groves .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivir.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* 100th peal together † First peal in the method.

HERNHILL, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 HERNHILL IMPERIAL MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

Percy J. Spice Treble	Arthur S. Richards 5
Ann Jenner 2	Dennis A. Chapman 6
Stanley Jenner 3	Thomas Cullingworth .. 7
Ralph Bird 4	Ian H. Oram Tenor

Composed by John L. Morris.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 320)

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods, viz: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double Oxford, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Single Oxford, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt in F sharp.

Ian H. Oram Treble	Richard G. Crosland .. 4
*Michael H. O'Callaghan 2	D. Paul Smith 5
John Manley 3	Tony Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* First peal "inside"

Rung in the octave of the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ACCRINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., July 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Derek Butterworth .. Treble	J. Barry Pickup 5
Jeffrey Kershaw 2	Edward Jenkins 6
Margaret E. Fort 3	J. Colin Ashworth 7
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 4	Richard J. Parker Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Richard J. Parker.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BURNLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., Aug. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent Cambridge and six Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt

*Maurice Gibbon Treble	Walter E. Wilkinson .. . 4
Mary J. Smith 2	Norman Smith 5
Neil Margerison 3	Richard J. Parker .. . Tenor

Conducted by Richard J. Parker

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung by members of the Sunday service band.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARKET BOSWORTH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BEDFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E.

Alfred Ballard Treble	Geoffrey M. Brewin .. . 5
Malcolm E. Wade .. . 2	A. Maxwell Lindsey .. . 6
W. Ernest Rawson .. . 3	Roland H. Cook 7
Brian S. Chapman .. . 4	Martin C. Faulks .. . Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin

Conducted by Roland H. Cook.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild. 50th peal as conductor.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Kingsley Mason (the band's tenor king!) for a speedy recovery from illness.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SKILLINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Wed., Sept. 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 37 extents Plain Bob and five St. Simon.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in A.

Graham J. N. Colborne .. Treble	Frederick W. Pinchbeck .. 3
Cyril Wright 2	Denis A. Frith 4
H. Reginald Woods .. . Tenor	

Conducted by Graham J. N. Colborne.

First peal of Doubles as conductor.

Rung in memory of Rev. A. S. Hudson, Vicar of this parish, who died on the Matterhorn in 1865, and who donated the bells to the church.

BARROWBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Sept. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, and 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

Thomas A. Relf Treble	David J. Hopkinson .. . 4
William H. Dale 2	Roland W. Morant .. . 5
Denis A. Frith 3	Graham J. N. Colborne .. Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints

On Tues., Sept. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SHENLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A

William S. Deason Treble	H. George Hart 5
Elsie K. Hart 2	Christopher W. Woolley .. 6
Julia A. Fellows 3	John R. Mayne 7
Susan E. Smith 4	David J. Taylor Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

First peal in the method for the Association and by all the band except the ringer of the sixth.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thursday, Sept. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 576 each of Ashted, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 138 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A

C. Edward Lankester .. Treble	John Hill 5
Joan Beresford 2	G. William Critchley .. . 6
Claudia A. Critchley .. . 3	John R. Mayne 7
Alick Cutler 4	Dennis Knox Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

*Mandi McCallion Treble	Eric Young 6
*Barbara Johnson 2	David J. Midgley 7
*Caroline Stewart 3	Raymond Ballard 8
Charles S. Ryles 4	Andrew Thompson 9
T. Leslie Walley 5	G. Arnold Moore Tenor

Composed by J. W. F. Trotman.

Conducted by G. Arnold Moore.

* First peal on ten. First peal of Plain Bob Royal by all the band except the ringer of 8.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Helen Moore and William Packer.

SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., July 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six scores and 1,240. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

William Watkin Treble	*David J. Midgley 4
G. Arnold Moore 2	*I. Leslie Walley 5
*Caroline Stewart 3	Eric Young Tenor

Conducted by G. Arnold Moore.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. G. Arnold Moore has "circled the tower" three times as conductor 50th peal as conductor.

Rung for the wedding of George W. Fletcher and Evelyn Pye.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BLOXHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of Our Lady of Bloxham.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in C sharp.

Paul R. Davis Treble	Frank Osbaldiston .. . 5
Diana Reeves 2	Christopher C. Clarke .. . 6
Pamela E. Powell 3	Michael W. Coleman .. . 7
Ernest G. Jones 4	Robert A. Reeves Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Michael W. Coleman.

First peal in the method for all except the ringer of the sixth.

Rung as a farewell to Frank Osbaldiston, who is leaving the district.

BRIGHTWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Agatha.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's, and two extents of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Sue M. Heyworth Treble	G. Robert Mordaunt .. . 4
Angela M. Ayres 2	Geoffrey K. Cook 5
Roger M. Heyworth 3	Robert A. Partridge .. . Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.

The ringer of the third has now "circled the tower."

Rung as a farewell to Angela Ayres, a ringer at this church, and with the band's best wishes to Susan Howes and Robin Dyke, who were married this day.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEENE, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

E. Ann Sadler Treble	J. Martin Thorley .. . 4
Keith R. Davey 2	Alan G. Payne 5
Christopher J. Groome .. . 3	Roger D. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

A farewell peal for Christopher J. Groome, who is going to Canada.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PRISTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods viz: (1) Childwall Bob, (2) Double Oxford Bob, (3) St. Clement's College Bob, (4) Plain Bob, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

*Robert D. Quartley .. Treble	†Andrew Howard 4
†Charles P. Quartley .. . 2	†Alan Tubbs 5
†David Huddleston .. . 3	Richard O. Humphries .. Tenor

Conducted by Richard O. Humphries.

* First peal of Minor. † Most methods to a peal. ‡ First of Minor "inside" and most methods to a peal of Minor

PRESHUTE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being 2,160 and four different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Alfred W. Johnson .. Treble	†Allan G. Keen 4
Derrick P. Bailey 2	Richard A. G. Inglis .. . 5
*Colin C. Hillier 3	Rev. Roger Keeley Tenor

Conducted by Rev. Roger Keeley.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
APPLEBY MAGNA, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.
Gordon Griffiths Treble Cyril Griffiths 4
John A. Roden 2 Charles F. W. Eyre 5
Gillian Griffiths 3 Barnabas G. Key Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

First of Minor by all except the conductor.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Griffiths, on their 28th wedding anniversary.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

TROWELL, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.
On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 9½ cwt.
George A. Dawson Treble Peter R. Humphrey 4
Margaret E. Chilton 2 Michael Poppleston 5
Charles W. Towers 3 Simon Humphrey Tenor

Conducted by Michael Poppleston.

First peal in the method for all the band.

GAMSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Sept. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Grace Burchnall Treble Harold Denman 4
Katharine Burchnall 2 David D. Parsons 5
A. Harry Hawcroft 3 *Alan Friskney Tenor

Conducted by Grace Burchnall.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Margaret, daughter of ringer of the 4th, to Philip Holmes, which took place at Retford on September 4th.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
On Mon., Sept. 13, 1965, in 1 Hour and 56 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven methods in seven extents: (1) Childwall Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Oxford Bob (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob, all being differently called. Tenor 2½ cwt.

Susanna Poppleston Treble Margaret E. Chilton 4
William L. Exton 2 George A. Dawson 5
Peter R. Humphrey 3 Michael Poppleston Tenor

Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

First peal as conductor. First peal in the methods for all the band and for the Guild.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Tues., Sept. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 8½ cwt.

Clifford R. Lovett Treble †Frank B. Lufkin 6
Ernest G. Pearce 2 Sylvia R. E. Pipe 7
Robert E. Lester 3 *Brian J. Vaughan 8
*Neil V. Avis 4 Walter Arnold 9
*Peter G. Pitt 5 Neville F. Whittell Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal of Royal, † 50th peal for the Guild.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. W. Pipe and E. G. Pearce.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, Suffolk.—At the Norman Tower of the Cathedral Church of St. James.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt in C sharp.

Roderick W. Pipe Treble Edward E. Davey 6
*Janet I. Rogers 2 J. Barry Pickup 7
*Robin H. Rogers 3 H. William Barrett 8
Edwin R. Goate 4 Trevor N. J. Bailey 9
Harry D. Lister 5 George W. Pipe Tenor

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley. Conducted by George W. Pipe.

* First peal of Surprise Royal "inside."

In memoriam Garnham A. Blaxcell, September 12th, 1953.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Fri., Sept. 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 FINBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E.

Ernest G. Pearce Treble *Neville F. Whittell 5
Roger L. K. Whittell 2 H. William Barrett 6
Howard W. Egglestone 3 John R. Mayne 7
Harold W. Leather 4 George W. Pipe Tenor

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by George W. Pipe.

* 100th peal. The first peal in the method—E. W. Tipler's B 10/1.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.
Julie S. Armstrong Treble David C. Brookes 5
Christopher F. Mew 2 Rev. Anthony E. Clayton 6
Alison M. Mann 3 Michael J. Uphill 7
Alan R. Millidge 4 Alan E. Bagworth Tenor

Conducted by Christopher F. Mew

Rung half-muffled in memory of John E. Price, whose funeral was held at Knighton, Radnorshire, earlier this day.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROTHERFIELD, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Denys.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

Lucile M. Corby Treble Ernest J. Ladd 5
*Judith M. Corby 2 William Rogers 6
Ann Jenner 3 Andrew J. Corby 7
Doris E. Colgate 4 Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal in the method "inside."

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Stanley T. A. Russell, for many years ringer, chorister and vergier at this church; also in memoriam Mr. C. Hudson, church worker, who died the previous day.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt.

*Patrick J. Bird Treble †Royston Blackler 7
†David J. Marshall 2 Anthony R. Kench 8
†John T. Parsons 3 †Peter T. Hurcombe 9
†Nicholas W. H. Simon 4 Brian J. Wylde 10
John C. Baldwin 5 *Frank D. Mack 11
Derek M. Sawyer 6 Tudor P. Edwards Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † First of Maximus.

Rung for the baptism of Edwina Mary, daughter of the Succentor of this Cathedral, and for the engagement of Peter Hurcombe to Kathleen J. Churly.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

IGHTHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (ten callings) and one Morris's 240.

Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*John E. Mitchell Treble †S. Alan Scott 4
†Gillian M. Boyd 2 Alan H. Sturgess 5
†Jennifer M. Tyack 3 †John W. Stevenson Tenor

Conducted by Alan H. Sturgess.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

Rung by members of the Fareham band to mark the institution and induction of the Rector, Rev. A. H. Watkins, M.A., formerly Vicar of Fareham.

FINBOROUGH S. MAJOR:

—58—14—56—16—34—58—16—16. 58
2nds place i.e. 4ths place bob.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CLAINES, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Roland H. Cook Treble	J. Edward Cawser 6
*Sheila Parsons 2	Alan Evans 7
Beryl E. Cawser 3	B. John Hodgetts 8
Joseph W. Cotton 4	†E. Alan Jacques 9
W. Ernest Rawson 5	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by James George.

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

* First peal. † First of Royal in the method.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HOLME-ON-SPALDING MOOR, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of York, London, Wells, Norwich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

David S. Johnson Treble	Ronald Ducker 4
Iris Lemare 2	Howard C. Palmer 5
Frances Fairbank 3	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrooke Lane.

On Fri., Sept. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Jack L. Millhouse 1—2	Geoffrey R. Parker 5—6
Margaret A. Parker 3—4	Peter A. Sharp 7—8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

STONELEIGH, Surrey.—At 53, Bradstock Road.

On Fri., Sept. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Susan M. Newman 1—2	†Michael J. Bangham 5—6
William H. Jackson 3—4	*Kenneth Newman 7—8

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by William H. Jackson.

* First peal "in hand." † First "in hand" on eight bells.

POINTS FROM PEALS

By REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

This article deals with peals during the first seven months of this year, with one or two from last year which were published late. Thus, we shall then be up to date for once!

The number of unpealed towers gradually diminishes as time goes on. Thus now that Liverpool Cathedral and Guildford Cathedral have had peals, there would appear to be no unconquered 12's or 10's. I think 20 8's have still to have a peal, but nine of these are said to be unringable. I expect other reasons prevent the remainder from having a peal attempt on them. They are Irtton and Silloth in Cumberland; Barnstaple, Exeter, St. Mark, Ilfracombe, SS. Philip and James, Kingsbridge, in Devon; Barkingside in Essex; Alcester and Ullenhall in Warwickshire; Pocklington in Yorkshire; Denbigh in Denbighshire. Actually, this last period under review is unusual in having first peals on a 12, a 10 and an 8. The first two have already been mentioned—the 8 is Culmstock in Devon. There are still some hundreds of 6's and 5's which have not had a peal—mostly in Devon and Cornwall, so there is still plenty of opportunity for those who like to be the first in the field. The number is being reduced by about 20 to 30 a year, so I think there is a 30- to 40-year supply at that rate! This time I support the claim of the following towers to have had first on the bells (apart from the three above): Blyton, Kingskerswell, East Chinnock, Langport, Rowington, Cury, Kimbolton, Pluckley, Bale, South Benfleet, Chute Forest, Oulton, Clovelly, Combe St. Nicholas, Holford, Pitney, Scole and Morval. Also Haslingfield seems to have had its first peal although it was not claimed as such. In a slightly different way, Oxford, Carfax, has also had its first peal. I say that because there was one in 1945 which apparently proved to be false.

As for numbers of peals, Loughborough Bell Foundry has already passed its first 100 towards its second thousand. Apart from that, the only tower passing a milestone greater than 100 is North Stoneham which completed its 300th peal. Centuries were reached by Burton-on-Stather, Trowbridge, Bedford, St. Paul, Kirby-le-Soken (as claimed) and Wicken. I thought Milnrow was also amongst this list, but I find (through not looking up the old peals there) that it must have reached the century in 1963 and that I missed the occasion. The 50 mark was achieved by Stratton St. Margaret; Oakham; Neath; Skipton in Craven; Beckenham; Cambridge, St. Andrew; Sutterton; Retford; Bournemouth, St. Peter (as claimed); Bristol, St. Michael; Creswell; Penistone; Bottesford; North Elmham; West Deeping; Husborne Crawley; Rawmarsh.

In my last article I said I would mention Birmingham Cathedral this time. The reason for doing so is that the position at the top

of the league table has changed, which doesn't happen very often. Crayford for a long time was top, after taking the lead from Erith, St. John, in 1944 at the 405 mark. It was the first tower to reach 500 peals in 1952, some six months before even the Loughborough Bell Foundry did so. It was in February, 1953, a year after the 500th peal, that the Bell Foundry overtook it and has held the lead ever since, of course! But Crayford remained the church with most peals until Erith caught up again in May, 1957, since when it has kept second place behind the Foundry. But now, after a very long time in the lead—at least 30 years at a guess—Erith and Crayford have been separated as far as peals on church bells are concerned, for Birmingham Cathedral has now passed the Crayford total and so becomes second to Erith. We don't see many peals at Crayford these days and it may be that one or two other towers will catch it up in the next few years. But even so, it will always go down to history as the first tower with 500 peals.

Whilst still on numbers of peals, there have been one or two occasions where I have not agreed with claims. Hornchurch I made 59 peals, not 50; Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Peter, I made 299 not 300; and Old Swinford I made 76 not 75.

Now the usual list of rare visitors to the peal columns. The peal at South Mymms was the first this century, as claimed. Only two peals had been rung here previously, both in 1899. Both Peterston-super-Ely and Winston had their only previous peal in 1905, 60 years ago. Two towers also were last heard in a peal in 1912—Radyr (which also had two peals in 1911) and Church Lench (as claimed). The only previous peal at Covehithe was in 1913 and at Floore in 1915 (as footnote). It is rather unusual for a tower to have had its only previous peal in the middle of the Great War. Most readers will have realised that the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, appears very rarely in the peal columns, so it was an event to see it again after a lapse of 40 years. Before the 1924 peal there had been three—one in each year 1902, 1903 and 1904. As stated in the footnote, the last (and only) peal at St. Athan previously was in 1925. Both Walton-on-Thames and Devizes, St. Mary, last had peals in 1927. Peals were not uncommon at the former before the 1914 war—ten were rung from 1885 to 1910, but the 1927 one was the only one between the wars. Only two other peals had been rung at Devizes—in 1908 and 1923. As mentioned at the time, Brighton, The Good Shepherd Church, had its last previous peal in 1929. There was also one in 1923. The claim at Leigh (Surrey) was also correct—last peal in 1931 (previous ones here in 1900 and 1905). Geddington likewise was last in the peal lists in 1931. Five peals were

rung here from 1908 to 1914 and also one in 1926. Mallong and Llanbradach last appeared in 1932. The former has only had four peals in all now (1930, 1932 (two) and 1965), but the latter had 16 peals from 1911 to 1932—about one a year disregarding the war years. Peals are rare at Castle Bromwich and Haringworth—both heard last in 1933. Before that there had only been one at the first tower—in 1925, and two at the second—in 1913 and 1932. The only previous peal at Chirton was in 1935, but Worlingworth (last peal in 1936, as claimed) was a popular tower in the 1920's. Five peals were rung here when it was a 6-bell tower from 1891 to 1893. After augmentation, 27 peals were rung from 1908 to 1914 and no less than 44 in the eight years from 1919 to 1926 (12 of them in 1921). Then peal ringing suddenly dwindled—one peal in 1927, two in 1929 and one each in 1930, 1933 and 1936 (the last). So although the tower reached 50 peals in 1921, its total is still only 84 (I see a second peal has been rung recently, so perhaps we shall see the name more frequently again). Beeston has a similar history, its heyday being just before the first war. In the last century there were 15 peals from 1878 to 1898, then 20 from 1902 to 1914. Nine more were rung from 1919 to 1927 and then single peals in the years 1932, 1934 and 1937 (the last until now). The peal at Upwell on May 1st last was claimed as the first since 1896. I fear this was wrong. I have no record of a peal in 1896, to start with, and there have been two peals before this year—one in 1926 and the other in 1937. Also last heard in a peal in 1937 is Wanstrom. Before that year there had been five peals from 1919 to 1935. Finally, in this section, I confirm that the last peal at Aberdare was in 1938. The first peal was in 1911 and there were four rung from 1936 to 1938. All have been Triples (including this year's)—four Grandsire and two Stedman. So what about a peal of Major!

Finally, a few other items of interest. I confirm that the peal of Yorkshire Major was the first of Surprise Major at St. John's, Cardiff. There are several surprising points about this tower. The one just mentioned is since the peal total of the tower is 152. There has only been one peal of Surprise before—Cambridge Royal in 1952. There have only been 16 peals in even bell methods, viz. (apart from the two just mentioned), seven of Bob Royal, four of Bob Major and three Kent T.B. Royal. The remaining 136 peals are Grandsire Caters 76, Triples 36; Stedman Caters 19, Triples 4; Erin Caters 1. The peal at Plympton St. Maurice was not the first of Major. Double Norwich was rung there in 1895—first peal on the bells. I confirm the peal at Huntsham as the first of Surprise. The only Major previously has been Kent T.B. in 1875 and 1878. Grandsire Triples was rung in 1874. (1875) (two), 1877 (two), 1880, 1883, 1884, 1923 and 1946, and Stedman Triples in 1879. Total for the tower now, 14.

ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF MINOR METHODS

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"S" continued.

ST. WERBURGH DELIGHT

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.5. 2nds 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

ST. WILFRID

x 36 x 16 x 56 x 36 x 34 x 3. 6ths 46532.
William Walker, "Bell News," 1882-83.

SALISBURY BOB

See York Delight.

SALTWOOD SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 123 x 12 x 5. 2nds 42635.
Single change method.

SAM JEACOCK

See St. Asaph.

SANDAL DELIGHT (I)

x 34 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 14 x 5. 2nds 36245.
In William Woodcock's notebook.

SANDAL DELIGHT (II)

See Duke of Norfolk.

SANDAL TREBLE BOB

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 5. 6ths 56342.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

SANDIACRE SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 3. 2nds 42635.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

SANDIACRE TREBLE BOB

See Trinity Sunday.

SCAWTHORPE ALLIANCE

See Swancombe Alliance.

SCHOLES DELIGHT

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.3. 6ths 65243.

SEATON DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.3. 4ths 64235.

SEDESLECOMBE SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 123 x 14 x 5. 2nds 42635.
Single change method.

SELBY DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.5. 6ths 34625.

SELKIRK COURT BOB

x 14 x 16.34.5. 6ths 46532.
Handbells, November 16th, 1964.

SEPULCHRES DOUBLE

See Bala Bob.

SETTLE DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.5. 4ths 35642.

SHALFORD DELIGHT

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 123 x 34 x 3. 2nds 35264.
Single change method.

SHAMROCK TREBLE BOB

See Waterford.

SHARNBROOK ALLIANCE

x 14 x 36 x 12 x 5. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

SHEFFIELD SURPRISE

An arrangement made in 1903 by A. Nash, of Wath-on-Dearne, which unfortunately turned out to be false. The middle sections (identical with Ludlow) were always retained as Sheffield S. when building up new methods in the Wath-on-Dearne tower.

SHELLEY DELIGHT

See Waltham Delight

SHENFIELD ALLIANCE

x 14 x 16.34 x 14.3. 2nds 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

SHERBORNE DELIGHT

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 3. 6ths 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

SHIPWAY'S PRINCIPLE

	Reverse
123456	123456
214365	214365
124635	124635
142653	142653
416235	416235
461253	461253
642135	413652
624153	143562
261435	415326
216453	145236
	412563
126543	
215634	421536
251643	241356
526134	423165
562143	243615
651234	426351
615243	246531
162534	425613
	245163

In Shipway's book of 1816. Based on Stedman's Principle.

SIBSEY SPECIAL ALLIANCE

34.16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 1. 2nds 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1961. See, however, Gosberton S.A.

SILKSTONE DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 56 x 36 x 34 x 1. 4ths 45362.
Addy's notebook, 1865.

SILKSTONE TREBLE BOB (I)

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.5. 4ths 35642.

SILKSTONE TREBLE BOB (II)

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.3. 4ths 45362.
According to A. Gill.

SILK WILLOUGHBY SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 12.3. 6ths 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1961

SILVER BELLS

x 36 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 12 x 5. 6ths 34625.
William Woodcock's notebook.

SINGLE BOB (MINOR)

See Plain Bob and Double Bob.

SINGLE COURT

x 14 x 16 x 1. 6ths 35264.
Nottingham Trebles and Doubles in "Campanologia," 1677; London Single Bob early editions of "Campanologia," 1702, changed to Court Single Bob in later editions; London Single in Annable's notebook; not mentioned in "Clavis" but Court Bob in "Shipway" 1816; Court in C.C. Collection, 1907, and later editions.

SINGLE ONEORD

x 14 x 16 x 1. 2nds 56342.
See Oxford Bob.

SKIPTON DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.5. 6ths 56342.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907. Also called Linden.

SLEAFORD SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.5. 2nds 42563.

SLAITHWAITE TREBLE BOB

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 3. 2nds 42563.

"S" to be continued.

QUARTER PEALS

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Howard Meek 1, W. Spiers 2, L. Smith 3, J. Harpur 4, E. Penn 5, D. Bowers 6, K. Tyler (cond.) 7, Harold Meek 8. 4, 6, 8 cover, Rung for Evensong. Also on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: G. Bevan 1, L. Smith 2, Howard Meek 3, A. Paton 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Arthur Howells, churchwarden.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: Mrs. Waller 1, E. H. Smith 2, R. A. Henbest (first "inside") 3, G. F. Henbest 4, F. G. Henbest (first as cond.) 5, G. A. Waller 6. First quarter 4 and 6.

SKILLINGTON, Lincs.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. A. Frith (cond.) 1, R. W. Morant 2, D. J. Hopkinson 3, J. Jordan 4, G. J. N. Colborne 5.

STOKE ROCHFORD, Lincs.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): D. J. Hopkinson 1, R. W. Morant 2, J. Jordan 3, D. A. Frith (cond.) 4, G. J. N. Colborne 5.

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Margaret A. Bould 1, Valerie J. Howard 2, A. E. Bissett 3, H. Heard 4, H. Stacey 5, H. Trewin 6, D. R. Bould 7, J. A. Howard (cond.) 8. An engagement compliment to Margaret Ladd and Raymond Large, also for the birthday of Henry Trewin, and the 20th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. Crowell.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,184 Cambridge S. Major: M. Penny 1, Miss J. Davidge (first of Surprise) 2, B. Bladon 3, Miss P. Lansley (first of Surprise Major) 4, E. W. Ford 5, M. A. New (first in method) 6, A. R. Peake (cond.) 7, G. W. Land 8. A farewell to Michael D. Penny, who is leaving Swindon for Marlborough College.

TOLLESBURY, ESSEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Betts (first quarter) 1, T. Frost 2, R. Leavett (cond.) 3, K. Griggs 4, J. Clarke (first of Doubles) 5, A. Palmer 6. Rung for Evensong, and as a compliment to Miss D. Betts, on entering Derby Teachers' Training College.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Angela W. Burgess 1, Sheila M. Dobbie 2, L. T. Pope 3, Hilary A. Swallow 4, G. Fry 5, J. C. Carpenter 6, W. H. Dobbie (cond.) 7, D. W. Woodcock 8. First in method 1, 4, 5, Rung as a compliment to Margaret A. Ladd and Raymond A. Large, on their engagement, and to Hilary A. Swallow, for her 21st birthday.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Anne Pearce (first on eight) 1, G. F. Dunstan 2, Mary Carveth 3, A. Locke 4, G. D. Carter 5, D. A. Trethewey (first on eight "inside") 6, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 7, A. Carveth 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the Dean of Truro and Mrs. Lloyd.

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NOTICES

BIRTHS

BARTHOLOMEW.—On Tuesday, August 31st, 1965, at the Watford Maternity Hospital, to Mary (nee Carnochan) and Donald, twin daughters, Sandra Jill and Helen Ruth, sisters for Linda and Andrew. 7653

BLAGROVE.—On Sept. 11th, 1965, at Salisbury, Rhodesia, to Monica and Frank, a son, Ian. 7660

GILBERT.—On September 22nd, 1965, at Southmead Hospital, Bristol, to Barbara (nee Tarrant) and John Henry, of Long Ashton, a 7½lb. daughter, Joanna Helen. 7696

HANDBELLS WANTED

URGENTLY WANTED.—Set of handbells for tune and method ringing. Please send particulars of description and price to Mrs. Catlin, Lymington Secondary School, Lymington Road, Dagenham, Essex. 7693

FOUND

A GENTLEMAN'S WRIST WATCH was found at the Peterborough Diocesan Guild summer festival in the Brackley area on Saturday, September 4th. Would owner please contact the Guild Secretary, E. Billings, 61, Melville Street, Northampton. 7683

ADDRESS WANTED

Will Mr. D. W. Bailey, late of Coton House, Churchover, near Rugby, please notify "The Ringing World" of his new address, as his "R.W." copy has been returned?

PUBLICATIONS

"THE CHURCH BELLS OF GUERNSEY. ALDERNEY AND SARK." price 8s. 9d., post free, to be obtained from the author, Mr Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester Oxfordshire. 7259

"THE THEORY OF CHANGE RINGING." by A. W. I. Cleaver; 3s. (3/6 post free), from Hilton, 19 Lonewood Way Hadlow, Tonbridge Kent A few copies are also available of "Joseph Hatch, the Ulcombe Bell-founder," 1/10 post free. 7543

MISCELLANEOUS

ASHFORD, KENT.—The rehung ring of eight bells (tenor 21½ cwt.) will be rehallowed at Evensong on Sunday, October 3rd, by the Bishop of Dover. All ringers welcome to 6.30 p.m. service; general ringing should be available after the service. 7662

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—St. Andrew's Church, Congresbury, will be holding a Tower Sunday, first Sunday in October. Ringing from 5 p.m. until the service and after harvest service. All ringers welcome. 7635

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dinner and dance at Newlands Corner Hotel, near Guildford, on Saturday, October 23rd, at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Names and remittance of £1 1s. per person to Mr. P. Sherwood, East Wyke Farm, Ash, Aldershot, by October 16th. 7635

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Will members please note that the practice meeting due to be held at Wrington on October 7th has had to be postponed to October 28th, when bells will be available from 7-9 p.m. 7671

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The Society welcomes all new members of the university and invites them to contact the Secretary, John L. Riley, at 28, Montreal Road, Blackburn Lancs, as soon as possible. 7635

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Service ringing, Sunday, October 10th, 10 a.m. St. Mary Magdalene. 10.30 a.m. St. Ebbe. Business meeting, Tuesday, October 12th, 8.15 p.m., North Lecture Room, St. John's. All freshmen welcome.—R. M. Heyworth (University). 7605

SWINESHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.—Flower Festival, October 1st-4th, 1965. Bells (8) available Saturday, 2nd. 2.30-8.30 p.m.; Sunday, 10.30-11 a.m., 5.30-6.30 p.m. Light refreshments available on Saturday. 7651

SUSSEX UNIVERSITY GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Would all freshers coming in October please contact Michael Bew, Norwich House, University of Sussex.—Falmer, Brighton, Sussex. 7709

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, EXMOUTH. DEVON.—Ringers' Evensong, 6.30, Sunday October 10th. Bells (8) from 5 p.m. and after service. All welcome. Lightest six at 7, Bapton Lane, also available. 7664

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Othry, Saturday, October 2nd. Bells (5) 3 and 6.30-8 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Moorlynn (6) 7.30-9 p.m. Names for tea a must.—K. Prime, Ashcott. 7634

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, October 2nd, Sharnbrook (6). Bells 3.30 till tea. Bletsoe (6) after meeting. Names to Mr. R. Lucas, 31, Normans Road, Sharnbrook, or phone Bedford 68379. 7665

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—The next meeting will be held at Radway on October 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells after tea also. It is hoped that Oxhill bells will be available in the evening. Names for tea to P. S. Bennett, College Farm, Bearley, Stratford-upon-Avon (S-upon-A 5701). 7636

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Dudley, on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea must be forwarded to me. Netherton (8) will be available in the evening, if required.—M. D. Fellows, Sec., 14, Western Road, Stourbridge, Worcs. 7583

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Stevenage on October 2nd at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5. Service 6.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7633

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual District meeting will be held at Tonbridge on October 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and Meeting at 5 p.m. Names for tea. Please, to W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Sec., 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge. 7593

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Cups of tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Everyone welcome.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 7680

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Monthly meeting, Saturday, October 2nd, at St. Peter's, Newton-le-Willows (8), 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Mawdesley, 51, Birley Street, Newton-le-Willows. All visitors welcome.—D. R. Jones, Hon. Sec. 7625

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Ratby, Saturday, October 2nd. Bells 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—A. J. Poynton, Dis. Sec. 7646

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Bourne, Saturday, October 2nd. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to the Rev. Canon H. P. Laurence, The Vicarage, Bourne, Lincs.—F. G. Vickers, Hon. Sec. 7625

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—"Riverside Ringing Festival," Saturday, October 2nd. Shepperton (5) 2-3 p.m. Sunbury (8) 3-4.30. Tea in Parish Hall, Hampton, at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting and evening ringing at Hampton (8). Names for tea to me, please, at 12, Cardinal's Walk, Hampton.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7592

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Horton on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea (at 7s. 6d. each) to Mr. W. H. Heath, Horton Lodge Bungalow, Heath House Lane, Rudyard.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 7691

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The autumn general meeting will be held at Wokingham, Berks, on Saturday, October 2nd. Meeting in the Masonic Hall at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4. Service in St. Paul's Church at 5 p.m. Please park in Hall car park and not on road. Tea tickets (3s. 3d. each) on application to Miss D. J. Pollard, 49, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, Berks. Ringing arrangements will be sent out with tea tickets or on receipt of s.a.e. Names for tea.—M. R. Cross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7546

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Meeting, Cottingham (5), October 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at East Carlton (6) with ringing afterwards. Names, please, to Mr. H. Balshaw, Two Chimneys, Middleton.—M. A. C. 7710

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Hazelbech, Saturday, October 2nd. Tea arranged.—J. E. Goddard. 7694

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Eastington, Saturday, October 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (4s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mrs. J. Bradshaw, High Street, Eastington, Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7689

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Penistone and Wortley, Saturday, October 2nd. Penistone bells 3 till 5; Wortley bells 6 p.m. onwards. Names for tea, please, to Mr. A. Champion, 32, Church View Road, Penistone.—J. Seager, Sec. 7643

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, October 2nd, Wingfield (6). 6.30-9 p.m. Ringers also invited to ring before and after the induction service for the Rev. W. G. Muir at 2.30 p.m. Teas can be reserved by applying to Mr. C. Brown, Church Road, Wingfield, Diss. Norfolk.—L. E. L. 7591

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

(Northern Division).

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Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5. Bells 6-7 p.m., followed by social in Village Hall. All ringers welcome.

Names to G. Francis, 35, Friday Street, Warnham. 7639

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting, Kingsclere, October 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. Pares, Priory House, Kingsclere, near Newbury Sydmonton bells after tea. 7627

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields' (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station), on Monday, October 4th, at 7 p.m.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice meeting at Elkstone (5) on Wednesday, October 6th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Homfray, Branch Sec. 7612

BARNLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham, Saturday, October 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. Please bring food.—J. W. Buxton. 7707

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, East Harptree, Saturday, October 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Talbot, The Bungalow, East Harptree, near Bristol.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 7686

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting, Saturday, October 9th. Stotfold. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. onwards. Usual arrangements. Everyone welcome.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 7678

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Joint meeting with Cambridge District and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY at Longstanton on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.30 p.m. 7667

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Rayleigh on October 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to M. J. Hallett, 180, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, by Thursday, October 7th. 7642

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—Meeting at Kirby-le-Soken, Saturday, October 9th. Service 4.15 followed by tea Names to Mr. U. W. Wildney, The Croft Edith Road, Kirby-le-Soken, Frinton-on-Sea. 7652

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Oakford on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea by previous Thursday to G. W. Hollis, Roseneath Avenue, Tiverton. 7690

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Hemyock, Saturday, October 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Ringing after meeting Names for tea to L. J. Hart, Hazeldene Hemyock, by October 6th.—R. C. Woodley Sec. 7640

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at Minety on October 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cups of tea only in schoolroom 5.15 p.m.; bring food. Oaksey (6) 6-8 p.m.—Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon. 7640

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Great Gaddesden (6), October 9th. Names for tea to R. Goldsney, 4, Water End, Hemel Hempstead. 7699

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual General District Meeting at Folkestone, Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8, 25 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. J. Whittaker, 76, Surrenden Road, Folkestone, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 7650

LADIES' GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, October 9th, 1965, at Launceston, Cornwall. St. Thomas' (6) 2.30-4.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Church Hall 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Ringing at St. Mary's 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, October 4th.—Mrs. P. Burnham, Branch Sec., 60, Above Town, Dartmouth. 7657

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—G. Cheetham. 7681

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting, October 9th at Kegworth. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. M. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough, Leics. 7661

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Wanlip on Saturday, October 9th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 Tea 5 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. T. C. Belton, 68, Elmfield Avenue, Birstall, Leicester, by Friday, October 8th.—M. D. Barsby, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7666

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Blaenavon, October 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. G. Jones, "Nantllechan House," High Street, Blaenavon, Mon. 7669

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—October 9th, St. Mary's, Church Road, Battersea, 2-3 p.m. St. Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea, 3.30-4.30 p.m. St. Mary Abbots', Church Street, Kensington. Business 6 p.m. Ringing after.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 7692

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. 7700

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, October 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. Hunt, 5, Cheriton Close, Newbury. 7697

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Culworth Branch.—Meeting, Brackley, Saturday, October 9th. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 7673

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Meeting, Davenport, Saturday, October 9th. Names for tea to Mr. H. Johnson, Greenford, Badby Road, West, Davenport, by Tuesday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 7658

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—Meeting, Stoke Doyle on Saturday, October 9th. Ringing, Wadenhoe, in evening. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by 5th to Hinton, Police Station, Warrington, Peterborough. 7682

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Handsworth, October 9th. Striking competition to commence at 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Open ringing afterwards.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 7708

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, October 9th. Bells available: Ryton (5), 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Stockton (6) 3 to 4.30 and from 6 to 8; Sutton Maddock (5), 6.30 to 8 p.m. Service at Stockton 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for teas must be sent to Mrs. H. F. Evans, 5, Cheswardine Lane, Norton, Shifnal, Salop, by Wednesday, October 6th. No names no teas.—E. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7695

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Granby, October 9th. Bells 3. Tea 4.45. Service 6. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Owen's, Whetton, by Wednesday previous.—R. Blackshaw. 7706

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Notts.—Meeting at Laxton on October 9th. Names for tea to D. Chambers, Dovecote Cottage, Laxton, by Thursday, 7th. 7701

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Annual General Meeting at West Stow (6). Saturday, October 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Please do help the tea caterers by sending names for tea to A. F. Ballam, Hall Cottage, West Stow, Bury St. Edmunds, by Wednesday, October 6th. 7641

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Quarterly meeting at Mortlake on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at Richmond (8). Names for tea to B. Bull, Asst. Sec., 68, Gowan Avenue, London S.W.6, by October 5th. 7565

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—Practice meeting on Saturday, October 9th, at Petersfield. Bells 6.30-9 p.m. 7698

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—General Committee in Church House, Leicester, Monday, October 11th, at 7.45.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7705

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting, Bredenbury, October 16th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea 5 p.m. by reservation only. Numbers to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard, by 14th at latest, please. 7668

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual District meeting at Maidstone, Saturday, October 16th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Cullingworth, 45, Holtye Crescent, Maidstone.—M. L. Howe, Dis. Sec. 7702

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Quarterly meeting, October 16th. Bells: Narborough (6) 2-2.30; Whetstone (6) 2.30-3; Blaby (5) 3-3.30; South Wigston (8) 3.15-4; Aylestone (8) 4.25 and after meeting. Service St. Andrew's, Aylestone, 4.30. Tea (followed by meeting) 5, British Legion Hall, Middleton Street (almost opposite church). Names for tea to A. J. Poyner, 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leicester, by October 13th. —B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7703

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Meeting, Saturday, October 16th, at Enville. Bells (8) available 3-4.25 p.m. Committee meeting 3. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Further ringing during evening. —C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 7589

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, Preston Candover, not Crawley, Saturday, October 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to Miss P. Hornby, The Rectory, Bramdean, Alresford, by Wednesday, October 13th. 7676

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of the Winchester D.G. will be held at Crawley and Sparsholt on Saturday, October 16th, at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by previous Monday, please. 7644

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Jasper Snowdon Dinner at the Co-operative Restaurant Rotherham, on October 16th at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (16/6 each) from Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 10, Pye Bank Close, Sheffield 3, by October 2nd, stating all names, please. Towers open for ringing: Handsworth (8) 11.30-12.30, St. Marie's R.C., Norfolk Row, Sheffield (8) 1.30-3, Sheffield Cathedral (12) 3.15-5, Rotherham Parish Church (10), 4.30-6. The well-known Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers will entertain. Out-county visitors will be particularly welcome.—N. Chaddock, J. J. L. Gilbert. 7655

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—Dedication of new treble bell on Sunday, October 17th, at 11 a.m. Matins, by Ven. W. N. Welch, M.A., Archdeacon of Southend. Bells now a light ring of six (tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.) available 12 noon until 6.30 Evensong. Lunch available, 2 mins. walk, 1 p.m., 2s. 6d. per head. Please notify Miss B. Fisher, 49, Hatch Road, Brentwood, before October 14th. Everybody welcome. 7684

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Dinner and Social in Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, October 23rd, 6 for 6.30. Chief guest the Provost of Leicester. Tickets (18/6) from J. M. Jelley, 17, Linley Green, Cosby, Leicester, by October 16th. Bells: St. Mary-de Castro's (8) 2.30-3.30; Cathedral (12) 3.30-4.30.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7704

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 23rd, 1965, at the Co-operative Hall, The Trinity, Worcester, at 6.15 p.m. Entertainment after dinner. The Guest of Honour will be the President of the Central Council. Bells: Cathedral, 3.30-5 p.m.; All Saints', 4.30-6 p.m. Tickets 13s. 6d. from Gen. Sec. and Branch Secs. until October 18th. —D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 7675

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandshire Triples: K. Underwood 1, Miss J. Cleve 2, Miss C. White 3, W. Savile 4, J. Collier 5, P. Sherwood 6, D. Tubbs (cond.) 7, C. Syfield 8.

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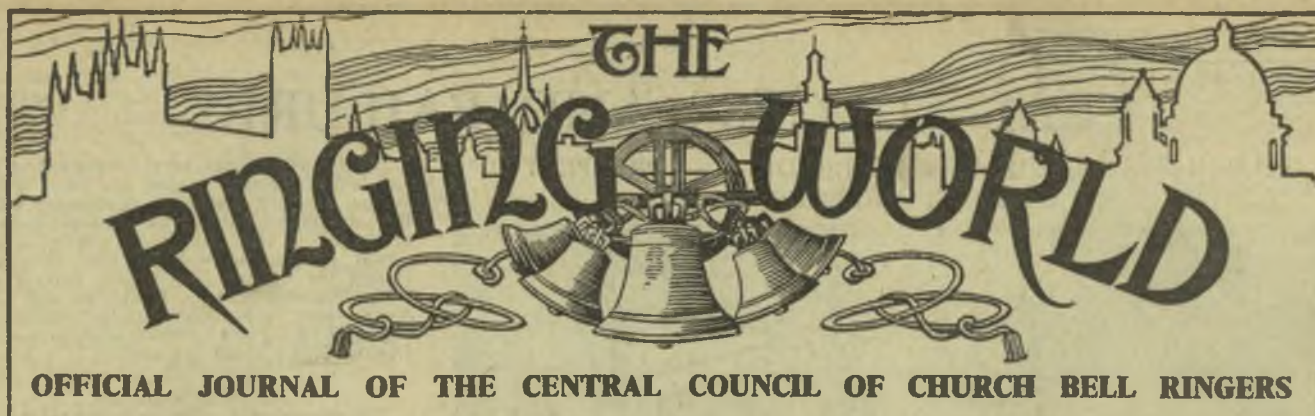
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THE TRAVELLERS

THE summer season of ringing tours, if not over, draws to its close, and despite the indifferent weather of the last few months it is clear, from a look at our news columns and peal reports, that the number of outings and extended trips has in no way diminished. It would seem, indeed, that the number increases year by year.

Ringing tours are, of course, as old as the art of change ringing itself, and for 300 years bellringers have sought to travel to towns and villages far from their normal daily environment and to take pleasure in ringing on strange bells. Their modes of transport and the details of their travelling have varied greatly over the years, and it is to be regretted that we have so little account of the trials and difficulties met and overcome in those days of precarious journeying. In the 18th century the College Youths walked from London to Oxford, while their small advance guard went ahead on horseback. When the same Society visited France and rang handbells at Calais, they doubtless went to Dover by coach; and this is probably how the Birmingham men went to Liverpool for the opening of the bells at St. Nicholas' Church in 1819.

The spread of railway travel brought new and exciting possibilities, and the introduction of frequent excursions and the system of cheap fares provided the means and the incentive that led to a great increase in ringing tours towards the end of the 19th century. In those days the railway companies were prepared to compete with each other in providing frequent services and fares that brought remote parts of Britain within the reasonable horizon of the man of modest income. And for party travel it was no great or expensive matter to be supplied with a private coach attached to the rear of the train.

But even at that time road travel was not only popular but also necessary. Many parts of the country could be reached only by road, and for this there could be only the horse or the horse-drawn vehicle and, later, the bicycle. How many of us now remember the old horse-drawn brake with its "knife-board" top, where we sat back to back, and the iron tyres that rattled not unmusically to the steady clop-clop of the old horse's feet? No matter how the rain fell and the winds blew and beat upon the party, there was no shelter. Through cloud and

sunshine the vehicle went on relentlessly to its appointed destiny.

The coming of the bicycle brought a new mode of cheap and efficient transport, and it was by this means that the young Armiger Trollope and his talented companions, Borrett and the two Burtons, toured so much of East Anglia in the "90's." To this day the bicycle holds its own, and among the enterprises recorded in "The Ringing World" we find not a few in which notable distances have been covered by pedal power. But it is, without doubt, the internal combustion engine that has opened up so vast a field for exploration for the ordinary man. It has placed within reach districts that cannot, for physical reasons, be touched by railway or, because of distance, are too remote for the cycle, and has brought these regions immeasurably nearer in time.

The use of the car has brought with it a great speeding up of all we do or attempt, and it might be argued that the feverish haste of today is less desirable and less pleasurable than the more leisurely approach of bygone years; but for all this, wider travel has provided opportunity for broader experience and a fuller knowledge of conditions in the remoter parts of the ringing Exercise. It may well be remembered, too, that the tourists are more than visitors; they are missionaries. And, provided their skill and their conduct are modelled and directed with this thought in mind, who can say what seeds may be sown, what hope and encouragement given, and what light shed in dark places?

So, back from ringing tours, some will look at their list of peals, some will mark off with satisfaction in their copy of "Dove" the new towers at which they have rung; some will recall with pleasure, and perhaps awe, the noble church towers that have been presented to their view, and many will dwell again on the beauty of the scenery our island presents in so many varied forms. Above all, there will be the remembrance of the great names in ringing inscribed on the tablets in the ringing chambers, records of great epochs in the local ringing history, and memorials of visits paid to remote regions by the giants of old. These were travellers like us, sojourners in these parts, even as we have been. They left their mark here, and they carried away with them something to add to their knowledge and experience. What have we left behind us, and what have we added to our store?

E. C. S.

GREAT ADVENTURE II

PEAL SUCCESS AND FAILURES

GOLDEN FRIENDSHIP MET AT BENDIGO — PROSPECT OF
NEW BELLS AT MELBOURNE

Picture of the band in St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne (left to right): L. Stilwell, A. F. Mason, C. W. Pipe, T. Lock, S. Burton, W. Williams and A. P. Cannon.
[By courtesy of "The Herald," Melbourne.]

SHORTLY after 7.30 p.m. on Sunday, September 12th, we arrived at Essendon Airport, Melbourne, to receive a most cordial welcome from some 20 ringers headed by Jock Roper, captain of St. Paul's Cathedral company, and Graeme Heyes, secretary of A.N.Z.A.B. Cars were waiting for us and we were soon in the Victoria Palace Hotel. Melbourne ringers entertained us to supper; memories and, in some cases, common experiences were exchanged.

It was early rising on Monday, breakfast being served at 7.30, and we left by the 9.10 train from the modern Spencer Street Station for Ballarat, famed as the begonia city. Graeme Heyes accompanied us on the 24 hours' journey across the Melbourne Plain, the rich dark earth neatly furrowed, the many cattle and sheep all indicating the agricultural prosperity of the area.

Warne Wilson, president of the Victoria Branch, and Alex Herrman, in charge of the bells at the City Hall, greeted us warmly, dispelling the bitter cold that prevailed throughout our stay in this prosperous city. We registered at Craig's Hotel, adjoining the City Hall, where we were to spend the night.

Ballarat ringers generously entertained us to lunch, and at the conclusion of the meal a telegram was read from Graeme Waldon, captain of the St. Peter's ringers, who was in hospital, extending his good wishes for a successful tour. Later in the day a "get well" card, signed by all the English ringers, was sent to Graeme.

CITY HALL BELLS

The Mayor (Colr. W. E. Roff), who has been a member of the City Council for 23 years and is president of the Ballarat Ringing Society, received us at the City Hall. A ring of eight, cast by Mears, has been here since 1878. This was the time when Ballarat was exceedingly wealthy, following the discovery of gold about 20 years previously.

Many imposing buildings were then built.

Gold is no longer mined but the many light industries bring continued prosperity.

The Mayor's grandparents settled in Ballarat in 1852, and he had visited England on three occasions, the first visit being during World War I, when he served with the Australian Forces. At the Mayor's call, the toast of "The Queen" was honoured. Tom Lock, in his reply to a welcome, mentioned that this year was the 170th anniversary of the first bells being installed in Australia. He presented the Mayor with a bell ash tray as a memento of the visit. Pat Cannon showed the Mayor a letter he had received from Mr. A. H. Winch, of Leatherhead, stating that his grandfather took part in the gold rush to Ballarat, selling provisions to miners, and his father, Alfred G. Winch, was born there in 1856.

An exhibit in the City Hall was 16 bells from Mears, which the Mayor hoped would later be installed as a carillon. The bells in the City Hall are not easy to ring and some are apt to drop suddenly. A peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major (Knight's 5,056) was attempted, with Wilfred Williams conducting from the tenor. The early part of the peal was well struck, but following a general mix-up Wilfred called "Stand" after 1 hour 40 minutes. Probably tiredness was a factor in the failure; the band were frankly disappointed. Later the Editor met Arthur Mason and Jimi Pipe, who had found consolation in three dozen oysters each at 6/- a dozen! The band was A. F. Mason 1, S. Burton 2, C. W. Pipe 3, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 4, R. M. Damerell 5, T. J. Lock 6, A. P. Cannon 7, W. Williams 8.

The non-peal ringers had an afternoon of sightseeing, being motored around by Warne Wilson and Alex Herrman. The Lal Lal Waterfall, which cascades 110 feet down into a pool of solid basalt, had a scenic beauty, and Lake Wendouree, where rowing events of the Melbourne Olympic Games were contested, is claimed to be the finest rowing course in Australia.

The English visitors were entertained to tea and later to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Warne Wilson at their charming residence. Other Ballarat ringers joined them; handbells were produced; "The Sound of Bells" duly signed by all the visitors, was presented. During the evening four of the party—Tom Lock, Malcolm Melville, Cecil Pipe and Tom White—were summoned to the studio of Radio 3 B.A. and chatted with announcer Dennis Griffin about the tour.

AT MELBOURNE

The ground was white with hoar frost as we made our way to the railway station, having breakfasted on tea and toast at 6.30 a.m. Back in Melbourne, we were motored to St. Paul's Cathedral to be received by the Dean, the Very Rev. T. W. Thomas. Press representatives and television cameras were present. A good coverage was secured. "The Age" featured our oldest member, Shirley Burton (77), who worthily upheld the prestige of Leicester Cathedral. A group were televised with the bells at St. Paul's. Anne Horsford was booked for a radio interview for "Country Women" feature and "The Herald" had a fine picture. Before we departed from the Cathedral to the homes of our respective hosts, the Archbishop (the Most Rev. Frank Woods) came and chatted.

That evening there was a peal attempt at St. Patrick's (Roman Catholic) Cathedral, with its splendid spire 310 feet high a feature of the Melbourne landscape. It was in honour of the opening at Rome of the Ecumenical Council. The bells from Murphy's of Dublin are odd-struck, the tenor being 13 cwt. The method attempted was Stedman Triples and after about 15 minutes a bob was missed. A second attempt lasted some 20 minutes and any thoughts of a peal were abandoned. Touches of Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major were also rung. Standing in the attempt were: W. Williams (conductor) 1, T. J. Lock 2, Andrew Bolton 3, A. F. Mason 4, M. C. C. Melville 5, A. P. Cannon 6, C. W. Pipe 7, J. F. Roper 8.

That evening the Editor had a chat with Mr. Ernest Hughes, who from 1928 to 1956 was secretary of All Saints', Runcorn, tower. Now 66 years of age he has been since 1956 in Australia and, until his retirement, rang at St. Paul's. His son-in-law, daughter and three grandchildren are in Tasmania.

An all-day excursion was arranged for Wednesday (September 15th). The great attraction was the Healeville Nature Preserve. Excellent photographs were obtained of kangaroos, most of them being females with the baby poking its head out of the pouch. That evening the visitors joined the St. Paul's Society at their weekly practice; it was a happy gathering. By a unanimous vote, the best ringing was Bob Maximus by ten St. Paul's members and two visitors. Treble Bob Maximus and Stedman Cinques were attempted mainly by the visitors, but the ringing was not of the quality hoped for.

A corner of the ringing chamber is curtailed off and at the end of the practice Gwen Roper and helpers served tea and cakes.

A half-day trip touring Melbourne occupied Thursday morning. Captain Cook's cottage was visited. This was the home of his parents at Great Ayton, Yorks, which was brought to Australia in 1934, the year of Great Adventure I. Relics of Captain Cook were on view, among them a print of St. Margaret's, Barking, where he was married. This was the tower of the three brothers Fenn, and best wishes were extended to Ernest, the sole survivor.

A quiet afternoon was spent preparatory to the peal attempt of Treble Twelve at St. Paul's in the evening, in which two or three Melbourne ringers were participating.

COMMEMORATION DINNERS

THE season of Association annual dinners is again upon us, and various individuals and groups of ringers look forward to the opportunity they provide to meet old friends and make new ones in an atmosphere of relaxed conviviality. After enjoying a number of such functions, regular attendance at the Guild's annual dinner becomes a must for many members, no matter how much travel and expense is involved.

Many of these dinners are commemorative, originating in the desire to remember and pay tribute to revered former officers and personalities who have passed to the other side. One such function is the commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association.

Can we go on indefinitely toasting such personalities and relating their achievements, attributes and eccentricities? Even though some of the old stories may slightly bore a few, it is well for newcomers to an Association to know something of its past history and of the unselfish example set by many past officers. This is especially true today when there are, outside the established ringing organisations, so many ringing activities which attract the energy of talented and keen young ringers. It is important to secure their interest in the work of Guilds and Associations and they can find in that work much satisfaction and establish many friendships.

Nevertheless, the character of annual dinners in many cases is changing. There is less desire to listen to long speeches and more enthusiasm for entertainment in an informal atmosphere, and an opportunity to move around and chat to old friends and make new acquaintances. True, the custom of honouring some person of note and esteem by inviting him to speak to the most important toast continues, as does the desire to secure the presence of some high ranking Church dignitary, and many of those attending like the opportunity to ring on the notable rings of bells in the area.

The organisers of the next Yorkshire Association dinner, to be held in Rotherham on October 16th, have made an effort to meet these modern trends without losing the traditional character of the function. The Lord Bishop of Sheffield and his wife have accepted an invitation to be present, and Mr. E. A. Barnett, secretary of the Central Council, will propose the main toast.

The services of the Ecclesfield handbell ringers, who gave such a scintillating performance six years ago, have been secured. A dozen or so ringers, using some eight score bells recently restored by the Whitechapel Foundry, will entertain the company. During the afternoon the fine bells of Sheffield Cathedral, Rotherham Parish Church and other churches will be available.

It is hoped that a record attendance of members and visitors will ensure the continuance of this function beyond 1975, when the Association will celebrate the centenary of its foundation. N. CHADDOCK.

OUTING ST. CRANTOCK

On September 25th, after raising their own bells, and prayers, ringers and friends from St. Crantock set out on their annual outing.

Towers visited were St. Columb Major, Padstow, St. Breocke, Week St. Mary, Marhamchurch, Stratton and St. Mary's, Launceston.

Thanks to Harry for his commentary on the various landmarks and scenery, and also to incumbents and ringers who met the party. J. R.

SOLIHULL VETERAN CELEBRATES

On Saturday September 25th, Mr. William Leeson, of the St. Alphege's band, Solihull, celebrated his 80th birthday, and the occasion brought together a number of friends old and new. Mr. George Fearn and his brother Henry came from Birmingham, Mr. Harry Bragg from Rowington, and Mr. E. C. Shepherd travelled up from Wiltshire.

In the early evening an excellent 1,295 Grandsire Caters was rung on the bells of the Parish Church by W. Leeson 1, R. Cann 2, Christine McClaren 3, Pamela Turner 4, V. W. Rigg 5, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 6, C. W. Bragg 7, H. H. Fearn 8, G. E. Fearn 9, A. Crabtree 10.

Afterwards an augmented party adjourned to the Masons Arms for rest, refreshment and reminiscence. Here Mr. Leeson was presented with a token from his fellow ringers—a bottle of something which shall be nameless but which we are assured is soothing and comforting if taken in moderation. Mr. T. Warner spoke of William's service of 65 years as a ringer at Solihull Church and of his unswerving loyalty to the band. He rang at the death of Queen Victoria, accomplished his first peal on the occasion of the death of King Edward VII, and his first peal of Caters in 1912 was conducted by the late Rev. C. Carew Cox.

William was one of the founder members of the old Warwickshire Guild, and today he is the oldest active ringing member of St. Martin's Guild. Greatly troubled with arthritis, he has fought the complaint with indomitable spirit, and it speaks much for his determination that on this very Saturday he rang for four weddings before ringing the above quarter peal. Throughout his ringing career he has always been an excellent striker and has never failed to preach the importance of this quality in ringing. His age and infirmity have certainly not marred his ability in this direction.

In a few words by way of response, Mr. Leeson told of his great love for Grandsire Caters and expressed his determination to be "in at" many more quarter peals of it. The rest of his conversation turned on his recollections of the famous ringers he had known in the Midlands—Albert Walker, James E. Groves, that fine ringer Percy Lafin, the incomparable Harry Withers, and many more. This delightful saga of adventures and misadventures kept the company highly entertained and brought the end of the evening much too soon. E. C. S.

FIRST BRANCH STRIKING COMPETITION

The quarterly meeting of the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Wilmslow on September 18th. Before the service, the first Branch striking competition was held, the judges being Mr. John Worth (Master of the Guild), Mr. Henry O. Baker (general secretary), and Mr. John E. Cooke, of Leicester. Five teams from the Branch competed and were placed in the following order: 1 Wilmslow, 2 Hyde, 3 Marple, 4 Bowdon, 5 Reddish. It is hoped that more towers will compete in the next competition—now that the ice has been broken.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Christopher J. Rees, curate of Wilmslow, and a member of the winning team! Some 50 people were entertained to tea in the Church Hall. The usual business meeting followed before ringing was resumed until approximately 9 p.m. R. B. S.

OBITUARY

MR. GORDON D. INGHAM

Although he had done little active ringing for about ten years, the untimely death of Gordon Ingham, at the early age of 36, should not go unnoticed.

He learned to ring at Sunbury soon after the war where he played an important part in both modernising the belfry and building up the change ringing band which was starting at that time. In the early 1950's he left Sunbury and became tower captain at Hampton, where his efforts laid the foundations for the Surprise band that existed in the tower in the late 50's. In about 1955 he left active ringing circles, but about two years ago he reappeared and helped to teach some of the newly-formed Hampton Grammar School Society. Occasionally, too, he rang at Sunbury, but it was suspected that he was not at all well.

He never rang a peal; in fact he never progressed very far in method ringing. His greatest attribute was infinite patience in teaching his learners to handle a bell really well, and it may safely be said that all those he taught started out with this vital asset. He also knew what ringing ought to sound like and his insistence on good striking made a lasting impression on all those who benefited from his tuition.

Although never a great ringer, he had the all too rare ability of being able to lay solid foundations and then encouraging one to build on them. I count myself fortunate to be one of those he taught.

We extend our sympathy to his mother.
W. S. D.

JOINT MEETING IN BORDER AREA

The first joint meeting for many years of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and the Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held on September 11th in the border area between the two dioceses. The afternoon ringing took place on the little used ten of St. James', Poole. A 3 p.m. start was timed to coincide with the appearance of a newly-married couple at the west entrance. Ringing under the guidance of the two Wimborne Branch Masters covered most of the standard methods. Not everyone, however, was enthusiastic as some of the bells required considerable pulling to keep them up.

Evensong was conducted by the Rector (Rev. B. Bell), before the company proceeded to St. Peter's Hall, Bournemouth, for tea. It was disappointing that a large proportion of the ringers absented themselves from the service, particularly in view of the time that the Rector must have spent in preparing a most worthwhile address. Tea, prepared by the St. Peter's ringers, was much enjoyed. Mr. A. V. Davis, chairman of the Christchurch District, welcomed everyone to the meeting, which he hoped would become a regular event, and thanked the two secretaries for their organisation. He regretted that his opposite number in the Wimborne Branch was unable to be with them owing to pressure of work.

The meeting concluded with ringing at St. Peter's Church under the able direction of Mr. W. Cheater, one of the Christchurch District Masters.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Aug. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: F. Bastin 1, F. Williams 2, D. Wills 3, N. Shepherd 4, H. Crisp 5, G. West 6, F. Mack (cond.) 7, A. Knight 8. For Evensong.

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Letters to the Editor

A BELL "WRITES"—

Dear Sir,—My name is Herbert, and I'm a bell. The seventh, in fact, at a certain tower (although I daren't tell you where, in case the ringers see this letter and get me sold for scrap). I got so fed up by "The Ringing World" being full of what the ringers think and do that I decided it's about time the bells themselves had a say, so I'm going to tell you about the things that get right on my clapper most—and especially ringers!

For a start, there's Fred, our steeple-keeper. I don't know why they call him a "keeper," because he doesn't "keep" anything. In fact I haven't seen him for months. He expects us to ring twice on Sundays, once for practice night, not to mention weddings and peals—but he doesn't care about our gudgeons, bearings and clappers needing a drop of oil now and then—or the ropes shifting a little. They complain if I run dry, or my rope snaps during a peal, but it's not my fault, you know.

Next, peals. I'm fed up with them! I don't mind an odd quarter or two, but how would you like to spend three hours going round and round? We bells do all the work, but you lot get your name in "The Ringing World"! Anyway, there's nothing to shout about when there's so much clashing and banging, with me, Fred and Albert (they're my neighbours, you know) all trying to talk at the same time. Not like the peals in my grandfather's day.

Then, sometimes, they leave me up for days! How would they like to spend a week upside down? Besides, I'm always frightened those silly choirboys will come up and trip over me.

That's not all. The pigeons make a shocking mess in here, and all over my crown and lip. Nobody ever comes to give the place a bit of a sweep out. How would they like pigeon dirt all over their houses?

All in all, it's a rotten life for a poor bell like me, and I even wish sometimes I was hung "dead," or spent my life playing "Abide with me" on the clock chimes, like my Uncle Paul.—Yours truly,

HERBERT

P.S.—I have been a faithful fan of "The Ringing World" even since it came out, and there isn't a better buy for 9d., I think.—H

WEDDING RINGING FEES

Dear Sir,—I think it is high time that fees for ringing for weddings were increased. A number I know have remained constant for ten years, and I suspect ringers with longer memories could quote a still greater period. I know of none which have been increased in keeping with the general rise in wages, and can see no reason why they should continue to lag behind. I think incumbents (who I assume to be ultimately responsible) should be approached with a view to arranging a suitable increase.

This brings me to another point. What is done with the fees is entirely a matter for those who earn them but some ringers already forgo all or part of theirs in favour of their church's bell fund. With an increased rate, more might feel disposed to do this. Mr. Woolley's letter of June 4th and Mary Whalley's of September 24th prompt me to suggest that those fortunate towers where neither money nor restoration is a problem could add their share to an Association bell fund for the benefit of others less happily placed.—Yours faithfully,

MARGARET LEWIS.

Farnborough, Hants.

LEAVING FOR RHODESIA

Dear Sir,—I was interested to see in "Belfry Gossip" a fortnight ago an item about Salisbury, Rhodesia, and a ringer being at Blantyre, Malawi.

You in your turn may be interested to know that my wife, ten-year-old daughter and I are due to fly out from London on the evening of Monday, October 11th. We are going to Salisbury and will spend a day there before going on to Blantyre.

I have accepted a post offered to me by the Ministry of Overseas Development to go to Malawi for a year to help in the training of labour officers out there.

I ring at St Andrew's, Enfield, and am a member of the Middlesex County Association and the London County Association. (I wonder if I shall see any other Middlesex ringer when I am at London Airport on the 11th.)

I am a civil servant working for the Ministry of Labour, and not only does this trip show that a civil servant's life is not all dull routine, as I can also mention an enjoyable week when I acted as escort to four French trade unionists visiting London (none of them spoke English!). Then in December, 1961, I was a member of a bank party collecting money for Hackney Employment Exchange when we were attacked by bandits. I subsequently appeared as a witness at the Old Bailey and was presented with a wallet and £25 by the Minister of Labour (then Mr. John Hare).

We are leaving behind us our twin sons, aged 18. One is starting at the London School of Economics and the other is in the third year of the Sixth Form at Tottenham County School.—Yours faithfully, E. HOWSON
Enfield, Middlesex.

WEDDING BELLS RECORD?

Dear Sir,—With reference to the article "Brides Like Bells" ("Ringing World," page 596), I have set out below a list of weddings for which the band of St. Mary's, Humberstone, Leicester, have rung since the beginning of 1961: 1961, 22; 1962, 23; 1963, 24; 1964, 34.

The final number of weddings rung for this year is still unknown, but the total up to the end of November will be 49, and it is hoped to be able to average one wedding per week before the year is out.

Is this a record, and can any church better the total of over 150 for the past five years?—Yours faithfully,

D. MANSHIP.

(Ex-Humberstone ringer.)

Burbage, Hinckley, Leics.

BARSHAM BELLS

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter re Barsham bells, whilst having no knowledge of the condition of the bells, as an adviser on bells in our diocese I have some knowledge of the ringers who try to ring on bells in doubtful condition. I was present on one occasion when the founders were removing a ring which had just previously been rung for the first time in many years by a band of enthusiastic young ringers. The tenor gudgeon was broken right through.

Whilst not wishing to detract from the good work these youngsters do, surely when our reputable bellfounders have seen fit to condemn a ring of bells that should be final. Enthusiasm should then be diverted from raising the bells to raising the funds.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR A. JOPP.

Stoulton, Worcester.

"A SIMPLE VARIATION"

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank Mr. Critchley for his letter in your issue of September 24th. It is embarrassing to allow a composition to be published in one's name, only to discover later that it is not original. However, after showing the composition to persons of greater experience who might possibly recognise it, the only course of action remaining is to publish it and see what happens.

When I called my first peal, a few weeks ago, I would have published the composition had not Mr. C. K. Lewis kindly performed a little research for me and discovered that it was very similar to a previous work by C. W. Roberts.

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But unless the Central Council is prepared to establish a committee to examine all compositions before they are published, then the publication of unoriginal works is likely frequently to recur, unfortunate though this is.

I would disagree with Mr. Critchley that the second bob M in my arrangement is "unnecessary." The bob is inserted in the third course and serves to vary the 6ths place bell. Without it there is, in my opinion, too long a gap in which 6 does not occupy this position.—Yours sincerely,

P. J. WYCHERLEY.

Timperley, Cheshire.

"RINGING AND TRAINING"

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the front page article on ringing and training in "The Ringing World" of September 24th, and I agree with much that was said.

However, as a matter of historical correctness, your contributor has got his facts mixed over the margarine advert. This advertisement was a photograph, taken at Hendon, of three ringers; two had their bells at backstroke and one at handstroke, and all three had their feet firmly on the ground.

I am open to correction here, but I believe that the photo of young ringers leaping in the air at the end of their ropes, which appeared some time ago in the national Press, was taken at Burnham. George Gilbert was, I understand, very strict with his young pupils during practice, but at the end when the bells were "down" he would allow them to let off steam in this way.—Yours faithfully,

RUTH FOREMAN.

Hendon, Middlesex.

WELL WORTH IT

Dear Sir,—Do you think that to ring at Buckfast Abbey is worth £6 2s.?

Last week-end I went to Devon, especially to ring at Buckfast during their meeting. The fare was as above. It was my first Abbey—and what better than Buckfast?—so it was well worth it to ring in a Bob Royal band; and some very good call changes at Paignton on Sunday morning.—Yours faithfully,

A. HENSON.

Bramcote, Notts.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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MISS SUSAN FUNNELL'S WEDDING

On September 11th the wedding took place at St. Nicholas' Church, King's Norton, Birmingham, of Mr Philip Rothera and Miss Susan Funnell.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length gown of white shimmering satin with a full train, and a short bouffant veil, and carried a sheaf of orange and white gladioli and roses. She was attended by her sister, Mary, as matron of honour, and by the Misses Christine Rothera, the bridegroom's sister, and Mary Cross-thwaite, friend of the bride. Best man was Mr. Kenneth Hesketh, and the ushers were Mr. David Rothera (bridegroom's brother) and Messrs. Peter Bennett and Maurice Hughes, ringing friends of the couple.

The reception, held at the Country Club, Hopwood, was attended by well-known ringers from many parts of the country.

Some near-perfect ringing was heard before and after the service, the bells being rung by the local band and ringing guests.

The bride is a well-known peal ringer, having topped the list of lady tower bell ringers for the past two years. Besides ringing peals, Susan has been a very active tower captain at King's Norton for several years, and under her guidance the band has grown and improved. The bridegroom, formerly of Birmingham but now working in Essex, is also an ardent peal ringer.

In the evening a peal of London Surprise Royal was rung by some of the wedding guests at King's Norton. A peal of Spliced Surprise Major was unfortunately lost the following day at Packwood. The couple flew for a honeymoon in Guernsey and on their return will live near Chelmsford.

SHEFFIELD AREA TOUR

Recently received by "The Ringing World" was an account of the first full-day tour undertaken in the Sheffield area last June by ringers from Scarborough, Scalby, Bridlington and York. The original report, says the sender (C. J. E.), seems to have been lost in the post.

Some of the best ringing of the day was at the party's first tower, Sprotborough, although some of the less advanced members found the light eight a little too light for comfort. After ringing at Rawmarsh, at Wentworth several local ringers welcomed the visitors, who had lunch in the Vicarage garden. Thanks are due to Canon King for his kind invitation. At Bradfield, Bradfield Delight was duly—and shakily—rung.

The ground-floor ring at Bolsterstone was sampled and approved before tea, and the ringers were grateful to the Vicar, who invited them to stay for Evensong. The last stop of the day was at Penistone. Someone produced handbells on the coach on the homeward journey. Edwin King, the organiser, was thanked for the arrangements. The party are grateful to all incumbents and ringers who met them.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS

Branch Meeting at Buckfast Abbey

The Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers held its quarterly meeting at Buckfast Abbey, Buckfastleigh, on September 18th, when there was a large gathering of ringers, including visitors from Cornwall, Surrey and Kent.

Ringers throughout the afternoon consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Stedman Cinques and Plain Bob Royal, with rounds on the twelve for the less experienced ringers.

A service was held in the Abbey Church conducted by the Rev. Father Paulinus Angold, O.S.B.; the Rev. Father Sebastian Wolff, O.S.B., was the organist.

After an excellent tea in the car park cafe, the business meeting took place in the Parish Hall, presided over by Mrs. D. E. Hood, who thanked those who had contributed to the success of the meeting. Tributes were paid to Mrs. Hood, who had been the Branch chairman for seven years, and who was leaving the district for East Devon. A presentation was made to her in appreciation of her services.

Two new members from Torre were elected. Subject to the usual permission being obtained, it was resolved to hold the annual Branch meeting at Dartmouth on Saturday, January 8th, 1966. Ringing afterwards took place at Dean Prior and Ashburton Parish Churches
A. L. B.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Southern District

The September quarterly meeting was held at Epsom Common under the direction of the District Master, Mr. T. Bird. A number of methods were rung prior to the service, the final touch being Stedman. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. R. E. Faulkner, and one of the ringers played the organ. Tea was served in the Working Men's Club.

The secretary announced at the business meeting that the joint meeting with the Kent County Association was to be held at Edenbridge on November 6th. A vote was taken on the principle of holding combined District practices once a month. It was decided that three practices would be held at Reigate on the first Wednesdays in October, November and December. The secretary agreed to write to tower captains advising them of the dates.

Four new non-resident life members were proposed for ratification by Mr. W. Parrott. The belfry repair fund realised more than £1. Those present expressed regret that their number was so small. Only 19 sat down to tea, and of these Northern District members formed a strong minority. It was hoped that individual tower captains would offer more support at future meetings.

Mr. T. Bird expressed thanks to the Vicar for taking the service and allowing use of the bells, and to Miss Marsh for providing the tea. Ringing continued at Christ Church until 7.30 p.m.
C. H. C.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Staples 1, J. C. Hillis 2, Betty John 3, C. Wyld (first quarter) 4, M. S. Lancefield 5, C. T. Hillis (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

It was a case of men and boys first up the wooden ladder on September 18th at Sandridge, where the District meeting was held. Methods, including London and Westminster, were rung during the afternoon. A service was held, followed by tea in the Village Hall.

Mrs. T. Southam, of Harpenden, was transferred to full ringing membership. The ringing course is to go ahead on November 20th at Harpenden. Names for lunch are required by Mrs. Coburn by November 3rd at the latest. The lectures will be followed by an evening meeting.

On October 16th the District meeting will be held at Welwyn. The District dinner is now definitely to be held, the date still being December 4th. The District's best wishes went to Mr. J. D. Chamberlain on leaving us, with thanks for all his hard work. Thanks were expressed to the ladies for the excellent tea; to the Rev. C. Woodhead for taking the service in the absence of the Vicar of Sandridge; and to Bob Hardy for playing the organ. Evening ringing took place
J. A. F.

NORWICH STRIKING CONTEST

A pleasant time was had by members of the Norwich Diocesan Association who, in conjunction with a flower festival at Stratton Strawless Church on September 25th, held an open striking competition. Five bands took part and were placed in the following order: 1 Mancroft, 2 Aylsham 1, 3 St. George's, Colegate 4 East Norfolk, Aylsham 2.

Ringing was judged by Messrs W. Couzens, W. C. Duffield and the president, Mr. F. N. Golden. Handbells were well and truly demonstrated to the many non-ringing visitors. The Vicar (the Rev. R. Atkins) welcomed the ringers and conducted a short service, with the president reading the lesson.

The wonderful candelabra was much admired. A hint that it was the one which years ago belonged to St. Peter Mancroft was soon denied!

Mr. F. C. Goodman (Ringing Master), who had arranged the competition, was, we were sorry to learn, unable to attend, as he had been ordered to bed by his doctor. We wish him a speedy return to health.
C. B.

A CORRECTION

In a peal of Superlative Surprise Major rung at Lincoln, St. Giles', on August 23rd (page 615), the order of the ringers should be as follows: Joyce M. Gurnhill Treble, *Peter A. Sharp 2, Claire Dillamore 3, Arthur F. Lewry 4, Geoffrey R. Parker 5, J. L. Millhouse 6, Harry Parks 7, Geoffrey Paul (cond.) Tenor. * First peal of Superlative Surprise Major. The conductor apologises for any inconvenience caused.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.

On Sept. 12th 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Williamson 1, H. Arscott 2, Angela Quick 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, G. S. Morris 5, H. G. Keeley 6, F. G. Knight (cond.) 7, C. W. Powell 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival, and as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Powell.

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QUARTER PEALS

HALF PEALS
ARKLOW, CO. WICKLOW.—On Aug. 20th, 2,528 Plain Bob Major: Joan Spreadbury 1, S. F. High 2, N. P. J. Cossey 3, T. J. Brock 4, M. J. Medley 5, A. G. Spreadbury 6, J. B. Pickup 7, L. N. Melton (cond.) 8.

EASTCHURCH, SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Sept. 19th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: G. M. Wood 1, P. D. J. Beal 2, N. J. Chesson 3, Joan A. Hayward 4, N. A. C. Crane 5, H. Gardner (cond.) 6. To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Single Oxford and Plain Bob Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, Amanda Powell 2, Robert Rayfield 3, Carol Cousins 4, Wendy Wallace 5, T. Lewis (cond.) 6. Rung for the children's Harvest service.

ALTON, HANTS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Chennell-White 1, R. Corke (cond.) 2, Miss A. Biddlecombe 3, G. Noakes 4, Miss S. Wood 5, C. Chennell-White 6, E. Hedger 7, L. Noakes 8. Rung to celebrate the ordination of Rev. M. Trickey, curate. Also in recognition of the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

ASHTED, SURREY.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): Valerie Perrott 1, G. Williams 3, Geraldine Piper 4, J. T. Symonds 5, Diana Hayns 6, J. Hayns (cond.) 7, A. Skilton 8. First quarter 1 and 8. For Evensong.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 1, Andrea Tilley 2, A. Schofield (first quarter) 3, R. Harbourn 4, G. Huxley 5, N. Hobden 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, L. Reece 8. For Harvest Festival, and to congratulate Richard Harbourn, on his engagement to Miss H. Raduner.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. L. K. Whittell 1, S. Christian 2, R. W. Lockwood 3, M. H. Whittell 4, R. J. Southgate 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sept. 18th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Gill 1, S. Bromfield 2, G. Bromfield (first as cond.) 3, R. Harrison 4, E. Broughton 5, P. Green 6.

BATHFORD, BATH.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): G. J. Taylor (first quarter) 1, Miss M. B. Pidgeon 2, Mrs. M. Harrison 3, K. G. Harrison 4, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 5, J. E. Newman 6.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Wingrove 1, Miss G. Reeves (first in method) 2, Miss D. R. Fletcher 3, A. Newton 4, A. C. Bridges 5, R. G. Mitchell (first in method) 6, B. A. Cracknell (cond.) 7, J. J. P. Ellams 8. For Evensong.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.—At St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 7 covering): E. A. Pannell 1, Mary Galloway 2, Edna Pannell 3, W. Gorrington (cond.) 4, J. T. Barrett 5, A. T. Meech 6, Janet Atkey 7. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the Vicar and Mrs. Galloway. Conducted by W. Gorrington, of Hawkhurst, Kent.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—At St. George's Church, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. E. Beach 1, P. Balchin 2, Mrs. R. Ling 3, P. W. Cave 4, Mrs. C. Shiers 5, R. Ling (cond.) 6, J. W. Smith 7, Miss M. Gordon-Jackson 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 25th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: R. J. Cooles 1, Deborah Hopkins 2, Rosamund Rawlings 3, Alison Mann 4, D. M. Wilkins 5, A. Bagworth 6, J. F. Maybey 7, A. Paterson 8, W. H. Jackson 9, A. S. Blashop (cond.) 10.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: I. E. Spree 1, Violet Reif 2, B. Johnson 3, J. Richards 4, W. W. Ring 5, M. W. Marshall (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Evensong in memory of Peter Jarvis.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Sear 1, A. Corden 2, A. Daniels 3, W. Daniels 4, D. Meager 5, R. Cadamy (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of F. J. Stenton, for 50 years a ringer at this church.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Groves 1, T. J. Sheahan (first "inside") 2, Rosemarie A. Frith 3, P. Gibson 4, M. J. Comling 5, I. R. Panton (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

BURBAGE, DERBYS.—At Christ Church, on Sept. 19th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. T. Marriott 1, Mrs. M. Finlow 2, Miss G. Fanshaw 3, Mrs. E. Barton 4, H. Kirk (cond.) 5, M. Stanway 6. Rung as a farewell to Gillian Fanshaw and Alan G. Kirk, who are leaving to attend Teachers' Training College.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (each extent called differently): Margaret A. Penson (first quarter) 1, A. K. Fortin 2, R. J. Snack 3, B. J. Edwards 4, R. G. Mitchell (first as cond.) 5, N. J. Cox 6. For service, and for Margaret A. Penson, who is leaving the area to join a teachers' training college.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Sept. 19th, 1,296 Minor (720 Norwich Surprise, 576 Cambridge Surprise): Ann Blatcher 1, Jennifer Payne 2, N. J. Martin 3, R. J. Talbot 4, D. L. Parker 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. For Evensong on Ringers' Sunday. This is the 100th quarter peal rung by the local band since its foundation in 1952.

COLLINGHAM, YORKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Scheerer 1, J. Webb (first in method) 2, J. S. Webb 3, Miss D. M. Hawley 4, E. M. Bradley 5, H. D. Holland (cond.) 6.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Lynn Taylor 1, Peggy Butcher (cond.) 2, J. Warner 3, A. Fuller 4, A. Butcher 5, W. Sale 6. 25th quarter together 2, 4 and 5. Also on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Pauline Smith (first quarter) 1, Peggy Butcher 2, A. Fuller 3, A. Butcher 4, D. Slater (cond.) 5, W. Sale 6. Both rung as a wedding compliment to Betty and Tony Baines, both members of the local band, married at Danehill this day.

DEEPISTON, ST. JAMES, Lincs.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. M. Haw 1, C. E. Black 2, H. Taylor 3, K. B. A. Knight 4, P. A. Knight 5, J. W. Haw (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the marriage of the ringer of the fifth with Miss Ann Christine Nordin, at Norrviken Parish Church, Stockholm, on August 19th.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. P. Brain 1, L. J. Parry 2, C. F. Loke 3, R. C. Groom 4, C. S. Bloomfield 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6. Rung in memory of Mrs. H. J. Bloomfield, mother of the ringer of the fifth.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Stevens 1, Janet Percy 2, Mrs. B. Percy 3, R. Percy 4, H. Reynolds 5, A. Baldock (cond., 25th of Minor) 6. With best wishes to Margaret Stevens, on her departure to Cheltenham.

EASTCHURCH, SHEPPEY, KENT.—On Sept. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. M. Wood 1, P. D. J. Beal 2, N. J. Chesson 3, Joan A. Hayward 4, N. A. C. Crane 5, H. Gardner (cond.) 6.

EDMONTON, MIDDY.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gloria Simpson 1, Trudy Newcombe 2, Beryl Platt 3, Jacquie Hedges 4, Teresa Langdon (cond.) 5, T. Bailey 6, T. G. Hawkins 7, D. Langdon 8. First in method 1 and 4. First in method as conductor. For Evensong.

ESSENDON, HERTS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): Eileen Maskell 1, Susan Farnes 2, P. Owen 3, D. Digby 4, Pamela Healing (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, S. J. Davies (first quarter) 6. First quarter in six methods by all the band.

FILTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain and April Day Bob): G. Hopwood (first quarter) 1, D. Haslam 2, Miss R. Morse 3, Miss M. Haslam 4, A. Howard (cond.) 5, M. Buckler 6. For Harvest Festival.

FINCHLEY, MIDDY.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Taylor 1, A. Richardson 2, Mrs. E. Richardson 3, A. Butler 4, A. Warren 5, Miss D. Robotham 6, B. Watson (cond.) 7, W. Harwin 8. Rung for the wedding of Norman Reuben Bewick and Diana Christine Tubb, the tower secretary's daughter.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Butcher 1, W. Reece 2, F. Oakley 3, E. H. Foster 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, R. Davis (first quarter) 6.

GREAT HALLINGBURY, ESSEX.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. R. Hutley 1, H. White 2, P. Warboys (cond.) 3, A. Richardson 4, T. Camp 5. For Evensong.

HARBURY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Joan E. Smith 1, Shirley F. Jones 2, P. C. Randall 3, J. Susan Smith 4, G. W. Randall (cond.) 5, F. M. Robottom 6. First of Bob Doubles for all. Rung as a farewell to the ringers of 1 and 5, leaving respectively for Lincoln Training College and Hull University.

HESLE, EAST YORKS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Gatman (first quarter) 1, R. Horton (first "inside") 2, R. Jordan 3, Rev. F. Ross 4, R. Hawtree (cond.) 5, J. Singleton 6. For Evensong.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Aug. 22nd, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): W. G. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh (cond.) 2, D. Barker 3, R. Blackshaw 4, M. W. Harrison 5. Rung at Evensong as a compliment to Ray and Jane, married August 21st. Also on Sept. 19th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: W. G. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw 3, M. W. Harrison 4, R. Larkin (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

IRON ACTON, GLOS.—On Aug. 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. Gibbs 1, E. Owens 2, K. G. Weeks 3, W. Lampard 4, B. K. Lewis 5, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 6.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 26th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Sutton 1, Miss S. Collins 2, R. Greenacre 3, W. Cousins 4, E. Howes 5, R. Shipp 6, C. Cousins 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. Rung for Harvest Thanksgiving.

KINGSDOWN, BRISTOL.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pauline Treby (first quarter) 1, N. Buckland 2, P. Treby (first quarter) 3, P. Gray (cond.) 4, J. Slater 5, E. Verver 6.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Sams 1, K. Woods 2, B. G. Burton 3, C. W. Sams 4, W. H. Aley (cond.) 5, G. Blake 6. To mark the dedication of lectern bible presented in memory of the late Col. R. H. Andrew.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Dille (first quarter) 1, F. Hodson 2, D. Mufet 3, W. Bavin 4, J. Causser 5, A. Payne (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Patricia White, a local ringer, to Graham Thurlborn.

QUATT, SALOP.—On July 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Pickering (first quarter) 1, R. M. Hodister (cond.) 2, Miss A. E. Timmins 3, R. B. Dorrington 4, P. R. Johnson 5, P. G. K. Davies 6.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (in five methods): O. B. Thompson 1, P. R. Daws 2, Daphne J. Pollard 3, D. P. Sturge 4, D. J. H. Salter (cond.) 5, J. B. A. Joyce 6. First in five methods for all except for ringer of 3rd. Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. V. Pixell, priest.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Rose 1, R. Rose 2, L. Nice 3, C. W. Hancock 4, E. Nice 5, M. Rose (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr and Mrs. C. W. Hancock, on their 40th wedding anniversary.

SANDY, BEDS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss J. K. A. Cook 1, Mrs. R. B. Davey 2, C. J. Blain 3, A. J. Davey 4, Miss J. Ashton 5, J. R. Hough (cond.) 6.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Lister 1, Jennifer Sceney 2, J. F. Bowler 3, Doreen Hague 4, A. D. Rivers 5, W. G. Knight 6, W. Birmingham 7, G. R. Shedden (cond.) 8. Rung for Harvest Festival, for the start of the Parish Mission, and for the ordination this day of Rev. Andrew King (curate) as priest at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. L. K. Whittell 1, M. H. Whittell 2, S. Christian 3, R. J. Southgate 4, M. J. Howes 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. B. Skinner 1, Miss M. Skinner 2, R. Brooks 3, Miss J. Horton 4, B. W. Farhall (cond.) 5, W. Cherriman 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Frank Farhall, father of conductor.

TWYWELL, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mary Coleman 1, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 2, E. C. Buckley 3, R. J. Cowley 4, D. G. Pearson 5. Rung for the marriage of Miss E. F. Coates to Mr. M. N. Willis.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joan C. McLean 1, Marion E. Addy 2, Mary C. Thorpe 3, J. Hobden 4, W. G. Ledward 5, D. R. McLean (cond.) 6. First quarter Minor 1, 2, 3, 5, 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. Lawson-Tancred, curate, on being made deacon in Chichester Cathedral.

WALKERVILLE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss Jane Carter 1, P. L. D. Ewens (first of Minor) 2, D. J. Gambling 3, R. S. Jolly 4, R. K. Russ 5, R. G. Stevenson (first quarter as cond.) 6.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Frances J. N. Brown 1, Ruth A. Elmes 2, Kathleen S. Fuller 3, Mary E. Elmes 4, Kathleen E. Fletcher 5, Christine M. Fuller (cond.) 6, Judith A. Robertson 7, Janet A. Fawcett (first of Triples) 8. First of Triples as conductor. First quarter of Triples by a ladies' band of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, and as a compliment on her forthcoming marriage on October 2nd to Mr. Alan Baldock, of Eastbourne.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 24



CHRISTOPHER RICKETTS,

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

Another brilliant youngster is discovered in South Wales. The discovery was made when the writer attended a recent Branch meeting at a small six bell tower near Neath. The belfry was packed with keen and enthusiastic youngsters—a most encouraging sight and a great credit to the older ringers of South Wales.

The second Welsh youngster to be included in this series is 14-year-old Christopher Ricketts, Ringing Master of the Cowbridge Grammar School Society. Christopher was born at Barry, Glam., on May 23rd, 1951. He attended primary school at Barry and Lisvane, and is now entering fourth year (pre-G.C.E. form) at Cowbridge Grammar School, where he is a boarding pupil. The school has 400 day boys, 50 boarders.

Christopher started ringing at 11 years old at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, Glam. He received his early ringing instructions from two senior pupils. Ellis N. Thomas taught him to handle a bell and Gareth N. Jones

taught him the elements of change ringing. He became a member of the Cowbridge Sunday service band as soon as he could ring rounds, and now rings there twice each Sunday. An occasion not to be forgotten by him was when he rang his first touch for Sunday service at Llanblethian, where the Cowbridge School ringers have revived ringing after a silence of 30 years; and rings there every Sunday now.

At the age of 12 Christopher rang his first peal. He rang the treble to seven Doubles methods/variations at St. Bride's Major, Glam., on Tuesday, December 17th, 1963, in 2 hours 43 minutes, conducted by Ellis N. Thomas. This peal was a great occasion for all who took part, for not only was it Christopher's first, but the first school peal in Wales.

This brilliant youngster has now rung twelve peals to date, in a variety of Doubles and Minor methods. His eighth, a peal of seven Doubles methods/variations at Baglan, Glam., on February 17th, 1965, in 2 hours and 52 minutes was his first as conductor. On this occasion he rang the 4th.

Christopher's most amusing incident to date was the loss of a peal in the summer of 1964, due to the ringer of the tenor losing his trousers.

Chris sets himself a high standard in his ringing. He rings with intelligence and concentration, paying great attention to his striking, making him a reliable member in any touch or peal band. The reward he has won for his perseverance and painstaking is his ability to ring touches in various Surprise Major methods.

Christopher is very successful as a "missionary" and instructor, and is also very conscientious in carrying out his share of steeple upkeep duties. He is a boy of remarkable versatile talent. Well placed in his academic work, a good performer at rugby, cricket and athletics, and has taken prominent parts in school dramatic society productions. His top-most interest is ringing and his ambition in this direction is to ring at St. Paul's Cathedral. While there are boys like this around, the future of the Exercise is surely safe. Congratulations and good luck, Christopher. NORVING.

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TO LET. — Unfurnished flat at Waltham Abbey, Essex, within easy reach of London. Would suit young married couple. Write to Chapman, Melbreak, Avey Lane, Waltham Abbey, or ring M. Austin, WF 22097. 7758

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkern Branch.—Monthly practice meeting, Ilminster, (8), Saturday, October 16th, 6.30 p.m. 7763

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ormesby, Saturday, October 16th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Names for tea, please. — P. Wishart, Hon. Sec. 7760

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Somersham on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7759

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Mid-week practice meeting at Swaffham on Wednesday, October 20th. Bells available 6.30. Everyone welcome.—C. Tovell. 7764

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — A.G.M., Saturday, October 23rd, at Earl Soham (6). Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at the Falcon Inn 5.30 p.m. followed by business meeting. Brandeston bells (6) available from 6.30 p.m. Requests for tea must be received by H. Leather, 3 Ways, Monk Soham, Woodbridge, by Tuesday, October 19th. 7761

MARKFIELD'S OUTING

Some fifty ringers and friends from Markfield, Leics, spent a very enjoyable half-day's outing in Derbyshire. Four towers were chosen. Calling at Darley Dale (8) Miss Smith and Mr. Paulson met the party and the bells were soon going to rounds and some nice change ringing was enjoyed. On to Baslow (6), where the ringers were met by ringer Timothy Wylie. Ringing went well, being more in line with Markfield's. From ringing to tea at Strutts, Baslow. This was followed by ringing at Eyam (6) and was appreciated by spectators in the church. Dronfield (8) was the last tower. Many thanks to all who made the outing possible and to incumbents. J. W.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The I.T.V. service on Sunday next will be from the Methodist Mission at Rochdale, where John, second son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Vincent, is minister.

The seventh annual Kimpton Cup competition, held on September 25th, was won by Kimpton, ringing Bob Doubles, with King's Langley second, and Wheathampstead third.

To mark the dedication of a lectern bible presented in memory of the late Col. R. H. Andrew, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Nazeing, Essex, on September 19th.

As a tribute of respect to E. M. Smith, for many years a ringer at the Church of St. Iltyd, Bridgend, Glam., a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Doubles was rung muffled there on September 13th.

To celebrate the ordination of the Rev. M. Trickey, curate, in recognition of the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Alton, Hants, on September 19th.

The Oswy Street Cup competed for at Rampton, Notts, on September 11th, was won by Friezland from Derby Cathedral, last year's holders. Other teams entered from Warsop, Shelford and Roughtown. Mr. H. Chant judged the contest.

The band who rang the peal of London S. Major at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, on September 18th send their best wishes to Joanna Elizabeth, who was born on September 12th, a daughter for Lawrence and Louise Smith.

Will Mr. D. W. Bailey, of Cotton House, Churchover, near Rugby, and Mr. L. W. Allen, of 34, St. John's Avenue, Putney, London, please let this office know of their change of address as their copies of the "R.W." are being returned to this office.

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BURIED BELL LEGEND

The story of a legendary buried church bell at Slinfold, Sussex, related recently by Mr. Stephen Peacock (78), of Cranleigh, a retired Surrey farmer, has provided correspondence in "West Sussex Gazette," the newspaper which published an article about it. Writers of a number of letters confirm the account given by Mr. Peacock, who had the legend told to him by an old Sussex carter, Pete Greenfield, of Deddisham Farm.

The bell is supposed to be buried in a field which was once a bog at Roman Gate, on the Guildford-Horsham Road, at the junction of the road leading to Billingshurst and Bognor Regis. According to Mr. Peacock, in Saxon times there was a village or town at the spot, which is known as Alföld Dene (or Anfold Dean). The old tollhouse, below which is the reputed site of the buried bell, has been demolished. Roman paving and other remains have been unearthed near the spot.

The legend is that no one knew how to recover the bell from the bog until a witch advised that 12 white oxen should be taken to the field at midnight to drag it out, but that not a word must be spoken. The oxen were accordingly obtained a chain was hooked on to the bell, and the dragging operation started. Then, just as the bell reached the surface someone shouted, "We've got Alföld Dene gurt bell, in spite of all the devils in hell." Instantly the chain broke, the bell slipped back into the quagmire, never to be recovered!

Mr. G. N. Slyfield, of Horsham, wrote to "The West Sussex Gazette" stating he had long heard of the story of the buried church bell near Alföld Dean Bridge which carried the Roman Stane Street. His letter went on to say:

"In Henry Burstow's 'Reminiscences of Horsham' the chapter on bells and bellringing states that 90 church bells were made by Messrs. Eldridge in The Normandy, Horsham. There is in the Slinfold churchwardens' accounts for 1593 the following: 'Item for carridge of o'r bells to Horsham 3s. 4d. Item or charges 2 days at Horsham about the bells 4d.'

"There is also in 1611 and 1618: 'Imprimis for carrying the grete bell into Horsham 2s. 1d. It. the Castyng of the seyed bell 42s. 8d. It. for carrying the bell from Horsham 2s. 2d.' Why was the return journey more expensive?

"It is not difficult to visualise accident at this place, when the horse and cart ascended or descended from the Roman hard pavement into the river basin."

S.O.S. FOR BELL ROPES

There has been a sad lack of response to the appeal for secondhand bell ropes for St. Mary's, Chute Forest, Wiltshire, only two having been given so far by the Andover tower. If these bells are to continue in use ropes of 30 ft. length will be required. Has any tower a spare one to give? The present set are required elsewhere and will be removed.

Let us know if you have a spare one and we will arrange collection. It is hoped to organise a joint meeting here in spring, 1966, with the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Correspondence to Mr. G. Dodd, 7, White City, Woolton Hill, Newbury, Berks.

CRAWFORD CUP CONTEST

This year the final of the Crawford Cup contest was held in the Newark district on September 18th. The bells chosen were the 6 cwt. six in the tiny church of Barnby-in-the-Willows, which, along with the equally tiny village, almost topples over the River Witham into Lincolnshire.

Into this peaceful setting swarmed a large number of cars, spilling out the members of the six teams competing, and other interested ringers. Small groups of people stood in the sunshine in and around the churchyard, listening to the efforts from within the church. Listening hardest of all were the judge, Mr. Jack Millhouse, and his marker, Mr. Peter Sharp, both of Lincoln, who must have been very ready for tea after so much concentration.

All the entrants rang Minor, and the set number of changes was 360. The standard of ringing was generally good, so it was with great interest that the assembled company heard that Warsop, representing the Mansfield District, had wrested the cup from the previous year's winner, Shelford, by a small margin. 54 faults to 64.

Watton-in-the-Vale and Wollaton both had 76 faults for striking errors, but Wollaton incurred a penalty of 10 faults because one bell set too soon, thus reducing them to fourth place. Sutton-on-Trent followed with 125 faults, and East Retford with 149.

Mr. Millhouse presented the cup to the only lady member of the Warsop band, Miss Catherine Rooke. Mr. J. W. Raithby had previously welcomed everyone to the Newark District, and to Barnby, and also formally introduced the judges. He said that great credit was due to the ladies who coped so capably with the large number for tea, approximately 60, especially considering the minuteness of the Church Hall. An enjoyable occasion was concluded with open ringing in the evening. B. N. R.

ESSEX AND SUFFOLK VISITED

During the last week of August a party of 19 ringers, drawn from six counties, toured North Essex and South Suffolk, ringing at most of the ringable towers in the area. At several towers the party regretted to hear of no local ringers, and at others those who met them joined in a touch with them and later remarked that it was the first time they had rung for some six weeks or more. There were, of course, other towers with thriving bands and well-kept belfries.

The party extend thanks to incumbents who allowed them to ring; to the local ringers who met them, and especially to two people who gave that bit of extra help to ensure that arrangements ran smoothly: Mr. Munnings, who assisted at most of the Ipswich churches, and the Suffolk Guild secretary, Andrew Beckwith, who advised on Suffolk towers, service ringing times and generally made the organiser's task easier.

The quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor rung by the ladies of Wimborne (Dorset) Branch at Lytchett Matravers on August 2nd ("R.W." page 546) was not the first by the ladies of the Branch, since they rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles in April, 1964.

CHERTSEY DISTRICT STRIKING COMPETITION

The first striking competition to be held by the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild took place at Send on September 18th. Teams representing Chobham, Egham, Hersham, Chertsey, Horsell and Thames Ditton took part.

The judges were Major E. J. Bragg and Mr. C. W. Denyer, who listened to the ringing from Mr. Denyer's car parked nearby. A few faults were possibly missed because of the noise of jets using London Airport! The service was taken by a lay reader, Mr. A. C. Stewart, who also gave an address.

Following the usual good tea, provided by Mrs. Strudwick and her helpers, which 60 people enjoyed, the judges announced their verdicts. Mr. Denyer gave a general account of the methods used to assess faults and how the faults could be eliminated in future. Major Bragg commented on each team in particular, which caused some hiding of faces in hands. Egham were the team with least faults, with Hersham second.

The District Ringing Master, Mr. C. D. J. Webb, warmly thanked the judges for their valuable advice. The general feeling of the meeting was that the contest was something really worth doing. Further ringing took place during the evening R. C.

INTERESTING PEAL FEATURES

There were some interesting features associated with a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples rung at Sherburn-in-Elmet for the Yorkshire Association on September 11th. It was G. Fred Terry's 100th peal, and David Sheppard's first peal of Grandsire Triples "inside." Also, D. Margaret Hawley and Edward M. Bradley had not rung any recent peals and it was a welcome change to ring with these two well-known ringers. In addition, the conductor broke his left arm on March 3rd and was very gratified that it had healed sufficiently to enable a peal to be rung.

NORWICH RINGERS IN LONDON

St. George's, Colegate, Norwich, ringers were up betimes on September 4th to catch an early train for an excursion to London. Nine towers were visited—St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate; St. Vedast's, Foster Lane; St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Clement Danes; St. Mary Abbot's; St. Giles-in-the-Fields; St. Giles', Cripplegate; and one in the East, where the new eight were rung for the first time. Ringers from Southampton, Watford and elsewhere joined the party at certain towers, nicely augmenting the numbers. There was rather more walking and less underground travelling than the organiser (Martin Cubitt), when announcing his plans, had indicated; but that only induced healthy appetites, assuaged at a restaurant near the last tower visited, and a pleasant drowsiness on the return journey to Norwich.

It has been decided to change the practice night at St. Mary's, Kingsclere, as a temporary measure only, from Thursday to Tuesday. This is because many of the band find themselves obliged to attend evening classes on Thursday and it is done in the interest of the quality of the Sunday ringing.

TOWER BELL PEALS

MR. WILFRED WILLIAMS' PEAL TOUR
OF IRELAND, 1965ALL PEALS, EXCEPT THAT AT WATERFORD, RUNG FOR
THE IRISH ASSOCIATIONHOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—At the Church of SS. Philip and James.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

Tudor P. Edwards Treble	John H. Fielden 5
Margaret A. Bould 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh 6
David J. Llewellyn 3	Rev. Roger O. Fry 7
D. Roy Bould 4	Wilfred Williams Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards

DUNDELA, Belfast.—At the Church of St. Mark.
On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes

A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Wilfred Williams Treble	Alan F. Thirst 6
Tudor P. Edwards 2	David J. Llewellyn 7
Kenneth J. Hesketh 3	George E. Thoday 8
John H. Fielden 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry 9
William A. Theobald 5	Ralph G. Edwards Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

DROGHEDA, Co. Louth.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sun., Aug. 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

John H. Fielden Treble	George E. Thoday 5
Margaret A. Bould 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh 6
David J. Llewellyn 3	Tudor P. Edwards 7
Alan F. Thirst 4	Ralph G. Edwards Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

Conducted by John H. Fielden.

LONDONDERRY, Co. Derry.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Columba.

On Mon., Aug. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 6 lb. in D

Tudor P. Edwards Treble	George E. Thoday 6
Kenneth J. Hesketh 2	D. Roy Bould 7
Alan F. Thirst 3	Ralph G. Edwards 8
John H. Fielden 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry 9
David J. Llewellyn 5	Wilfred Williams Tenor

Composed by F. Dench.

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

ENNISKILLEN, Co. Fermanagh.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Macartan.

On Mon., Aug. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in E flat.

Tudor P. Edwards Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh 6
Margaret A. Bould 2	Alan F. Thirst 7
William A. Theobald 3	John H. Fielden 8
D. Roy Bould 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry 9
David J. Llewellyn 5	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

ARKLOW, Co. Wick.—At the Church of St. Saviour.
On Wed., Aug. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

D. Roy Bould Treble	Tudor P. Edwards 5
Margaret A. Bould 2	George E. Thoday 6
John H. Fielden 3	Ralph G. Edwards 7
David J. Llewellyn 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

WATERFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Trinity.

On Wed., Aug. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 lb. in E

William A. Theobald Treble	George E. Thoday 5
Wilfred Williams 2	John H. Fielden 6
Kenneth J. Hesketh 3	Tudor P. Edwards 7
Alan F. Thirst 4	Ralph G. Edwards Tenor

Composed by Frank Bennett.

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

DONERAILE, Co. Cork.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

Seven extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.
Wilfred Williams Treble	William A. Theobald 4
Ralph G. Edwards 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh 5
John H. Fielden 3	George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

CORK.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Fin Barre.

On Thurs., Aug. 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 27 cwt. 20 lb. in D flat

D. Roy Bould Treble	George E. Thoday 5
Alan F. Thirst 2	Tudor P. Edwards 6
David J. Llewellyn 3	John H. Fielden 7
Kenneth J. Hesketh 4	Ralph G. Edwards Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

LIMERICK.—At the Church of Mount St. Alphonsus.

On Fri., Aug. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 25 lb. in E flat.

Tudor P. Edwards Treble	David J. Llewellyn 6
Kenneth J. Hesketh 2	John H. Fielden 7
Antony R. Kench 3	Ralph G. Edwards 8
Alan F. Thirst 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry 9
George E. Thoday 5	Wilfred Williams Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

DUBLIN.—At the National Cathedral Church of St. Patrick.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1965, in 4 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 45 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in C.

Wilfred Williams Treble	Eric J. Hitchens 7
Tudor P. Edwards 2	George E. Thoday 8
Kenneth J. Hesketh 3	John H. Fielden 9
Alan F. Thirst 4	John S. Mason 10
William A. Theobald 5	Rev. Roger O. Fry 11
Antony R. Kench 6	Ralph G. Edwards Tenor

Composed by F. Dench.

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

DUBLIN.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sun., Aug. 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. in E flat.

D. Roy Bould Treble	Antony R. Kench 5
David J. Llewellyn 2	George E. Thoday 6
John H. Fielden 3	Tudor P. Edwards 7
Eric J. Hitchens 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

Conducted by John H. Fielden.

CARRICKFERGUS, Co. Antrim.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp

Tudor P. Edwards Treble	D. Roy Bould 5
Antony R. Kench 2	David J. Llewellyn 6
Eric J. Hitchens 3	Kenneth J. Hesketh 7
William A. Theobald 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

HILLSBOROUGH, Co. Down.—At the Church of St. Malachi.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Tudor P. Edwards Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh 5
John H. Fielden 2	John S. Mason 6
Antony R. Kench 3	Reg. Roger O. Fry 7
Alan F. Thirst 4	Wilfred Williams Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

OTHER PEALS

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.

ADELAIDE, S.A.—At the Church of St. Andrew, Walkerville.

On Fri., Sept. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods in the following extents: Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

*Anne Horsford Treble	Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville 4
Leonard Stilwell 2	Thomas J. Lock 5
R. Mark Damerell 3	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal of Minor. First in seven methods on the bells.

ADELAIDE, S.A.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., Sept. 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. in C

Wilfred Williams Treble	R. Mark Damerell 5
*C. Hervey Bagot 2	Cecil W. Pipe 6
Arthur G. Mason 3	Thomas J. Lock 7
Rev. M. C. C. Melville 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

* First peal of Surprise "inside." First peal of Surprise on the bells.

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE, Victoria.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Paul.

On Thurs., Sept. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS

Thomas J. Lock Treble	Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. in C sharp.
Robin G. Turner 2	Arthur G. Mason 7
Rev M. C. C. Melville .. 3	R. Mark Damerell 8
*Helen J. Henderson .. 4	*Andrew C. Bolton 9
*Graeme W. Heyes 5	A. Patrick Cannon 10
Shirley Burton 6	Cecil W. Pipe 11
Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow.	Wilfred Williams Tenor
* First peal on 12 bells. First on 12 was conductor. First of Maximus outside UK.	Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.

HOBART, Tasmania.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Fri., Sept. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Thomas J. Lock Treble	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.
*Anne Horsford 2	R. Mark Damerell 5
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 3	Cecil W. Pipe 6
Leonard Stilwell 4	John J. F. Roper 7
Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob.	Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

HOBART, Tasmania.—At the Cathedral Church of St. David.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Leonard Stilwell Treble	Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.
Thomas J. Lock 2	R. Mark Damerell 5
Arthur G. Mason 3	Cecil W. Pipe 6
Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville 4	A. Patrick Cannon 7
Composed by Arthur Knights.	Wilfred Williams Tenor
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise outside the British Isles.	Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

ADELAIDE, S.A.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., Sept. 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Leonard Stilwell Treble	Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. in C
Anne Horsford 2	William B. Pitcher 5
Brian R. Cox 3	Ronald K. Russ 6
R. Mark Damerell 4	*David J. Bleby 7
Composed by Frank Bennett.	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor
* First peal "inside."	Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
Rung after a service commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.	

HANDBELL PEAL

MELBOURNE, Victoria.—At St. Mary's Vicarage, Caulfield.

On Sun., Sept. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Helen J. Henderson .. 1—2	Tenor size 14 in C sharp.	*Andrew C. Bolton 5—6
*Anne E. Cowling 3—4		Rev. M. C. C. Melville 7—8
Composed by E. M. Atkins.		Conducted by Rev. M. C. C. Melville.
* First peal "in hand."		

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CREWKERNE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

D. Roy Bould Treble	Tenor 22 cwt. 7 lb. in D.
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Alan Tubbs 5
Margaret A. Bould 3	Trevor A. Cross 6
Philip M. J. Gray 4	John C. Slater 7
Composed by J. A. Trollope.	D. John Hunt Tenor
	Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.

WELLINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's Composition.	Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.
Charles H. Webber .. Treble	Patrick J. Bird 5
David T. North 2	Geoffrey J. Gammon .. 6
Ivor G. Hughes 3	William F. Slocombe .. 7
*W. Arthur Riddle 4	Gordon Walford Tenor
Conducted by Patrick J. Bird.	

* First peal of Triples "inside."
A reunion peal.

BARTON ST. DAVID, Somerset.—At the Church of St. David.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being 12 extents of April Day and 15 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.
Thomas S. Bryant .. Treble	Robert Parker 4
Mrs. D. E. Crocker .. 2	Francis J. White 5
Arthur Callow 3	William A. Prescott Tenor
Conducted by Francis J. White.	

First peal on the bells by the Sunday Service band.
Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Association. Also a 21st birthday compliment to R. Parker.

CHURCHILL, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Wed., Sept. 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 six-score each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Reginald Dare Treble	Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.
Marjorie Legg 2	John Walton 4
George Prescott 3	Leonard Derrick 5
	James Lott Tenor
Conducted by George Prescott.	
Rung in memoriam E. J. Avery.	

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Sept. 14, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORK SURPRISE MAJOR

23 course block.	Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb.
Reginald M. Edwards .. Treble	*David J. Baker 5
Neil Bennett 2	Edward Jenkins 6
*David Vincent 3	*Jeffrey Brannan 7
*Christine Andrew 4	Derek Butterworth Tenor
Conducted by Neil Bennett.	

* First peal in the method.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

HARBURY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Sept. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Double Court, (3) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (4) Cambridge, (5) Kent T.B., (6) St. Clement's and Child-wall. (7) Plain Bob.	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 lb. in G.
Geoffrey W. Randal .. Treble	Ian C. Maycock 4
Robert E. Lester 2	Malcolm A. Phillips .. 5
F. Mark Robottom 3	Peter S. Bennett Tenor
Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.	

First in nine methods by all except the ringer of the 2nd.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.

On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Fred W. Stone Treble	Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.
Joseph C. Woolley 2	Gordon A. Halls 6
John F. Murfin 3	David W. Parkin 7
David J. Marshall 4	Trevor Taylor 8
Clive Thrower 5	Ian M. Holland 9
Composed by E. C. Shepherd.	Harold Taylor Tenor
	Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

APPLEDORE, N. Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Wilfred C. Boucher .. Treble	Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.
Frederick Sangwin 2	Ernest J. Ladd 5
Yvonne C. Porter 3	Harry Stacey 6
Michael H. Sinden 4	Derek Jewell 7
Composed by Thomas B. Worsley.	R. Roger Savory Tenor
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.	Conducted by R. Roger Savory.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., Sept. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Walter H. Dobbie .. Treble	Parker's Twelve-Part
Ernest J. Ladd 2	Richard D. Divall 5
R. Jean Osbon 3	Richard Hayes 6
Arthur F. Lewry 4	*Colin A. Osbon 7
Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.	Frank I. Hairs Tenor

* First in the method "inside."
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Jean F. Woolford and Mrs. P. Parkyn. Also a compliment to the Guild's secretary, Miss Margaret A. Ladd, and Mr. Raymond A. Large on their recent engagement.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CAXTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

*Michael M. Hawes .. Treble	Tenor 10 cwt.
†John J. Hawes 2	†Carol E. Diver 3
	Peter Woolven 4
Robert D. Bellamy Tenor	
Conducted by Peter Woolven.	

* First of Doubles. † First peal.
Rung to commemorate the Battle of Britain.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RAYLEIGH, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Tues., Sept. 21, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F

*Janet E. G. Griffith .. Treble	David E. Belcham .. 5
†Peter G. Brown .. 2	†Joe E. G. Roast .. 6
Peter J. Eves .. 3	Michael J. Hallett .. 7
†Frank C. May .. 4	Alfred J. House .. Tenor

Composed by Harry Poyner.

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast

* First peal. † 25th together. ‡ First in the method.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Fri., Sept. 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

Patrick J. Bird .. Treble	John C. Slater .. 5
Richard J. Bowden .. 2	James R. Taylor .. 6
Alan Tubb .. 3	D. John Hunt .. 7
Gillian M. Hussey .. 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry .. Tenor

Composed by Antony R. Kench.

Conducted by Rev. Roger O. Fry

First peal of Rutland as conductor.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.

On Wed., Sept. 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

Elisabeth A. G. Bowden Treble	Alan Tubb .. 5
D. John Hunt .. 2	John C. Slater .. 6
*David Huddleston .. 3	Emlyn F. Hancock .. 7
Gillian M. Hussey .. 4	James R. Taylor .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal of Surprise.

CRANHAM, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Sat., Aug. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

Being seven different 720's.	
Peter Clarkson .. Treble	†David Pobjoy .. 4
*Peter Gould .. 2	†Vivian Deane .. 5
†Patrick Allen .. 3	Leslie Barry .. Tenor

Conducted by Leslie Barry.

* First peal. † First of Minor "inside." ‡ First in the method.
Rung for the engagement of David Pobjoy and Marion Jayne.

WOODCHESTER, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten six-scores, ten callings, and eight 240's each of Morris' and Pitman's arrangements.

*Denis Thain .. Treble	†Vivian Deane .. 4
Frank Garland .. 2	Leslie Barry .. 5
Trevor Pritchard .. 3	*Lance Cordwell .. Tenor

Conducted by Leslie Barry.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles "inside."
Rung to commemorate the first peal on the bells, Sept. 28th, 1865.

THE HEREFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NEW RADNOR, Rads.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Sept. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 2 methods: 3 extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob and 4 extents of Plain Bob.

Mrs. E. C. Chandler .. Treble	Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in B flat.
John W. Clayton .. 2	John F. I. Turney .. 4
Robert A. Hatcher .. 3	Reginald J. Preece .. 5
	H. Lyndon Hatfield .. Tenor

Conducted by H. Lyndon Hatfield.

First peal as conductor.

WELLINGTON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Fri., Sept. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 17 cwt. 15 lb. in F

*Elizabeth Taylor .. Treble	Leslie Evans .. 4
George T. Cousins .. 2	Austin T. Wingate .. 5
†Tom Wood .. 3	Roland Billings .. Tenor

Conducted by George T. Cousins.

* First of Doubles. † First of Doubles in the method.
Rung for the conductor's parents' wedding anniversary.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Alban.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Michael J. Best .. Treble	John Hartless .. 7
David E. House .. 2	Laurence E. Hitchins .. 8
William J. Arnold .. 3	Michael D. Frost .. 9
Reginald W. Rex .. 4	Brian J. Luff .. 10
Michael J. Thomas .. 5	Robert C. Kippin .. 11
Frank L. Harris .. 6	*Malcolm M. Powell .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

* First peal on 12 bells. The conductor's 25th 12-bell peal.

APSLEY END, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Sept. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of York, Ipswich, Bourne, Netherseale, Norwich, London and Cambridge.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*George A. Reading .. Treble	Walter Ayre .. 4
†Susan E. Williams .. 2	†Peter W. Harper .. 5
†C. Valerie Mills .. 3	Reginald E. J. Sheppard Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal of Surprise. † First of Surprise "inside." ‡ First of seven Surprise.

A 21st birthday compliment to Susan E. Williams.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

John W. Smith .. Treble	Philip G. Erith .. 5
Ann Jenner .. 2	Ian H. Oram .. 6
D. Paul Smith .. 3	*Tony Lewis .. 7
Richard G. Crosland .. 4	Stanley Jenner .. Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker.

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.
Rung with best wishes to Elvira Slocombe and Alan Drage, who were married later this day at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst.

BROMLEY, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Tues., Sept. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*Maria E. Kirby .. Treble	Tony Lewis .. 5
William J. Rawlings .. 2	Percy J. Spice .. 6
†Christine M. Webb .. 3	H. Michael Williamson .. 7
Sheila Copping .. 4	Ian H. Oram .. Tenor

Composed by George Hughes.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* 25th peal. † First peal.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, Kent.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat. Sept. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

*Ann Jenner .. Treble	Andrew M. Macve .. 5
†Katharine M. Macve .. 2	*Stanley Jenner .. 6
†Tony Lewis .. 3	Colin A. Tester .. 7
Olive D. Tester .. 4	Ian H. Oram .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* 150th peal together. † First peal in the method.

SMARDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2160's and one 720. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

Brenda M. Foster .. Treble	Edward F. P. Bryant .. 4
*Nicholas J. Davies .. 2	Crawford T. Hillis .. 5
Philip G. Erith .. 3	Dennis A. Chapman .. Tenor

Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.

* 150th peal.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Tues., Sept. 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5280 LAMBETH SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*Jeffrey Brannan Treble	*Derek Butterworth 7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 2	Edward Jenkins 8
Neil Bennett 3	*Neil D. Lomas 9
C. Kenneth Lewis 4	*Brian J. Woodruffe .. 10
*Richard S. Starkie .. 5	John H. Fielden 11
John Robinson 6	Denis Mottershead Tenor

Arranged by Derek Ogden.
* First peal in the method.

The band wish to associate this peal with the memory of Derek Ogden.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.
On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 SELWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 95 lb. in E.

Derek Butterworth Treble	Richard S. Starkie 5
Christine Andrew 2	Peter J. Wycherley 6
Margaret E. Fort 3	Neil Bennett 7
Edward Jenkins 4	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by P. J. Wycherley. Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

This method is now rung to a peal for the first time.

Rung to celebrate the induction on the previous day of the Rev. John M. P. Hedges, B.A., as Vicar of this church.

WHITWORTH, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Wed., Sept. 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 6 methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, and 832 each of Cambridge, Pudsey and Superlative, with 127 changes of method, and all the work of the methods for each bell. Tenor 15 cwt.

Edward Jenkins Treble	*J. Colin Ashworth 5
Neil Bennett 2	Jeffrey Brannan 6
Christine Andrew 3	Richard S. Starkie 7
*Margaret E. Fort 4	Derek Butterworth Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. This composition is now rung in Lancashire for the first time.

Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar of this church, the Rev. R. A. Sleight, in Lincoln Cathedral on September 22nd, 1940.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile

On Mon., Sept. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Richard J. Clifton .. Treble	Derek P. Jones 5
*Dan S. Pont 2	Arthur E. Rowley 6
§Edwin Deakin 3	*B. Stedman Payne 7
§Joseph W. Cotton .. 4	G. Ronald Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* 25th peal together, † 50th peal for the Guild. ‡ First peal in method. § 25th peal together.

LEIRE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Fri., Sept. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in five methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford T.B., (3) Kent T.B., (4) St. Clement's, (5, 6 and 7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

Neville W. Price Treble	William Johnson 4
Christopher M. Sturgess .. 2	Gerald Johnson 5
K. Paul Gilliver 3	Brian L. Burrows Tenor

Conducted by Brian L. Burrows.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Mon., Aug. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5184 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

Joyce M. Gurnhill .. Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker 5
*Peter A. Sharp 2	J. L. Millhouse 6
Claire Dillamore 3	Harry Parks 7
Arthur F. Lewry 4	Geoffrey Paul Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Geoffrey Paul.

* First peal of Superlative Surprise Major.

WELTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Sept. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford T.B. and one of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

John Walden Treble	Charles V. Cade 4
John M. Blaikie 2	G. Angus Dixon 5
John Pladdys 3	Geoffrey R. Parker Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey R. Parker.

Rung within the octave of the Patronal Festival (the "Feast").

SELWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

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THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

LAPWORTH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Beverley, (3) Kent T.B., (4) Surfleet, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Cambridge, (7) St. Clement's, Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*Richard S. Starkie .. Treble	†John K. Foot 4
Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. 2	David G. Wilford 5
†Malcolm A. Phillips .. 3	Peter S. Bennett Tenor

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

* First in seven Minor methods. † First in seven methods. First in seven methods by the Society.

Rung as a compliment to Malcolm A. Phillips and Muriel C. Hastings on their engagement.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ABERAVON, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat. Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

*Susan Jones Treble	M. Jack Pryor 5
*Mary Pryor 2	*Stephen Fenwick 6
Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 3	*Ellis N. Thomas 7
Thomas Yeomans 4	*Paul M. Evans Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker (No. 1).

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

Rung at the special request of the Vicar to celebrate the C.E.M.S. gathering at Aberavon this day. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

(Llandaff Branch)

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.

On Mon., Sept. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores.	Tenor 16 cwt.
D. R. Lynn Jones .. Treble	Harold Preece 4
Thomas E. Hiddins .. 2	D. Walford Davies .. 5
William T. Petty 3	*Raymond J. Mayle Tenor

Conducted by William T. Petty.

* First peal.

Rung muffled as a tribute of respect to E. M. Smith, for many years a ringer at this church.

PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Kent and Oxford T.B., (3) Single Oxford and St. Clement's, (4) College, (5) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (6) Childwall, (7) Grandsire.

Susan Jones Treble	Stephen Fenwick 4
Gwendoline Bidgood .. 2	Geoffrey J. B. Stickland .. 5
Ruth E. Havard 3	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.

First peal in ten Minor methods for all the band and on the bells. Rung to celebrate Peterston-super-Ely being judged "the best kept village in the Vale of Glamorgan." Tenor 10 cwt 18 lb.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

WHITWICK, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

M. J. Morris' variation of Parker's Twelve-Part, 7th observation.	
James A. Lord .. Treble	John A. Underwood .. 5
*Ron Hughes 2	Roland Beniston 6
Colin Lord 3	John W. Rawson 7
Wilfred Lord 4	E. James Tovell Tenor

Conducted by John W. Rawson.

* First in method. First peal as conductor.

A wedding compliment to Martin Wenham and Christine Howlett, a ringer at this church, married here this day. Tenor 12 cwt.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BROUGHTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Barry Corbishley .. Treble	*Geoffrey R. Gardner .. 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Raymond J. Ballard .. 6
F. Hector Bennett 3	*Richard Wharton 7
Hilary F. Pardoe 4	Denis Latham Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Norman Sherratt.

* First peal in the method.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORWICH.—At the Church of St. Michael-at-Coslany (St. Miles).

On Wed., Sept. 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

David Cubitt Treble	Roy Duesbury 5
Desmond P. Mortlock .. 2	F. Charles Goodman .. 6
Martin Cubitt 3	Geoffrey H. Pullin 7
Patricia Holmes 4	Peter Adcock Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by Peter Adcock.

A farewell peal to the Rev. A. M. Hay, Rector for 19 years, on his retirement.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WARFIELD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Aug. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Groves' transposition of Parker's Twelve-Part.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

Denby Murduck Treble	Philip Murduck 5
Bradley Murduck 2	Reginald F. Crook 6
*Mrs. S. E. Smith 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
*Anthony D. Smith 4	Gerald B. Evans Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Sept. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon Treble	Edward W. Colley 7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 2	Martin D. Fellows 8
B. Gillian Schofield 3	Norman J. Goodman 9
Roderick W. Pipe 4	Michael J. Fellows 10
John R. Inley 5	John H. Fielden 11
John C. Eisel 6	George E. Fearn Tenor

Arranged and conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

KING'S NORTON, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. Treble	David J. Purnell 6
B. Gillian Schofield 2	Kenneth Hesketh 7
Roderick W. Pipe 3	George E. Fearn 8
Ian R. Panton 4	John H. Fielden 9
James L. Towler 5	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Susan Funnell and Philip Rothera, who were married here earlier this day

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

ERDINGTON, Birmingham.—At the R.C. Abbey Church of SS Thomas and Edmund of Canterbury.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in E sharp.

*Mark Androlia Treble	James Inley 5
†Paul L. McEvilly 2	David J. Purnell 6
John R. Inley 3	Michael Elson 7
†Peter Stretton 4	John McDonald Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Conducted by John McDonald.

* First peal. † First of London Surprise Major.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

HOAR CROSS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of the Holy Angels.
On Sun., Sept. 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Cambridge Surprise and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

Frederick R. Scott Treble	Edward W. Colley 4
Marilyn C. Smith 2	J. Keith Ward 5
S. Clarke Walters 3	Brian J. Luff Tenor

Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

HACKNEY, E.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

Doreen A. Deverell Treble	Edwin A. Barnett 5
E. Jane Sibson 2	Andrew J. Strathdee 6
Jacqueline S. King 3	John S. Barnes 7
David J. King 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Dennis Beresford.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

EAST RETFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Swithun.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 23 cwt. (approx.)

*Linda Wilkinson Treble	Peter R. Humphrey 6
*Paul Raithby 2	Harry Poyner 7
Doreen Metcalfe 3	William L. Exton 8
Joyce M. Gurnhill 4	Peter A. Sharp 9
Simon Humphrey 5	*Alan Friskney Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd (No. 1). Conducted by Harry Poyner.

* First peal on ten bells.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Joan Taylor, a ringer at this church, and Philip Davison.

GOTHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Wed., Sept. 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of All Saints', St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire.

Tenor 7 cwt. 5 lb. in G.

Ruth Blackshaw Treble	William L. Exton 3
John Eborall 2	David Oliver 4
Maurice W. Harrison .. Tenor	

Conducted by William L. Exton.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

B. Gillian Schofield Treble	Sylvia R. E. Pipe 5
Clifford R. Lovett 2	Ernest G. Pearce 6
Neil V. Avis 3	William J. Button 7
Neville F. Whittell 4	Roderick W. Pipe Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Ronald Last, lay-reader at Burgh.

HENLEY, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., Sept. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

Colin F. Loke Treble	George W. Pipe 5
Roger L. K. Whittell 2	Robin H. Rogers 6
Alice E. J. Lester 3	H. William Barrett 7
Lawrence R. Pizze 4	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RICHMOND BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

G. William Shanks Treble	D. Paul Smith 5
Alison M. Mann 2	Alan R. Millidge 6
Christopher F. Mew 3	Brian J. Bull 7
Noel R. Waite 4	Michael J. Uphill Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

First peal in the method on tower bells C.C.C. No. 32.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DITCHLING, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Anticlockwise. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

John C. Baldwin Treble	John R. Norris 5
*C. Douglas Linington .. 2	Albert W. Bond 6
R. Ian Vaughan 3	Douglas P. Snoswell 7
James M. Hills 4	Michael J. Bew Tenor

Composed by George Williams.

Conducted by Michael J. Bew.

First peal of Major as conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Christopher J. Snoswell, of Brighton, and Miss E. Salter, of Otley, Suffolk, who were married the previous Saturday, August 14th.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (7th observation). Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.)

D. Margaret Hawley Treble	*G. Fred Terry 5
James Thorley 2	†David Sheppard 6
Alan Sheppard 3	Leslie M. Woodhead 7
Kenneth B. Sissons 4	Edward M. Bradley Tenor

Conducted by Leslie M. Woodhead.

* 100th peal. † First peal of Grandsire "inside."

NON-ASSOCIATION.

ABBOTSBURY, Dorset.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of London Surprise and two extents each of Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and Kent T.B. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Christine Birks Treble	Philip A. Mason 4
Dorothy Mason 2	Denis Latham 5
Norman Sherratt 3	Walter Sherratt Tenor

Conducted by Walter Sherratt.

First peal as conductor.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

MILLS.—To Doreen and Leonard, at Avonside Hospital, Evesham, on September 19th, 1965, God's gift of a daughter, Julie Anne 7713

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

BALDOCK—FULLER.—The marriage between Alan Baldock and Christine Fuller will take place at St. Mary's Church, Eastbourne, on Saturday, October 9th, 1965, at 2.30 p.m. Future Address: Linden Cottage, Peelings Lane, Westham, Pevensey, Sussex. 7721

DEATHS

FLETCHER.—On Wednesday, September 29th, 1965, at Northgate Hospital, Great Yarmouth, Edith Kate, in her 74th year. 7754

PARTINGTON.—On September 18th, 1965, suddenly, Harry, dear husband of Muriel and loving father of Godfrey and John.—56, Clay Lane, Rochdale. 7729

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Philip and Susan Rothera is now Braybrooke, Terling, Chelmsford, Essex. 7711

COLLINS.—Will all ringing friends please note that the new address of Mr. and Mrs. A. Terence Collins is Pine Villa, Vale Road, Woodfalls, Salisbury. 7744

PERSONAL

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." (Hebrews xii, 14.)

HANDBELLS WANTED

BAND of impecunious ringers require set of six handbells to help them on the road to change ringing. Offers of assistance, please, to Mr. Wardle, The White House, Littleton, Winchester. 7753

WANTED.—Handbells—full set or nearest possible.—Full particulars to Mr. E. E. Evans, Swanwick Hall School, Swanwick, Derby. 7728

WANTED.—Eight or ten handbells for change ringing, in good condition. Details and price to Shirley Rymer, The Vicarage Flat, Calne, Wilts. 7718

PUBLICATIONS

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"THE THEORY OF CHANGE RINGING." by A. W. T. Cleaver; 3s. (3/6 post free), from Hilton, 19, Lonewood Way, Hadlow, Tonbridge Kent. A few copies are also available of "Joseph Hatch, the Ulcombe Bell-founder" 1/10 post free. 7543

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MISCELLANEOUS

CANNOCK STAFFS.—Until further notice, practice night has been changed to Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. All will be made welcome. 7720

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dinner and dance at Newlands Corner Hotel, near Guildford, on Saturday, October 23rd, at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Names and remittance of £1 ls. per person to Mr. P. Sherwood, East Wyke Farm, Ash, Aldershot, by October 16th.

SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

1966 TOUR — July 23rd–August 13th

The last fortnight comprises ten days in Ireland and four in Wales. It is essential that those interested should obtain a tour list (no obligation involved) by sending s.a.e., before October 31st, to the secretary, W. A. Lacey, 99, Hollow Road, Anstey, Leics. The list for the first seven days in Cheshire is now available. 7730

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL.—Surprise Royal practice on October 8th has been cancelled. Next one on second Friday of November. Other Friday practices as normal. 7740

PRACTICE meeting at Heavitree on October 9th. 7737

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, East Harptree, Saturday, October 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Talbot, The Bungalow, East Harptree, near Bristol.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 7686

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—Ten-bell practices at Minehead, October 9th and November 13th at 7 p.m.—A. R. Tudball. 7745

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Joint meeting with Cambridge District and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY at Longstanton on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.30 p.m. 7667

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Meeting at Rayleigh on October 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to M. J. Hallett, 180, Downhall Road, Rayleigh. 7642

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—Meeting at Kirby-le-Soken, Saturday, October 9th. Service 4.15 followed by tea. Names to Mr. U. W. Wildney, The Croft, Edith Road, Kirby-le-Soken, Frinton-on-Sea. 7652

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS—N.E. Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Oakford on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea to G. W. Hollis, Rose-nath Avenue, Tiverton. 7690

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest of Dean Branch.—Meeting at Newland on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to Mrs. Williams, Yewtree Cottage, Newland, near Coleford, by 5th, please. 7727

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, October 9th, at Heavitree. Bells 6.30–8.30 p.m. Early start, please.—G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road. 7716

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Great Gaddesden (6), October 9th. Names for tea to R. Goldsney, 4, Water End, Hemel Hempstead. 7699

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Annual General District Meeting at Folkestone, Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8, 25 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. F. J. Whittaker, 76, Surrenden Road, Folkestone.—C. T. H. 7650

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting, October 9th at Kegworth. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. M. Stevens, 91, Parklands Drive, Loughborough, Leics. 7661

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Meeting at Blaenavon, October 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. G. Jones, "Nantllechan House," High Street, Blaenavon, Mon. 7669

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—October 9th. St. Mary's, Church Road, Battersea, 2–3 p.m. St. Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea, 3.30–4.30 p.m. St. Mary Abbots', Church Street, Kensington. Business 6 p.m. Ringing after.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 7692

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. 7700

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Autumn meeting, October 9th. Bells: Swalcliffe (6) 2.30; Tadmorton (6) 6.45. Service 4. Tea and business 4.45. Names for tea to Mr. S. Nichols, 2, Council Houses, Swalcliffe, near Banbury. 7715

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, October 9th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. Hunt, 5, Cheriton Close, Newbury. 7697

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Handsworth, October 9th. Striking competition to commence at 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Open ringing afterwards.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 7708

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Granby, October 9th. Bells 3. Tea 4.45. Service 6. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, St. Owen's, Whetton.—R. Blackshaw. 7706

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Saturday, October 9th. All Saints', Nottingham (8), 3.30 to 4.30; St. Mary's (10) 5.30 p.m.—S. Adams. 7723

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District.—Quarterly meeting on October 9th. Lyndhurst bells 2.30–4. Tea, Eling Parish Hall, 4.15. Business meeting follows. Eling bells in evening. Names for tea to Mrs. G. Northway, 1, Standon, Hursley, Winchester. No names, no tea. 7714

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Annual meeting at Norton, October 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea to W. J. Newman, Manor Farm, Hinton, Evesham. 7719

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, including nomination of officers, at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, October 12th, at 8.15 p.m. Forthcoming practices, all commencing 6.30 p.m.: October 12th, St. Paul's Cathedral; October 19th, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside; October 26th, St. Andrew's, Holborn; November 2nd, Southwark Cathedral.—John Chilcott. 7738

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Glaston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, St. Benedict's, Glastonbury, Saturday, October 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting. Names for tea, please.—P. Hull, Hon. Sec., Fircott, Dinder, Wells. 7731

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath and Frome Branches.—Joint meeting at Mells, Saturday, October 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. M. Heymann, Eagle House, Chilcompton.—A. Lee and E. Chivers, Branch Secs. 7687

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Nantwich, October 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by October 13th. No name, no tea.—W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 7747

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Newburn on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Taylor, 9, Beverley Terrace, Walbottle, Newcastle 5. 7725

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Hilgay, Saturday, October 16th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7749

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Coln-St. Aldwyn's (8) 5.30 p.m., Saturday, October 16th.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec. 7746

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Monthly practice and quarterly meeting, Minchinhampton, Saturday, October 16th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please. Chalford steel bells available in evening.—E. Cribbley, France Lynch, Stroud. 7746

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Ottershaw, Saturday, October 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names to Mr. R. Pashley, 73, Hare Hill, Addlestone. 7734

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Gray-shott (8) on Saturday, October 16th from 6 to 9 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 7755

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting, Bredenbury, October 16th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. by reservation only. Numbers to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard, by 14th at latest, please. 7668

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Welwyn, October 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec., 10, The Hill, Wheathampstead. 7732

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting at Sittingbourne (8) on October 16th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea for those who notify Mr. S. B. Dobbie by Wednesday, October 13th, at the very latest.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7748

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Canterbury, Saturday, October 16th, at St. Dunstan's Church Hall. Tea, 2/- per person. Ringing at St. Alphege's, St. Dunstan's and the Cathedral. Details of service and ringing times to District towers. Names for tea to District Secretary, T. C. Phillimore, 47, St. Peter's Grove, Canterbury. 7712

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual District meeting at Maidstone, Saturday, October 16th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Cullingworth, 45, Holtye Crescent, Maidstone.—M. L. Howe, Dis. Sec. 7702

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Half-yearly meeting on Saturday, October 16th, at Dalton-in-Furness. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Wall, 19, Chapel Street, Dalton-in-Furness, by 13th.—T. E. Metcalfe, Branch Sec. 7739

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Quarterly meeting, October 16th. Bells: Narborough (6) 2-2.30; Wheatstone (6) 2.30-3; Blaby (5) 3-3.30; South Wigston (8) 3.15-4; Aylestone (8) 4.25 and after meeting. Service St. Andrew's, Aylestone, 4.30. Tea (followed by meeting) 5. British Legion Hall, Middleton Street (almost opposite church). Names for tea to A. J. Poyner, 31, Marsden Lane, Aylestone, Leicester, by October 13th.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7703

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, October 16th, at St. Augustine's, Kilburn (Kilburn Park—Bakerloo Line). Bells from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 7741

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Chiseldon, Saturday, October 16th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 7743

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, October 16th, 1965
at the Angel Hotel, Peterborough.
Assemble 6.30 for 7 p.m. dinner.
Tickets (£1 ls. each and c.w.o.) from
E. Billings, 51, Melville Street,
Northampton, before October 12th.
Films will be shown after dinner.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS
Thornhaugh (5), Wansford (5) Castor
(6), Woodston (6), 3-4.30 p.m.
St. Mary's, Peterborough (6) 4-5.30 p.m.
St. John's, Peterborough (8) 5-6 p.m.
E. Billings, Gen. Sec. 7621

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY
—Meeting, Saturday, October 16th, at Enville Bells (8) available 3-4.25 p.m. Committee meeting 3. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Further ringing during evening.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 7589

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
(Southern Division) and **SUSSEX DISTRICT GUILD.**—Joint practice meeting, Seaford (8), Saturday October 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. G. Rice, 40, Fairfield Gardens, Portslade, by previous Wednesday, please. 7751

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Penzance Branch.—Autumn meeting at Camborne, Saturday, October 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Christopher, Boskinning, Heamoor, Penzance. 7724
WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Wootton-St. Lawrence on Saturday, October 16th. Bells from 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke, by October 13th. 7733

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—Dedication of new treble bell on Sunday, October 17th, at 11 a.m. Matins, by Ven. W. N. Welch, M.A., Archdeacon of Southend. Bells now a light ring of six (tenor 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.) available 12 noon until 6.30 Evensong. Lunch available, 2 mins. walk, 1 p.m., 2s. 6d. per head. Please notify Miss B. Fisher, 49, Hatch Road, Brentwood, before October 14th. Everybody welcome. 7684

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the bells on October 23rd. Bells 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.35 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. The following towers will also be open for ringing: Old Harlow (8) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Nazeing (6) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Roydon (6) 2 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. Lunch is easily obtainable in Harlow New Town. The tea will be provided free at Harlow Common. We will be pleased to welcome any members who have rung on these bells in the past.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7750

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, October 23rd, at Bridgend. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Petty, 10, Parkfields Road, Bridgend, Glam. Gentlemen welcome. 7752

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Dinner and Social in Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, October 23rd, 6 for 6.30. Chief guest the Provost of Leicester. Tickets (18/6) from J. M. Jelley, 17, Linley Green, Cosby, Leicester, by October 16th. Bells: St. Mary-de Castro's (8) 2.30-3.30; Cathedral (12) 3.30-4.30.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7704

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (S. and W.), **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (E.B. and S.B.), **LADIES' GUILD** (Central) and **LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon, Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (10) 3-4.30 and after tea. Tea to follow in St. John's Hall. Social 7.45 p.m.; the Washington film will be shown. Denham (8) 2.30-3.30; St. Andrew's, Ux-

bridge (8) 3-4. Names for tea, if possible, to F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.—W. Deason, Miss D. Hague, Miss J. Spreadbury, and Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Secs. 7742

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Aylsham, Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. J. Humphrey, 14, Buxton Road, Aylsham, Norwich, NOR 07 Y, by Wednesday, 20th.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 7717

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Spelsbury on Saturday, October 23rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. 7722

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kingston (8), Saturday, October 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting, Swanage. Bells (8) 6.45-7.45. Names for tea to Mr. R. Damer, 2, Oxford Terrace, Cowlease, Swanage, Dorset, by Thursday, October 21st. 7688

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Burwash (8), Saturday, October 23rd. Ringing 3 p.m.-4.30 p.m. and 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me at 36, London Road, Hailsham, by Wednesday, October 20th, please.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 7740

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

The Annual Dinner will be held on **Saturday, October 23rd, 1965,** at the Co-operative Hall, The Trinity, Worcester, at 6.15 p.m. Entertainment after dinner. The Guest of Honour will be the President of the Central Council. Bells: Cathedral, 3.30-5 p.m.; All Saints', 4.30-6 p.m. Tickets 13s. 6d. from Gen. Sec. and Branch Secs. until October 18th.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 7675

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The twelfth Annual Dinner will be held in the Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford, on Saturday, October 30th; 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (£1 ls., limited number only) from P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle, Chelmsford, by Wednesday, October 27th, at the latest. S.A.E., please. 7736

THE SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday, November 6th, 1965.
The Black Horse Hotel,
Thompson Avenue, Wolverhampton.
6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets 18s.
Apply with remittance to Mr. C. F. W.
Eyre, 61, Canterbury Road, Penn.
Wolverhampton. 7578

DERBYSHIRE EDUCATION COMMITTEE and DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION November 12th-14th

Lea Green, Nr. Matlock, Derbys.
A week-end residential course for
tower captains and ringing instructors.

Subjects include conducting (theory and practice); teaching bell control, hunting, method ringing and striking; method structure; handbell ringing. The principal lecturer is Mr. N. Chaddock (Convener of the Central Council Committee of Education). Inclusive fee £11-17-0. Application forms and detailed programme may be obtained from D. J. Marshall, 52, Wyvern Avenue, Long Eaton, Nottingham. 7649

COMPOSITIONS

5,152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
By RICHARD J. PARKER.

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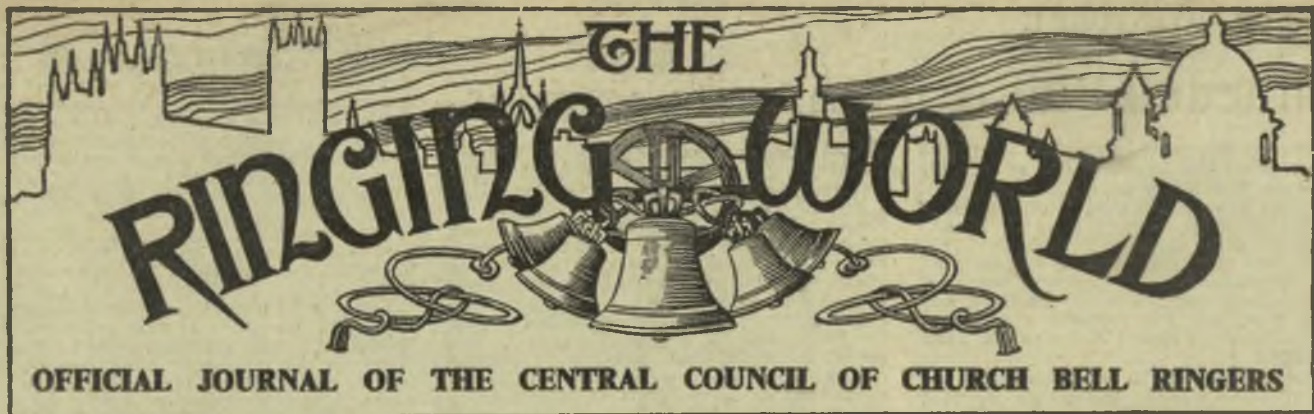
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THE FIRST HALF

THE first half of Great Adventure II is over and it is possible to weigh up the value of this enterprise, which at Northampton failed to receive the recognition or benediction of the Central Council. While purely individual, and this has been a cause of surprise to our Australian friends, it has been regarded in this great Commonwealth as symbolic of the goodwill and friendship of the whole of British ringers.

We have been received as the representatives of a large body many thousands strong, who in their service to the Church ring the bells of cathedrals and churches Sunday by Sunday proclaiming the message of Glory to God in the Highest. The interest in the visit has not been limited to the few. Two archbishops—Perth and Melbourne—and the Bishop of Adelaide have amended their diaries to give us a welcome.

Equally interested have been the civic authorities. Two Lord Mayors and two Mayors have held receptions in our honour and have shown their appreciation of the dedicated art we practise. Bellringing is typically British and is recognised as such by those who have received us. Our ringing has brought pleasure to hundreds; we say this not in any sense to belittle the conscientious performances of members of the Australian and New Zealand Association; but in many areas our style of ringing, and the rhythm captured, brought to many from the Ringing Isles tears of nostalgic memories. "We have never heard our bells rung like this" was not a mere empty phrase. We heard it at Perth, Adelaide, outside the Town Hall, Ballarat, Bendigo and Yass.

And what can we say of those who were our hosts, planned the various programmes and entertained us so lavishly and selflessly? The welcome and kindness extended to us will never be forgotten. The next generation repeated to the full the generous hospitality of 1934. Most of the party had had experience of organising

ringing functions; they knew the hours of hard work involved and were very conscious of what had been undertaken to care for a party, most of whom were elderly and at times travel-weary.

Already there are indications that the visit has produced tangible results. At Perth we emphasised that the bells were unpealable. Two members prepared a report on the bells and the Church Authorities will probably approach the Lord Mayor to issue a civic appeal. The other was at Melbourne. The bells at the Roman Catholic Cathedral have for years been notorious for bad-going. Now there is every promise that specifications for an eight and ten will be sought. Two worthy rings are likely to be operating in the city of Melbourne—not too many for a population of over two millions.

The standard of Australian belfries visited was high. Clean and fresh, most of them had a businesslike air and there was evidence of young life everywhere. The bell chambers were tidy and clean; the general opinion was that steeplekeepers should give a closer attention to the bells. However, the atmosphere of interest and enthusiasm encountered gave every prospect that the Australian and New Zealand Association would, with steady influx of ringers with English experience, be in a position equal to the average county Association.

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GREAT ADVENTURE II

Cathedral Peal Attempt lasts 50 mins.

SUNDAY, September 19th, saw two peal successes. The four who flew to Adelaide rang Plain Bob Major on the Cathedral bells in 3 hours 35 minutes. Four Australians were included—Brian R. Cox, William B. Pitcher, Ronald K. Russ and David J. Bleby. Pat Cannon was more than satisfied with the peal, which he conducted, and trips were very rare. It was David Bleby's first "inside" and fourth peal, and Pat foretold a promising ringing career for David if he should come to England.

A service touch of 720 Plain Bob Minor was rung at St. Andrew's, Walkerville, by Paul L. Ewens 1. Anne Horsford 2, A. P. Cannon 3, D. J. Gambling 4, R. Mark Damerell 5, K. G. Stephenson (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 by the conductor.

The second peal—Plain Bob Major "in hand"—was rung on Sunday evening at St. Mary's Rectory, Caulfield, largely through the initiative of the Rev. M. C. C. Melville, to enable three of the St. Paul's Cathedral band to ring their first "in hand." They were Helen J. Henderson, Anne E. Cowling and Andrew C. Bolton. All were very pleased that the effort was crowned with success.

Monday morning was devoted to sight-seeing. Four of the party visited the Royal Melbourne Show and about 15 were enabled to spend three interesting hours at the Monash University. This was arranged by Peter Richards, a former Crayford ringer, who is engaged on research among Australian animals. The nature preserve, attached to the University, was a source of great interest, as many rare (some almost extinct) birds and mammals were seen.

WITHOUT LUSTRE

We lunched at the Students' Union. One student in a friendly manner inquired what faculty we were attending. A wit of our company replied: "The faculty of campanology at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne!"

The second peal attempt at the Cathedral that evening—one of Stedman Cinques—lasted 50 minutes. Wilfred Williams conducted; the performance did not add lustre to the tourists, most of whom were tired. Australians participating in the attempt were John Roper on the tenor, Hervey Bagot, Graeme Heyes and Andrew Bolton. The tourists, in addition to the conductor, were Tom Lock, Malcolm Melville, Mark Damerell, Shirley Burton, Arthur Mason, Patrick Cannon and Cecil Pipe.

BENDIGO

After a train journey lasting nearly three hours in very comfortable carriages, we arrived at Bendigo on the day of the weekly market, at which 21,000 sheep and lambs and 1,000 bullocks were penned.

We were housed in a motel, each unit having wireless and television and tea and coffee for making a drink. Once famed for its gold minings—a nugget worth £2,000 was picked up by a roadman three weeks before—Bendigo is now a big agricultural centre, with many fine buildings, and trams running down the wide main streets.

Our purpose was, however, to ring the first peal on the bells, and this was successfully accomplished in 2 hours 56 minutes. The peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major was the first outside the British Isles. About last Christmas a party of Adelaide ringers travelled 700 miles to Bendigo to join Melbourne ringers in a peal attempt. According to reports it was lost when there were only 40 changes to go! It was a fairly good peal apart from an odd slip or two. Local comments were most favourable. "We have never heard our bells rung like this before," said a prominent citizen.

Outside in the street the bells were very melodious, but inside the ringing chamber they were noisy, and in the opinion of one

of the band not many people in England would go for a peal in the tower. The remedy is easy—extra covering of kapok, or a similar material, between the bells and the ringers. The bells, like those at Adelaide, are hung in two tiers. There was a frame weakness; it had been extended and the ends in places were not on firm girders. Particularly difficult was the sixth bell.

The peal over, the company united outside the Town Hall for a photograph, to be followed by a Mayoral reception. Bendigo ringers also attended. The Mayor (Cdr. R. F. Turner) in his welcome said he felt the 93-year-old bells at St. Paul's were part of Bendigo and they issued the challenge for the Christian way of life as they rang out each Sunday.

Supporting speeches were given by the Mayor of Eaglehawk (Cdr. F. C. Staub), the Huntley Shire President (Cdr. K. Shotton) and the Rector of St. Paul's (Canon D. I. M. Anthony), who met us at the station and was delighted that there was a Welshman in the party. Tom Lock replied, and then followed the signing individually in the Visitors' Book. With us was Pam Warren, who had motored some 70 miles to be with us and join in the evening ringing. Bill Malloy thanked the Mayor on behalf of Bendigo ringers.

A high tea was provided by the ladies of St. Paul's. Canon Anthony was a genial host and in the informal speech-making that followed Canon Anthony told of the misfortunes to Bendigo bells and how they were cracked in the Government Ordnance Factory while the canons were being removed. The only satisfactory method was a "boil-up" of the bells in England and recasting, which took place at the Whitechapel foundry. An acknowledgment of their responsibility was a cheque for £500 from the Government, but another appeal to the town was necessary to liquidate the debt.

The Bendigo Bellmaster, Mr. Bill Robertson, gave fraternal greetings, and Tom Lock presented a copy of "The Sound of Bells" and a bell ash tray to the tower.

In the evening ringing the visitors rang Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major and helped local ringers through Bob Doubles and Bob Triples. A hot supper concluded a happy three hours.

A 25th ANNIVERSARY

Wednesday was the 25th anniversary of Malcolm Melville's ordination and he was given permission to celebrate at the 10 a.m. Communion service. Many of us attended the service to join in congratulating our colleague on a quarter of a century service to the Church.

Pat Cannon was privileged to visit a large primary school, and Tom and Kathleen White, after the service, had tea with the President of Bendigo Inner Wheel, and Tom White received a banneret of the Bendigo Rotary Club for presentation to the Guildford Club.

With reluctance we left this beautiful city for Melbourne.

Our first function on reaching Melbourne was a reception given by the Dean (the Very Rev. Thomas W. Thomas) and Mrs. Thomas at the Deanery. Father Little, of St. Patrick's Cathedral, was also present and he expressed a sincere hope to have a much better ring of bells in the R.C. Cathedral. Expert opinion from England is to be sought and there might even be ten bells in the tower to ring out a challenge to St. Paul's. A suggestion of activity and an appeal were contained in the Roman Catholic weekly, "The Age." The article contained a photograph of Wilfred Williams. By the way, Wilf's style of belfrymanship made him very popular in St. Paul's Cathedral, and the trio of youthful beauty rose very early on the Thursday morning to pay due homage to the representative of St. Paul's, London.

We would like to place a veil over the third peal attempt at St. Paul's that Wednesday evening. Cambridge Surprise Royal was chosen. There were two false starts and then it only lasted 50 minutes. The mood to ring peals was lacking. Various touches in which local ringers participated continued until 9.15 p.m., when a farewell supper was served by Mrs. Roper and helpers. In his farewell speech and good wishes for the success of the tour, Jock Roper mentioned the work of Graeme Heyes for organising the Melbourne part of the tour, the members who provided transport, and the ladies who provided the food.

This vote of thanks was fully endorsed by Tom Lock, who said the tour was proving to be most enjoyable and memorable. "We are doing our best," he said. "We have had our failures as well as successes. We are enjoying ourselves and we hope the advice we have given will bear fruit. With the interest and enthusiasm of St. Paul's band there was a great potential for ringing in Melbourne." Presentations followed.

Breakfast was served at 6.30 at the Victoria Hotel, where the 13 spent the night. Nevertheless John Roper and others turned up to get the luggage to the air terminal for the flight to Canberra, another full and eventful day.

(To be continued)

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A successful meeting of the North and East District was held at St. Margaret's, Edgware, on September 18th. Ringing took place in various six-bell methods and every opportunity was afforded the local company, who are in the early stages of the art, to make progress in method ringing. In the absence of the Rector, the service was conducted by Philip Robinson, lay reader and a member of the local band, whilst Mr. C. H. Rigg accompanied at the organ. Tea followed in the Church Hall, ably prepared by the local ringers.

At the short business meeting two new ringing members were elected, the Rev. David Ritchie, Vicar of St. John the Baptist (Pinner) and Leslie White (Harrow Weald). On the proposition of Mr. T. G. Hawkins it was decided to send a message of goodwill and the best wishes of the meeting to Tom Lock and the tourists in Australia, and this Martin Lock, who was present, promised to do so. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector of Edgware and all who had contributed to the success of the meeting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD
Dorchester Branch

The quarterly meeting at Upwey on September 25th was the first to be held there since 1958. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. Leslie Jones), who also gave the address. A company of 30, including visiting ringers from St. Peter's, Nottingham, Wington (Somerset) and North Dorset enjoyed the excellent tea provided in the school by lady helpers.

The Branch Ringing Master (Mr. J. W. Rose) presided at the business meeting. During the afternoon and evening the six bells were rung to a variety of methods up to Cambridge Surprise Minor. Subject to the approval of incumbents, fortnightly practices were arranged for October 9th, Charminster; October 23rd, St. George's, Fordington; November 6th, Wyke Regis; November 20th, Wool; December 4th, St. Peter's, Dorchester; December 18th, Preston; January 1st, Bere Regis; January 29th, Abbotsbury.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Ellwood (first on eight) 1, P. C. Bowen 2, Ann Barr 3, B. J. Townsend 4, F. A. Sedgwick 5, C. W. Bowen 6, E. A. Malin (cond.) 7, C. M. Smith 8. First of Grandsire Triples "inside" 2 and 6. Rung prior to the ordination service.

Mr. Trevor Bailey's Irish Tour



THE tour really started for half of the members of the party on the night of Friday, August 20th. Those who sailed from Liverpool had the mortifying experience of listening to the practice at St. Nicholas', Pierhead, without being able to join it, being unable to leave the boat. Others sailed from Holyhead and the remainder flew from London Airport.

Our first ringing engagement was at St. George's, Dublin, where we were met by the local ringers who had rung the bells up for us. Indeed in most of the towers we visited we found the bells already raised. Unfortunately our ringing at St. George's suffered from our long journeys to get there, amongst other things, but we did manage some respectable Double Norwich and Stedman Triples.

On Sunday morning we picked up cars we had hired for the week and made our way to St. Patrick's Cathedral, where we were made very welcome. On this fine twelve we rang rounds and a service touch of Grandsire Caters. We then went to St. John's R.C. Church to ring after the last Mass. Sad to say, only one of our lady ringers dared venture up the famous open iron spiral staircase to ring on the anti-clockwise Murphy ten. Here we rang three leads of Oxford Treble Bob Royal and a course of Yorkshire, but ringing here is complicated by the fact that the ninth is fantastically odd-struck; it has to be pulled well before the eighth in rounds.

After ringing here we were glad to find a Chinese restaurant before setting off to Tipperary, 100 miles away, where we were to spend the night. On arrival at Tipperary we found a typical Irish festival in full swing and so for the rest of the evening we were able to enjoy the singing and dancing in national costume on the back of a lorry parked in the main street, and also the tug of war held in the cattle market, which ended in a series of free fights.

We were astir early the next morning to go to Limerick, where upon arrival at St. Mary's Cathedral we were welcomed by the Dean. Some local ringers joined us and we soon had the anti-clockwise Taylor eight going to Sted-

man, Grandsire, Yorkshire and some Devonshire call changes called by Ray Bould.

We were scheduled to ring a peal in the afternoon on the fine ten at the R.C. Church of Mount St. Alphonsus, so after a few call changes for the tower grabbers we settled down to ring a peal of Plain Bob Royal and enjoy the bells. The peal was successful and we retired back to the National Hotel to hear the appalling clock chimes from the tower across the road. At one point during the evening two gentlemen were persuaded to perform "The Bells of St. Mary's" on handbells in the square outside the hotel. As this was done just as the local bingo hall was emptying they soon had quite a respectable crowd round them listening to the ringing.

It was fortunate that Tuesday was a non-ringing day because after this excitement most of us stayed up until the small hours of the morning. However, we were all fit enough after breakfast to make our way leisurely to Killarney, where much to our horror we discovered that the hotel where we were to stay was unlicensed. We put this at the back of our minds and went to see the famous Gap of Dunloe, some on horseback and the more timid ones by pony and trap. It was noticeable afterwards how many people preferred to stand up rather than sit down!

On Wednesday we travelled from Killarney to Bandon to ring on the very nice, if rather noisy, six. Original Minor, London, Cambridge and Grandsire were rung here, and we were also joined by some of the local ringers in ringing call changes "Bandon-style." I think Bill Theobald was very surprised when the call changes came round!

After a sandwich lunch in Cork we went via Blarney Castle and the famous Blarney Stone to Doneraile, a very good light six in a country church. Here we rang the standard six-bell methods as well as one of Les Melton's special touches of Spliced. After having a group photograph taken below a suitable Guinness sign, we all went back to Cork for the night.

We rose early on Thursday to ring on the magnificent Rudhall eight at St. Fin Barre's

Cathedral, Cork, where we were pleased to meet Mr. Fred Bogan, who was to help us a great deal. On these beautiful bells we rang Grandsire, Double Norwich and Superlative amongst other things before departing in haste for Wexford. We had to fix three ropes on the bells at this tower, no small task, as the H-frame made movement difficult, and the wheels were provided with remarkably small garter-holes. This being accomplished, we rang Stedman Caters, Bob Royal and three leads of Treble Bob on these lovely bells before lowering them, removing the ropes, giving our thanks to the local ringers, especially Mr. Willis, and going to the hotel.

The next day we were due to ring at Waterford, followed by a peal attempt at Kilkenny Cathedral. The bells at Waterford Cathedral were rung to Double Norwich, Yorkshire, Cambridge, Superlative and Stedman after a little initial difficulty with the second bell, which at first refused to strike. We then made our way to Kilkenny, where we were unfortunate in having a late start for the peal, and it was decided that the bells would not ring Yorkshire that day, so the attempt was abandoned and we adjourned to the "local." This was fortunate in one way because it gave us time before saying farewell to the Boulds and Bill Theobald, who were leaving for Belfast, to make a small presentation to Trevor as a token of our appreciation for his arrangement of the tour.

After following a complicated route we eventually arrived in Gorey for the evening, where contrary to gloomy prophecies from certain quarters we actually found draught beer. The evening was spent amongst Irish patriots at Courtown, who sang songs exhorting us to go to Dublin to join the I.R.A.

Saturday dawned a beautiful day and we journeyed to Arklow, where the third and last peal attempt was to be made. However, after ringing to the halfway position in Bob Major it was decided that the bells were running too dry for us to finish a peal in comfort, and Les Melton therefore called it round at that point. After lunch we travelled via the lovely vale of Avoca and Glendalough to ring at Bray. Here we were met by Mr. C. Reece and another Dublin ringer, and they joined us in ringing several touches on this fine eight.

After tea in Bray we went back to Dublin to ring at Christ Church Cathedral, where we were met by that genial G.O.M. of Irish ringing, Mr. Billy Lynch, who joined us in ringing Stedman Caters on the heavy ten cast by Murphy's of Dublin. After ringing here we were able to give the ropes we had on loan from St. Patrick's Cathedral back to Mr. Harry Brown, and we wish to thank him and the St. Patrick's ringers for their help in this respect.

Saturday night, being the final night of the tour, was spent in appropriate fashion and on the Sunday morning we met at St. Patrick's for our last ring in Ireland, the ringing including a course of Grandsire Cinques.

Final farewells were said on Sunday before the party went separate ways back to England. We wish to thank all the priests of the churches at which we rang for their permission, to the local ringers who so kindly met us, to Mr. Fred Bogan of Cork for his help, to Mr. Fred Dukes for his invaluable aid with the arrangements, to Les Melton, Ray Bould and Mike Medley for transporting us safely, and to Trevor Bailey for arranging the tour.

J. B. P.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS.—On Aug. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Field 1, Anna Sadowska 2, D. Price 3, P. Robertson 4, R. Dowdeswell 5, P. Gould 6, J. Clements 7, M. Hawkes (cond.) 8.

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Letters to the Editor

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL PEALS

Dear Sir,—I would be grateful if I may be allowed to publish the following information about peals at Worcester Cathedral for the benefit of those who have already booked peal attempts and any others who may be thinking of doing so.

Last year I published a notice to the effect that no more applications for peals should be made until after 1970. I have recently received further applications. Since it is some years since the Dean and Chapter made the ruling of one peal per year, we decided to ask them to review the matter and consider if more peals could be permitted. The Dean regrets that this is not possible because it is felt that more than one peal would give cause for complaint.

The position is therefore as it was. We still have six outside attempts booked and it will inevitably take some time to clear these, since if we decide to ring the annual peal ourselves it will put the visitors' attempts back another year. We shall be attempting a peal in December, and next year's peal will probably go to the next applicant on the list.—Yours, etc.,

DAVID BEACHAM,
Hon. Sec.,
Worcester Cathedral Guild.

CONGRATULATORY PEAL

Dear Sir,—Twenty-five years ago the Rev. D. G. Glanfield was ordained at the Michaelmas ordination. He came to St. Botolph's, Northfleet, as a curate on October 1st. During his stay of five years he learned to handle a bell and to hunt the treble. He then went into the Army as a chaplain. In 1952 he returned to Northfleet as Vicar of St. Botolph's, and although, being Vicar, his time was limited, he took an interest in the bells and ringing.

So what better way of congratulation than by attempting a peal? Stedman Triples was selected, as Mr. Glanfield loved listening to that particular method. A band was got together and a good peal was rung in 2 hours 48 minutes. The ringers were met as they emerged from the tower by the Vicar, who after thanking and congratulating them on a good peal, suggested they might all be thirsty. After quenching our thirsts we parted, knowing that another milestone had been celebrated.

G. J. B.

THE FIRST?

Dear Sir,—Breadsall All Saints' Church, Derbyshire, was gutted by fire in 1914, allegedly by the Suffragettes, and the bells fell from the tower. Church records were also destroyed.

The quarter peal of Doubles rung at the church on September 26th is believed to be the first rung by a resident Sunday service band. If, however, any know of change ringing by a resident band at Breadsall prior to this date, the writer will be pleased to hear from them.—Yours faithfully,

B. GREASLEY.

Woodlands, 106, Brookside Road,
Breadsall, Derbys.

WITNEY BELLS

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank your correspondent, Mr. C. F. Jerram, for his letter, and amplify the detail in my article that he refers to.

It was in fact the Rev. Cunningham who instituted the reforms that got our Society on a regular footing, but this was only one thing amongst many that he did in the church. It was only some years later that he started to write it all down in the "Parish Diary."

This document and the Minute Book of the Society are the only sources of information known to me at present about ringing in Witney during the mid-19th century. If Mr. Jerram could add to anything I have written, we here would be very pleased indeed. The same holds good for any other historian who might have information.

My article was written originally for the Society, and some while ago at that. I do not know when I can write on other aspects of the Witney bells, as I have no time, but I have a lot of manuscript notes compiled over the years. I can thoroughly recommend anyone who feels like finding out a bit about their own ring to have a go. It is a fascinating thing to do.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID J. SMITH.

Witney.

TREBLE BOB COURSE ENDS

Dear Sir,—The following peculiarity of Treble Bob Royal false course ends occurred to me the other day and might be of interest to some readers.

If a Surprise Treble Bob method has the false course end 32546 then that course is false against the plain course at some place. This course, however, differs from the plain course in that the coursing order of four bells has been reversed, 42356 instead of 53246. Naturally the coursing order 56423 giving a course end 46253 will be false against the plain course for the same reason and the f.c.e.'s 32546 and 46253 will always occur together on any number of bells.

If these two occur in a Royal method, then by the same argument the coursing order 532467908 in which the big bells are reversed must be false against the plain course. This gives a course end of 234568709 and one of the handstrokes of the treble's whole pull will be 243657890.

If the method is symmetrical, this course will contain the same changes rung in reverse order as the course in which 243657890 falls on the treble's backstroke lead.

This latter course must be false against the plain course and since it has the back bells together, 24365 would be used to represent it. Hence in Royal the f.c.e.'s 32546, 46253 and 24365 always occur together.

If these methods are applied to Major or Maximus methods the step of substituting a handstroke row for a backstroke one (and using the symmetry of the method to produce the same changes) will give us an out of course f.c.e. In fact if the principles used above are applied thoroughly all the out of course course ends of a Major or Maximus method can be obtained from a knowledge of all the in course ones, including those with parted tenors. In Royal nothing is learned of the out of course f.c.e.'s by this method but I thought the grouping of the three in course ones interesting.—Yours sincerely,

J. HENRY FIELDEN.

Halifax, Yorks.

GIRLS AND RINGING

Dear Sir,—I recently came across what I think must be the earliest suggestion that girls might learn to ring bells. Dr. Erasmus Darwin (grandfather of Charles Darwin), writing in 1798 a treatise entitled "A Plan for the Conduct of Female Education in Boarding Schools," says that girls' health frequently suffered from too much sedentary occupation. As a remedy he suggests among other things: "The ringing of a real bell hung as is done in churches . . . might be used with great advantage by young people." As far as I know, however, there is no record of girls being allowed to follow this advice for over 100 years.—Yours faithfully,

GILLIAN A. WILLIAMSON.

Stoneleigh, Coventry.

WILLIAM SNOWDON

Dear Sir,—Mr. Beauchamp's letter in your issue of October 1st is interesting. In her letter of March 30th, 1960, Miss Snowdon wrote: "Labelled like a parcel 'Snowdon, passenger to HORSHAM,' the Junior School then," and she prints the name in capitals. It certainly looks as if Miss Snowdon, usually so accurate in her observations, has on this occasion had faulty recollection, unless, of course, there was a branch of the Junior School at Horsham even before the laying of the foundation stone mentioned by Mr. Beauchamp.—Yours sincerely,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Warminster.

INFORMATION REQUESTED

Dear Sir,—With reference to the Minor methods you are publishing, can a series of changes, which preclude the possibility of an extent, be called a method? I ask for information, not criticism.

One assumes that if one can get hold of the correct bobs or singles, most of them can be extended to 720. But, unless I've gone mad in my arithmetic, there are some which obviously cannot.

Examples appear to be the two St. Lawrence's, the figures for No. 1 given are $\times 34 \times 16 \times 14$ 4ths with a 6th place bob. No 2 is similar but simpler. The former's figures give as Treble work Dodge 1, 2—4ths, Dodge 1, 2, Leads. And as this does not permit the treble to go beyond 4ths, it is obviously impossible to get a full extent. Unless my arithmetic is at fault, there are 240 changes you can't get. Bobs at the course ends will give 23645—23564—23456. There may be ways of getting more.

If I am correct, and if a method only means a plain course, then the combinations seem endless, for if treble can only go to 4ths and back, it can equally go to 2, 3 or 5 and so I suppose could any other bell. And the discoveries on higher numbers should keep composers busy till the end of time.

It seems probable that Mr. Chant includes them, because he has found them in his research, and for the value they may be to multiple method ringers. But it would be interesting to know whether "methods" from which an extent cannot be got, by virtue of the method itself, really are methods.

Unless I return for another spell on this earth, I shall never ring any of them. But someone might, only to be told it's not a method.—Yours truly,

C. F. JERRAM.

Helford, Helston, Cornwall.

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JOHN NICOLL
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GOLDEN WEDDING

It was a great day for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howard, of Barley, Herts, when they celebrated their golden wedding on September 25th, 1965. The day commenced with beautiful cards of congratulations arriving from very many friends and relatives, including one from a granddaughter and her husband in Malaya and another from a daughter-in-law and two grandsons in America. As the day went on, numerous relatives and friends called with beautiful flowers and other gifts and to offer their congratulations. A gift of a tape recorder and recordings of bells and classical music from their children will, I am sure, give much pleasure to Bob and his wife. At 5.30 p.m. a party had been arranged in the old Town House. Before the party, however, Mr. Howard (Bob to those who know him) was surprised to see some of his old ringing friends making their way to the church, which is very near to Bob's home. The secret could not be kept any longer and we had to explain that we had met to attempt a quarter peal: so after a short discussion by the ringers about what method they should ring and deciding on a conductor we made our way to the ringing chamber (ground floor) to commence the quarter peal, knowing that Bob would be listening and that it was being recorded in Bob's home by his son, home from America for the occasion. The quarter peal started rather hurriedly but we soon got into a steady beat and 1,320 of Plain Bob Minor was rung in 40 minutes by the following: F. Harper 1, Miss K. Willers 2, H. F. Heathfield 3, A. E. Austin 4, S. Howard (younger brother) 5, F. E. Haynes (conductor) 6.

By 5.30 p.m. approximately 60 relatives and friends had assembled at the Town House to partake of a splendid meal which had been provided by Bob's children and other willing helpers.

The toast of the day to "Mum and Dad" was proposed by the eldest son, who said how nice it was to see so many relatives and friends who had come to pay tribute to his father and mother. Speaking with love and gratitude of his parents, he said he had missed many family celebrations in past years but this was one he had made sure not to miss.

In replying, Mr. Howard said it gave him and his wife much pleasure to have their children, grandchildren and great-grandchild and so many other relatives and friends with them that day and thanked all for coming and for the congratulations they had received, and special thanks to his old ringing friends for coming over to ring the quarter peal. On proposing a toast to absent friends, Mr. S. Howard said there were many who were prevented from coming, either by sickness or long distance, mentioning especially the granddaughter and husband in Malaya, the daughter-in-law and grandsons in America and sisters who were sick. We were thinking of these and he felt sure they would be with us in spirit that day.

Part of the quarter peal rung in the afternoon was heard on the recorder during the evening, and a song by a daughter-in-law and another favourite by Bob were much enjoyed.

S. H.

RINGERS WED



The bells of Barton Parish Church, Bedfordshire, were rung at the wedding of two members of the ringers' team who were married at the church. They were Mr. Peter John Ashby, first son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ashby, of 14, Church End, Barton, and Miss Marjorie Fithel Day, first daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Day, of Essex.

Both are members of the Bedfordshire Bell-ringers' Association. The bride, known as "Sister Marge," is a qualified Church worker, and holds the Bishop of St. Albans licence to work in the diocese. Mr. Ashby is a sidesman at the church.

The service was conducted by Canon A. Cleaver, former Rector of Barton, and the celebrant at Holy Communion was the present Rector, the Rev. E. A. Wild.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Mr. Arthur Quinlan, wore a silver and white ballerina-length dress, with a short veil, and headdress of organza and silver flowers. She carried a bouquet of red roses. The bridesmaid was her niece, Miss Angela Quinlan, who received a silver-embossed bangle from the bridegroom. Mr. R. J. Ashby was best man. A reception was held in the garden of Barton Rectory.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Four hands took part in the striking contest held by Rochester District at Tunstall on September 4th. Each hand was required to ring 240 changes in either a Minor or Doubles method. The contest was judged by Mr. Herbert Audsley. After tea Mr. Audsley gave his verdict and comments on the ringing. The bands who had entered—Halling, Northfleet, Rainham and Tunstall—had put up a very good standard, he said, and there was not much between them but he felt that the Tunstall band had rung the best. The Rector (the Rev. Vernon Allen) presented a magnificent bowl to the band's captain, Mr. Terry Barton. The trophy was given by Mr. Ted Beer, a ringer in the Rochester District, to be competed for annually.

L. M.

KIMPTON CUP COMPETITION

THE typical Hertfordshire flint and stone Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Kimpton, was again the venue for the seventh annual striking competition for the Kimpton Cup held on September 25th. There was a good entry of nine teams and the test piece, as in previous years, was 360 Minor or Doubles. For teams waiting to ring and for those which had got through the "ordeal," the neighbouring tower of St. Paul's, Walden, was open and good use was made of this pleasant anti-clockwise six.

Some 60 ringers sat down to an excellent tea served by ladies of the Kimpton band in the Village Hall. The Vicar (the Rev. K. G. Martin), who takes a keen interest in ringing and in the competition, was unfortunately not able to be present and the president of the Hertford County Association, Mr. B. M. Barker, took the chair for proceedings after tea. Mr. J. G. Cull introduced the judges, Miss Nelia Leahy (Southampton) and Mr. C. H. Kippin (Farnborough), who announced the results and commented on the ringing. There was a tendency for several teams to ring too fast, the tenor and the big bells forcing the pace. The fifth was found a difficult bell to strike by some and in other cases marks were lost for trips.

The general standard, however, was good and the placing of the first three teams was close. Towers with methods rung and faults were: 1 Kimpton (Bob Doubles) 181; 2 King's Langley (Bob Minor) 192; 3 Wheathampstead (Cambridge) 197; 4 North Mymms (last year's winner (Cambridge) 248; 5 Hemel Hempstead (Cambridge) 254; 6 St. Stephen's, St. Albans (Doubles, three methods) 285; 7 Baldock B (Bob Doubles.) 286; 8 Baldock A (Cambridge) 308; 9 Harpenden (Bob Minor) 357.

The cup was presented by Mr. Barker to Mr. J. G. Cull, Kimpton Ringing Master, who said how pleased the band were to hold the trophy in their own tower, where the competition was inaugurated in 1959. Mr. Cull congratulated especially the treble ringer, Ian Desborough, who at 14 was the youngest taking part. An innovation was the presentation of certificates to the first three teams as a record of their success. The judges were thanked by Mr. D. C. Price and each was presented with a box of chocolates by Miss M. Lander, one of the local band, as a token of appreciation.

During the evening Codicote bells were open for general ringing and the judges were able to enjoy a very good touch of Cambridge Minor. The day was rounded off with refreshment and a sing-song at the "local"; some stalwarts had still not had enough and went on to ten-pin bowling, where it is reported that one well-known ringer had difficulty in finding a ball large enough to fit his hand!

The date of the next competition will be September 24th, 1966, and the committee are Messrs. B. M. Barker, E. G. Buck, J. G. Cull, A. R. Kench, D. C. Price and T. J. Southam.

J. G. C.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. R. Humphrey 1, P. W. Hawcock 2, J. C. Shonfield 3, S. Humphrey 4, Elizabeth J. Foster 5, Susanna Poppleston (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

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MR. PHILLIP W. GAY'S TOUR OF NORTH SOMERSET

SATURDAY, August 7th, saw the gathering of a young band of ten ringers in the previously calm vales of North Somerset, now to re-echo the ringing of bells, the roar of cars and the reports of croquet mallets. The ringers met at the farmhouse home of the tour's organiser, Phillip Gay, and his sister, Ruth. First samples of Somerset bells and Bristol bellfounders were made that evening at East Harptree (6) and Hinton Blewitt (5), before retiring to another "Ring o' Bells" for welcome refreshment.

Sunday morning was greeted with enthusiasm, the farm cockerel awakening at 5.30 those in the outhouse, who quickly retaliated with Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples "in hand." For Sunday morning service the six bells at Litton were rung to St. Clement's and London. After dinner the party travelled to Wells Cathedral, where the local band welcomed us to ring with them for Evensong. The evening saw the party on the glorious octave at Chewton Mendip.

Monday, another fine day, started at Bur- rington (6) with Cambridge, Stedman and St. Clement's. Butcombe (6) followed, and then to Ubley (6), where the tenor had that depth of tone normally reserved for heavy octaves, the tenor booming through touches of Plain, St. Clement's and Stedman. Another heavy six, at Compton Martin, followed, rung to London and Kent. In the afternoon a quarter of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Nempnett Thrubwell. In the evening, ringing was with the Ladies' Guild at their practice meeting at Corston (8).

Dinder was Tuesday's first tower and despite a disappearing act by the tenor man behind the clock case, ringing up to Surfleet was attempted on the Llewellyn and James six. A good raise at Croscombe (6, 17 cwt.) preceded well-struck Cambridge and Stedman. Next to Binegar, before ringing in the afternoon at Ashwick, where a peal attempt was called round after a miscall in the third extent. Blagdon was the evening tower and ringing here included Stedman, Grandsire and Cambridge Major.

Wednesday started at Winford (6, 16 cwt.), followed by Nailsea, in Coates' country, where a bob course of London was rung. Next to Clevedon for Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Cambridge on the excellent eight. In the afternoon a peal of Bob Triples was attempted at Barrow Gurney, a ground-floor ring. Evening ringing was firstly on the heavy eight at Wraxall, where the writer was left swinging on the tail end, having misheard someone say that it was necessary to bounce the deep-set tenor up to the balance. A good course of Cambridge was rung here. Later we joined Farnborough ringers practising on their Taylor-tuned Silbie six.

Loxton tower was Thursday's first, followed by Wear, where despite the "go" of the bells and the alarming tower-sway, Wells and other methods were rung. Morning coffee was graciously provided by an aunt of Ruth and Phillip in a cottage close to the church. The week's finest six, at Axbridge, were next and these were rung to steady and rhythmic Oxford, Cambridge, Plain Bob and Stedman. Afternoon ringing was at Rowberrow, where extents of Plain Bob and Cambridge were rung. An extra tower was managed next, at Shipham, where a fast touch of mixed Kent and Oxford was rung. In the evening the heavy-going eight at Winscombe were rung to Stedman, Grandsire and call changes.

On Friday, Hemington (6, 16 cwt.) was the first tower, followed by the heaviest six of the tour at Kilmerston. Next to the uniquely-tuned six at Dunkerton, where the front four are practically identical in weight. In the afternoon long touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire were rung at Bitton, Gloucestershire, before going into Bristol. Half the party stayed in Bristol and, after admiring the graceful elegance of St. Mary Redcliffe, joined Bristol Cathedral ringers on their practice night for some very good ringing, which

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION Eastern District

The quarterly District meeting was held at Hutton Cranswick on September 25th. The six bells were kept going to a variety of methods till 9 p.m. with a break for a service conducted by the new Vicar (the Rev. L. D'Aguiar), who warmly welcomed the Association.

An excellent tea was provided by local ladies, who refused to make any charge—a gesture particularly noteworthy because the church has one of the "silent" towers in the District. A collection taken afterwards, however, realised £6, and the Vicar said that he felt a little embarrassed, having held a collection in church and a further collection being taken for the Association's Bell Repair Fund, which amounted to 16s 7d.

At the business meeting three new members were elected—Miss E. Rimer and Mr. C. Mun- day, of Cottingham, and Miss S. Chapman, of St. John's College, York. Mr. A. Sheppard (Sherburn-in-Elmet) was elected to the District Committee in place of Mr. C. Groome, who resigned, having gone to Canada. Miss J. Gray (Walkington) was also elected to the District Committee to succeed Mr. K. B. Sissons, who has left the district. The December meeting was fixed for the 11th, when it is hoped to hold a joint meeting with the Beverley and District Society at Cottingham.

R. D.

OUTING

ROTHERHAM RINGERS VISIT LONDON

For their outing this year Rotherham Parish Church ringers visited London on September 18th. Two ringing friends from Sheffield Cathedral joined the party. Mr. Douglas Hughes arranged towers for ringing and guided the party through the reconstructed area to Cripplegate, where the ringing included Stedman Caters, and Grandsire Cinques. Jack Phillips, who was host at St. Giles', led the visitors to St. Lawrence Jewry, near the Guildhall, where everyone enjoyed the lovely bells, and methods including Bristol were rung.

After lunch, the new six at St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, proved a joy to ring and hear, and methods from Plain Bob to London went well.

Later the party assembled at St. Clement Danes', where several watched an interesting wedding and listened to some well-struck changes by those appointed to ring for the ceremony—mostly London ringers of the fair sex. This band gracefully made way for the visiting party, who found St. Clement's bells to go almost too easily. Here again the Ringing Master catered for all grades and abilities and the best touch was probably a course of Yorkshire S.M. After lowering the bells, everyone rushed outside to hear the "Orange and Lemons" chime. Following tea, a walk through the West End and an hour in the London Bar, it was a tired party that arrived home about 2 a.m. The party thank all who did so much to make their day so fruitful and enjoyable.

N. C.

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included standard Surprise, six-spliced Surprise, Stedman and Spliced Bristol and Little Bob!

On Friday evening, back at the farm, bread, cheese and cider was the rule of the night, and later in the evening it was decided to conclude an excellent tour with a peal of Doubles at Marksbury on the Saturday morning. This was duly rung, with Mandy on the tenor, and Susan, ringing her first peal, on the treble, in the fast time of 2 hours 28 minutes.

Our thanks for the tour go to Phillip Gay for his unflustered organisation, to his family for catering for us, to the drivers of the cars, to all incumbents for the use of bells, and to those ringers who made us welcome. R. J. T.

OBITUARY

MR. C. BOWERS

By the death of Mr. Chris Bowers (74), the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and the Ledbury District in particular, has lost one of its oldest members. He was a ringer at Mathon for 50 years and had rung 50 peals for the Hereford Guild and conducted some. He also had rung a number of peals for the Worcester Association. Chris was Ringing Master for the Ledbury District for six years. He was buried at Bishops Frome Church, fellow members of the Ledbury District acting as bearers. The bells at Mathon were rung half-muffled on the night of the funeral, a fitting tribute to his memory. A peal with the bells half-muffled was rung later.

MRS. EDITH FLETCHER

A wide circle of friends regret the passing of Mrs. Edith Fletcher in Northgate Hospital, Great Yarmouth, after a short illness. She founded the Ladies' Guild in 1912 and was its first secretary, rendering invaluable service. Canon Gilbert Thurlow conducted the funeral service at Horsham St. Faith Crematorium on October 4th.

MR. HARRY PARTINGTON

It is with regret that we report the sudden death of Mr. Harry Partington, of Heywood, Lancs, whose grandfather was one of the original Heywood ringers when the bells were installed in 1863. Harry also followed in the footsteps of his father and uncles by learning to ring in the 1920's. This was a lean period for ringing in Lancashire and consequently he never learned method ringing. However, he was a most conscientious Sunday service ringer for 40 years, and by his regular attendance Sunday by Sunday set an example second to none.

Harry was a former churchwarden and at the time of his death he had been a member of the Parochial Church Council and a sidesman for over 30 years and was the church treasurer. He leaves a widow and two sons, Godfrey and John, the latter being the present ringing secretary of the Lancashire Association.

MR. A. S. WILLIAMS

With regret we announce the sudden death of Arthur S. Williams (60), of Penn, Staffs, in a Wolverhampton hospital on September 22nd. His passing came as a shock to his ringing friends at Penn. Arthur originally joined the Society for the Stafford Archdeaconry in 1923 when a member of St. Luke's Cannock. He moved to Wolverhampton about 1947, when he joined St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, and later joined St. Bartholomew's, Penn, about 1957. He was not a prolific peal ringer, only recording some 21 peals for the Society, but he always enjoyed his Sunday service ringing and an occasional quarter peal for special services. The funeral was at St. Luke's, Cannock, on September 27th. The Penn band rang a peal as a tribute on the previous evening.

MR. C. WILLEY

After an illness lasting some months, Clifford Willey, for many years captain of the ringers of St. Michael's Church, Helston, died in Penzance Hospital on September 28th, aged 60. He bore his illness with great fortitude and made a determined effort to be in the tower at the induction of the new incumbent, the Rev. J. Woollan, on September 4th. Prior to the cremation at Truro, a service was held at St. Michael's and among the large congregation were representatives from many towers in the area. The bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect before the services on the following Sunday.

Clifford, though not conversant with method ringing, had very few equals as a call change ringer. Besides being a loyal ringer he was a good churchman, a member of the Church Council and a sidesman. The Penzance Branch of the T.D.G.R. will sadly miss him, and extend heartfelt sympathy to his widow and family.

Mr. Wilfred Williams' Peal Tour

Alarming Incident at Bray

A PEAL-RINGING tour of England, covering towers as far apart as Carlisle, Bristol and Cambridge, would cause some raised eyebrows, but the comparison gives some indication of the distances covered during the tour of Ireland which started on August 21st and finished on August 30th.

The touring party met at the International Hotel, Belfast. On the Saturday there were two peals on the programme, first at Holywood, where some of the local ringers gave us the first of what was to be a pattern of warm Irish greeting and hospitality. Here, Yorkshire Major was rung on the bells, where singles in the composition by Michael Bruce produced some excellent music, and no complaints from the Other Conductor on the tenor. The afternoon peal was Pudsey Royal on the delightful light ring of ten at St. Mark's, Dundela, where again we were greeted by a number of the local ringers.

After another night spent in Belfast, the party prepared to move off the next morning, first joining in the Sunday service ringing on the fine Mears' six at St. Donard's, Belfast. On then to cross the border at Newry, and lunch in Dundalk. Here there is a fine Roman Catholic Cathedral, which is modelled on King's College Chapel, Cambridge. During the afternoon we were met at Drogheda by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dukes, and a brisk peal of Bristol Major was rung on the bells before we recrossed the border to stay the night at Enniskillen.

This was probably the most exacting day of the tour. First, we had to go over 60 miles to Londonderry, where there is a splendid Gillett ring with a 32 cwt. tenor. The method chosen was Cambridge Royal and a good peal was rung. Throughout the ringing, the door in the ringing chamber opened from time to time to admit either an interested spectator or else workmen who were engaged on some work above the ringing chamber, and who had to come in to go through a trap door in the chamber roof. The last man to leave left the trap door open, and we had the full force of these lovely bells for the last three courses. After a warm welcome from the Dean and another clergyman we set off for Enniskillen. All was ready for us on arrival, and here again we found work in progress on the tower above the bells. However, having been assured that the workmen could get down on the outside of the tower quite happily, we locked ourselves in and soon the music of Stedman Caters was rolling out across this fair city. The tenor rope has a habit of coming down awkwardly at backstroke, and George Thoday deserves credit for the way in which he placed this bell. After the peal, a quick snack before darkness fell, and then the journey of 85 miles to Navan.

Tuesday was a black day for the tour. The first peal attempt was to be London Major on the fine eight at Bray, but after an hour and a half of good ringing, those outside heard a tremendous crash inside the tower, followed by two more, and the sound of bells lowering themselves. White-faced listeners eventually got in to similarly-affected ringers, to find that the tenor clapper had broken off and in falling had smashed a two-inch plank, which in turn fell with the clapper on to the floor above the ringers, most of whom had leapt to safety into the window-sills in the ringing chamber. The conductor had remained on the tenor-box, wondering whether or not to call "Stand," but decided against it, since there was no one left to comply.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' ANNIVERSARY

Having got over our fright, we set off for Arklow, a tower ever to be associated with the late James W. Washbrook, and surely one of the foremost in anyone's list of top-class bells. However, after an hour and a half of excellent Rutland, which lulled us into a false sense of security, someone unknown held up and we all fell into the resulting hole.

The Rector was very sympathetic, and readily granted us permission to make the attempt again the following morning; this time the peal was successfully rung. The tower for the afternoon was Waterford.

The method chosen, and rung for the College Youths, was London Major, to mark the 60th anniversary of the first peal of London rung outside England, rung by the same Society in this tower in 1905.

Thursday dawned bright and sunny, and the party split into two groups of six for peal attempts at Bandon, where Stedman Doubles ground its way to a halt, and at Doneraile, where London Minor was duly rung. At the Cathedral of St. Fin Barre, Cork, there is a fine ring of eight, retuned and rehung by Messrs. Taylor, with a sixth bell by Warner's, and two magnificent tenors from the Rudhall foundry. Here a good peal of Yorkshire Major was rung.

Setting off for Limerick the following morning, we found ourselves mixed up on the broad highway with what appeared to be the starting place of the Monte Carlo rally. The Ford Corsair, entered and driven by Mr. Williams, soon outpaced all comers, after a dazzling 6-5-6 operation which must have left the paint on the accommodating car as warm as the passengers in the winner! On to Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick, a fine church. A good peal of Yorkshire Royal was rung on this outstanding ring of ten by Taylor's. The afternoon attempt was on the eight at St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, where the tenor is 24 cwt. in F, an unusual note for so heavy a ring. Lincolnshire Major was the method, and unfortunately a mix-up after nearly three hours' ringing brought us our third loss of the week.

The next morning we said goodbye to Margaret Bould, who was returning to England for another tour, and then set off for Dublin, to attempt Cambridge Maximus at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The ringing chamber there is well set out and a pleasant place to ring in, and Ralph Edwards mounted the execution block to give a masterly display of heavy-bell ringing on the tenor. The rope on the ninth was a new one and very stretchy, and John Fielden deserved the congratulations of the band for the way in which he coped.

Sunday ringing the following morning started at Christ Church Cathedral, on the ten by Murphy of Dublin, and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal were rung. Then to the Church of SS. Augustine and John, in company with the Manchester University Ringers, who were just starting their week's tour. During the afternoon Lincolnshire Major was rung at St. George's, Dublin, and the band were kindly entertained to tea afterwards by Mr. Charles Reed and two members of the local band.

Over the border once more to Belfast for the last two nights of the tour, and on Monday morning a peal of Cambridge Major on the light eight at Carrickfergus. Mercifully for local shopkeepers it was August Bank Holiday, as these bells are deafening outside in the shopping centre. The bells used to hang in a tower, which became unsafe and was demolished, and they now hang in a modern tower built over the entrance to the churchyard. Irish weather took its last savage blow at us, and in torrential rain we arrived at Hillsborough for the last peal of the tour, Bristol Major.

The party were now preparing to split up for the return home, but first we had a gathering to express our gratitude to Wilfred for all the painstaking care with which he arranges these tours, and which ensure that they always go off smoothly and happily. A presentation was made on behalf of the band, of items which we hoped he would find useful on the tour "down under."

Fourteen hundred miles, 14 peals and many happy memories of warm Irish welcomes and hospitality, and new-found friends to whom we wish to express our thanks for "Ireland, 1965."

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Letters enclosing notices are still arriving too late for insertion in "The Ringing World" in the week in which they are received.

It would be interesting if the compositions of Spliced by Norman Smith in up to 24 methods, which have not appeared, could be published.

The band who rang the peal at Bristol Cathedral on September 24th wish to add their greetings and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbert, of Long Ashton, on the birth, on September 22nd, of Joanna. A peal of Glasgow was rung at Long Ashton the following day, September 25th.

A peal of London Surprise Royal at Llandaff Cathedral on September 28th was rung by ringers from various parts of Britain on their first organised tour of South Wales. Of the party of ten, two were Welshmen, Mr. Donald Clift, a ringer for 40 years, and Mr. Nicholas Simon (19). Son of the Bishop of Llandaff, Mr. Simon was interviewed on the radio in a regional programme on bellringing.

5,040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

By PETER BORDER

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EIGHT SET UP RINGING RECORD

Eight members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, one of them a woman, set up a new marathon church bellringing record for the south-west on October 2nd. In 5½ hours they rang 10,240 changes of Plain Bob Major at Buckland-in-the-Moor Church, Dartmoor. The church was chosen for the marathon effort because it is so isolated that the long peal was unlikely to annoy anybody. It set up a new record for the Guild and for the south-west as the longest peal by any method rung in the area.

The team, the youngest 22 and the oldest 35, locked themselves in the tower so that they should not be disturbed. Most of them had blistered hands by the time they finished, but that did not stop them going off for a spot of handbell ringing after a meal at the local inn.

The peal was conducted by Mr. Norman Mallett (Exeter). He said afterwards that it had been a tough test and it would be some time before they tackled their next objective—15,000 changes. Other members of the team were: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bould (Tavistock), Mr. Clive Bryant (Exeter), Mr. Frank Mack (Exmouth), Mr. Derek Jewell (Combe Martin), Mr. Robert Southwood (Plymouth) and Mr. Colin Reeves (York), a student at Exeter University.

HUNTINGTON GUILD RE-FORMED

A meeting of ringers, their parents, the Vicar and the churchwardens—Leslie Aldridge and Alec Plummer—was held at All Saints' Church, Huntington, York, on September 29th, at which it was agreed to re-form the Huntington Guild, founded in 1927. Revised rules were adopted and the following officers elected: President, the Vicar (the Rev. Geoffrey Lawn); Joint Guild Masters, Mary Hildred and Jennifer Pearce; hon. treasurer, John Kendall, hon. secretary, Gordon Pearce.

The Vicar read a letter from the Rev. R. M. Kelly, founder member and past president of the Guild, expressing regret at not being able to be present and sending best wishes for the Guild's future. George Rank, also a founder member and past hon. secretary, honoured this meeting with his presence, and joined with Mr. Kelly in his good wishes. At a meeting of the committee it was agreed to elect A. Colin Banton, Christopher Groome, the Rev. R. M. Kelly, David Pearson, George Rank and Susan Thompson as life members of the Guild in recognition of their outstanding services to ringing in the parish.

BISHOP RESIGNING

The Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Dr. A. H. Morris, announced recently that he will resign as from December 31st owing to ill-health. Dr. Morris, who is 67, suffered a stroke last November. He was appointed in April, 1954, and among the projects for which he was responsible have been extensions to the Cathedral and the raising of about £320,000 in this connection. At the jubilee of the diocese last year, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York laid foundation stones of the new building.

CONGRATULATIONS

James Andrews (13), ringer of the second in a Major peal at Farnworth-with-Kearsley, Lancs, is congratulated by the rest of the band on a very good peal at the first attempt. Congratulations, too, on a welcome back to peal ringing of the treble ringer, the local tower captain and Branch secretary, after an enforced rest caused by a fractured leg. The peal was a wedding compliment to Peter Richard Crook, grandson of Bolton's "Grand Old Man."

RINGING AT 87

Mr. J. G. Briggs, of Highfields, Somerby, Melton Mowbray, writes expressing his pleasure at having been able and allowed to take part in a recent quarter peal of Grandsire Triples on the lovely eight at Oakham. "You will understand more when I reveal that I shall be 88 next March, and that I took part in another big event—the Boer War." Congratulations, Mr. Briggs!

CONTEST AT STANDLAKE

The ringing competition of the Witney and Woodstock Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Standlake and was adjudicated by Mr. Philip Walker, of Oxford. Ringing was preceded by a service. An excellent tea was prepared in the Youth Club. The contest resulted: Eynsham 42 points; Northleigh 82; Harborough 106; Bampton 110. Eynsham now go on to represent the Branch in the Guild competition.

BELLS WELCOME NEW VICAR

July saw the retirement of Canon C. M. S. Clarke after many years' faithful service as Vicar of St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray. To mark the occasion the ringers presented Canon and Mrs. Clarke with a dinner gong in the form of a bell (cast by J. Taylor of Loughborough) mounted on a wooden base with an inscribed plaque. The presentation took place on August 12th at Dickinson and Morris's cafe in Nottingham Street, Melton, by courtesy of the people's churchwarden, Mr. G. L. Young. After the presentation the retiring Vicar and ringers were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Young.

On September 23rd the new Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Codrington, was instituted and inducted to the benefice of Melton Mowbray-with-Thorpe Arnold by the Bishop of Leicester and the Archdeacon of Leicester respectively. Until this year the Rev. G. H. Codrington was an Archdeacon in Melbourne, Australia.

To welcome the new Vicar, the following members of St. Mary's Society of Bellringers rang a quarter peal of 1,260 changes of Plain Bob Triples immediately prior to the induction: J. H. Cook treble, Mrs. D. A. Day 2, W. Clamp 3, R. Looker 4, H. Clayton 5, J. Day 6, R. Manton (conductor) 7, O. Home-wood tenor. This was the first quarter in the method by all the band. Thanks are extended to Mr. J. H. Cook, vice-president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, who filled a vacancy at the last minute, and to Mr. J. Day, who carried on in spite of injuries he received to his head, arm and back when he fell off a lorry the previous day.

To accommodate ringers who were not included in the quarter peal band, the bells were rung after the service until 9 p.m.

KENT RINGER ORDAINED

Mr. Peter Newing, whose home is at Littlebourne, Kent, was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Gloucester in Gloucester Cathedral on Sunday, September 19th. He is to serve in the parish of Blockley, near Moreton-in-the-Marsh, Gloucestershire.

After leaving school in Canterbury, Peter did much of his national service at Ruislip, Middlesex, serving in the R.A.F. There followed a two-year course at Worcester Training College, after which came teaching posts at Toddington and Woburn Sands, Bedfordshire. It was during his stay at Woburn that he became a lay reader. In 1960 he began studies at St. John's College, Durham, to obtain a degree followed by a final two years in Cranmer Hall, Durham, for theological training.

His many friends, scattered over much of the country, will offer Peter their best wishes upon his ordination, also for his wedding on November 20th to Miss Angela Grainger, of Brighton.

GOLDEN WEDDING TRIBUTE

In a peal of Grandsire Caters at Lancaster on September 25th for "Dick" Rainford's golden wedding the ringers came from far and wide in the north-west—the treble ringer from Cleator, Cumberland, Nos. 2 and 3 from Barrow-in-Furness, Nos. 4 and 6 from Kirkby-in-Furness, and No. 5 and the tenor from Dalton-in-Furness, whilst the conductor hails from Ambleside, and No. 8 from Scorton, near Preston. The Furness Branch secretary also took part; he is from Flookburgh.

A SALISBURY GUILD OUTING

With the possible exception of a heavy snowfall, the weather could hardly have been worse on September 25th, for the annual outing of the Marlborough Branch. Heavy rain persisted throughout the day. Organised by the Ringing Master (the Rev. Roger Keeley), the venue was the South Bucks district. A stay of half an hour was made at Hambledon and ringing enjoyed on a nice six. At Lane End the party were welcomed by the tower captain, and all enjoyed a short touch in turn until departure for High Wycombe for what was euphemistically called a "picnic" lunch.

Some of the best ringing of the day took place at Penn in the afternoon, ending with an excellent touch of Stedman. After an enjoyable stay at Amersham it was time for tea at Beaconsfield. Mr. Keeley thanked all for their support, mentioning in particular Miss D. Fletcher and Mrs. D. Hague (Branch secretary for South Bucks) for their assistance. A move was made to Beaconsfield Church and its eight bells were kept going until 7 o'clock, when a start was made for home. Thanks are due to incumbents and tower captains who gave permission to ring. W.A.E.

A JOINT MEETING

Bingham and Melton joint meeting was held at Colston Bassett on September 11th. Over 40 members attended. Tea was in the Village Institute. Eleven towers were represented from Bingham District. Mrs. R. Marsh (Holme Pierrepont) was elected a member. Granby was confirmed for October 9th and Holme Pierrepont for the November meeting. A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. Hunt). Ringing continued until 8.30, when the party were joined by more members.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Lawrence Smith Treble	Antony R. Kench 5
William A. Theobald 2	Michael P. Moreton 6
Timothy G. Pett 3	David P. Hilling 7
William T. Cook 4	John H. Crampion Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

"GREAT ADVENTURE" PEALS

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.

BENDIGO, Victoria.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Tues., Sept. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*Anne Horsford Treble	Rev. M. C. C. Melville 5
Thomas J. Lock 2	Wilfred Williams 6
Leonard Stilwell 3	A. Patrick Cannon 7
Arthur G. Mason 4	Cecil W. Pipe Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First on the bells and first in the method outside the British Isles.

Rung as a 35th wedding anniversary compliment to Arthur G. Mason.

YASS, New South Wales.—At the Church of St. Clement.

On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

Thomas J. Lock Treble	Rev. M. C. C. Melville 4
Leonard Stilwell 2	Cecil W. Pipe 5
R. Mark Damerell 3	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

First peal of Minor on the bells in more than one method.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUNKERTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Sept. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire.

Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb. in C.

*Stanley D. Francis .. Treble	Alan F. Lee 4
Julian E. Newman 2	Ian P. Cox 5
†Stanley C. Davis 3	Albert F. Butt Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* First peal in two methods. † First in two methods "inside."
Rung as an 87th birthday compliment to Mrs. Lucy Butt.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

STRETTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Wed., June 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

David Vincent Treble	Ashley Pugh 4
Victor Neal 2	Harold Worrall 5
Harry W. Howard 3	John Ashcroft Tenor

Conducted by Harold Worrall.

KNUTSFORD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (five callings). Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Diana Bentley Treble	Geoffrey Green 4
Harry W. Howard 2	Christopher J. Jones 5
Ernest Pimlott 3	Brian Schofield Tenor

Conducted by Christopher J. Jones.

* First peal First as conductor.

Rung for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels; also a 21st birthday compliment to Adrian Hough, a ringer at this church.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

Peter S. Bennett Treble	Malcolm A. Phillips 5
Linda M. Foot 2	Maurice C. Hughes 6
*Percy A. Oram 3	John K. Foot 7
Ian C. Maycock 4	F. Mark Robottom Tenor

Arranged by Ian C. Maycock.

Conducted by F. Mark Robottom.

* First peal on eight bells. First as conductor.

HANBURY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 FORDCOMBE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

F. Mark Robottom .. Treble	Arthur R. Wright 5
*Peter C. Randall 2	Geoffrey W. Randall 6
†Janet D. Phillips 3	Antony R. Kench 7
Edward Holdsworth 4	Ian C. Maycock Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First of Surprise.

WHITNASH, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Tues., July 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford, three of Cambridge Surprise and three of Kent. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*Percy A. Oram Treble	Ian C. Maycock 4
Hazel A. Arrowsmith 2	F. Mark Robottom 5
*†Ian R. Stevens 3	Peter S. Bennett Tenor

Conducted by Ian C. Maycock.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First in three methods.

Rung on the Patronal Festival, for the completion of the Church Repair Fund

THE CUMBERLAND AND N. WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.

ARLECDON, Cumberland.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford and Kent, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*G. Neil Brown Treble	Stanley Richardson 4
John H. McTear 2	Harry Byrom 5
Roger W. D. Wetenhall 3	Leslie Boumphrey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie Boumphrey.

* First peal at first attempt.

Rung after meeting one short for Major, Mr. G. Tembey kindly standing out.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Cathedral Church of St.

Nicholas.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 37 cwt. 73 lb. in D flat.

*Rodney A. Yeates .. Treble	James Crowther 6
M. Elaine Lee 2	Alan R. Patterson 7
Michael Maughan 3	George S. Deas 8
William Davidson 4	J. Alan Ainsworth 9
*Frank J. Lee 5	Eric N. Harrison Tenor

Composed by Peter Border

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* First peal on ten bells.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 OLNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

G. William Critchley .. Treble	J. Richard Castledine 5
Claudia A. Critchley 2	Gerald Penney 6
Christine M. Rimmer 3	Edwin G. Buck 7
Eric Edmondson 4	Jack S. Dear Tenor

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore.

Conducted by G. William Critchley.

First peal in the method by all the band

GREAT GRANDSEN, Hunts.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

W. A. R. Chamberlain .. Treble	Brian Horrell 4
*Peter S. Abbott 2	Robert D. Bellamy 5
Michael M. Hawes 3	Peter Woollven Tenor

Conducted by Peter Woollven.

* First peal at first attempt

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

LOUGHTON, Essex.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Robert J. Chapman .. Treble	Michael J. Hallett 5
Frank W. Tomlin 2	Peter D. Chapman 6
Andrew R. Crowson 3	Derek Riley 7
*Roger E. Burbery 4	Alfred J. House Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood.

Conducted by Alfred J. House.

* First peal.

Rung with best wishes to R. E. Burbery on his going to Hertford College, Oxford.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

ST. OSYTH, Essex.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and four 720's of Plain Bob.

Robert Isgar Treble	Neil V. Avis 4
Miss Leslie Ward 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Peter G. Pitt 3	Stephan D. Humphrey .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BITTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 22 methods, comprising 640 London, 320 each of Lincolnshire, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Bristol, Eastcote and Wordsworth, and 160 each of Cray, Lindum, Framley, Superlative, Uxbridge, Hitchin, Watford, Hereford, New Gloucester, Heathcote, Wembley, Rutland, Ripon and Edinburgh; with 144 changes of method.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Peter Bridle Treble	James R. Taylor 5
Elizabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	Edward R. Venn 6
Michael J. Hobbs 3	Rev. Roger Keeley 7
Anthony R. Peake 4	Brian J. Luff Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

The greatest number of Major methods to a peal by all the band, in the county, and for the Association.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MONKEN HADLEY, Middx.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

*Joyce Dodds Treble	Martyn L. J. Jordan .. 5
*Julia A. Fellows 2	Geoffrey Dodds 6
Eric Edmondson 3	Gerald Penney 7
Michael D. Frost 4	George W. Debenham .. Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First of Triples as conductor.
Rung to welcome the birth of a daughter, Moira Ann, to Mary and Phillip Cuckson.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

LIMERICK, Co. Limerick, Ireland.—At the Roman Catholic

Redemptorist Church of Mount St. Alphonsus.

On Mon., Aug. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. in E

William A. Theobald .. Treble	*Michael J. Medley .. 6
Margaret A. Bould .. 2	J. Barry Pickup .. 7
Norman P. J. Cossey .. 3	Leslie N. Melton .. 8
*Alan G. Spreadbury .. 4	D. Roy Bould 9
† Stephen F. High 5	Trevor N. J. Bailey .. Tenor

Composed by Henry J. Tucker. Conducted by William A. Theobald.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Royal in the method.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Fri., Sept. 24, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of Cambridge, Superlative and London; with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Peter S. Muchlinski .. Treble	Martin L. Howe 5
Frederick J. Cullum .. 2	Colin A. Tester 6
Herbert E. Audsley .. 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. 7
W. Arthur Riddington .. 4	Bernard F. L. Groves .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

Rung for the Harvest Festival.

NORTHFLEET, Kent.—At the Church of St. Botolph.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2 variation.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

Frederick J. Cullum .. Treble	Frank J. Matthews .. 5
John W. Smith 2	George J. Butcher .. 6
*George E. Ruck 3	Dennis A. Chapman .. 7
Herbert E. Audsley .. 4	Douglas S. Shaw Tenor

Conducted by Dennis A. Chapman.

* First peal of Stedman. First of Triples as conductor.
Rung on the eve of Harvest, and as a compliment to the Vicar of Northfleet, the Rev. D. G. Glanfield, on the 25th anniversary of his ordination.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods viz.: (1) Oxford T.B., (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Norwich Surprise, (4) Beverley Surprise, (5) Double Oxford and Single Oxford, (6) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (7) Kent T.B.

Percy J. Spice Treble	Richard G. Crosland .. 4
Ian H. Oram 2	D. Paul Smith 5
*Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 3	Tony Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* Most methods to a peal. Most methods as conductor. Ian H. Oram has now "circled the tower" for the third time to peals.

Rung on the Feast of St. Linus.

HAYES, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Ipswich Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Single Oxford and Double Oxford, (6) Plain Bob and St. Clement's, (7) Cambridge Surprise.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A.

John W. Smith Treble	Tony Lewis 4
Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 2	Ralph Bird 5
Richard G. Crosland .. 3	D. Paul Smith Tenor

Conducted by Ralph Bird.

First peal on the bells since rehanging.

Rung as a farewell tribute to the Rev. Canon A. Eric Smith, M.A., who has accepted the living at Knockholt after 20 years as Rector of Hayes.

SHORNE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

Martin L. Howe Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 4
Cyril S. Jarrett 2	John W. Coleman 5
John W. Gander 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Wendy Beer to Alan Howland, who were married in this church prior to the peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER.—At the Town Hall.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 42½ cwt.

Thomas W. Hesketh .. Treble	Cyril Crossthwaite .. 7
Richard S. Starkie .. 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 8
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 3	John H. Fielden 9
Edward Jenkins 4	Neil Bennett 10
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 5	Tudor P. Edwards 11
Peter S. Bennett 6	Derek Butterworth Tenor

Composed by David E. Parsons (No. 6).

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

First peal of Stedman Cinques. First of Cinques as conductor.

LANCASTER, Lancs.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter (R.C.).

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt.

*Geoffrey Tembey Treble	Nicholas M. Newby .. 6
James E. Burles 2	Alan Capstick 7
*G. Alan Metters 3	Stanley Anderton .. 8
*Nicholas M. Newby, jun .. 4	Thomas F. Metcalfe .. 9
William Wall 5	Raymond Suart Tenor

Composed by Wm. Hudson. Conducted by Alan Capstick.

* First peal of Caters.
Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rainford. Mr. Rainford has been a ringer at St. Peter's Cathedral for 60 years.

BILSBORROW, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Hilda.

On Wed., Sept. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's variation.	Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.
*Margaret Crossthwaite .. Treble	Tudor P. Edwards .. 5
Cyril Crossthwaite 2	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 3	John H. Fielden 7
Stanley Anderton 4	John Ashcroft Tenor

Conducted by Philip J. Crossthwaite.

* First peal in the method.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St John-the-Evangelist.

On Sun., Sept. 26, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Joseph Thornley Treble	James Cunliffe 5
*James Andrews 2	Albert Greenhalgh 6
Thomas W. Smith 3	Christopher A. Lomax 7
Frederick W. Brownlow .. 4	John Ashcroft Tenor

Composed by A. Knights.

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

* First peal.

A wedding compliment to Brenda Mort and Harold Short (West-houghton), and Peter Richard Crook, B.Sc., and Moira H. D. Wardrop (Bolton).

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St John-the-Evangelist.

On Sun., Sept. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Michael Thompson Treble	Christopher A. Lomax 4
John T. Parsons 2	Thomas W. Smith 5
Harold Worrall 3	John Ashcroft Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

Rung to mark the 139th anniversary of the parish.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ASTON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., September 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Michael E. Wade Treble	A. Maxwell Lindsey 7
*Beryl E. Cawser 2	Dennis A. Frith 8
Martin C. Faulkes 3	Geoffrey M. Brewin 9
William A. Lacey 4	Roland H. Cook 10
J. Edward Cawser 5	Russell S. Morris 11
W. Ernest Rawson 6	E. Alan Jacques Tenor

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus. Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

AYLESTONE, Leicester.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

*Tony Natt Treble	David G. Farrar 5
John M. Jelley 2	Terry I. Roper 6
Monica M. Jelley 3	Brian S. Chapman 7
Sandra E. Chesterton .. 4	A. James Poynor Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

Conducted by A. James Poynor.

* First peal.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

Rung as a farewell wish to the Rev. Canon F. M. Cray, Rector of Aylestone until his retirement on June 30th, 1965. With compliments to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kinchin, both members of the local band, on the birth of twin daughters on September 2nd, 1965.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EDENHAM, Lincs.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Mon., Sept. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

George W. Massey .. Treble	Brian Harris 5
Edwin T. Chapman .. 2	*Roger D. Bailey 6
*Derek J. Jones 3	Cyril R. Burrell 7
*Alan G. Payne 4	*Raymond H. Daw Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

* First peal in the method.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. (Llandaff Branch)

CADOXTON-juxta-NEATH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of SS. Catwg and Illtyd.

On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B.
William J. Thomas Treble	Gwyn I. Lewis 4
John M. Hughes 2	Paul M. Evans 5
Benjamin J. Williams .. 3	*Ellis N. Thomas Tenor

Conducted by Ellis N. Thomas.

* 25th peal for the Association.

Rung as a farewell to Messrs. J. Hughes, P. Evans and E. Thomas, who are shortly leaving for college.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

John R. Ketteringham .. Treble	Claudia A. Critchley .. 5
Joan Beresford 2	G. William Critchley .. 6
Ruth M. Foreman 3	John Hill 7
Alick Cutler 4	*Richard F. B. Speed .. Tenor

Composed by John R. Ketteringham.

Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

* 450th peal.

Rung on the birthday of the ringer of the seventh.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WELLS-ON-SEA, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sun., Sept. 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

Henry Tooke Treble	*Derek Grey 5
Leslie Bailey 2	Sidney Marshall 6
Shelagh R. Collins 3	Derek Pardon 7
Edward Howes 4	Tony Owen Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by Leslie Bailey.

* First peal of Major.

Rung on Battle of Britain Sunday to commemorate the 25th anniversary.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

*Mary E. Marshall .. Treble	Peter J. Shipton 7
†Yvonne Edwards 2	Peter M. Wilkinson 8
Hadley Hunter 3	Richard W. H. Hayes 9
*Felicity Webber 4	Frank W. Lewis 10
†Patricia E. Buss 5	Robert C. Kippin 11
Jane Foster 6	Vincent T. Cherrill Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Hadley Hunter.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First on 12.

APPLETON, Berks.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Tues., Sept. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*J. Roger Mitty .. Treble	Walter F. Judge 6
G. Robert Mordaunt .. 2	Norman Leslie 7
Patricia E. Hibbert .. 3	Dennis Leslie 8
Roger M. Heyworth .. 4	Brian R. White 9
John W. T. Hibbert .. 5	Francis A. White Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler.

Conducted by Brian R. White.

* First peal of Caters

KIRTLINGTON, Oxon.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Fri., Sept. 24, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-Part.	Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.
John M. Preston .. Treble	Anthony P. Foster 5
Geoffrey K. Cook 2	Robert A. Partridge 6
Stephen J. Franklin .. 3	Roger M. Heyworth 7
Paul A. Brand 4	G. Robert Mordaunt .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Partridge.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.

On Thurs., Sept. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

Charles Coles .. Treble	J. Keith Ward 5
Peter J. Heritage 2	Edward R. Venn 6
Victor Griffin 3	Frederick R. Scott 7
Brian J. Luff 4	David P. Hilling Tenor

Composed by H. W. Wilde.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

HIGH WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Oct. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G sharp.

Arthur Clutton .. Treble	Derek Francis 5
Frederick R. Scott .. 2	Geoffrey Harrison 6
Dennis Knox 3	J. Keith Ward 7
Sydney M. Bailey 4	David P. Hilling Tenor

Composed by F. Nolan Golden.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

LOWER HEYFORD, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 31 methods, being 120 each of Beckley, Freeland, Gresford, Harbury, Isis, Northleigh, Oxford, Ray, Stanton, St. Cross, St. Swithin, St. Tydfil, St. Valentine, Ifley, Jacobstow, Allestree, Bluebell, Daffodil, Keysoe, Ladbroke, Longparish, Middleton Stoney, Pink's, St. Anne, St. Frideswide, St. Helen, St. Lucy, St. Quintin, Wansford, Zennor and 1.440 Grandsire.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in B flat.
 *Paul C. Lucas Treble Roy H. Jones 3
 Leonard R. Porter 2 Ian A. Ross 4

Alec Gammon Tenor
 Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

* First peal.

Rung for the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Britain, and as a wedding compliment to Miss Carolyn Oliver and Mr. Terence Forty.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

Frederick Shallcross Treble	Edward W. Colley 7
Susan Funnell 2	George E. Fearn 8
Peter Border 3	Norman J. Goodman 9
Michael J. Fellows 4	Martin D. Fellows 10
John C. Eisel 5	Clifford A. Barron 11
Roderick W. Pipe 6	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.
 Rung with the best wishes of the band to Miss Susan Funnell, who will be leaving the district after her marriage.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon Treble	Edward W. Colley 7
*Marilyn C. Smith 2	Barrie Hendry 8
Edgar C. Shepherd 3	†George E. Fearn 9
James Inley 4	David J. Purnell 10
Maryl R. Crossthwaite 5	Clifford A. Barron 11
John R. Inley 6	Peter Border Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

* First peal on 12 bells. † 200th of Maximus.

Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to William Leeson, of Solihull.

HANDSWORTH, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*Susan Chew Treble	Alan Burbage 5
William J. V. Conduct 2	James Inley 6
Paul L. McEvilly 3	David J. Purnell 7
†Philip W. Gay 4	Charles A. S. Webb Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by James Inley.
 * First peal. † First of Lincolnshire Surprise Major. First of Surprise as conductor.

THE SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

WHITLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Ascension.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents.

Tenor 5½ cwt.

*David Whitehead Treble	Kenneth B. Sissons 4
*Alan Grundy 2	Allan Sheppard 5
†Margaret Whitehead 3	*Ronald R. Warford Tenor

Conducted by Ronald R. Warford.

* First peal of Surprise. † First "inside."

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

SHARESHILL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary of the

Assumption.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being eight different Pitman's 240's, ten different extents and eight different Morris' 240's.

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*Graham Manning Treble	Harry Butler 4
†Clifford W. Bowen 2	Clive M. Smith 5
†John D. R. Smith 3	*Royston Beck Tenor

Conducted by Clive M. Smith.

* First peal. † First in the method "inside."

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Thurs., Sept. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 5.040.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

F. William Midwinter .. Treble	Margaret E. Chilton .. 4
Katharine Burchnall .. 2	Simon Humphrey .. 5
Grace Burchnall 3	George A. Dawson Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Simon Humphrey.

First peal as conductor while ringing.

WILLOUGHBY ON THE WOLDS, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire, and 12 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 lb.

Roy Whitworth Treble	Maurice W. Harrison .. 3
Ruth Blackshaw 2	Sydney Adams 4
David Oliver Tenor	

Conducted by David Oliver.

First peal as conductor.

A birthday compliment to the conductor; also a welcome back to Nottingham for Canon A. D. Allen, retired rector of Holme Pierrepont.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BENHALL, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Two extents each of Oxford and Kent T.B. and three of Plain Bob.

*Michael H. Whittall .. Treble	Norman P. J. Cossey .. 4
Michael Howes 2	Kenneth E. Ballington .. 5
Alan J. Munnings 3	Stephen F. High Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. High.

* First peal attempt. First of Minor as conductor. Tenor 8½ cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BATTLE, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

Frederick J. Lambert .. Treble	Arthur F. Lewry 5
Harry Parkes 2	Tony Lewis 6
Edward F. P. Bryant .. 3	Ian V. J. Smith 7
Ernest J. Ladd 4	Alan R. Baldock Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Edward F. P. Bryant.

WEST HOATHLY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sun., Sept. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In two methods, being two extents of Single Oxford and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*Stephen Comber Treble	Benjamin W. Parke 4
John A. Howard 2	Derek Slater 5
Valerie J. Howard 3	Frank H. Hicks Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.

* First peal. Rung in thanksgiving for our deliverance 25 years ago

THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.

DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.

On Wed., Aug. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

James R. Taylor (Cam.) .. Treble	John S. Seagar (London) .. 5
Alan J. Griffin (Cam.) .. 2	Don C. Exell (So'ton) .. 6
Edward D. Elderkin (So'ton) 3	Frank D. Mack (Bristol) .. 7
M. M. Peterson (Cam.) .. 4	Philip M. J. Gray (London) Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Philip M. J. Gray.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER, Hampshire.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy

Trinity.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in C.

Derek Yates Treble	Gordon Benfield 7
Harold E. Lonyon 2	Derek Butterworth 8
Alan A. Potts 3	Basil Jones 9
William H. Dowse 4	Brian Woodruff 10
Alan McFall 5	Robert B. Smith 11
John Worth 6	A. Peter Whitehead .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick Pipe. Conducted by John Worth.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HAGLEY, Worcs.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Thurs., Sept. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 110 lb. in A.

M. Irene Ellsmore Treble	Norman J. Goodman 5
Martin D. Fellows 2	Roderick W. Pipe 6
John C. Eisel 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
Michael J. Fellows 4	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DONCASTER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tony Price Treble	J. Henry Fielden 5
W. Eric Critchley 2	Norman Chaddock 6
Neil Donovan 3	John N. D. Chaddock .. 7
Stuart Armeson 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley. Tenor 30½ cwt.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Richard E. Price and Miss Andrea Wassell, which took place earlier at St. Leonard's, Thrybergh.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Helen's on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. K. P. Poole (first quarter) 1, E. A. Kilgour (first inside) 2, B. F. Banks 3, J. R. Rowson 4, J. R. Poole 5, C. I. Rowson 6, W. A. Smith (cond.) 7, M. C. E. Hodge 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Rev. J. V. Pivall, whose funeral was earlier in the day.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 26, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss C. Jennings 1, R. Liggins 2, Miss J. M. E. Dixon 3, B. Downie 4, M. G. Ingram 5, D. R. Ingram (cond.) 6, A. S. Burbridge 7, D. J. Purnell 8, R. C. Ingram 9, R. Inman 10. For Evensong.

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 26th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minimus: Keith Eaton (first quarter) 1, Geoffrey A. Edwards 2, John R. Scott 3, Leon A. Perry 4, Leonard J. Meredith 5. Rung for Matins.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: P. Salisbury 1, E. Wills (first in the method) 2, E. Buck 3, R. Trebilcock 4, L. Hughes 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, R. Castledine (cond.) 7, P. Mechew 8. Rung for Deanery Missionary Festival. Also on Oct. 3rd, 1,280 Kent T.B. Major: A. Buck 1, J. Orme (first of Kent inside) 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, C. Harwood 4, S. Hutton 5, D. Salisbury 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, J. Dear 8. For Parish Communion. Also 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Wills (first in the method) 1, R. Castledine 2, D. Trebilcock 3, L. Hughes 4, E. Buck 5, M. Orme 6, J. Dear (cond.) 7, D. Sutcliffe 8. Rung for Harvest Festival.

BARLEY, HERTS.—At St. Margaret's Church on Sept. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: F. Harper 1, Miss K. Willers 2, H. F. Heathfield 3, A. E. Austin 4, S. Howard 5, F. E. Haynes (cond.) 6. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howard.

BARROW-IN-FURNES, LANCs.—At St. James' on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, tenor covering: Miss M. Wilson 1, J. E. Burles 2, Mrs. E. K. Leach 3, G. A. Metters 4, R. Munroe 5, A. D. Leach 6, A. Brooksbank 7. For Harvest Festival.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael with St. Paul's on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Clifford 1, Miss C. Mitchell 2, D. C. Hawkins 3, P. J. Devrell 4, J. G. Hobbs (cond.) 5, A. Swaiton 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Devrell 1, Miss J. Webber 2, P. M. Wilkinson 3, J. G. Hobbs 4, D. C. Hawkins 5, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 6. Arranged and rung as a farewell to Rev. E. H. G. Sargent on the last Sunday of his ministry at St. Michael with St. Paul's.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (6, 8 cover): I. S. Holland 1, D. J. Winchester (first "inside") 2, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 3, B. R. Forster 4, Miss S. Hatton 5, G. A. Masters 6, G. O. Prodger 8. For Harvest Festival.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. J. Brown (cond.) 1, W. R. Chandler 2, Miss H. Cornthwaite 3, F. Southwood 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. For Harvest Festival Matins.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Dagley (first quarter) 1, D. E. House 2, Margaret Thomas 3, Kay Hollingsworth 4, M. J. Thomas (cond.) 5, D. B. Brown 6. A farewell to Miss Kay Hollingsworth, a local ringer, who is leaving to attend college in London. Also on October 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Maggs (first quarter) 1, D. B. Brown (cond.) 2, Margaret Smith 3, Katherine Maundrell 4, T. C. Holland (first "inside") 5, Beryl Cross 6. A farewell to Miss Margaret Smith, who is leaving to attend college in London.

BLACKBURN, LANCs.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Margaret Bullock (first quarter) 1, A. Tomlinson 2, P. S. Woods 3, J. T. Parsons (cond.) 4, J. Pilkington 5, F. Price 6, B. A. Tomlinson 7, M. J. Halliwell 8. For Evensong.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—Christ Church, Aug. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Page 1, B. R. Carter 2, G. G. Parsons 3, G. A. Carter 4, P. G. Gaisford (cond.) 5, G. B. Davis 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Elizabeth Thorpe and Michael Jones.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. W. Lockwood 1, S. Christian 2, A. R. Walters 3, R. J. Southgate (first as cond.) 4, N. F. Whittell 5. For St. Matthew's Day.

BREADSALL, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss L. Greasley 1, Miss P. Burton 2, John Greasley (first as cond.) 3, J. Roe 4, L. Riley 5, B. Greasley 6. For Evensong. First quarter for 1, 2, 4 and 5.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.—At St. Luke's Church, on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. J. Spice 1, Joan Beresford (cond.) 2, T. Lewis 3, R. T. Newman 4, P. J. Fleckney 5, A. J. Corby 6, I. H. Oram 7, D. Beresford 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Cecilia Newman, daughter of the 4th ringer.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. Hibbert 1, C. J. Hibbert 2, R. M. Ashman 3, Miss A. Luckings 4, G. Stocker 5, Mrs. P. Lewington 6, C. E. Lewington (cond.) 7, A. Davis 8. First of Stedman for 3 and 4, and first as conductor. Rung for Harvest Festival and with best wishes to Miss A. Luckings, who is leaving for college.

BUDOCK, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 30th, 1,400 Little Bob Major: Miss P. J. Welch 1, Miss P. A. Jenkins 2, E. J. Morris 3, R. J. Hosking 4, Miss H. Way 5, R. T. Smith 6, J. A. Hoare 7, B. J. Woodruffe (cond.) 8.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Barker 1, G. Bradbury 2, Miss G. M. Griffiths 3, D. Knowles 4, C. Griffiths 5, R. D. Baker (first quarter of Triples "inside") 6, P. J. Barker (cond.) 7, C. F. W. Eyres 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Arthur S. Williams, a ringer at this church for 25 years before moving to Wolverhampton, where he gave another 17 years' service at St. Peter's Church and to St. Bartholomew's Church, Penn.

CASTLE EATON, WILTS.—On October 3rd, 1,240 Spiced Doubles (42 methods). B. Tombs 1, D. Carr 2, B. Wakefield 3, A. R. Peake (cond.) 4, M. A. New 5, E. G. Adams 6. Most methods by all except 4 and 5. For Harvest thanksgiving.

CHARWOOD, SURREY.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Wednesday, Sept. 15th, 1,260 Doubles in five methods consisting of St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Wickens 1, Mrs. M. Dallison 2, J. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6. First quarter peal in five methods by all ringers. Also on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles in five methods consisting of St. Bartholomew, All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Wickens 1, Mrs. M. Dallison 2, I. Wickens (cond.) 3, J. Nicholson 4, E. Brazier 5, K. Dallison 6.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Sept. 19th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Barnes 1, R. Cooles 2, A. Mann 3, D. Hopkins 4, Rev. A. Clayton 5, M. Uphill 6, A. Millidge 7, A. Bishop (cond.) 8. A.M.D.G.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's Church, Jesmond, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. H. E. Askew (first on eight) 1, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 2, Christine Telfer 3, Susan Elliott 4, R. A. Yeates 5, S. J. Pardoe 6, J. G. White 7, P. R. Martin 8. For Evensong.

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NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lynda Hopkins 1, Joan Cheney 2, J. G. Edgson 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, P. M. Edgson 6. Rung in honour of the birth of the Vicar's third daughter, Rachel Margaret Mighall, and also to welcome the new Methodist minister, the Rev. B. Hinkley, to a United Anglican-Methodist service at this church.

NORTH FERRIBY, E. YORKS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Stephanie A. Jones (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth A. Johnston (first quarter "inside") 2, Vivienne M. Kirk 3, A. B. Cooper 4, H. C. Palmer 5, R. C. Hawtree (first as cond., age 14) 6.

OXFORD.—At St. Aldate's Church, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. G. Benstead 1, Miss G. Gray 2, V. Griffin (cond.) 3, H. J. Russell (first quarter "inside") 4, R. Benstead 5, P. J. Heritage 6. First quarter in this country for ringer of 4th, who comes from Perth, W. Australia. For Battle of Britain Sunday.

PERTH, W.A.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Williams (cond.) 1, A. G. Mason 2, C. E. Pipe 3, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 4, R. Stilwell 5, R. M. Damerell 6, A. P. Cannon 7, T. J. Lock 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Horsford 1, S. Burton 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, R. M. Damerell 4, B. Potts 5, L. Reynolds 6, T. J. Lock 7, T. J. Gregory 8.

PRITTELEWELL, ESSEX.—On Sept. 26th, 1,259 Winchester Bob Caters: P. Soman 1, B. Sadler 2, G. Sandwell 3, T. Jones 4, F. Lufkin 5, A. House (cond.) 6, F. May 7, D. Belcham 8, M. Hallett 9, P. Chapman 10. Rung for Harvest Festival.

PUCKLECHURCH, GLOS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Reynolds 1, Linda J. Slade 2, F. J. Sampson 3, D. R. Stitzaker 4, R. W. Sweet (first as cond.) 5, T. Newlands 6. For Evensong, and as an engagement compliment to Ian J. Freestone and Mary Banfield.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. M. Cleall (first quarter) 1, R. Cullington 2, C. F. Mew (cond.) 3, B. H. Coatsworth 4, A. R. Millidge 5, B. J. Bull 6. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Ann Gasson (first on eight) 1, C. F. Mew 2, B. J. Bull 3, Alison M. Mann (first as cond.) 4, R. Cullington 5, A. R. Millidge 6, B. H. Coatsworth 7, Christine M. Cobb 8. For Evensong.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Reed 1, W. E. Cheater 2, J. L. Cloughton 3, L. F. Cobb 4, P. L. King 5, C. W. Reed 6, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 7, L. T. Perrins 8. Rung for Matins. Also 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. O. Coleman (first of Major) 1, Mrs. C. W. Reed 2, P. L. King 3, C. W. Reed 4, J. L. Cloughton 5, W. T. Perrins 6, W. E. Cheater 7, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Whitworth 1, G. Muncey (first "inside") 2, A. Gibbs 3, S. Hodgkins 4, T. Smith 5, R. Coley (cond.) 6, C. Whitworth 7. Rung for the Patronal Festival Evensong, and as a welcome to the second curate, the Rev. Roger Castle, B.A., ordained deacon this day.

SCORTON, LANCs.—On Aug. 15th, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: J. Ascroft 1, Miss M. R. Crossthwaite 2, Mrs. M. Crossthwaite 3, P. J. Crossthwaite 4, C. Crossthwaite 5, S. Anderton 6, T. P. Edwards 7, J. H. Fielden (cond.) 8.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Roynon 1, E. Norris 2, A. Knight 3, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 4, N. Kne 5, C. White 6, F. Slatford 7, T. Mallard 8. Rung to celebrate the centenary of St. John's Church, Warminster.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Shepherd 1, P. Roynon 2, V. Bull 3, E. E. Norris 4, N. G. Kne 5, C. White 6, A. W. T. Cleaver (cond.) 7, T. E. Mallard 8. Rung as a farewell compliment to Miss M. Favell, who has left to take up nursing.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 19th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss D. M. Chapman 1, P. Bridge 2, A. Tubb 3, J. C. Slater 4, T. A. Cross 5, J. R. Taylor 6, Rev. R. O. Fry 7, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 8. Rung on the back eight for Evensong.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Rosamund Rawlings 1, Marion Bawlikow 2, Dudley Cocke 3, Hilary Johnson 4, Deborah Hopkins 5, W. Cooper Bailey (first "inside") 6, A. Bagworth (cond.) 7, A. Bishop 8. Rung on Battle of Britain Sunday.

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REEVES.—On October 6th, 1965, at 2, Green Street, Bristol 4, Alfred Ernest, beloved husband of Edie and loving father of Rose and Harry. Aged 86 years. In God's keeping. 7788

SOUTHEARD.—On September 30th, 1965, William Henry, previously Master of the Truro Cathedral ringers and Ringing Master of the Truro Diocesan Guild. 7781

THURLEY.—On Thursday, September 30th, at 35, Paxton Road, Chiswick, Thomas James passed peacefully to sleep, aged 72. "He died as he had lived, at peace and charity with all men." 7780

PERSONAL

Worthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou didst create all things, and because of Thy will they were, and were created.—Rom. iv., 11.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dinner and dance at Newlands Corner Hotel, near Guildford, on Saturday, October 23rd, at 6.30 for 7 p.m. Names and remittance of £1 1s. per person to Mr. P. Sherwood, East Wyke Farm, Ash, Aldershot, by October 16th. 7758

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath and Frome Branches.—Joint meeting at Mells, Saturday, October 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. M. Heymann, Eagle House, Chilcompton.—A. Lee and E. Chivers, Branch Secs. 7687

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Hilgay, Saturday, October 16th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7749

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Somersham on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—Michael J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7759

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Ottershaw, Saturday, October 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following. Names to Mr. R. Pashley, 73, Hare Hill, Addlestone. 7734

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Gray-shott (8) on Saturday, October 16th from 6 to 9 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 7755

HERTFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clif-ford District.—Quarterly meeting, Eardisley Church, October 16th. 7774

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Welwyn, October 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, to R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec., 10, The Hill, Wheathampstead. 7732

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting at Sittingbourne (8) on October 16th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea for those who notify Mr. S. B. Dobbie.—L. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7748

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Annual District meeting at Maidstone, Saturday, October 16th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Cullingworth, 45, Holtys Crescent, Maidstone.—M. L. Howe, Dis. Sec. 7702

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at St. James' Haslingden (8), Saturday, October 16th. Bells from 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m.—P. A. Mason, Branch Sec. 7782

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Preston, Saturday, October 16th. Please bring own food. Corporation buses P1 and P3 from Town Centre and Railway Station.—L. Walsley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, October 16th, at St. Augustine's, Kilburn (Kilburn Park—Bakerloo Line). Bells from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 7741

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Southern Division) & SUSSEX DISTRICT LADIES' GUILD.—Joint practice meeting, Seaford (8), Saturday October 16th Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss S. G. Rice, 40, Fairfield Gardens, Portslade, please. 7751

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—General meeting, October 16th. St. Leonard's, Streatham, 10.30-11.30; St. Stephen's, Clapham, 11.30-12.30; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 2-3; St. Clement Danes', 3.30-4.30; St. Olave's, 4.15-4.45, followed by service, tea and business meeting. Names for tea to Miss S. Smith, Westfield College, Kidderpore Avenue, Hampstead, N.W.3. 7779

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Wootton-St. Lawrence on Saturday, October 16th. Bells from 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 7733

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Snowdon Dinner, Rotherham, October 16th. Towers open for ringing: Handsworth (8) 11.30-12.30; St. Marie's R.C., Norfolk Row, Sheffield (8) 1.30-3; Sheffield Cathedral (12) 3.15-5; Thrybergh (6) 3-4; Rotherham Parish Church (10) 4.30-6. Dinner 6.30 p.m. prompt.—J. J. L. Gilbert, N. Chaddock 7785

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Mid-week practice meeting at Swaffham on Wednesday, October 20th. Bells available 6.30. Everyone welcome.—C. Tovell. 7764

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise Major practice at Holy Trinity, Guildford, October 21st at 7.30. Methods: Bristol, Rutland, Wembley, Spliced and as requested.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wedmore on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business.—M. Legg, Hon. Sec. 7790

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Charlton Horethorne (8) October 23rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 7771

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Portishead (8) on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 7370

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Woburn, Saturday, October 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Crypt at 5, followed by business. Names to 44, George Street, Woburn, by 21st. 7766

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Bulkington, Saturday, October 23rd. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify H. Ashley, 47, Nuneaton Road, Bulkington, near Nuneaton. Phone Bedworth 3094.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Gen. Sec. 7772

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ripley (8) on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea and biscuits 5.30 p.m. in Parish Room.—T. H. Radford, Hon. Sec. 7792

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the bells on October 23rd. Bells 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.35 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. The following towers will also be open for ringing: Old Harlow (8) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Nazeing (6) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Roydon (6) 2 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. Lunch is easily obtainable in Harlow New Town. The tea will be provided free at Harlow Common. We will be pleased to welcome any members who have rung on these bells in the past.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7750

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Berrington, Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. Lloyd, Cressage, Salop. 7777

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual District meeting, Christ Church, Erith, Saturday, October 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. R. Andrews, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley, by the 20th. 7784

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, October 23rd, at Bridgend. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Petty, 10, Parkfields Road, Bridgend, Glam. Gentlemen welcome. 7752

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Dinner and Social in Shakespeare Hotel, Braunstone, October 23rd, 6 for 6.30. Chief guest the Provost of Leicester Tickets (18/6) from J. M. Jelley, 17, Linley Green Cosby, Leicester, by October 16th. Bells: St. Mary-de Castro's (8) 2.30-3.30; Cathedral (12) 3.30-4.30.—B. G. Warwick, Hon. Gen. Sec. 7704

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (S. and W.). **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (E.B. and S.B.).** **LADIES' GUILD (Central) and LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon, Sat., Oct. 23rd. Bells (10) 3-4.30 and after tea, Service 4.30. Tea to follow in St. John's Hall, Social 7.45 p.m.; the Washington film will be shown. Denham (8) 2.30-3.30; St. Andrew's, Uxbridge (8) 3-4. Names for tea, if possible, to F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iwer Heath, Bucks.—W. Deason, Miss D. Hague, Miss J. Spreadbury, and Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 7764

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Aylsham, Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. N. J. Phumphrey, 14, Buxton Road, Aylsham, Norwich, NOR 07 Y, by Wednesday, 20th.—C Bird, Hon. Sec. 7717

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Chipping Norton Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Spelsbury on Saturday, October 23rd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. 7722

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Northampton Branch.—Practice meeting at Scaldwell on Saturday, October 30th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton, by Tuesday previous for certain. 7787

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Kingston (8). Saturday, October 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting. Swanage Bells (8) 6.45–7.45. Names for tea to Mr. R. Damer, 2, Oxford Terrace, Cowleaze, Swanage, Dorset, by Thursday, October 21st. 7688

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hindon, October 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 19th. 7761

SUFFOLK GUILD—Central District.—A.G.M., Saturday, October 23rd, at Earl Soham (6). Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at the Falcon Inn 5.30 p.m. followed by business meeting. Brandeston bells (6) available from 6.30 p.m. Requests for tea must be received by H. Leather, 3 Ways, Monk Soham, Woodbridge, by Tuesday, October 19th. 7761

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Burwash (8). Saturday, October 23rd. Ringing 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m. and 6 p.m.–8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to me at 36, London Road, Hailsham, by Wednesday, October 20th, please.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 7761

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, SS. Peter and Paul's, Hambledon, October 23rd. Bells 3 till 8.30. Service 4.30. Tea in New Inn 5. Names for tea to Mr. C. Turner, Whitdale Farm, Hambledon, by previous Wednesday, please. 7775

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 23rd, 1965, at the Co-operative Hall, The Trinity, Worcester, at 6.15 p.m. Entertainment after dinner. The Guest of Honour will be the President of the Central Council. Bells: Cathedral, 3.30–5 p.m.; All Saints', 4.30–6 p.m. Tickets 13s. 6d. from Gen. Sec. and Branch Secs. until October 18th.—D. Beacham, Gen. Sec., The Lea, Hallow, Worcester. 7675

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Etwell (6) Saturday, October 30th at 3 p.m. Names for tea to M. A. Willis, 33, Gisborne Close, Mickleover, Derby. 7769

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Diss, Saturday, October 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. G. Harrison, 20, Chapel Street, Diss, Norfolk, by Wednesday, October 27th.—C. F. W. Phillipps, Hon. Sec. 7776

TRURO GUILD—Stratton Branch.—Meeting at Marhamchurch on Saturday, October 30th. Bells at 2 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hicks, New Buildings, Marhamchurch, near Bude. 7778

HEREFORD—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 19th, 1,312 Plain Bob Major: Elizabeth Taylor 1, M. C. W. Sherwood 2, D. M. Morton 3, R. Godsall 4, T. Wood 5, K. S. W. Morton 6, A. T. Wingate 7, G. T. Cousins (cond.) 8 First in the method for all except 5, 7, 8. For the service commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

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Ringling for those attending the dinner has been arranged at the following towers:—

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St. Olave's, Hart Street (8) .. 2.30–3.30
St. Lawrence's, Jewry (8) .. 3.00–4.00
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OUTINGS

BARCOMBE AND DISTRICT

Saturday, September 25th, saw an outing combining—we think—representatives of ten towers, who embarked on a tour of the more remote rings of North-East Sussex and Kent. A late start was made at Barcombe, much to the chagrin of many of our party, who, dutifully waiting at various points along the route, were obliged to spend 20 minutes in the rain. However, thanks to the speed of our coach, we arrived at Beckley only five minutes late.

Here, owing to the enthusiasm of one ringer in raising the treble, we were able to give an inimitable demonstration of raising five bells in peal. At Northiam a Cambridge band materialised from a wealth of Plain Bob and Grandsire ringers, only to convert itself to Kent until the next tower. Following a hurried tea at Hawkhurst, we sped (once again behind time) to ring the fine anti-clockwise six at Sandhurst. Previous experience in failing to find the tower now stood us in good stead, and we were able to make our way direct.

Kildown, a village unknown to all including the driver, was also found without mishap and, now on time, we made our way through the rain to the tower. The prospect of clambering up a vertical ladder to the ringing chamber deterred only a few, but all agreed it was worthwhile, for some good

ringing was achieved. The Cambridge addicts came to the fore again, only to be disappointed when one of their number—so she said—“stopped thinking” in the middle of the course. It should be added that this is not a frequent occurrence.

Goudhurst, our next stop, heralded a series of minor setbacks. Our stalwart, and by now somewhat drenched, ringers alighted at the church to find it locked from the inside (this happens once every year, and is now accepted, like the weather, as inevitable). Having made our way to the cavernous ringing chamber, we were naturally surprised to find that the eight-bell tower only possessed seven ropes—as luck would have it one of the ropes was broken, but was soon replaced, thanks to the presence of the local ringers, and we were able to tackle the heavy eight. Emerging from the church, with the rain now pouring down, we dashed to the coach to find one of our number missing. A rapid search, involving sprinting round the churchyard fast enough to lap him, proved fruitful, and we proceeded to Ticehurst. Here the springiness of the ropes provoked some interest, but some tolerable ringing was achieved before the day was brought to a close. Our grateful thanks to all involved. D. R. M.

TWERTON-ON-AVON

The annual outing was held on September 25th and we were joined by ringing friends from Corston, Kelston, Dunkerton, Batheaston and St. Michael's, Bath. It turned out to be the wettest day we have experienced, but the quality of the seven Dorset rings more than made up for the weather.

Stalbridge (6): Slow turning, mellow ring restored by Mears and Stainbank in 1926. Mr. Bollen welcomed us. Lyddinch (5): A very good majestic sounding ring; Rector made us welcome. Fortune and Dedworth Doubles added variety to the methods rung. Sturminster Newton (6): Excellent ground-floor ring; renovated with the aid of the Barron Bell Fund in 1933. Kent and Cambridge went well. Shillingstone (6): Another good ground-floor ring, where St. Clement's was successfully rung. Poole (10): A good-toned ring that is seldom rung except by visitors; one or two of the back bells need pulling hard but we enjoyed some Caters and a good fall in peal with Queen's at the bottom. Bere Regis (6): Slow majestic ring restored by Mears and Stainbank in 1920; very pleasant ring to listen to outside the tower, but are slightly loud inside. Charminster (8): Standard methods were rung on this octave (1961, Taylor and Co.); ground-floor ring open to the church, which happened to be the lightest ring of the day (15 cwt.).

We thank the incumbents for permission to ring these lovely bells, and also our usual coach driver, who is always so co-operative. A. F. L.



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BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. S. Smith 1, J. G. Flint (first "inside") 2, Sheila I. Smith (first "720" as cond.) 3, F. H. Briscoe 4, D. G. Carr 5, A. H. Smith 6. Jointly conducted by D. G. Carr and S. I. Smith. For evening service, and as birthday compliments to the conductors.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Dodds (first quarter) 1, J. E. Lloyd 2, W. J. Day 3, Dorothy E. Beamish 4, Muriel J. Mason 5, A. H. Beamish (cond.) 6, J. Draycott 7, J. A. L. Thompson 8. Rung for Evensong, and as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. R. R. P. Rigby, M.A.), who is leaving to become Vicar of Kirkmichael, Isle of Man.

FRAMPTON COTTERELL, BRISTOL.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet N. Beckett (first quarter) 1, J. L. Clapp 2, N. A. Curtis 3, M. S. Smith 4, H. Taysom (cond.) 5, R. H. Driver 6. For Harvest Festival.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit, on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: R. Talbot 1, R. Stevens 2, M. Foster 3, R. Lee 4, B. Bull 5, D. Herschell 6, K. Game (cond.) 7, A. Streeter 8, J. Davidge 9, K. Taber 10. Rung for the Festival of the Southern Area of the Community of the Resurrection.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, LEICS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: 1, S. Merry 1, M. A. Caldecote 2, R. A. Gilliver 3, R. Clayfield 4, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 5, J. L. Merry 6. Rung for morning service.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 25th, 1,320 Spliced Surprise Royal (640 London No. 3, 680 Cambridge): Caroline Harris 1, Deborah Hopkins 2, Alison Mann 3, A. Bagworth 4, J. F. Maybrey 5, A. Paterson (first of Spliced Surprise Royal) 6, M. J. Bangham 7, R. N. Harris 8, A. S. Bishop 9, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 10.

PRESTON, LANCs.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Crossthwaite 1, P. J. Crossthwaite (cond.) 2, J. A. Ashcroft 3, R. Barnes 4, D. M. McCormick 5, J. B. Pickup 6.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Ann Goddard (first in method) 1, Ruth Carr 2, Janet Griffiths 3, F. May 4, M. Hallett 5, D. Belcham 6, A. House (cond.) 7, W. Ward 8. For Evensong.

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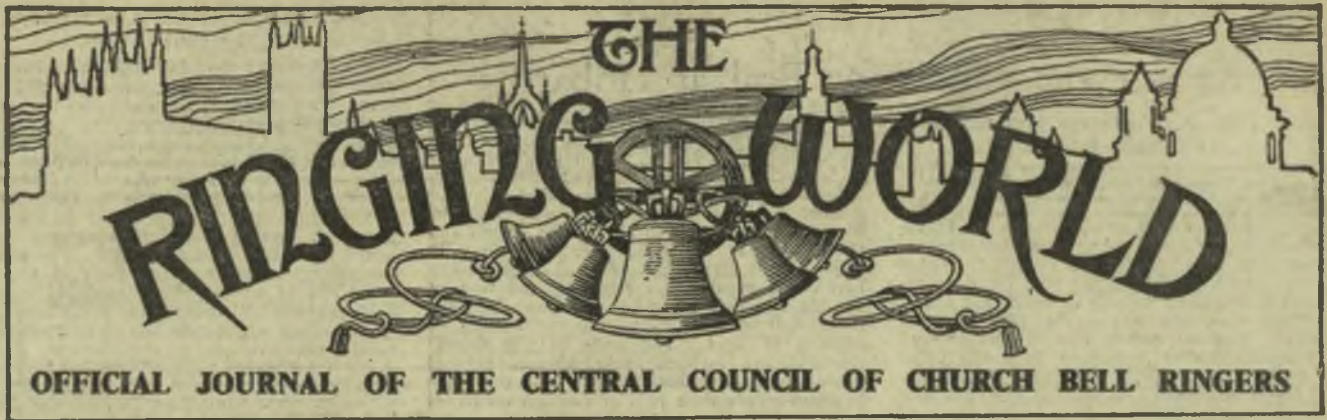
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IN MEMORIAM: MRS. E. K. FLETCHER

Her Gifts as Ringer, Conductor and Administrator

By the death of Mrs. Edith Fletcher six weeks before her 74th birthday, the Exercise has lost probably the greatest lady ringer it has so far known. Her all-round record as a practical ringer, gifted conductor and skilled administrator would have been remarkable at any time, but when one remembers that she learned to ring when only a handful of ladies were to be found in our ranks, yet within a very few years her achievements had excelled even those of the vast majority of men, the magnitude of them can better be appreciated.

Edith Parker was born at Crawley, Sussex, on November 12th, 1891. Her father, James Parker, was conductor of the famous band there at the time, and when he moved to Edmonton he built up another band scarcely less skilful. It was there that he taught his daughter to ring in or about 1908 and where she rang her first peal—Superlative Major, the first time a lady had taken part in a Surprise peal—in May, 1909, when she was 17½. London Major followed in the December and in June, 1910, her first as conductor was Stedman Triples from a non-observation bell. By the time an account of her career thus far appeared in the second issue of this journal, March 31st, 1911, she had rung 17 peals, conducting eight. Perhaps the greatest tribute to her ability was the mention in that article that she had taken part in a touch of Stedman Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral for Sunday service—this at the age of 20, as a Cumberland herself, of which Society, having been elected in 1908, she was one of the oldest members and daughter of a past Master of the Society at a time when its relations with the College Youths were not always cordial, to say the least, and among a band of men who, what-

ever their faults, must have achieved a standard of ringing as near perfection as is humanly possible—that at least was the impression it was to make on me when hearing a touch by many of the same band some 23 years later.

Before Miss Parker was 21 she had called a peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham and the first ladies' peal, Grandsire Triples, at Cubitt Town. The latter led to her suggesting the formation of the Ladies' Guild, which took place later in the same year, and she was the obvious choice for the post of secretary, an office she was to hold for 36 years, afterwards becoming president until 1956. Between the wars she conducted for the Guild its first peals of Stedman Triples and Caters, Double Norwich Major and Cambridge Superlative and London Surprise Major. It is fair to say that no one else had the necessary ability as a conductor to have brought these peals to a successful conclusion.

Her coming of age in 1912 was celebrated by a week of ringing, in which peals of Bristol, Norfolk, Superlative, London, New Cambridge and Gloucester Surprise Major were brought round, the last four of which she conducted, all from the second bell. In later years she was to add much to these achievements, among them a peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells conducted from 3-4; the first peal of Cambridge Maximus conducted by a lady; and the first peal of London Major on handbells in which a lady had taken part, but her services to ringing in other ways were also extensive. She represented the Ladies' Guild on the Central Council from 1915 until being made a life member of the Council in 1953. For a long period she was convener of the Records Committee, for which she typed details of all the early and many later compositions. As a member of the Peals Collection Committee she typed a huge collection of peals of Treble Bob, now in the Council's records. In 1927 she was married to George W. Fletcher, of the Edmonton band, and formerly of Southgate, and during his 21 years from 1931 as secretary and treasurer of the Council she was, in the late J. S. Goldsmith's words, "the unofficial but highly efficient assistant secretary." When the Council took over "The Ringing World" in 1942 she served on the Editorial Committee until 1951, keeping the books in addition for the first few years.

After she and her husband left London for Great Yarmouth in 1942 Mrs. Fletcher's peal ringing career virtually ended, her total being

about 350 in all. Increasing deafness marred her later years but her interest in the art never waned. Apart from ringing she was a keen gardener and skilled needlewoman—my wife and I treasure a beautifully embroidered set of table mats given to us as a wedding present—and she was always ready to talk about cricket in general and the fortunes (or misfortunes) of the Sussex County side in particular. (When the Cumberlands last played the College Youths at cricket, on Mitcham Green in 1914, she was the scorer.) The sympathy of all will be offered to George at this time.

The funeral took place at Horsham St. Faith Crematorium on October 4th, the service being taken by Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Central Council. Among those present were Messrs. J. Freeman (vice-president of the Council), F. W. Perrens (librarian) and Mrs. Perrens, Mrs. O. S. Barnett (past president, Ladies' Guild, also representing the secretary and treasurer of the Council), Mr. N. Golden (president of the Norwich Diocesan Association) and Mrs. Golden, Miss D. E. Colgate (secretary, Ladies' Guild), Mrs. A. Richardson (former Council representative, Ladies' Guild) and Mrs. E. M. Wayman, Mr. F. I. Hairs (representing the Editorial Committee) and Mrs. Hairs (past president, Ladies' Guild), Mr. P. G. W. Newstead (Great Yarmouth) and Mrs. Newstead, Mr. E. R. Goate (Beccles) and Mrs. Goate, and Mr. A. J. Moy (Norwich). During the service a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. Hairs, Messrs. Perrens and Freeman, and in the evening a quarter peal in the same method was rung half-muffled at St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, in 57 minutes by Olive D. Barnett 1, A. J. Moy 2, A. G. Wigmore 3, E. R. Goate (conductor) 4, W. B. Duncan 5, P. G. W. Newstead 6, F. I. Hairs 7, F. J. Broomfield 8.

E. A. B.

A TRIBUTE

It was with a great shock I read the news of the passing of Edith K. Fletcher; I had known her since schooldays. She taught me to ring in 1917 and I went with her to many towers. She will be greatly missed by the Ladies' Guild. I was ringing with her in the first peal of Stedman Triples, also first of Caters, rung by all ladies.

I think all the ladies of the Guild will join with me in sending her husband, Mr. George Fletcher, our sincere condolences in his great loss. May she rest in peace. I think the last time she met us all was at the rededication of the ladies' peal board in St. Clement's tower in 1961.

PHOEBE A. TOMLINSON.

GREAT ADVENTURE II

Racing the Clock for Peal at Hobart

First Peal of Maximus Outside the British Isles

THE disappointing performances at the Wednesday practice and the loss of the peal at Ballarat created an air of uncertainty over the attempt of Treble Bob Maximus on Thursday evening. Tom Lock asked for the inclusion of four Australian ringers. Robin Turner was a natural choice with his wide experience, including turning in Sherborne tenor, and his steadiness was a big factor in the success. Andrew Bolton was another choice; incidentally, he is Australian born but came to England when three years old. A member of the Universities Association, he has not been a year in Melbourne, being on the staff of Reynolds, the big electrical engineers of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Selected to ring the fifth was Graeme Heyes, who learned to ring at St. Peter's, Ballarat. His previous best performance on 12 bells was a quarter peal of Bob Maximus, but he had rung two peals of Major. Graeme fitted in well. Originally it was hoped that Hervey Bagot would be in the team, but he asked to be excused as he was feeling none too well. Helen Henderson (21), whose ringing at the practice had impressed the visitors, was selected. The previous evening she rang her first of Maximus, a touch of Plain Bob. By a coincidence, she rang the fourth, the same bell that Frey Shimmin rang in the peal of Grandsire Cinques in the 1934 Great Adventure. Helen did not let the side down, and although she felt the strain of the last hour she won through and at the end received many congratulations. Australian-born, Helen is a school teacher, having a degree in music. Petite and fair, she was taught to ring by George Pipe. She is a handbell enthusiast, and had rung three tower bell peals on eight bells previously.

Tom Lock conducted. The band soon settled down to a good beat and three-quarters of an hour went by without a word being spoken. It was a good peal, accomplished in 3 hours and 29 minutes; but it was not free from trips. An atmosphere of tension was created towards the end when one of the veterans missed his sally. From the square below the Cathedral the peal was being followed by ringers and others, and telephone messages were sent out to tell of progress. Afterwards the well-earned drink was enjoyed at Ken Minchington's.

MET THE LORD MAYOR

Friday morning had a memorable engagement—to be received by the Lord Mayor at the City Hall. Cclr. Ian Beaurepaire and his wife, the Lady Mayoress, chatted with all the guests. The toast of "The Queen" was honoured and the Lord Mayor in his welcome said: "Peals are not something you get automatically every time. It is something like cricket; if you make a mistake you're out." Tom Lock in reply wished the Lord Mayor a happy term of office. (He had only been installed during the past fortnight.)

Lunch was taken at the airport and we flew to Hobart in a Viscount—a pleasant journey except for a bump or two just before landing. Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Smith and their son John were waiting, but they also brought the news that the peal attempt at Holy Trinity Church, Hobart, must finish before 7 p.m. because of a wedding. Assurances were given that it could be completed, and the peal band, which included Jock Roper, of Melbourne, set

off in fast cars to cover the seven miles. Pat Cannon called a good peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, which was completed in 3 hours 42 minutes. This was five minutes before the bride was due to arrive.

Holy Trinity, Hobart, bells were cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1847. The second and third peals in Australia were rung here in 1890, within three days of each other, by a Melbourne band. Our peal was the first of Double Norwich for Anne Horsford, and the tenors had not been rung since the A.N.Z.A.B. meeting of 1964. The walls of the ringing chamber are covered with photographs of noted ringers, including one of the Pye brothers before their peal of London on handbells in 1904.

The next morning a peal of Yorkshire Surprise was rung at St. David's Cathedral. These bells, cast by John Taylor in 1936, go very well. The two tenors were pulled up the wrong way and they were in this state throughout the peal! Outside, the bells sound very fine but there is a hum in the ringing chamber. It was felt that this acoustic problem could be dealt with, as it arises from the concrete floor beneath the bells. The peal was rung in three hours even and was the first of Yorkshire Surprise outside the British Isles.

After the peal the band were entertained to lunch by Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Smith. With the exception of Mr. and Mrs. White, who stayed with Mary Atkinson and her mother, they had spent the night at Hollydene Private Hotel. Mary Atkinson kindly motored two of the party up the Derwent River on Saturday and they were impressed by the beauty of the surroundings. It was with real regret that the party left Hobart after barely 24 hours' stay. The town is most attractive and a concrete bridge of graceful proportions spans the Derwent.

BACK TO ADELAIDE

Upon arrival at Melbourne four of the party—Anne Horsford, Pat Cannon, Mark Damerell and Len Stilwell—left by air for Adelaide to take part in a peal of Bob Major with four Australians. The 1,000-pealer somewhat regretfully commented about paying £20 for a peal of Bob Major! The rest of the party thought it was very sporty of the four to volunteer for the second air journey that day. Encouraging good wishes were extended to them.

A very happy social evening was held that Saturday in the home of Ken Minchington. The table "groaned" with Australian delicacies. Our appreciative thanks were expressed by Tom Lock to Mr. and Mrs. Minchington and Ken.

Sunday was spent in service ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral. During the morning Tom Lock presented £5 to Jack Roper, subscribed by the peal band, towards the Cathedral Restoration Fund. These repairs were on an extensive scale and much of the stonework is being renewed. About five hours were spent in the belfry during the afternoon, ringing embracing Maximus, Cinques, Caters and Major. Pam Warren motored in some 90 miles to join in the ringing and to hear the latest news from Guildford. Tea was served to a company of 30. Two members of the Young Farmers' Association visiting the Melbourne Show introduced themselves to the belfry. They were David J. Jones, of Westbury, and Monica Elkington, from Lois Weedon, Nottinghamshire.

SUFFOLK GUILD STRIKING COMPETITION

The Suffolk Guild's striking competition again proved what a popular event it has become when about 70 members and friends met at Cavendish on September 26th. The bells of the Parish Church are a pleasant 12 cwt, six by Mears, dated 1779, with the exception of the tenor, which is by John Warner and Sons and dated 1869. Rehanging in ball-bearings by Taylors of Loughborough about 30 years ago has made them a very easy-going ring, ideally suited for a striking competition. The walls of the ringing chamber record peals of about 80 years ago in several Minor methods, although it is regretted that today there is no local band, as the village apparently lacks a competent and willing instructor.

All five Districts were represented and it was pleasing to see the band from the Beccles area, representing the North-East District, they having had to travel 70 miles or so to attend. Although a recent meeting of the Suffolk Guild Committee had decided that the choice of method should be left open, all the teams rang Bob Minor and completed their "touch" of 240 changes.

A shortened Evensong was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. Storrs-Fox) and the lesson was read by the Guild secretary.

After tea at the Elizabeth Tea Rooms, Frank Lufkin (Essex Association) gave his comments on the ringing of each team and those of his co-judges, Harold Peacock (Ely Association) and Harold Foster (Great St. Mary's, Cambridge). The placing was: Henley (S.E. District) 14 faults; representative team from the N.E. District 16; representative team from the Central District 25; Rougham (N.W. District) 26; Bramford (S.E. District) 29; Offton (S.E. District) 29; Bures (S.W. District) 31; representative team from the S.E. District 39.

Harold Egglestone received the shield from the Rector of Cavendish and said how pleased Henley were to have it in their possession, especially as his band included one 14-year-old and one 16-year-old, both of whom had learned to ring within the last three years. Guild Ringing Master George Pipe thanked the judges and all participants for their support. Members afterwards enjoyed further ringing at Clare and Long Melford. A. T. B.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

A warm welcome was extended to members of the West Lindsey Branch and visitors from other branches by the friendly folk of Messingham on September 18th. The special method for this six-bell tower was Hull Surprise. The Vicar, the Rev. J. Owen, conducted the service.

The vice-president, Mr. C. H. Baker, presided over the short business meeting. Mr. G. E. Feirn proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the ladies who had prepared the tea, and the local ringers. T. A. G.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The first meeting of the Syston District to be held at Wanlip attracted over 50 ringers and friends to this six-bell tower, delightfully situated in Wanlip Park. The Rector conducted the service and expressed surprise and pleasure in finding a robed choir drawn from members present. The tea was given by the Wanlip ringers, and a collection for the new heating system realised £3 in addition to £2 offertory for the District Bell Fund.

Ringling continued after the business meeting until 8 p.m., when a very successful meeting came to a close. T. C. B.

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PIPE'S PILGRIMS, 1965

I SUPPOSE I could be called a novice (not that I haven't been called far worse in my time) for I had not previously been on "Pipe's Pilgrimage." In fact I didn't even know how the title was derived—for the benefit of others as ill-informed as I, it appears that on an early "week" a number of ringers seen climbing the famous Glastonbury Tor were supposed to be pilgrims—but why pick on me to write up this year's tour? However, I am commanded and must needs obey.

On the first Sunday in July the majority of pilgrims assembled outside St. Paul's Cathedral to make the journey not, however, on foot but in comfort by coach to Somerset, although the Suffolk contingent had left Grundisburgh at first light and one started out the night before and endured several uncomfortable hours on Gloucester station, trying to sleep on upholstery which felt like concrete, in order to ring at the Cathedral in the morning. The long haired young gentlemen from Swansea who were stranded there looked pityingly on me, said something in a strange tongue and exchanged significant glances which clearly indicated what they thought of me, and as the hours crawled by (and not in a peal when I feared I was going to lose my trousers did the time seem to drag so much) I heartily agreed with them.

By evening we had all gathered at the Cliffe Hotel, Clevedon, for a get-together, the renewal of old friendships and making new ones.

In a part of the country noted for its wealth of bells, the organiser's problem must have been not so much what towers to visit but which to leave out and since, to quote his own words, Jim Pipe "skims the cream" space permits mention of only a few of the towers visited, and in any case readers will not wish to be bored with a catalogue of towers.

Amongst the foremost comes St. Mary Redcliffe, where the touch of "Churchyard Cinques" was considered the best ringing of the week, while the twelve at High Wycombe, the last tower of the tour, merit special mention.

AMONGST TAYLOR'S BEST

Widely acclaimed as amongst Taylor's best, and I even heard them spoken well of at the Croydon Bell Foundry, which was like hearing a Derby built locomotive praised at Crewe, the eight at Chewton Mendip justify their reputation, although contrary to popular opinion I consider Bridlington Priory even superior, or perhaps it is prejudice on my part and if confronted with a recording of both rings I might not, as the saying goes, be able to tell 't'other from which.

If one may be in any way disappointed if bells do not quite come up to expectation—and I remember my disappointment on first hearing Fulham bells after the glowing reports by old London ringers—conversely if one hears uncomplimentary things about any bells, a pleasant surprise can result when, as for instance at Wells Cathedral, they prove to be not so bad as made out to be.

Perhaps the bell hangers might have made them "go" rather better without unduly straining themselves, not that I had cause for complaint since I discreetly kept off the heavy end so I am only repeating what I heard, and I could be excused from thinking how much better our 42 cwt. tenor at Leeds would sound despite the disparity in weight.

Bristol Cathedral proves that even a rush job can still be a good one, for the former Temple Church bells both sound and "go" beautifully.

We were not at all impressed with Cheddar bells, apart from their sound, and the Vicar's restriction to half an hour was a blessing in disguise for the poor "go" of these comparatively recently rehung bells resulted in the only equally poor ringing of the week. Small wonder that when later on that day we learned that Congresbury intended to put their 35 cwt. eight on ball bearings we told them to think again and save their money.

St. Andrew's, Clevedon, took a great deal of finding which was not helped by the back seat navigator, who thought it advisable to observe a discreet silence afterwards, directing the coach up a narrow lane with a gradient of one in four and he scarcely deserved the two Clevedon fives which Mr. Ernest Caple had obligingly had put at our disposal.

Set high on Dundry Hill 500 years ago by the Merchant Adventurers of Bristol so as to be seen out in the Atlantic, the noble tower of Dundry had been tantalising us all week and permission to join the locals at their Wednesday practice was readily forthcoming, but here again we very nearly didn't make it, for seeking to go one better than the previous evening's navigational acrobatics another pilot, this time apparently mistaking our coach for a bulldozer, led us up an even narrower lane, overgrown with trees, and before long our sorely tried driver, Bob, found his driving mirrors caught in the foliage on each side of the road and extrication called for the utmost ingenuity.

Nor was that the only sensation for Irvin Slack, aided and abetted by two who knew no better and three other ringers whom he led astray, rang some "cartwheel" Minor and on a heavy Somerset six this borders on the profane. "They aren't making any leads," gasped a local ringer who had obviously never heard any closed lead stuff before.

Thursday was spent mostly in Wiltshire and the successive towers of Urchfont and Melksham afforded an interesting contrast between ancient and modern, while the welcome by the Rector of Chippenham was much appreciated—I always feel envious when I see an incumbent taking an interest in his bellry.

We were not unduly concerned when, at our last tower of the day, Colerne, we saw grave-diggers at work and even when we who were outside listening for the "first eleven" to strike up with a course of Lincolnshire heard the bells half-muffled we were not greatly surprised. "Perhaps some local worthy has died," we thought, and then someone suggested that as there was an airfield down the road and as there had been an air disaster earlier in the week, perhaps it had something to do with that.

POIGNANT MUFFLED RINGING

It certainly "had something to do with it" for the crew of the Hastings transport plane which crashed on a training flight with the loss of 41 lives and no survivors had trained at Colerne and we had come at a time when preparations for their mass funeral were in hand—the Station Commander was in fact discussing the arrangements with the Vicar when we arrived.

The sight of the six open graves side by side, and learning such personal details as how many children had been left fatherless in that one parish, and the thought that we had touched only on the fringe of the tragedy, brought home to me, and I feel sure to others, what no newspaper report, however harrowing, could convey.

Had we not been allowed to ring nobody could have complained, but rather than disappoint us the tower captain had thoughtfully had the bells muffled and so gave us the chance to express our thoughts in the only way open to us. It was the most realistic and the most poignant muffled ringing I can recall in my 40 years ringing.

The grave-diggers had unearthed what was supposed to be a relic of the work of an itinerant bellfounder in what certainly looked like the runner from the mould of a bell, thought to have been cast in the churchyard, but the find lost any sense of importance in the shadow of current happenings.

Friday, the last full day, came all too quickly and was spent mainly in the Bath area with two "extras," Holy Trinity, Bradford, and Portishead, thrown in for good measure.

It is uncanny how a learner is attracted towards any particular bell which may have a doubtful stay or be more tricky to handle than its fellows, and so it was at Christ Church,

Bradford-on-Avon, we had our first mishap, although the locals appear to have expected it—for a new stay lay on the floor in readiness. Later the broken stay, autographed by the whole company with full rank such as "Tenor King," "Deputy Tenor King," etc., was ceremonially presented to the culprit (victim?) as a souvenir or, as we suggested, a pilgrim's staff.

At the customary social evening on our last night, the organiser was thanked for yet another enjoyable week and, in anticipation of his departure for the U.S.A. a week later, his presentation took the form of a handsome travelling case which he said had saved him from setting out with a case held together by bootlaces.

Mrs. Arthur Barker read the traditional citation and various artistes contributed a variety of entertainment and whilst the attention of the company was thus occupied certain people slipped out unobtrusively to make adjustments to other folks' night attire and beds of a kind which no chambermaid would have thought up.

St. Helen's, Abingdon, stands in picturesque surroundings, literally on the banks of the Thames, and our dwindling party made good use of the excellent ten as well as the nearby six at St. Nicholas', which were available at short notice.

It had been intended to ring three leads of Treble Twelve at High Wycombe to mark the 90th birthday, next day, of that G.O.M. George Symonds, who would have to take the thought for the deed, for after about one lead the clapper of the eleventh came adrift and ringing thereafter was restricted to the light eight.

That concluded the official ringing of the week during which forty-two towers altogether were visited, just sufficient to enable justice to be done to the bells for such was our number that at least five touches were required to give everybody a ring.

A high standard of ringing was maintained throughout the week—even now a couple of months later I can still hear that course of Pudsey "tapping round" at Henbury—and what with "Tenor King" Ernie Pye's tales of his exploits, past and future, and his deputy, Ernie Pearce's reminiscences of his constabulary days and his views on the penal code which were propounded when the escape of the train robber became known there was never a dull moment.

It would be invidious to single out any particular pilgrim apart, of course, from Jim Pipe, but thanks must be accorded to John Brain for his advice on the choice of hotel, to Bert Kynaston, who acted as guide all week, not forgetting Paddy Pipe, whose help was so valuable during the time he was with us.

So the 1965 pilgrimage becomes a memory. We hope for an encore. R. H. D.

THE RAILWAYMEN'S GUILD

THE autumn meeting of the Guild was held at Swansea on September 25th. The programme really commenced on Friday evening, the 24th, with a visit to St. Mary's, Aberavon, where the bells were made available until 9 p.m. The first tower visited on Saturday was St. Thomas', Neath, and St. Catherine's, Baglan, was the next. The party arrived at St. Mary's, Swansea, after lunch at Mumbles. Tea, served in the Church Hall, was followed by a short business meeting. The guests were the Vicar of Sketty (Canon Garfield James), Mr. Michael R. Thomas (Master, Swansea and Brecon Guild) and Mr. Jack Pryor (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association).

The regions represented were London, Midland, Western, Southern and Eastern. The Master, Mr. C. Bassett, presided, and two new members were elected. The band which rang the peal of Plain Bob Royal at Aston were congratulated. May 7th next was proposed as the date of the annual general meeting. Mr. Bassett thanked those responsible for the arrangements, not forgetting the tea provided by Mrs. Whitworth and her helpers. A visit to St. Paul's Church, Sketty, concluded the ringing for the day. J. A. H.

Letters to the Editor

LURKING AROUND KENT

Dear Sir,—In response to Crawford T. Hillis' report on the K.C.A. meeting at Bethersden ("Ringing World," page 656), I agree with him that the standard of ringing has much improved, which just goes to prove that a "lurker within earshot" has his uses sometimes!

Actually, I think C.T.H. must have paid some good ringers to come and perform on that day in a vain attempt to re-establish the good name of the Ashford District—this could be termed as cheating, my dear Crawford! He has no reason (yet) to crow about the better ringing, as Bethersden was just a fluke. This was proved by the performance when the Kent County ringers were let loose on Folkestone bells: the ringing on the whole was extremely grim, the Cambridge Major shocking, and the bells had to be heard to be believed!

There is bound to be a certain amount of bad ringing at meetings and this just has to be tolerated, but a good Ringing Master should do his best to see that the bad ringing is kept to a minimum and to offset it if possible with some good stuff in between the bad bits.

The "grapevine" tells me that the chairman at Folkestone (Mr. John Willis) described me as a stirrer—a very accurate description, sir, thank you! I take it that he (Mr Willis) is in favour of this noise making.

If this is so he should have stood outside Canterbury Cathedral on Easter Monday last, when once again the K.C.A. ringers were to be heard performing their noble art (I'm sure art is not quite the word for it); he would have heard one and a half hours of pure rubbish from 6 to 7.30 p.m. before they had the decency to retire. To add insult to injury, some of the "ringers" filtered away to nearby St. Alphege's to continue the massacre; fortunately some of the latter's efforts were completely drowned by the mighty row from the Cathedral, which was by way of a blessing, I suppose.

The noise making is by no means confined to the K.C.A. I had the misfortune to be present (in my lurking capacity, of course) at a Ladies' Guild peal attempt at Cheriton, Kent, about two months ago—the striking (if it could be called striking) was shocking and the conductor should have called "Stand" in the first 20 minutes, but no, on and on they went to the bitter end, and if rounds had occurred at the end they would have claimed a peal—it seems there was a shift and the bells failed to come round so no peal was claimed (one of the ladies remarking at the time, "We won't do a Pat Cannon"! I would like to point out to the lady concerned that Pat Cannon is a very fine ringer indeed, much better than she can ever hope to be! (and he does not claim peals that do not come round).

Are conductors thinking of a peal at any cost or are they just afraid to call "Stand" for fear of hurting someone's feelings? Both attitudes are wrong—if the ringing is bad then "Stand" must be called and the attempt abandoned until another day when everyone is feeling more like it or a stronger band is available. The same applies to bad ringing at meetings (or practices, for that matter), the conductor has only to call "Stand" and the racket stops straight away. The Ringing Master can then instruct or request the ringers to tackle something simpler or he can put a different band on, or he can strengthen the band that was performing in the first place. Quite

Now I must take up my cloak and get on with some more lurking, so beware, Ashford District (and C.T.H.) your tower may be next on my list!—

WILFRED W. RING.
(Professional Lurker.)

WEDDING BELLS

Dear Sir,—With reference to Weston Favell's 32 weddings rung for this year, at Dagenham the ringers have rung for 75 weddings to October 2nd—two more than last year's total, Dagenham has eight bells, the tenor being 14½ cwt. in F sharp. — Yours faithfully,

GRAHAM C. KING.

Dagenham, Essex.

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. D. Man-ship's letter (page 672), whilst I am not claiming a record for St. Dunstan and All Saints', Stepney, I append the total of weddings for which we have rung since 1960, viz: 1961, 32; 1962, 34; 1963, 40; 1964, 60; 1965 (to date), 62, with five or six to come.

Although we have increased the fees recently, the numbers still continue to rise. It isn't always convenient to give up a Saturday afternoon, and one wonders whether the fees should be increased still further.

No doubt that I shall be reminded that it is a privilege to be able to ring for weddings. But I am beginning to wilt under the strain!

Incidentally, we make no charge to members of the congregation, and we do purchase, from the portion given up, hymn books, prayer books, kneelers, etc.—Yours faithfully,

L. J. FOX.

Captain of the Ringers.

Dear Sir,—It is with great interest and much amusement that we read the article "Brides Like Bells" in "The Ringing World" of September 3rd, and in particular the Weston Favell wedding bells record.

We are pleased to report that there is another church which can beat this record, namely, St. Margaret's Church at Apsley, Nottingham. This year, on our ring of six bells, we have rung for 43 weddings to date, with still more for the autumn and into December. This number is actually well below average, as last year there were 70 weddings with bells, sometimes six or eight on any one Saturday. We rang for 45 weddings in 1963.

Can anyone beat this?—Yours faithfully,

St. Margaret's Guild of Bellringers,
Apsley, Notts.

FALSE COMPOSITION IN DIARY

Dear Sir,—I would like to draw attention to a false composition in the 1965 "Ringers' Diary." This is the second 1,280 of Lincolnshire, at the foot of the middle column on page 79.

Perhaps the most conclusive way to demonstrate the falseness is to indicate a change which is repeated. In the course commencing 13624578 will be found the change 83627541. This change also occurs in the last lead of the plain course.

The same composition appeared in the 1956 "Ringers' Diary" and apparently escaped detection.

Oddly enough, the composition is true to Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative and Pudsey. In fact, it was when proving it to these methods that I noticed its falseness to Lincolnshire.—Yours sincerely,

TOM GOODYER.

Roseville, N.S.W.

AN AUSTRALIAN VISITOR

Dear Sir,—I have intended to write to you ever since I arrived in England in late August but I can only plead that English hours must be shorter than Australian ones!

However, I have a couple of observations which may be of general interest to ringers here and overseas. On my way here from Sydney I called at Durban and Capetown, and was fortunate enough at the former city to "grab" my first foreign towers, at St. Paul's (8) and St. Mary's, Greyville (10). These two fine Taylor rings are maintained in excellent condition, and there is a small but intensely enthusiastic band in Durban. Grand-sire Doubles is the principal method rung. Cyril Chambers, whose address is 1, Lucas House, 30, Commercial Road, Durban, would be very pleased to welcome any visitors, as there are very few experienced change ringers there.

The same may be said for Capetown, where a shortage of ringers precluded my third "grab" in South Africa—St. Mary's, Woodstock. The contact for visitors is Mr. W. J. Smith, P.O. Box 486, Capetown.

The Mears and Stainbank ring of ten for St. George's Cathedral seems destined to remain lying in the open in the Cathedral grounds for some considerable time (the seventh is aptly inscribed "My name is Patience"! as there is no tower, but Bill Smith is endeavouring to get a steel ringing frame erected).

I must say the welcome I've had from all English ringers so far has been stupendous. It is a wonderful feeling after nearly 13 years' ringing to ring one's first peal, too.

At the same time as I am having such a delightfully busy time here ringing, I am avidly reading the accounts in "The Ringing World" of the progress of Great Adventure II at home, and it certainly seems that this visit will be of great benefit to change ringing in Australia. What with a prospective appeal for £4,000 in Perth imminent, anything can happen!

Such as, I understand the ringing chamber at St. James, Turramurra, was specially painted for the visitors. Wonders will never cease!

I shall shortly marshal my thoughts and send you a short note of an Aussie's impression of ringing in England.—Yours faithfully,

WALTER KNIGHT.

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AUSTRALIAN MEMORIES

Dear Sir,—It is with interest and some envy that I have read the first accounts of "Great Adventure II." During my stay in Australia in 1952-54 I had the pleasure and privilege of ringing on every ring of bells then available, with the exception of Bendigo. In company with Margaret Winter (now Mrs. Tom Goodyer) I travelled to Maryborough, the most northerly ring in the country, and also helped to chime the eight (hung in a wooden structure rather like a sailless windmill) at Brisbane.

Margaret and I both enjoyed the boundless Australian hospitality now being shown to our English tourists. I note with interest that Walter Knight, of Turramurra, is now in England, and I wonder if he will recall that we met and rang together at St. James'. May I wish Walter good ringing in England, and I wonder if he would like to get in touch with me. I have many happy memories of the late Mr. Will Smith's visit to us in 1962.—Yours sincerely,

(MISS) JOAN HILLS.

Corringham, Essex.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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CHESTER GUILD DINNER

Guarantee of £1,000 for Cathedral Bells

THE annual dinner and dance of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at the Mollington Banastre Hotel, Chester, on October 9th. The event was graced with the presence of the Bishop of Chester, the Rt. Rev. G. A. Ellison, and his wife.

The Master of the Guild, Mr. John Worth, of Macclesfield, and his wife were supported on the top table by the Bishop and Mrs Ellison, the Rev. P. J. Pasterfield, Vicar of Oxtun, and members of the Guild Committee and their wives. A well-served turkey dinner was enjoyed by a company of about 120. After the Master had proposed the loyal toast (the National Anthem being played on the handbells), a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by officials of the Guild.

In his toast of "The Guild," the Bishop paid Master, Mr. J. W. Clarke, who was Master for 19 years (1946-1965). He also said that Mr. Clark had a most able successor in Mr. John Worth, who had a national reputation for being a first-class ringer.

SILENT CATHEDRAL BELLS

The Bishop said that it was a great sorrow to him that the bells of the Cathedral were now silent, particularly on occasions such as ordination services. He mentioned that although the Cathedral bells could not be rung on November 7th, when the Archbishop of York would be coming to Chester, perhaps the bells throughout the Diocese could be rung to mark the occasion, when the Diocese would be receiving two new Bishops. The Bishop then proposed the toast to the Guild, which he said he knew was in a very healthy state.

Mr. John Worth, in replying to the Bishop's toast, pointed out that not only was he the president of the Guild, but that as a "Ringing Bishop" he had probably rung at more towers in the Diocese than any other ringer! He then continued with a short resumé of the Guild's activities during the past year.

The toast of "Church and State" was proposed by Mr. R. G. H. Sibley, of Chester. Mr. Sibley commented on the fact that the word Church came first and the word State second, which was as he thought it should be; he thought, however, that this was not the case with the majority of the population at present. We should and could, he thought, make church life more attractive to those outside the church by living the Christian life every day of the week and not just on Sundays.

The Rev. P. J. Pasterfield, Vicar of Oxtun and president of the Wirral Branch, suitably replied. He also said that it was news to him that he was buying the next round of drinks!

Members of the Wirral Branch then rang a selection of tunes, which were well received.

Mr. Henry O. Baker, the general secretary of the Guild, presented the Guild's report on the Cathedral bells. The Guild is guaranteeing the first £1,000 towards having the bells put in good order and augmented to a ring of 12. The Guild will also be responsible for raising the remainder of the money, but the exact sum is not yet known. Mr. Baker appealed for everybody's co-operation.

DEVON GUILD'S RECORD LENGTH



Eight members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers on October 2nd rang a peal of 10,240 changes of Plain Bob Major at the remote Dartmoor church of Buckland-in-the-Moor, Devon. The peal was rung in five hours 14 minutes and is now the longest length rung for the Guild and in the county.

Left to right: Back row—C. Reeves

(Exeter), Mrs. M. A. Bould (Tavistock), R. A. Southwood (Plympton), D. R. Bould (Tavistock), F. D. Mack (Exmouth). Front row—D. Jewell (Combe Martin), C. Bryant (Exeter), N. Mallett (Exeter, conductor). The peal was rung in memory of E. Maurice Atkins, who had arranged the composition and was the late general secretary of the Guild.

After Mr. Baker's report Mr. C. W. Lawton spoke of the work that Mr. J. W. Clarke had done for the Guild in his 19 years as Master. Mrs. Ellison then presented Mr. Clarke with a gift from the Guild to mark his retirement as Master.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by Mr. C. K. Lewis. This was to have been replied to by Mr. Fred Dunkerley, former general secretary of the Lancashire Association, but unfortunately he was indisposed. The Rev. A. Stout, of Sutton, at very short notice deputised. A vote of thanks to the organisers was submitted by Mr. Robert B. Smith and the proceedings concluded with a course of Plain Bob Major on handbells.

Mr. Alex Martin was toastmaster, and also M.C. for the dancing until 11.50 p.m.

R. B. S.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The autumn meeting of the Truro Branch was held at St. Mawgan-in-Pydar on September 18th. The bells were rung before and after the service, which was conducted by the Rev. E. S. Barnett. Tea was followed by a business meeting, at which the Rev. J. R. Jose (chair-

man), Mr. A. Burley (treasurer) and Miss B. J. Duck (Branch secretary) were re-elected.

It was decided to hold the spring meeting at St. Dennis on April 30th, 1966, and the next method ringing practice at Kenwyn on November 20th next. The meeting concluded with a recording of part of a peal of Grandsire Triples.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The autumn meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Lyme Regis on September 27th, when six towers were represented and visitors made welcome. Unfortunately no Guild service could be held. An enjoyable tea was provided by local ringers and their wives.

At the business meeting the secretary expressed the members' best wishes and congratulations to our chairman (Mr. C. Powell) and Mrs. Powell on the occasion of their silver wedding, and Mrs. Davis presented them with a bouquet of chrysanthemums. Mr. Powell suitably replied. Standard methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Forthcoming meetings: Annual, Beaminster, November 27th. Practice meetings, Wetherbury, November 10th; Bradpole, November 17th; Bridport, December 8th.

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QUARTER PEALS

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 St. Martin's and Plain Bob Doubles: S. Christian 1, R. S. Southgate 2, A. R. Walters 3, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 4, R. L. K. Whittell 5. Rung for Evensong.

CLEVEDON.—At St. Andrew's on Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. G. Caple 1, V. H. James 2, F. G. James 3, G. Hurd 4, W. H. Tinkling 5, S. E. James 6, Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, N. S. James (first quarter) 8. For 40th anniversary of dedication of bells.

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Morgan 1, Mrs. D. Bennett 2, D. L. Hooper 3, K. Taylor (cond.) 4, L. L. Willis 5, M. Edwards 6, F. Bailey 7, H. Walker 8. First quarter Grandsire Triples 2 and 6. Rung for Harvest Festival, and the visit of the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Birmingham.

CONSTANTINE, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Riddy (first away from tenor) 1, Kathleen N. Mossop 2, A. Locke 3, L. W. Allen 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, A. Beattie 6.

COPDOCK, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Hore (first of Minor) 1, A. R. Walters 2, R. Lockwood 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, R. J. Southgate 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. F. Mitchell 1, C. N. Boyce 2, R. Lowe 3, P. Mogg 4, W. C. Shute (cond.) 5, G. R. Boyce 6. Rung to celebrate the christening of the treble ringer's first grandson. David Jonathan Brown.

COTTINGHAM, E. YORKS.—On Aug. 29th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob: J. I. Booth 1, Jean W. Booth 2, Renee Page-Jones 3, G. K. Smith 4, C. L. D. Munday 5, F. C. Hobson 6, C. C. Brown 7, R. D. Gibson (cond.) 8. First in method 2, 3, 5. For Evensong. Also on Sept. 5th, 1,280 St. Clement's Bob Major: Eve Rimer 1, Renee Page-Jones 2, J. I. Booth 3, L. F. Bailey 4, C. L. D. Munday 5, G. W. Pvbbs 6, R. D. Gibson 7, C. C. Brown 8. Conducted by L. F. Bailey. First in method for all except 4. For Evensong.

CRANFIELD, BEDS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (960 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, 300 Grandsire): S. Eynon 1, D. R. Manton 2, Pauline Hilton 3, G. Holman 4, D. W. Manton (cond.) 5. Before Harvest Festival Evensong.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. H. Eplett 1, D. Docking 2, J. Roberts 3, C. Stephens 4, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 5, Margaret A. B. Weston 6. Rung on the occasion of the visit to Cornwall of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

DEDDINGTON, OXON.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. N. Pratley 1, L. J. Malings 2, Janet Phillips 3, C. C. Clarke 4, W. H. Minnear 5, A. W. Ivings 6, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 7, R. G. Berry 8. For morning service.

EATON SOCON, BEDS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. D. Bellamy 1, G. E. Bonham 2, Miss C. M. Rimmer 3, Miss M. E. Edwards 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6. Rung to welcome Gillian, daughter of Bill and Jo Betts, born August 3rd, 1965.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. Baker 1, Rosemary Smith 2, M. Horseman 3, Monica Horseman 4, A. Perry 5, M. Heymann (cond.) 6. Rung for Harvest Festival, and to welcome the birth of Patrick Eoin Heymann, son of the conductor.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,320 St. Simon's Doubles: J. Dawson 1, Miss M. E. Chilton 2, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 3, D. A. Osbourne 4, D. Surman 5, R. Adey 6. For Evensong, also a compliment to F. C. Wilson, ordained deacon at Southwell Minster earlier this day. First quarter in the method by all.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. N. Toone 1, D. Toone 2, S. Toone 3, A. W. Bird 4, S. High (cond.) 5, A. Fulcher 6. For Harvest Festival.

GREAT TEW, OXON.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Clifton 1, Mrs. Gillett 2, W. Cross 3, R. Taplin 4, J. Benfield 5, J. Stretton 6, I. Harris (cond.) 7, T. Clifton 8. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the treble, for his 78th birthday; he has been a regular service ringer for 64 years in this tower.

HAYES, KENT.—On Sept. 26th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (Ipswich and Cambridge): J. Machell 1, D. P. Smith 2, Miss H. Oakshett 3, M. H. O'Callaghan 4, M. F. Oakshett 5, J. W. Smith (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

HISTON, CAMBS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Oates (first quarter) 1, J. Hawes 2, E. Brown 3, M. Hawes 4, Carol Diver (first as cond.) 5, R. English 6.

HUCKNALL, NOTTS.—At St. Mary Magdalene, on Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss L. Wilkinson 1, H. Lewin 2, B. Hinchliffe 3, K. Marriott 4, Mrs. S. P. M. Nix 5, P. Nix (cond.) 6, N. Wiser 7, Miss D. Haywood 8. Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday. First quarter of Triples by the resident band.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Templeman 1, Mrs. C. D. Mann 2, Barbara Butterworth 3, C. D. Mann 4, R. Churchill (cond.) 5, I. N. Pett 6. An engagement compliment to Elizabeth Cutchin and John MacFarlane.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet Ingram (first quarter) 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Waller 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer. Also on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (in five methods): W. G. Wright 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Waller (cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sept. 26th, 1,248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. Whittell 1, G. Bloomfield (cond.) 2, J. Munnings 3, A. Munnings 4, P. May 5, K. Whittell 6, R. Steward 7, C. Woodard 8. For evening service.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES, SURREY.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,360 Selby Surprise Royal: Caroline Harris 1, Susan M. Newman 2, Deborah Hopkins 3, M. J. Bangham 4, K. Newman 5, C. H. Rogers 6, R. N. Harris 7, A. Paterson 8, A. S. Bishop 9, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 10. First in method by all.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. C. Newman 1, A. Pendlebury 2, G. Pearson 3, T. N. Stephens 4, A. Read 5, B. Read 6, W. A. Farmer (cond.) 7, A. J. Newman 8. For Choral Communion. First of Stedman 1, 4, 6. Also on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. C. Newman 1, A. Pendlebury 2, G. Pearson 3, T. N. Stephens 4, T. Boreham 5, B. Read 6, W. A. Farmer (cond.) 7, H. Harrison 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. D. Clapp 1, Susan Jackson 2, Diana M. Frost 3, R. R. Churchill 4, H. B. Whitney 5, R. Gaylor 6, K. G. Spavins 7, A. J. Frost (cond.) 8, R. Woodruff 9, A. Jeffs 10. First quarter on ten for 1, 2, 4, 6, 10. For the ordination of the Rev. Norman Wadsworth and the Rev. J. Michael Stephens.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): N. Moores (first quarter) 1, M. W. Fairley 2, Marilyn C. Smith 3, J. H. Allen 4, P. G. Golder (cond.) 5, D. W. Barr 6. Rung to mark the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar of Little Aston, the Rev. H. Follis, B.D., B.A. Also on Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marilyn C. Smith 1, Hilary Bulla (first "inside") 2, P. G. Golder 3, Anthea C. Richards 4, P. G. Paxton 5, M. W. Fairley (cond.) 6.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Susan Harber 1, Ruth Havard 2, N. W. H. Simon 3, S. Fenwick 4, N. A. James 5, A. W. Smith 6, M. Pilgrim (cond.) 7, C. J. Aldridge 8. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Susan Harber 1, Ruth Havard 2, N. A. James 3, Gwen Bidgood 4, S. Fenwick 5, M. Pilgrim 6, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 7, G. J. B. Stickland 8. A compliment to Penelope J. Welch, vice-captain of this tower, and David J. Llewellyn, on their engagement.

LLANDUDNO, CAERNS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Heywood (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. Evans 2, Rev. T. Evans 3, A. Burton 4, J. Astbury (cond.) 5, Rev. G. Heywood 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Bishop Edmund Willoughby Sara.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Oct. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Hughes 1, C. G. Wright 2, D. Hewitt 3, K. Warner 4, J. Boyack 5, A. Griffin 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, D. Ellisdon 8. Rung prior to service for H.Y.E.L.M.

LONDON.—At St. Leonard's, Streatham, on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Rea 1, Pamela Brown 2, C. Barnes 3, J. Euston (cond.) 4, Mary Potten 5, N. Edwards 6, A. Griffin 7, R. Craie (first quarter attempt) 8. Arranged for "Harvest Prayer" Matins.

LONDON.—At St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. C. Steele 1, J. A. Hales 2, J. M. Steele 3, Miss Ann Rowland 4, D. Wright (first in method "inside") 5, C. G. Wright 6, W. J. Poolman (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Gray.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,024 Plain Bob Major: G. W. Howlett 1, H. Meadows 2, D. Toone 3, S. High 4, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 5, D. Carr 6, A. Crowe 7, M. Parker 8. For Harvest Festival.

LUPPITT, DEVON.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Crabb 1, A. Crabb 2, J. Thorne 3, E. Broom 4, W. Webb 5, F. Sage (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—At All Saints', Boyne Hill, on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Foord (first quarter at first attempt) 1, Miss A. Gardner 2, S. Gibson 3, Mrs. P. Gibson 4, D. Young 5, J. Blackwood 6, E. Gosling (cond.) 7, G. Gibbs 8. Rung for Harvest Thanksgiving.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Batten 1, S. Cantwell 2, A. Cantwell 3, F. Trinder 4, V. Clifton (cond.) 5, P. Trinder 6. Rung for the Flower Festival.

ODELL, BEDS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Albury (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. S. Lucas (first quarter) 2, H. Robinson 3, P. Payne (first of Minor "inside") 4, C. M. Payne (cond.) 5, R. Walker 6.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Karen Welch (first quarter) 1, Pauline Hillson 2, Linda Ellison 3, Audrey Alexander (cond.) 4, A. H. Smith 5, J. Ames 6. Rung by past and present pupils of Stratton School, for the school's Foundation Day.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—At St. Mary's, on Sept. 19th, 1,298 Grandsire Cinques: Miss V. Barnes (first quarter on 12 lower bells) 1, J. D. Johnson (cond.) 2, Mrs. P. Harris 3, Mrs. J. Thomas 4, Mrs. P. A. Corby 5, Miss J. Corby 6, W. J. Newman 7, R. Harris 8, A. J. Corby 9, P. Harris 10, P. A. Corby 11, J. E. Newman 12. Rung for Evensong following the "Clipping" service, and in memoriam John Thomas.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. E. Cheal 1, Mrs. D. Wright 2, F. J. Cheal 3, B. Sayer 4, R. E. Finch (cond.) 5, P. Thomas 6. For Harvest Festival.

ST. GLUVIAS, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. J. Woodruff (cond.) 1, Penelope J. Welch 2, Patricia A. Jenkins 3, R. T. Smith 4, Hazel Way 5, E. J. Morris 6, J. A. Hoare 7, R. J. Hosking 8. First of Stedman Triples 3, 4, 5 and 8.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Edwards 1, Miss E. Everest 2, Miss J. Pike 3, D. P. Treble 4, J. M. Hilla 5, F. Howe (cond.) 6, R. Peckham 7, C. Painter 8. Rung in honour of the first celebration of Holy Eucharist by Rev. K. W. Clinch, ordained priest on September 19th, 1965.

SOMERLEYTON, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. C. Cooper 1, D. Toone 2, I. Margets 3, N. P. J. Cossey 4, S. High 5, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 6.

TUDDENHAM ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B. and Plain Bob): K. Nunn 1, D. Buxton 2, D. Girling (first quarter) 3, R. Crooks 4, C. Woodard 5, A. Beckwith (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival service.

TWYFORD, BERKS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. C. A. Eele 1, D. Willis (first of Triples "inside") 2, Mrs. H. Smith 3, M. J. Smith 4, Mrs. B. C. Castle 5, H. Smith 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, C. A. Eele 8. Rung for the wedding of Sylvia Castle and Charles Randall, ringers of St. Nicholas', Hurst, which took place at Hurst on September 25th.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. W. Elmes 1, Frances J. N. Brown (first quarter "inside") 2, Judith A. Robertson (cond.) 3, R. G. W. Robertson 4, M. J. Young 5, P. R. Keough 6. Rung for Evensong on Harvest Festival.

WARWICK.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sept. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. D. M. Randall 1, E. J. Gower 2, P. C. Randall 3, J. Susan Smith 4, E. Holdsworth 5, J. L. Garner-Hayward 6, R. H. Randall 7, G. W. Randall (first as cond. on eight) 8. Rung for Evensong, and as a farewell to Joan Smith and Geoffrey Randall, leaving for College away from home.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Y. Parker 1, A. G. Ballam 2, Miss D. Reeve 3, H. Ivings 4, E. A. Murrell 5, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 6. Rung for Harvest Thanksgiving.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. H. F. Knight 1, T. E. Harrold 2, Jean M. Whit 3, R. J. Carter 4, R. F. Roe 5, R. Chapman 6, B. C. Law 7, S. J. Haines (cond.) 8.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Moore 1, R. Fox 2, T. Marks 3, T. Setter 4, G. Gaylard 5, D. Beaufoy 6, H. Gaylard (cond.) 7, C. Wyatt 8. For Harvest Festival.

OBITUARY

MR. W. H. SOUTHEARD

Noted Cornish Pioneer

With the passing on October 1st of William Henry Southeard, Cornwall lost one of its oldest ringing pioneers, and Truro Cathedral a most devoted servant. Henry Southeard was among the first who learned to ring on Truro Cathedral bells after their installation in 1910, having joined the band in 1912.

He served in the Army during the four years of the Great War and was spared to return from France and to help get the bells going again. He was devoted in his efforts in teaching many learners and in this he never gave up. It was through his persistence that a new band gradually came into being and progressed to peal ringing standard. He took part in about 25 peals, mostly Grand-sire from Doubles to Caters during the years 1927 to 1935, the years of revival of peal ringing in Cornwall, and in this he shared. It was not, however, in peal ringing that his main interest lay. These were the years, too, in which much was done to bring ringers whose tradition was competitive ringing into union with the Truro Diocesan Guild. Many hard and difficult meetings were held with those who viewed method ringing with some suspicion, and Henry Southeard poured much oil upon troubled waters by his gentle guidance and keen desire to see the Guild embracing towers outside its influence.

For many years he was Master of the Cathedral company and of the Diocesan Guild and so had many friends throughout Cornwall who held him in high esteem. He represented the Guild on the Central Council from 1927 to 1932. It was his special joy to see the Cathedral bells rehung last year and in this he had the full confidence of the Cathedral Chapter.

It was as a staunch churchman that his full personality revealed itself. He became warden of the Cathedral Guild of Lay Assistants—an office he held until last year and only relinquished through failing health. It seemed by a miracle that he recovered after a serious operation as long ago as 1952 to devote himself to all his duties with an even greater sincerity. After an operation earlier this year he became more frail, but he had taken his place in the Cathedral on the Sunday prior to his passing when he met the Archbishop of Canterbury, who was paying a visit to Cornwall and who was preaching that morning. He met His Grace as the Cathedral's oldest worker, and this may well have been the summit of his earthly joy.

The fact that Truro Cathedral was half filled for the funeral service on October 4th, and that the Bishop of Salisbury (Dr. J. E. Fison), at one time Sub-Dean and Rector of Truro, travelled to Cornwall to give an address in which he spoke highly of the humility and loyalty of his former warden, are testimonies to the high regard in which he was held. Others taking part in the service were the Dean (the Very Rev. H. M. Lloyd), the Treasurer (Canon J. A. Simcock) and the Chancellor (Canon H. A. Blair). The singing was led by the Cathedral choir, and as the cortege was borne away from the chancel the members of the Cathedral Guild of Lay Assistants, with their staves of office, formed a guard of honour.

The Diocesan Guild of Ringers was represented by many ringers, including Mr. A. Carveth (president) and Mrs. Carveth, Mr. D. Burnett (Master), Mr. A. J. Davidson (secretary), Canons F. F. Gilbert and C. K. Peeke, the Revs. W. H. R. Trehwella and A. S. Roberts (vice-presidents), the Revs. J. Jose and A. J. Vincent. Mr. A. Matthews (Kenywyn) and Miss Mary Matthews. A half-muffled quarter peal was rung on the Cathedral bells the previous evening, and the service was preceded by the solemn tolling of the sonorous tenor bell, which Henry Southeard had rung to a peal of Grandsire Caters, conducted by the late Rev. E. S. Powell, in 1929.

The deceased leaves one married daughter, Margaret, and a sister-in-law, Miss May Penrose. A. S. R.

MR. JOSEPH T. DYKE

The funeral of Mr. Joseph T. Dyke was at Christ Church, Downside, Som., on Oct. 9th. The service was conducted by Preb. L. Greenway and the committal by the Rev. R. O. Fry, during which a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. H. W. Knight, W. H. Kingcott, R. G. Beck and E. C. Shepherd. After the service the bells of a number of towers in the Association were rung in tribute to his memory.

Officers of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association attending were the Rev. H. F. Warren (Master), G. Salmon (general secretary), the Rev. R. O. Fry (also representing the Rev. D. M. Hoare), E. Naylor (treasurer), H. J. Sanger (also representing G. H. Harding, Towers and Belfries), G. W. Massey (peal secretary). Branch secretaries: Miss M. Legg, Messrs. K. Prime, L. McCreadie, D. G. Yeo, E. J. Chivers, P. H. Hull, and T. J. Setter. Many other ringers were present, including representatives of other Associations.

MR. GEORGE F. SPERRING

Chester Diocesan Guild have lost a loyal and popular member by the death of Mr. George F. Sperring. Like his father, the redoubtable Robert Sperring, George was first a member of St. Mary-within-the-Walls tower before transferring to St. Mary's, Handbridge. The funeral took place at Hoole Church.

MR. THOMAS J. THURLEY

Always struggling against the difficulties of teaching beginners on a long draught of rope, Tom Thurley, of St. Nicholas', Chiswick, continued to persevere. He was captain of the band from the time he returned from the 1914-18 war, when he joined the Middlesex Association, until his death on September 30th at the age of 73. Until the Church Hall was demolished to make way for the London end to the M4 motorway, there was always a tea there for the Middlesex Association meetings arranged through Tom's efforts.

Many parishioners were at the funeral service on September 5th. The Middlesex Association was represented by the hon. treasurer. In the course of a tribute, the Vicar (Preb. G. A. Lewis Lloyd) said that Tom was baptised in the church in 1893 and had remained a member ever since. Of Tom's ringing service it was said his great love at St. Nicholas' was the belfry. When he returned from the war he took on the bells and nursed them and trained the ringers for nearly half a century. "Bellingring is not only an art; it is a passion with its devotees, of whom Tom Thurley was one, and he loved the music of the bells. As steeplekeeper, he has given to our bells a loving and watchful care that has left them in a splendid condition. As Ringing Master he has taught dozens of people, many of them young, to ring bells; and not only has he taught them how to ring, but he has taught them the joy of ringing. It is a fitting tribute to his service and devotion to the belfry that next Monday evening the University of London Ringers, who have rung in this church several times, will ring a peal in his memory."

Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Thurley and her daughter. F. W. G.

ACTIVITIES AT BURES

On Sunday, September 26th, Allen W. Cansdale returned to Bures with his baby daughter for her christening. A quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung prior to the service, and participating were the baby's aunt on the third, her father on the fifth, an uncle on the sixth and her godfather on the tenor. The next Sunday Charles Bower and Edwin C. Hynard returned to take part in a quarter of Plain Bob Major, which was rung as a farewell to Janet M. Spurgin, who is shortly leaving for Canada.

On October 10th the Tower Master handed the bells over to a band he had taught and had the pleasure of listening to a quarter of Plain Bob Major rung for harvest festival.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The ringer of the treble in the peal of York Surprise Major at Bowdon (page 678) should be Ronald M. Edwards, not Reginald.

Prior to the induction of Canon J. R. Lewis as Rector of Downham, Essex, on September 14th, a quarter peal of 1,260 Plain Bob Minor was rung at St. Margaret's Church.

The footnote to the peal of Grandsire Triples rung for the East Grinstead Guild (page 678) should have read: Birthday compliment to Mrs. R. J. Osbon, not Mrs. Jean F. Woolford.

Mr. Eric Edgington is now back from the United States. He writes that he heard the Belgian Village carillon at midnight and also that of the Riverside Church, New York.

Latest postal record! "The Ringing World," stamped Guildford, Tuesday, September 7th, delivered Monday, September 13th, at High Legh, near Knutsford, Cheshire.

Mr. W. T. Cook writes regarding the report of the Cambridge University tour (page 655) that the bells of Foxearth should be described as "unmelodious" and not as printed.

Seven of the band who rang in a peal of Major at Weedon Bec to mark the induction of the Rev. Lionel James were members of the Sunday service band at St. John's, Kingsthorpe, where Mr. James was a former curate.

Having met one short for a peal of Minor at St. George Colegate, Norwich, on October 7th, a quarter peal of Doubles was rung instead "in respectful remembrance of the twelve at St. Peter Mancroft, last heard more than a year ago.

A memoir of Mr. Joseph T. Dyke will appear in our next issue.

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CHANNEL ISLAND TRIP

The Highclere ringers' long-awaited trip to Guernsey was well supported, and they were joined by ringers from other towers. Arrangements were in the hand of Gerald Evans.

The first tower visited was St. Marguerite de la Forêt, where the four bells are rung from among the pews. Here Erin Minimus was rung for the first time by all in the party. At St. Michael du Valle the local captain and the Rector, previously of Andover, welcomed the ringers. The iron ladder on the outside of the tower was a novelty, with its wooden cat walk at the base of the spire before entering the belfry. Grandsire, Plain Bob Doubles and Bob Minor were rung on a good six before the departure back to St. Peter Port and a quick look round before boarding the boat for Weymouth. As far as we are aware, this was only the third visit to Guernsey by a party from the mainland. Ours was the first day trip to be undertaken and well worth the long journey for only two towers. It was a day to be remembered.

G. D.

DISTRICT SECRETARY RETIRING

Despite the cold weather, enough ringers turned up to the Northern District of the Hertford County Association's quarterly meeting on October 2nd to provide a reasonable afternoon and evening's ringing on the eight bells of St. Nicholas', Stevenage. The local band (including one active ringer, 82 years of age) were very hospitable towards their visitors, and tea was taken in a cafe. A service was held in St. Nicholas' Church and members then adjourned to the ringing chamber for the business meeting. It was announced that Mr. Eddie Buck, who for many years has been District secretary, was retiring at the next annual meeting of the District because of ill-health. The news was heard with regret and the hope was expressed that he will have a speedy return to good health and his normal ringing practices. After the meeting, ringing recommenced.

J. K. O.

MORE WORK AT WALKLEY, SHEFFIELD

The restoration of Sheffield's only ring of six bells has been carried to a successful conclusion. With the large cumbersome clock-case now out of the way, the water tank in a better position and the ropes readjusted, the ringing chamber has taken on a more purposeful look. Even so, the noise of the bells is still overpowering but this did not prevent a well-struck quarter peal being rung on October 7th to the delight of the Vicar and churchwardens. A "lecture" is to be given on October 31st to inspire hopes for a local band. Already an inquiry by a "tower grabber" has been turned down—these bells will not be for "tower grabbers" until a local team has been established, which will not be for at least a year.

M. K.

PEAL AT TEYNHAM, KENT

There were some sore hands after the peal at Teynham. This was rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Josephine Hardy, popular young member of the St. Mary's, Ashford, band, but a peal could not be rung there as the fine bells were not rededicated until the following day. First-pealer Colin Wyld had too many blisters to stand in a quarter at Wilsborough next day, so he brought father along instead. Mr. E. Wyld thus rang his first quarter three weeks after his son.

MRS. BETTY ROBBINS' 300 PEALS

When Mrs. Betty Robbins, of Charing, Kent, rang her 300th peal at Throwley on September 25th, a milestone which seemed in sight in 1951 was at last reached. Formerly Miss Betty Spice, and a member of a celebrated Kent ringing family, she married in 1951 the Rev. Peter T. Robbins, wanting only ten more peals for her 300. However, the varied calls on her time as a parson's wife, and the cares of bringing four children into the world, have necessarily reduced opportunities for peal ringing very drastically. Now, once again, her name is beginning to appear in the peal columns more often, and this elusive 300th has finally been reached.

Betty Robbins rang her first peal "in hand" in 1941, when the ringing ban was in force. Her most prolific years were 1944 to 1948, during much of which time she was at Oxford, where she was the first lady Master of the University Society. Her peals have been rung for 18 Societies in all, principally the Oxford University Society (86), Kent County Association (70), Oxford Diocesan Guild (49) and Universities' Association (26). One hundred and sixteen of her peals were conducted by her brother, Dr. John E. Spice. Her 197 tower bell peals were rung in 104 different towers, including one in her present "home" tower, Charing, which by a pleasant coincidence is the place where her grandfather, the late William Spice, learned to ring.

Among Betty Robbins' notable performances are a handbell peal in 21 spliced Major methods, which in 1945 was the greatest number then rang to Major, and the first peal of Glasgow Surprise Major. She has also scored the first peal in several other plain Major methods on tower bells, "in hand" or both. She conducted the first peal by lady members of the Oxford University Society, and also a peal of Cambridge Major by lady Cumberlands. She has always been a good handler and striker of all types of bells, and one memory that gives her pleasure is of having rung the treble at Westbury to a peal of Cambridge one morning, and then going on to ring the tenor at Trowbridge in the afternoon to Stedman Cinques.

ST. PETER'S, BENINGTON

St. Peter's, Benington, is faced with the task of raising £2,000 towards necessary repairs and alterations to the church. It is hoped to find enough money to build a gallery from which the bells can be rung. Would any of your readers who have rung here like to help us?

It was at Benington that Squire Proctor and his band rang the first peal of Cambridge Major, and it was Benington that for many years held the record for the longest length of Bob Major. Contributions, however small, will be gratefully acknowledged by Brenda J. Harris, Buckhurst, Benington, Stevenage, Herts.

THE HOMECOMING

Fifteen tower bell peals and one on handbells were rung by the Great Adventure II party during their five weeks' tour. Nine of the party arrived at London Airport at 7.10 a.m. on Monday and were warmly welcomed. Four members were left in New Zealand—Miss Anne Horsford, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Burton and Mr. Cecil W. Pipe.

PROGRESS IN SUFFOLK TOWER

The peal at Huntlesham, Suffolk, on October 2nd, was the first peal by an all local Bramford band for a number of years. Called by the captain, Neville F. Whittell, the peal was a triumph, as the band contained four first peelers, who had only been ringing changes about a year. Special congratulations must go to 13-year-old Simon Christian, who rang the treble admirably. From small beginnings the band has gone from strength to strength and it is unfortunate that at the moment only the front five of the six are rung as the tenor is being repaired by welding in Denmark. It was because of this the peal was rung at Huntlesham and not at the local tower.

INSCRIPTIONS FOR A RING OF EIGHT AFTER A RESTORATION

By THOMAS HARDY

1. Thomas Tremble new-made me
Eighteen hundred and fifty-three;
Why he did I fail to see.
2. I was well-toned by William Brine,
Seventeen hundred and twenty-nine;
Now, recast, I weakly whine.
3. Fifteen hundred used to be
My date, but since they melted me
'Tis only eighteen fifty-three.
4. Henry Hopkins got me made,
And I summon folk as bade;
Not to much purpose, I'm afraid.
5. I likewise, for I bang and bid
In commoner metal than I did,
Some of me being stolen and hid.
6. I, too, since in a mould they flung me,
Drained my silver and rehung me,
So that in tin-like tones I tongue me.
7. In nineteen hundred, so 'tis said,
They cut my canon off my head.
And made me look scalped, scraped and dead.
8. I'm the peal's tenor still, but rue it,
Once it took two to swing me through it
Now I'm rehung, one dolt can do it.

Submitted by Derek C. Manger.

GOSPORT'S OPEN DAY

Ringers from a wide area are expected at Gosport's Open Day at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, October 31st. The bells will be available at 2 p.m. for the thanksgiving service at 3.15, and again from 3.45 to 5.15 and finally for Evensong ringing from 6 to 6.30. Other local towers are asked to co-operate and make their bells available for one hour after the service.

Members of the band who first rang these bells on September 11th were invited to ring for the dedication service on September 26th, attended by the Mayor and Corporation. This also marked the centenary of the church's dedication. Previous to the service a quarter of Grandsire Triples was rung by: C. E. Bassett 1, R. C. Kippin 2, P. Murduck 3, D. Murduck 4, B. Luff 5, B. Murduck 6, G. K. Dodd (conductor) 7, G. Evans 8. This was the first quarter on the bells since 1938.

There is prospect of these bells being rung regularly, as ten people have offered to learn ringing. A set of new ropes has also been purchased.

TOWER BELI PEALS

GREAT ADVENTURE II PEALS

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION
TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.—At the Church of St. James.
 On Mon., Sept. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: extents of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Cecil W. Pipe Treble	Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville 4
Leonard Stilwell 2	Thomas J. Lock 5
W. Mark Damerell 3	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon

First peal on the bells

MAITLAND, N.S.W.—At the Church of St. Paul
 On Tues., Sept. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B., and four of Plain Bob

Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.)

Wilfred Williams Treble	Cecil W. Pipe 4
Thomas J. Lock 2	Rev. M. C. C. Melville 5
W. Mark Damerell 3	*A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* 1,050th peal. First peal of Minor on the bells in more than one method.

RANDWICK, N.S.W.—At the Church of St. Jude.
 On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. (approx.)

Wilfred Williams Treble	Cecil W. Pipe 5
Enid L. Roberts 2	Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville 6
W. Mark Damerell 3	Thomas J. Lock 7
*William D. Watson 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells, and first of Surprise Major in N.S.W.

Rung for the centenary of the church.

DARLING POINT, N.S.W.—At the Church of St. Mark.
 On Sun., Oct. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb

Thomas J. Lock Treble	Thomas W. Goodyer 5
W. Mark Damerell 2	Rev. Malcolm C. C. Melville 6
*Arthur F. Mason 3	A. Patrick Cannon 7
Cecil W. Pipe 4	Wilfred Williams Tenor

Composed by W. Middleton.

* 500th peal. First peal of Major on the bells.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Michael, Cornhill

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5103 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 42 cwt. in B.

Michael V. Chilcott Treble	Norman V. Harding 7
Brooke K. Lunn 2	George W. Pipe 8
Albert M. Tyler 3	James Phillips 9
John Phillips 4	Rodney B. Meadows 10
Roger F. Overington 5	John H. Crampson 11
Dennis Randall 6	Philip A. F. Chalk Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

Rung to celebrate the baptism at this church, by Rev. Brooke K. Lunn, of Sally Anne, John Paul, and James Alexander, children of James Phillips.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONG ASHTON, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in D flat.

John Brain Treble	Anthony R. Peake 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Peter Bridle 6
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden 3	James R. Taylor 7
Michael J. Hobbs 4	John R. Mayne Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

First in the method in the county, for the Association and by all except ringers of 7 and 8.

Rung to celebrate the birth of Joanna Helen to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gilbert.

DRAYTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

*Mrs. D. Crocker Treble	*Francis J. White 5
Marjorie Legg 2	*Gwilym Salmon 6
†Sheila Hallett 3	George Prescott 7
*Victor G. Roberts 4	*Robert Parker Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.

* First peal in the method. † First of Triples.

CHILCOMPTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Ronald G. Beck Treble	E. John Targett 4
Max Heymann 2	David Targett 5
Eric C. Wadman 3	Edward J. Chivers Tenor

Conducted by Edward J. Chivers.

In memoriam Mr. Joseph T. Dyke, interred this day in the churchyard at Stockhill Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

DARESBUY, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Oct. 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

Frank Brazendale Treble	Harry W. Howard 5
David Vincent 2	Roy Forster 6
Michael Thomson 3	John Ryder 7
John R. Bibby 4	Harold Worrall Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. John D. Whitley, Vicar's warden, and Miss Winifred W. Cunningham

SANDHACH, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

Middleton's Treble	John E. Brough 5
A. Doreen Edwards 2	George A. Packer 6
Harold Dowler 3	Ivor R. Nichols 7
*Gerald Parsons 4	Frank R. Morton Tenor
Frederick S. Sutton 5	

Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.

* First peal of Surprise "inside."

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 19 cwt.

John A. Booth Treble	Richard S. Starkie 6
Christine Andrew 2	Philip G. K. Davies 7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite 3	Denis Mottershead 8
John Robinson 4	Jeffrey Brannan 9
Dennis Latham 5	John H. Fielden Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sun., Sept. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6½ cwt.

Jeffrey Brannan Treble	Richard S. Starkie 5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite 2	Philip G. K. Davies 6
Christine Andrew 3	John H. Fielden 7
Dennis Latham 4	Denis Mottershead Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley

Conducted by John H. Fielden.

CHURCH LAWFORD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 HULL SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb

*James Alexander Treble	Raymond D. Hart 4
Pamela Wright 2	Arthur R. Wright 5
Andrew K. Putnam 3	Geoffrey Pratt Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Pratt.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band

Rung to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. Spiller

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

BUCKLAND-IN-THE-MOOR, Devon.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 5 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 10240 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 17 lb. in A sharp

Derek Jewell Treble	Clive G. Bryant 5
Margaret A. Bould 2	Frank D. Mack 6
Colin Reeves 3	D. Roy Bould 7
Robert A. Southwood 4	Norman Mallett Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves and Arranged by E. Maurice Atkins.

Conducted by Norman Mallett

Longest length yet rung for the Guild.

Rung in memoriam E. Maurice Atkins, late general secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHOBHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

Parker's Twelve-Part Treble	Anne S. Pickering 5
Dudley P. Elsmore 2	Peter J. Privett 6
Denis G. Blows 3	Roy Collins 7
*Alan D. Flood 4	Ronald G. Collins Tenor
James W. Priest 5	

Conducted by Roy Collins.

* First peal. First of Triples as conductor.

Rung for the wedding of John Richardson and Ann M. Jupp, a member of the local band.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Mon., Oct. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

David P. Hilling Treble	Malcolm M. Powell 5
Marilyn C. Smith 2	Brian J. Luff 6
William Birmingham 3	Frederick R. Scott 7
Stanley G. Ponting 4	J. Keith Ward Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

HORSELY, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb.

*Anne S. Pickering Treble	Peter J. Privett 4
Jill M. May 2	Dennis G. Blows 5
Roy Collins 3	Douglas A. R. May Tenor

Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung for the wedding of Stanley Crouch and Pauline Drury, ringers at this church.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

MATHON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Fri., Oct. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Single Oxford, and four of Plain Bob.

James Ranford Treble	C. William Nutt 4
Leonard Walters 2	James Ward 5
Roland Lewis 3	Jahn Clements Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Chris Bowers, a member of this tower for many years. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THROWLEY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp

*Peter Bradford Treble	†Betty Robbins 5
†David L. Cawley 2	Rev. Peter T. Robbins 6
Lucile M. Corby 3	Philip A. Corby 7
Judith M. Corby 4	Andrew J. Corby Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Surprise Major. ‡ 300th peal.

A wedding compliment to Richard E. Price and Andrea Wassell.

TEYNHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

Rachel Sinden Treble	Cyril W. J. Beeching 4
*Colin Wyld 2	Crawford T. Hillis 5
David L. Cawley 3	Nicholas J. Davies Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

* First peal.

A wedding compliment to Josephine Hardy and Antony Horton, married this day at Ashford, Kent.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OLDHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sun., Oct. 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb. in D flat.

Tudor P. Edwards Treble	*Philip J. Crossthwaite 7
Neil Bennett 2	Christine Andrew 8
Cyril Crossthwaite 3	*Neil Donovan 9
Edward Jenkins 4	Jeffrey Brannan 10
Stuart Armeson 5	Robert B. Smith 11
*Jeffrey Kershaw 6	Richard E. Price Tenor

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

* First peal of Maximus

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Sept. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Edward Jenkins Treble	Peter J. Wycherley 5
Christine Andrew 2	Jeffrey Brannan 6
*Margaret Wright 3	Richard S. Starkie 7
John O. Freeman 4	Derek Butterworth Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pistow.

Conducted by Christine Andrew.

* First peal of Surprise "inside." First peal as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

BLACKBURN, Lancashire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Sept. 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being three extents of Kent and four of Plain Bob; rung on the front six.

Arthur Tomlinson Treble	*Gay Wignall 4
Philip S. Woods 2	*M. John Halliwell 5
*John L. Riley 3	John T. Parsons Tenor

Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.

* First peal in two methods.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Dionysius.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in F.

George Simpkin Treble	Robert Bindley 5
Arnold S. Goad 2	Robert Gardner 6
Philip Bosworth 3	Edward W. Martin 7
*Nigel Spencer 4	Raymond H. Martin Tenor

Composed by J. R. Fritchard.

Conducted by Edward W. Martin.

* First peal. First peal of Major for all except ringer of 3rd.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Malcolm D. Barsby .. Treble	Michael G. Godwin .. 4
*Hilary Knight 2	†Frederick W. Faulkner .. 5
Roger I. Kendrick 3	B. Stedman Payne Tenor

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor "inside."

A silver wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs. R. Kendrick, of Barrow-upon-Soar.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOXHILL, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

Robert T. Harrison .. Treble	Geoffrey Bromfield .. 4
Ronald Chafer 2	Frank G. Bloomfield .. 5
Jack Bray 3	Michael W. Crowder .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Booley, a lay reader for 55 years and 30 years a warden at this church.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WHITCHURCH, Cardiff.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Sandra Ford Treble	Stephen Fenwick 4
Frederick J. Bailey .. 2	Thomas Yeomans 5
William H. Harford .. 3	William Dare Tenor

Conducted by William Dare.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Emrys Rees, B.A., for his 50th anniversary of ordination, and his 40th year as Vicar of Whitchurch.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

KIDSGROVE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Thurs., Sept. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

Christine Birks Treble	Harold Dowler 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Raymond J. Ballard 6
*Geoffrey R. Gardner .. 3	Dennis Latham 7
*Reginald A. Challinor .. 4	Richard Wharton Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by Dennis Latham.

* First peal of Yorkshire "inside."

Rung as a pre-wedding compliment to Dorothy Dowler and Walter Sherratt.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWAFFHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sun., Sept. 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. R. Pritchard's Four-Part. Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

William Clover Treble	Roy Duesbury 5
Geoffrey H. Pullin 2	Peter Adcock 6
Henry Tooke 3	Martin Cubitt 7
Thomas E. Spight 4	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey.

Rung in honour of the Deanery Communion, and the visit of the Lord Bishop of Norwich, with the Rev Samuel Adejimi, who is returning to Nigeria.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURFORD, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

Patricia E. Hibbert .. Treble	Neil Allnat 5
Arthur Sayers 2	Frederick A. H. Wilkins .. 6
Reginald W. Rex 3	John H. Napper 7
*Peter J. Heritage 4	William Corderoy Tenor

Conducted by John H. Napper.

* First peal in the method.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WOOBURN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Tues., Sept. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

Frederick R. Scott Treble	Dennis Knox 5
Geoffrey Harrison 2	Ivor H. Trueman 6
Sydney M. Bailey 3	J. Keith Ward 7
Derek Francis 4	Frank C. Price Tenor

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Charmaine E. J. Hickox and Mr. Harmannus J. Langmuir, who were married on Saturday, September 18th, and Miss L. Jennifer Smith and Mr. A. Martin Hinton, married on Saturday, September 25th.

WALLINGFORD, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-More.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

Angela Ayres Treble	Geoffrey Cook 5
William Irving 2	Frank Godden 6
Jack Berry 3	Robert Partridge 7
Robert Blond 4	Ernest Garrard Tenor

Conducted by Robert Partridge.

First peal of Stedman as conductor.

Rung in appreciation of services as steeple-keeper by Robert Partridge, who is leaving Wallingford for Southampton University. Also as a wedding compliment to Miss Margaret Hubbard, secretary and treasurer of the P.C.C., and Mr. J. Good, who were married this day.

BRAY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sun., Oct. 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

William Birmingham .. Treble	Frederick R. Scott .. 5
Anthony D. Samson .. 2	Frank W. Lewis .. 6
Sydney M. Bailey .. 3	Brian J. Luff .. 7
Alan E. Bagworth .. 4	J. Keith Ward .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Bray, the Rev. S. W. Doran, on the occasion of his silver jubilee in Holy Orders. Also for the Patronal Festival of St. Michael and All Angels.

BURNHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Walter G. Knight .. Treble	Geoffrey Riglar .. 5
Giles R. Shedden .. 2	Sydney M. Bailey .. 6
Gordon W. Limmer .. 3	William Birmingham .. 7
Anthony K. Fortin .. 4	Howard Oglesby .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Howard Oglesby.

HORTON, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Wed., Sept. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

*William Birmingham .. Treble	Giles R. Shedden .. 4
Jennifer Sceeny .. 2	Michael Hatchett .. 5
Frederick R. Scott .. 3	J. Keith Ward .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

* 400th peal.

Rung for the Patronal Festival of St. Michael.

CHEDDINGTON, Bucks.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Fri., Sept. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge, St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Susan H. Jackson .. Treble	*Keneth Jackson .. 4
Henry B. Whitney .. 2	Alan J. Frost .. 5
Diana M. Frost .. 3	Roy Woodruff .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan J. Frost.

* First peal and first attempt.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Patrick I. Chapman .. Treble	J. Richard Hough .. 6
Jane K. Cook .. 2	Alan Jacques .. 7
J. Martin Thorley .. 3	Roland H. Cook .. 8
John Freeman .. 4	Brian Harris .. 9
Denis G. Pearson .. 5	John H. Bluff .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by John Freeman.

WEEDON BEC, Northamptonshire.—At the Royal Foundation

Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Frank Joyce Treble	Bernard E. Frost .. 5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden .. 2	John Payne .. 6
*Edwin G. Winkworth .. 3	Stanley M. Ruddlesden .. 7
Stanley F. Earl .. 4	Barrie Hendry .. Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden.

* First peal. † First on eight.

Rung to mark the induction of the Rev. Lionel James to this parish. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

HELMDON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Fri., Sept. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent of London, two each of Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in G.

Mrs. G. Shellard .. Treble	Montague Saunders .. 4
William J. Chester .. 2	Barry E. Saunders .. 5
James Linnell .. 3	Charles E. Truman .. Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

To welcome Coralie Anne Pearce, born August 30th, 1965.

COLD HIGHAM, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) Norfolk and Primrose, (2) Berwick and Hexham, (3) Chester and Munden, (4) York and Durham, (5) London and Wells, (6) Cambridge and Ipswich, (7) Beverley and Surfleet, with 54 changes of method.

William J. Chester .. Treble	Barry E. Saunders .. 4
David Burbidge .. 2	Charles E. Truman .. 5
*Barry R. Eglesfield .. 3	James Linnell .. Tenor

Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

* First peal of Spliced Minor. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

John N. Lindon .. Treble	John C. Eisel .. 6
Mary Prior .. 2	Norman J. Goodman .. 7
Susan Funnell .. 3	Martin D. Fellows .. 8
George E. Fearn .. 4	J. Alan Ainsworth .. 9
John Hill .. 5	Frederick Shallcross .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.

On Wed., Sept. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

John N. Lindon .. Treble	Clifford A. Barron .. 5
Michael J. Fellows .. 2	John C. Eisel .. 6
Roderick W. Pipe .. 3	Norman J. Goodman .. 7
George E. Fearn .. 4	J. Alan Ainsworth .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

EWELL, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

Andrew J. Strathdee .. Treble	*Kenneth Newman .. 5
Joan Beresford .. 2	Tom Page .. 6
Rosamund M. Rawlings .. 3	Derek E. Sibson .. 7
Stanley G. Ponting .. 4	W. Leslie Weller .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* First peal in the method.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

WOOD GREEN (Wednesbury), Staffordshire.—At the Church of

St. Paul.

On Mon., Oct. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 1,440 Cambridge Surprise, 3,600 Plain Bob, with 90 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in F.

*Christopher Bainham .. Treble	Richard B. Dorrington .. 5
*P. George Golder .. 2	Remi M. Hodister .. 6
*Elizabeth Timmins .. 3	Philip G. K. Davies .. 7
*Philip R. Johnson .. 4	Michael W. Fairey .. Tenor

Arranged by R. Baldwin. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

* First peal of Plain and Surprise Major.

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
MANSFIELD WOODHOUSE, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of
 St. Edmund, King and Martyr.
 On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent Cambridge Surprise and six extents Plain Bob.
 Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.

Jean Allen	.. .. Treble	Peter R. Humphrey	.. .. 4
*Margaret E. Chilton	.. .. 2	George A. Dawson	.. .. 5
John G. Hallett	.. .. 3	Simon Humphrey	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

* 100th peal.

A 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. Lesley Wise.

SOUTH COLLINGHAM, Notts.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Thurs., Sept. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 DOUBLES

Being 44 extents in 100 methods/variations, viz.: (1) Wollaton and Clashmore; (2) Allextion and Beauxfield; (3) Coxmoor and Pancras-week; (4) Duxford and Euxton; (5) Foxhill and Goxhill; (6) Hexgreave and Ixworth; (7) Jevington and Kexby; (8) Laxton and Moxley; (9) Newark and Southwell; (10) Nazeing and Oxtun; (11) Pinxton and Quantoxhead; (12) St. Endellion and Roxholme; (13) Saxon-dale and Tuxford; (14) Uttoxeter and Vauxhall; (15) Waxham and Xanxene; (16) Yaxley and Zeal Monochorum; (17) St. Margaret and Oxford; (18) St. Valentine and Freeland; (19) Isis and Beckley; (20) Ray and Stanton; (21) St. Swithun and Northleigh; (22) Antelope and St. Cross; (23) Gresford and St. Tydfil; (24) Jacobstow and Harbury; (25) Grandsire and Newborough; (26) St. Helen and Longparish; (27) Daffodil and Bluebell; (28) St. Anne and Middleton Stoney; (29) St. Quintin and St. Lucy; (30) Allestree and St. Frideswide; (31) Ladbroke and Zennor; (32) Keysoe and Pink's; (33) April Day, Seighford and Litchurch; (34) Eynsham, Elford and St. Jude; (35) St. Simon, Braywood, Rugby S.C. and St. Osmund; (36) St. Martin, Welford and Slapton S.C.; (37) St. Leonard, Austrey and St. Laurence; (38) Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston and St. David; (39) Lapley, Shareshill and St. Mary; (40) St. Nicholas, Longford S.C., Fundenhall and St. Remigius; (41) Winchendon, Thornborough S.C. and Haddiscoe; (42) St. John, Ryton and St. Crispin; (43) Rev. St. Bartholomew and Northrepps; (44) Rushall and All Saints. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

Harold Stevenson	.. .. Treble	George A. Dawson	.. .. 3
Margaret E. Chilton	.. .. 2	Simon Humphrey	.. .. 4

* John R. Pratchett .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

* 25th different tenor turned in to a peal. First peal in 100 methods/variations for all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

HOLME PIERREPONT, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Wed., Oct. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being five extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day and Seighford, and two extents of All Saints. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

W. Gordon Marsh	.. .. Treble	Maurice W. Harrison	.. .. 4
Robert D. Marsh	.. .. 2	David Oliver	.. .. 5
Ruth Blackshaw	.. .. 3	Leslie Butler	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.

Rung in memoriam Leonard Tye.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Tues., Sept. 28, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Alice E. J. Lester	.. .. Treble	Colin F. Loke	.. .. 5
Robert E. Lester	.. .. 2	Robin H. Rogers	.. .. 6
Janet I. Rogers	.. .. 3	Howard W. Egglestone	.. .. 7
Lawrence H. Pizze	.. .. 4	Roy C. Groom	.. .. Tenor

Composed by E. F. P. Bryant. Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

First peal in the method by all the band.

HINTLESHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

*Simon Christian	.. .. Treble	Roger L. K. Whittell	.. .. 4
*Alan R. Walters	.. .. 2	*Robert J. Southgate	.. .. 5
*Roy W. Lockwood	.. .. 3	Neville F. Whittell	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by Neville F. Whittell.

* First peal, first attempt.

Rung by the Bramford Sunday service band.

HARTEST, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Oct. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, viz.: (1) Oxford T.B., (2 and 3) Kent T.B., (4 and 5) St. Clement's, (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in G.

Janet I. Rogers	.. .. Treble	Donald L. Mills	.. .. 4
Mrs. L. D. Mills	.. .. 2	Leslie D. Mills	.. .. 5
Janet M. Spurgin	.. .. 3	Robin H. Rogers	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by Robin H. Rogers.

A farewell to Janet M. Spurgin, of Bures, who is shortly leaving for Vancouver, Canada.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church.

On Sun., Sept. 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 each of Superlative and Pudsey, and 416 Lincoln, with 121 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

Edward F. P. Bryant	.. .. Treble	Robert C. Kippin	.. .. 5
Patricia Diserens	.. .. 2	George Francis	.. .. 6
Joan Beresford	.. .. 3	Derek E. Sibson	.. .. 7
Ronald F. Diserens	.. .. 4	W. Leslie Weller	.. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

LOWER BEEDING, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sun., Oct. 3, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5472 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In nine methods, comprising 1,024 London, 832 Bristol, 800 Watford, 640 Cambridge, 512 each of Dorchester and Pudsey, 416 Cassiobury, 384 Superlative, and 352 Lincoln, with 125 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in G.

David D. Smith	.. .. Treble	George Francis	.. .. 5
Patricia Diserens	.. .. 2	Derek E. Sibson	.. .. 6
Edgar R. Rapley	.. .. 3	Ronald F. Diserens	.. .. 7
C. Martin Press	.. .. 4	W. Leslie Weller	.. .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

Rung to mark the engagement of David D. Smith to Jennifer A. Grant.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

ILLOGAN, Redruth, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Illogan.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents.	Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.
Derek A. Trethewey	.. Treble | Alan Carveth
Anthony Locke	.. .. 2 | Arthur F. Burley
Rev. A. S. Roberts	.. .. 3 | Anthony J. Davidson

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

Rung as a tribute to the life and work of William Henry Southeard, former Ringing Master of the Guild, who died on September 30th, 1965.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD
 and
THE GUILD OF RINGERS OF ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

(Portsmouth Cathedral).

CATHERINGTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 REVERSE CANTERBURY PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

Andrew Dixon	.. .. Treble	Paul S. Roys-Jones	.. .. 4
K. Paul Gilliver	.. .. 2	Alan A. J. Buswell	.. .. 5
R. Ian Bowron	.. .. 3	*Claude H. Harris	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by K. Paul Gilliver.

* First peal, age 64. First peal in the method by all.

Rung in memory of George Fairall, a ringer at Portsmouth Cathedral since 1913, who died on September 12th.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., Sept. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp

Percival C. Richards	.. Treble	Raymond J. Adams	.. 5
M. Irene Ellmore	.. .. 2	Peter J. Brown	.. .. 6
Geoffrey Westwood	.. .. 3	John C. Eisel	.. .. 7
Michael J. Fellows	.. .. 4	*Martin D. Fellows	.. .. Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

* 300th peal

BRIERLEY HILL, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Mon., Sept. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-Part (7th observation).	Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.
Albert Mallen	.. .. Treble | Arthur Peakman
Clifford Skidmore	.. .. 2 | Frederick E. Jukes
Bernard Lawton	.. .. 3 | Martin D. Fellows
John C. Eisel	.. .. 4 | Stephen Mallen

Conducted by Clifford Skidmore.

Specially arranged as part of the bicentenary celebrations at St. Michael's, which was consecrated on September 27th, 1765.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

STUDLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sun., Oct. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents of Plain Bob and 21 of Grandsire.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.

*Richard Sutor	Treble	*Derick French	4
Michael V. White	2	Richard H. Spray	5
Eric Styler	3	John W. Perkins	Tenor

Conducted by Richard H. Spray.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Graham Stocks and Doreen Cooke, both ringers at this church. Also the quarterly peal for the Association.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

Susan Jackson	Treble	Arnold Cole	6
*Derek Cox	2	Peter M. Dawson	7
C. Barrie Dove	3	Harold B. Schofield	8
Ronald H. Dove	4	Robin Brown	9
†Adrian C. Boorman	5	Roger J. Lumley	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal on ten bells. † 25th peal.

HANDSWORTH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Mrs. I. M. Holland	Treble	John J. L. Gilbert	5
Eileen J. Osborne	2	Cyril Rusby	6
John E. Turley	3	Ian M. Holland	7
John S. Seager	4	H. David Holland	Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Ian M. Holland.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Holland, on their wedding anniversary.

(Beverley and District Society).

WALKINGTON, East Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

Ronald Ducker	Treble	Patricia A. Teal	4
*Shirley J. Wight	2	Joan Gray	5
Graham E. Drew	3	Richard D. Gibson	Tenor

Conducted by Richard D. Gibson.

* First peal of Minor. First of Minor on the bells.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in D.

Claire Dillamore	Treble	Stephen J. Ivin	5
Andrew S. Hudson	2	Derek E. Sibson	6
Peter J. Eves	3	Brian D. Threlfall	7
John G. Gipson	4	Robert C. Kippin	Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.
Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent.

On Thurs., Sept. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall	1-2	Gerald Moorhouse	5-6
*Robert B. Smith	3-4	Giles B. Thompson	7-8

Composed by Fredk. Dench (C.C.C., No. 20).

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

* 650th peal.

Rung as an engagement compliment to Miss Valerie White and Bernard F. L. Groves, of Maidstone.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.

On Mon., Sept. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 15 methods, comprising 640 of Bristol, and 320 each of Ashtead, Berkshire, Cambridge, Ealing, Eastcote, Elford, Leatherhead, London, Painswick, Radlett, Superlative, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 149 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin	1-2	Roger Baldwin	5-6
John R. Mayne	3-4	Gerald Penney	7-8

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of SS Philip and James' Church.

On Fri., Sept. 24, 1965, in 1 Hour and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

*Maud Austin	1-2	John T. Dunwoody	3-4
*John Lindsay	5-6		

Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.

* First peal in these three methods.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of SS. Philip and James' Church.

On Fri., Oct. 1, 1965, in 1 Hour and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's and six different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

*Maud Austin	1-2	John T. Dunwoody	3-4
*John Lindsay	5-6		

Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.

* First peal in these two methods.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—All rung at Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycloch.

On Mon., Aug. 16, 1965, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DUKE OF NORFOLK TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way	1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe	3-4
J. Arthur Hoare	5-6		

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal in the method on handbells. 150th at Mor-Awelon.

On Fri., Aug. 20, 1965, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 COLLEGE EXERCISE TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way	1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe	3-4
J. Arthur Hoare	5-6		

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal in the method on handbells. 100th together as a band.

On Sun., Aug. 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 18 in G.

Hazel Way	1-2	J. Arthur Hoare	5-6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3-4	Richard T. Smith	7-8
Edmund J. Morris	9-10		

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

On Mon., Aug. 23, 1965, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OCKLEY TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way	1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe	3-4
J. Arthur Hoare	5-6		

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal in the method on handbells.

On Wed., Aug. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

Raymond J. Hosking	1-2	J. Arthur Hoare	5-6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3-4	Richard T. Smith	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

On Mon., Sept. 20, 1965, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 NORBURY TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way	1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe	3-4
J. Arthur Hoare	5-6		

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal in the method on handbells.

On Sun., Sept. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

Hazel Way	1-2	J. Arthur Hoare	5-6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3-4	Edmund J. Morris	7-8

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

On Mon., Sept. 27, 1965, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 ROCHESTER TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way	1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe	3-4
J. Arthur Hoare	5-6		

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal in the method.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

FALMOUTH, Cornwall.—At Wickham, Gyllyngvase Terrace.

On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

Hazel Way	1-2	J. Arthur Hoare	5-6
Brian J. Woodruffe	3-4	Richard T. Smith	7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

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BIRTH

TAYLOR. — On Thursday, October 14th, 1965, at Keynsham Hospital, Somerset, to Jennie (née Davies) and Jim, of 15, Greenacre Road, Whitchurch, Bristol, twin daughters, Jacqueline Louise and Rosalind Mary. 7824

ENGAGEMENTS

BENNETT-SMITH.—The engagement is announced between David A. H. Bennett, of Ladbroke Terrace, W.11, and Gillian C. Smith, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Smith, of Crawley, Sussex. 7813

LLEWELLYN-WELCH.—The engagement is announced between David J. Llewellyn, of Rhoe, Glamorgan, and Penelope J. Welch, of Llandaff, Cardiff. 7795

SMITH-TAYLOR. — The engagement is announced between Ken Smith, of Lindfield, Sussex, and Peggy E. Taylor, of Cuckfield, Sussex. 7828

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

DARBY.—Will all ringing friends please note that the new address of Frank E. Darby is 21, The Waldrons, Croydon, Surrey. 7811

EGGLESTONE.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Egglestone is now Egges Place, York Crescent, Claydon, Ipswich, Suffolk. 7812

LLEWELLYN.—The address of David J. Llewellyn is now 1, Matthew Road, Rhoe, Barry, Glam. Tel. No. Rhoe 494. 7796

PERSONAL

Greetings from all the brothers. Greet one another with the kiss of peace.—I Cor. 16, 20. (N.E.B.)

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED.—One D flat 14 I E 14 and any odd bells; cash waiting.—W. Gibbard, 74, Booker Lane, High Wycombe, Bucks. 7825

PUBLICATIONS

"A GUIDE BOOK TO COMPOSITION," by Giles B. Thompson, 4/6 (5/-, post free). "The Theory of Change Ringing," 3/6d. post free from Hilton, 19, Lonedown Way, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent. 7791

MISCELLANEOUS

GOSPORT, HANTS.—Open Day, Sunday, October 31st. Bells 2. Service 3.15, at which your attendance is required. Bells again after service until 5 and for service 5.45 to 6.30. Ringers will also be welcome at Portsmouth Cathedral, 5.30 to 6.30.—G. Dodd. 7783

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Advanced practice at Bagshot on Tuesday, October 26th, from 7.30–9 p.m.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 7756

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Dinner, October 23rd. Will members and visitors please note Leicester Cathedral bells not now available. Ringing from 3.30 to 4.30 will be at All Saints'. 7798

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Ringing arrangements, Annual Dinner, November 6th: Penn, St. Bartholomew's (8), 2.30–3.30 p.m.; Wolverhampton, St. Peter's (12), 3–5 p.m. 7808

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SOCIETY OF RAMBLING RINGERS

1966 TOUR — July 23rd–August 13th

The last fortnight comprises ten days in Ireland and four in Wales. It is essential that those interested should obtain a tour list (no obligation involved) by sending s.a.c., before October 31st, to the secretary, W. A. Lacey, 99, Hollow Road, Anstey, Leics. The list for the first seven days in Cheshire is now available. 7730

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Charlton Horethorne (8) October 23rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 7771

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Bulkington, Saturday, October 23rd. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., for those who notify H. Ashley, 47, Nuneaton Road, Bulkington, near Nuneaton. Phone Bedworth 3094.—J. L. Garner-Hayward, Gen. Sec. 7772

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the bells on October 23rd. Bells 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.35 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. The following towers will also be open for ringing: Old Harlow (8) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Nazeing (6) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Roydon (6) 2 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. Lunch is easily obtainable in Harlow New Town. The tea will be provided free at Harlow Common. We will be pleased to welcome any members who have rung on these bells in the past.—G. Blake, Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow. 7750

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting at Saddington, Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 7801

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION (S. and W.). **OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (E.B. and S.B.).** **LADIES' GUILD (Central)** and **LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Joint meeting, St. John's, Hillingdon, Sat., Oct. 23rd. Bells (10) 3–4.30 and after tea. Service 4.30. Tea to follow in St. John's Hall. Social 7.45 p.m.; the Washington film will be shown. Denham (8) 2.30–3.30; St. Andrew's, Uxbridge (8) 3–4. Names for tea, if possible, to F. W. Goodfellow, 46, Slough Road, Iwer Heath, Bucks.—W. Deason, Miss D. Hague, Miss J. Spreadbury, and Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Combined practices will be held at Finchampstead on October 23rd and Hurst on November 20th at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 7803

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Glaston (6 bells), Saturday, October 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea to W. C. A. Clark, Middle Street, Wing, by previous Tuesday. 7823

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Mears Ashby, October 23rd. Service 4.30. Meeting 5. Names for tea to Mr. W. Callis, The Farm, Mears Ashby.—R. Cowley. 7799

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, October 23rd, SS. Peter and Paul's, Hambledon. Bells 3 till 8.30. Tea in New Inn 5. 7775

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Practice meeting at Kessingland on Thursday, October 28th. Bells (6) from 7 to 9 p.m.—N.C. 7674

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Bebington, October 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying by Thursday previous.—Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtion, Birkenhead. 7826

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Etwell (6) Saturday, October 30th at 3 p.m. Names for tea to M. A. Willis, 33, Gisborne Close, Mickleover, Derby. 7769

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Everton, Saturday, October 30th. Bells (6) from 3. Tea 5. Names to Rev. Usher, The Vicarage, Everton, Doncaster. 7819

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Quarterly District meeting at Merrow and West Clandon on Saturday, October 30th. Merrow bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Merrow. Names for tea to Miss Hazel Giddins 43, Great Goodwin Drive, Merrow, Guildford. Ringing at West Clandon in the evening. 7802

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Sacred Heart Church, Talbot Square, Blackpool, on Saturday, October 30th. Bells (8) 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.—Henry R. Preston, Hon. Sec. 7817

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Farnworth, Saturday, October 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea only at 5. Please attend. Canon Wrigley will say the Office of Evensong after tea.—Thornley. 7806

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at East Ardsley on Saturday, October 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please bring own food—cups of tea only provided. 7810

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Croft, Saturday, October 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea to Mr. F. Watson, 5, Pochin Street, by Wednesday previous.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 7794

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Hose on Saturday, October 30th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Moulds, Hosiery, Melton Mowbray, by Wednesday previous, please.—M. Stimson, Dis. Sec. 7807

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Meeting at Diss, Saturday, October 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. G. Harrison, 20, Chapel Street, Diss, Norfolk, by Wednesday, October 27th.—C. F. W. Philippo, Hon. Sec. 7776

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Practice meeting at Scaldwell on Saturday, October 30th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 40, Foxgrove Avenue, Northampton, for certain. 7787

TRURO GUILD.—Stratton Branch.—Meeting at Marhamchurch on Saturday, October 30th. Bells at 2 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Hicks, New Buildings, Marhamchurch, near Bude. 7778

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice meeting Aston, Tuesday, November 2nd, 7 to 9 p.m. Special method: Oxford T.B. Minor. 7829

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Great Easton on November 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Pryer, Ripley. Little Easton, Dunmow. 7821

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Widford on Saturday, November 6th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. P. Brandon, 424, Baddow Road, Chelmsford (72100) by previous Thursday. Visitors very welcome. Special method: London. 7816

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Tewkesbury Abbey, Saturday, November 6th. 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Leach, St. Mary's Cottage, Church Street, Tewkesbury, Glos. by November 2nd. 7820

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting at Godalming on November 6th. Ringing 3-4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. Bells available afterwards. Names for tea to Miss D. Street, 3, Seymour Road, Godalming, by previous Tuesday. 7818

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Meeting, Worfield, November 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea not later than November 3rd.—Joan Bennett, Rudge Heath, Claverley. 7827

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Surfleet, Saturday, November 6th. Bells (12) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Rawding, Beech House, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. by Tuesday, November 2nd.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7800

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—Evening meeting, Badby, Saturday, November 6th. Ringing 7.30-9.—F. W. Hancock. 7814

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Saturday, November 6th, Rowde (6). Usual arrangements. Tea only for those who notify A. Knight, 6, Southwick Road, North Bradley, Trowbridge, Wilts. by November 3rd. 7809

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ruddington District.—Ruddington, Saturday, November 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington, Nottingham. 7822

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Fourth annual dinner and dance, the Thames Hotel, Windsor, Saturday, November 20th. Tickets £1 Is.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 7797

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QUARTER PEALS

SILSOE, BEDS.—On July 29th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): G. E. Bonham 1, I. Bell 2, G. W. Massey 3, R. H. Jones 4, Mary Edwards 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandire Triples: P. Rumley 1, W. Brown 2, H. Wittering 3, L. Cooper 4, D. Taplin 5, W. Lawrence 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, W. Munson 8. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taplin. Also on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandaire Triples: P. Rumley 1, W. Brown 2, H. Wittering 3, D. Taplin 4, L. Cooper 5, W. Lawrence (cond.) 6, D. Gullick 7, W. Munson 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. Green (first quarter) 1, Miss S. M. Haskins (first as cond.) 2, D. White 3, P. Tombs 4, A. R. Peake 5, R. Fry 6. For Harvest Thankoffering.

LATE NEWS

We regret to record the death of Mr. Edward C. Gobey on October 2nd, aged 88. For nearly 60 years he rang at St. Mary's, Ilkeston, and for many years was Ringing Master and steeplekeeper.

OBITUARY

MR. SYDNEY BARRON

The funeral service for Mr. Sydney Barron took place at St. Paul's Church, Drighlington, Yorks. on October 9th and was attended by many ringers. The bells were rung fully muffled before and after the service, and the tenor at intervals during interment in the churchyard.

Sydney was a dedicated ringer, as the tablet in the belfry shows—"50 years a ringer at this church." During this time he was never late for either Sunday service or practice ringing. He had time and patience always for learners, as the writer is fully aware, having learned to ring at St. Paul's under him. He rang 45 peals for the Yorkshire Association.

He was always cordial to any Society, a well-used phrase of his being "You can come to Drighlington any time," which made it an ever open door to all. Peal ringers, too, were seldom refused, as the tower total of over 160 proves.

The Exercise in general is much the poorer for the loss, indeed, I am sorry to report the passing of one who did so much for me.

H. B. S.

CANON J. S. RIMMER

The death occurred at Ulverston, Lancashire, on October 1st, of Canon J. Stuart Rimmer, Rector here since 1916. Canon Rimmer had been an hon. life vice-president of the Lancashire Association since 1936. Although not a practical ringer, he was always interested in the Furness Branch and ever ready to entertain the members to tea at Ulverston meetings. The funeral took place at Ulverston on October 5th, and six members of the Association rang a half-muffled peal at Broughton-in-Furness in the evening. N. M. N.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Fifteen towers were represented when the Barnsley District Society held their monthly meeting at Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham, on October 9th. The Rev. J. H. Oxer was in the chair. It was agreed to accept an invitation to visit Holmfrith, near Huddersfield, on November 13th. The Vicar welcomed members, and ringing took place after the meeting.

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THEORY OF CHANGE RINGING

An Introduction

PERHAPS the one thing for which future ringers will remember the early 1960's will be not the number and complexity of the peals that were rung at that time, but the introduction of one-day and week-end ringing courses. A number of these courses have now been held, and anyone who has been to one will attest to its interest and value. Instructors often put in a great deal of work in preparing their talks and demonstrations, and it is to be regretted that the results should in general reach only the limited circle of those attending the course, especially when the subject happens to be one that is not dealt with in any of the readily available ringing handbooks.

A good example of this is the basic theory of change ringing. Various books such as Snowdon's "Ropesight" have touched upon it, but in all of them the emphasis has been on the practical rather than the theoretical implications. Consequently a talk on the subject by Tony Cleaver during a course held at Hartpury, Glos. in September, 1950, covered ground that was new to many of those present. Mr. Cleaver's notes were subsequently expanded into a series of articles that appeared in "The Ringing World" during the spring of 1962, and these have now been published, slightly edited and with some additional matter, by the Press of John Hilton as "The Theory of Change Ringing—an Introduction" (32 pp., price 3/6 post free).

Starting from the fundamental "change," the author shows how methods are constructed and how they may be varied. Although this is already dealt with in several well-known books, Mr. Cleaver has not attempted to show the physical outcome in the belfry of this systematic juggling with figures. He has consequently been able to explain such things as the difference between Surprise, Delight and Treble Bob methods at a very early stage. Similarly, by explaining the principle of in- and out-of-course changes before dealing with calls he shows clearly just why bobs and singles are necessary, and why such methods as Grandire Doubles need both types of call while Bob Doubles can make do with only one. This is what the learner who enjoys writing out methods and touches long before he can ring them in the belfry will find invaluable.

But this book will also interest the rather more advanced, for the second half deals with the elementary proof of touches and peals. False course-heads are not mentioned, which is perhaps rather unfortunate, since the basic facts would have taken very little extra room.

As it is, a final section dealing with Q-Sets, although clear and interesting, seems a little out of place.

As the title reminds us, this book is only an introduction to a large and complex subject. But the fundamentals are all here for the student. He won't find how to ring Grandire or Treble Bob within its pages, but he will learn the principles involved in their construction and a lot more besides. Would that it have been available when the present writer was learning!

C. A. W.

LATE NOTICE

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The twelfth Annual Dinner will be held in the Saracen's Head Hotel, Chelmsford, on Saturday, October 30th; 6.15 for 6.45 p.m. Tickets (£1 Is., limited number only) from P. J. Eves, 8, Lordship Road, Writtle, Chelmsford, by Wednesday, October 27th, at the latest. S.A.E., please. 7736

WIMBORNE, DORSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,259 Grandire Caters: Judith A. Robertson 1, Dorothy T. Gardiner 2, D. T. Matkin 3, J. R. Price 4, R. W. Price 5, E. C. Shepherd 6, D. Price 7, F. Price (cond.) 8, F. L. Harris 9, R. Robertson 10. First quarter of Grandire Caters for Derek, John and Roger Price.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Gilder 1, R. Bath 2, R. Cliss 3, M. Church 4, D. Hawkins (cond.) 5, W. Parker 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: F. J. Lambert 1, Kathleen Rivett 2, J. R. Norris 3, A. R. Baldock 4, A. F. Lewry 5, H. Parkes 6, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 7, D. P. Smith 8. First of Yorkshire 2 and 3. After an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Double Norwich.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles. A. Molyneux (first quarter) 1, G. A. Edwards 2, I. Barlow 3, F. R. Morton (cond.) 4, J. R. Scott 5, L. J. Meredith 6, A birthday compliment to F. R. Morton.

PENN, STAFFS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian M. Griffiths 1, D. G. Smith 2, C. F. W. Eyre 3, Pamela Garbett 4, G. F. Griffiths 5, C. Griffiths 6, E. G. Bowyer (cond.) 7, J. A. Roden 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Arthur S. Williams a ringer at Penn, died September 22nd, 1965.

PORTSEA, HANTS.—At St. Mary's, on Sept. 26th 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Rolph 1, W. Cope 2, Mrs. E. Duguid 3, L. Duguid 4, W. Tate 5, P. Page 6, G. Gammon (cond.) 7, C. Harris 8. Rung for Harvest Festival.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Henshaw 1, J. Morlidge 2, H. Horn 3, P. W. Horn 4, M. M. Mottershead 5, H. Lomas 6, H. C. Lonyon (cond.) 7, C. Morlidge 8. Rung on the Day of St. Michael and All Angels by the ringers of St. Michael's, Macclesfield, to mark the ordination of the curate of St. Michael's, Rung in his native town of Sandbach.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On Aug 9th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): D. Lazzarini (first quarter) 1, Christine Mills 2, F. Bradley 3, Doreen Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Carol Orme (nee Fisher).

SHENLEY, BUCKS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Linda Ellison 1, I. N. Pett 2, B. Egglefield 3, K. Fleming 4, R. Churchill (cond.) 5, R. French 6.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): F. C. Haytors (first away from tenor) 1, Brenda H. Boyce (first in two methods) 2, J. Sheppard 3, J. G. Rose 4, R. C. Taylor (first quarter as cond.) 5, B. Palmer (first quarter) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Roger Male, a ringer at this church, and Diane Merritt.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Pratt 1, D. Wills 2, W. J. Harvey 3, J. Portman (first quarter) 4, H. Crisp 5, B. Coles 6, J. H. Glanvill (cond.) 7, J. Gooding 8. For Harvest Festival.

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JOSEPH T. DYKE—A NAME SYNONYMOUS WITH PERFECTION

By H. J. Sanger

TO the younger generation of ringers the name of Joseph T. Dyke is no more than a legend, but to those who knew him well, who were privileged to ring with him and work with him in the interest of ringing, his name is synonymous with perfection. No effort was ever spared to get the very best out of all who performed with him, and his immaculate bell control was an inspiration to all. As a conductor he ranked among the finest, and many a young conductor came under his wing and prospered by his tuition. Particularly in the years between the wars he travelled thousands of miles assisting Sunday service bands up and down the country, raising the general standard of ringing to a very high order. The "Wednesday Band" which flourished in the thirties under his leadership set an example and standard of performance second to none, entirely due to his striving for perfection.

To those who accompanied him on his many journeys, for peals or meetings, or perhaps to attend the Central Council and the like, he was a splendid companion. There was never a dull moment; his knowledge of the countryside, of history and architecture, was immense, and many a detour was made to see some beauty spot or ancient edifice of which he could invariably talk with considerable authority. All this was interspersed with tales of bygone days as you travelled along. A great authority on village hostleries, he could well have written an extremely interesting book on the subject.

He was well instructed in the Anglo-Catholic faith, was a server at Burton-on-Trent and later at Midsomer Norton. Those who knew him well were aware of his deep faith, his knowledge of the Scriptures and Church Law. He was ever ready to admonish those who desecrated God's House or behaved in an unseemly fashion there.

His end came mercifully, after a very long period of ill-health, on October 6th, almost within minutes of the passing of Alfred Reeves, one of his great friends.

Joe Dyke, as he was known to all his friends, was born at Burton-on-Trent in 1892, was educated at Burton Grammar School and Cheltenham Training College, and matriculated at London University in 1910. He took up his first teaching post in Cheltenham but soon came to Somerset to teach at Midsomer Norton. From here he volunteered in October, 1914, and served in the Machine Gun Corps, attaining the rank of sergeant. He was taken prisoner in March, 1918, and returned to Midsomer Norton

at the end of that year, following the Armistice. In 1920 he was appointed headmaster of Downside School, where he remained till his retirement in 1952.

Joe commenced ringing in 1908 and rang his first peal at Horninglow, St. John's, in 1909. His peals totalled approximately 700, 400 of which he conducted. He rang many peals with William Pye, including the 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne and the first peal at Buckfast Abbey, when the bells were rung from the hair-raising gallery.

He took part in the first peal of Maximus at Exeter Cathedral, the first peals of Surprise Major and Stedman Triples in Rutland, called the first peals of Caters and Royal in Wiltshire and 10,032 Bob Major at Bradford-on-Avon. He rang in both Secretaries Peals and at Queen Camel rang the tenor to Plain Bob, Cambridge and Seven Surprise Minor, calling them all. He also rang St. Mary Redcliffe tenor to Major, Royal and Maximus, and was the only Somerset man to ring in the only peal of Maximus rung in the county, at Taunton.

As with all peal ringers, some of the best "got away," and among these were the ill-fated attempt for 22,000-odd Stedman Caters at Leeds, Kent, and the attempt for 14,000-odd London at Warnham, Sussex, when the whole thing, without apparent reason, fell to pieces after 11,000 changes. On several occasions he rang two peals of Maximus in a day.

On the administrative side he was elected general secretary and treasurer of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association in 1925 and held this office till 1952. He was a member of the Central Council from 1927, serving on the Standing Committee and "Ringing World" Committee, and was jointly responsible for the first Beginner's Handbook published by the Council. The Council's highest honour—life membership—was conferred on him.

His health began to give cause for anxiety some ten years ago and for the past seven years he had been confined to his house. During these years of confinement the visits of many old friends, particularly Ted Chivers and Ron Beck, who came fortnightly almost without fail throughout his illness, did much to cheer him, reliving old times, bringing the news from meetings and the like, or perhaps some tape recordings of a well-known ring or band which he never failed to judge with the keenness of old.

He was laid to rest at the little church at Downside on October 9th. It was Harvest Festival there—the Feast of St. Marrow and All Pumpkins, as Joe always called it—and Joe was called "Home" at the harvest.

GREAT ADVENTURE II

TOURISTS AT CANBERRA AND SYDNEY

THERE was barely time to serve breakfast on the flight from Melbourne to Canberra on September 3rd but the view was of great scenic beauty as the mountain range separating Victoria and New South Wales was crossed. We had come prepared for emergencies for a peal attempt at Yass, and Mark Damerell carried the ropes loaned by St. Paul's, Melbourne. Ivan Page and Mrs. Peggy Mantle were waiting at the airport to greet us and we were soon at the Civic Hotel.

The peal party lost no time and, with ropes, were soon en route by car to Yass, a distance of 38 miles. Versatile Mrs. Peggy Mantle took the others under her wing and features of Canberra were explained with the background of a bon raconteur. After lunch the panoramic views from Black Mountain provided a bird's-eye picture of the city.

TOM LOCK—THE HERO

The peal on the bells of St. Clement's, Yass, passed from rounds into changes as we arrived, but the attempt did not last long, as towards the end of the second extent Wilfred called "Stand" under the misapprehension that Len Stilwell was feeling the heat. A delicious tea was served by the ladies of Yass in the Church Hall. A quarter of an hour's break seemed to work wonders; the band was re-organised and, with Pat Cannon calling, a good peal in four methods was rung in 2 hours 31 minutes. The hero of the peal was Tom Lock, who gave a polished performance on the treble, a difficult bell as the rope is drawn over two sets of pulleys. This is a ground-floor ring; the back five being cast by William Blews of Birmingham in 1871, and the treble came from Loughborough in 1951. In some respects Yass Church seemed typical of village churches in Sussex.

While the peal was in progress motor rides were provided by Lt.-Col. J. R. Watch to the Burrurjock Dam, a spectacular journey for the last five miles through narrow, winding roads down a long valley, and by Mrs. Mantle around Yass. That evening we were most hospitably entertained to dinner by Canon Reynolds and the people of Yass. The Rector congratulated the peal band, and Tom Lock made the customary presentations to Richard Burden, captain of Yass ringers.

THE CHIMERS OF CANBERRA

Returning to Canberra, Lt.-Col. Watch, assisted by one of his band of 16 chimers, gave an interesting demonstration on the eight bells at St. John the Baptist Church, which was erected more than 140 years ago. Double Norwich, Superlative and Double Oxford were rung with rhythmic skill. These bells, by Taylors, were the gift of Viscount De L'Isle in memory of his wife, and were consecrated by the Primate of Australia on September 17th, 1964. The dexterity of the chimers surprised everyone. The Colonel spent the evening with us yarning about ringing and finally took Anne and Tom Lock to the top of the Black Mountain to see the glamour of Canberra by night.

Another sightseeing tour took place on Friday morning. We joined in the throng paying homage to Australian dead in two world wars and other activities at the National Shrine, spent an instructive half-hour in the Houses of Parliament and rested at Holy Trinity Church, which, believe it or not, was once a railway station at Sydney. On the way to the airport we stopped to photograph the heavily-blossomed Japanese trees and admired the beautiful homes of the ambassadors to Australia. Canberra is indeed a capital of unique distinction, broad avenues and a richly blue lake spanned by two long bridges. And as our thoughts turn to Canberra we shall always think of our new friends, Col. Watch, Mrs. Peggy Mantle and Ivan Page.

Sydney ringers turned out en masse to greet us at the airport. The cavalcade of cars came to a halt at the Oceanic Hotel, Queen Elizabeth Bay, and, sipping iced beer, we chatted

to our new friends as we gazed at the many sailing craft and big ocean-going ships in Sydney Harbour. Most of the company had dinner at a Swedish restaurant before attending the practice at Turramurra Church, followed by handbells at Tom Goodyer's home.

FIRST SYDNEY ATTEMPT

The first Sydney tower to be visited for a peal attempt was St. Mark's, Darling Point, where there are pleasant sounding bells. Prominent in the ringing chamber is a notice:—

"To be seen you stand up,
To be heard you speak up,
To be appreciated you shut up."

Mr. J. McCartney, the captain, and Mr. Ralph Joyner remembered the visit of 1934. Mr. Joyner had had experience of English ringing at Erith between 1916 and 1918, when he was working on munitions.

A good start was made on the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major and the bells were tapping along merrily at 32 changes to the minute. To the dismay of those listening, and to the band, after an hour and five minutes there was a stop—except for a jingling treble telling the story of a broken rope. Ringing this bell was the conductor, Wilfred Williams. All Sydney knew about it that night as the broadcast was "English ringer breaks a rope at Darling Point." The Rector, the Rev. J. Wilde, who was at Wolverhampton before coming to Sydney ten years ago, was very sympathetic. Another morning was allocated to enable a second attempt. Miss Enid Roberts was ringing the second in this attempt.

Another misfortune that day was the losing of a peal of Plain Bob Royal "in hand" after two hours. The Rev. M. Melville was conducting from 3-4. Others in the band were T. J. Lock 1-2, W. Watson 5-6, Enid L. Roberts 7-8, T. W. Goodyer 9-10. That evening a successful barbecue was held at Lane Cove National Park. There was a big rally of Sydney ringers and proceedings went with a swing. Steaks and sausages and onions sizzled merrily.

Sunday was a day of intense activity and many new towers were visited. At St. Mary's (R.C.) Cathedral a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung after High Mass by Anne Horsford 1, Suzette Wright 2, S. Burton 3, L. Stilwell 4, A. Lancefield 5, J. Cummings 6, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 7, R. Clark 8. First of Stedman Triples 1 and 2. This was the 18th quarter peal rung this year at St. Mary's Cathedral. We notice that participating in a recent quarter of 1,260 Court Bob Triples in this tower on August 29th was W. B. Cartwright, who rang the treble. Other ringers on that occasion were Miss E. Roberts 2, Miss H. Henderson 3, W. Watson 4, H. Bagot 5, L. Curran 6, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 7, J. Sheehy 8. It was the first in the method for 2, 3 and 5.

Through the good services of W. H. Rowe, a number of us had lunch at the New South Wales Football League Club. While there, the news was conveyed to us that the attempt for a peal of Yorkshire at St. Jude's, Randwick, had failed through a shift after 1 hour and 20 minutes. That afternoon the temperature soared to 94 degrees, the highest September reading since 1917, so, for personal comfort, the halt was not unwelcome. Most of the company spent the afternoon on the sophisticated Bondi Beach watching the surf riders and the hundreds of sun bathers. Sydney has 34 beaches with the sand varying from white to bright gold.

Enid Roberts invited the company to her flat for a refreshing drink before an hour's service ringing on the excellent octave at Burwood, some of the best light bells we met. Stedman, Bristol, Yorkshire, four Spliced and Grandire were rung. A nocturnal sherry party with Pat Cannon and Wilf Williams as hosts at Elizabeth Bay ended a pleasant day.

A leisurely morning was spent on Monday (September 27th), when most of the party visited the bank. The objective of the day was a peal at St. James', Turramurra, situated some ten miles from Sydney. No little pride came to Pat Cannon and his band in scoring the first peal on the bells—a light six. There were few qualms about this seven Minor methods peal.

The evening was spent ringing at Sydney's two Cathedrals, St. Andrew's and St. Mary's. Bill Rowe arranged for a non-programme visit to St. Andrew's. There were loud praises for this new Taylor ten, which were only opened last month. Cecil Pipe expressed the opinion that the ten will rank among the best tens in the world. The practice at St. Mary's was very useful in view of the peal attempt later in the week. Handbells and drinks at Tom Goodyer's followed. Margaret had the full sympathy of the two mothers of the party, five small children, three overseas visitors and hordes of ringers suddenly descending, and always smiling, sympathetic and helpful, Wilf Williams and Pat Cannon felt that they were not yet ready for bed and took a stroll through King's Cross to see the night lights and glamour of early morning Sydney.

Tuesday will rank as one of the highlights of our stay at Sydney with a motor drive to the country town of Maitland, about 130 miles from Sydney. Tom Goodyer placed his Holden at the disposal of the party and this was driven by Tom Lock with Malcolm as navigator. Other cars were provided and driven by Jack Cousins and Willie Watson. The road was very picturesque and there were miles of sharp bends and views of rugged beauty. Much of the route was along the Pacific Highway.

COINCIDENCE

Maitland is one of the oldest settlements and St. Paul's Church celebrated its centenary in 1958. The tower was erected in 1888, replacing a wooden tower built in 1861. Six steel bells were placed in this tower. The bells were moved to the new tower and the first 720 rung here in 1898. St. Paul's Bell Ringing Association dates from 1895, and three generations of the Arkell family have served as ringers. The present captain is Mr. Sidney Hedges. Some five years ago a coloured film was sent to the Editor of the wedding of a Maitland girl ringer, showing the bridegroom carrying his bride down the steep outside stairs to the belfry. Among those who greeted the Editor was the bride of yesteryear with her children.

The bells are odd-struck and a peal of Minor in four methods was rung in 2 hours and 38 minutes conducted by A. Patrick Cannon. Six minutes from the end an elderly man came to the detached tower to register his protest in no uncertain terms. He was assured that permission had been given by the Rector, the police had not raised any objection, and publicity by Press and radio had also been given.

Television, radio and Press interviewed the party before the start. A cordial welcome, amid flashing cameras, was given by the Rector (Canon M. M. Redman, R.D.) and Mr. B. Parsons, the churchwarden, presented to each visitor copies of the church's centenary review. Tom Lock was in the happy position of being able to reciprocate with a copy of "Sound of Bells" and a bell pintray.

The non-peal ringers were motored by Mr. S. Hedges and Willie Watson to Newcastle, the coal mining and steel works centre, which has most attractive beaches and a town of wide streets. The Cathedral is a fine building, probably larger than those at Hobart and Perth. The tower is not yet completed, being only a few feet above the roof. For years there has been talk about provision of a ring.

That evening we were most hospitably entertained to an alfresco supper in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer. The ladies of Maitland were charming hostesses and all left well fortified for the long night drive back.

(To be continued)

MR. GEORGE E. FEARN'S SOUTH WALES TOUR

ACCORDING to rumour, when this tour was planned, a prominent ringer from the Principality went on Great Adventure II to avoid witnessing such desecration of his native land. However, Saturday, September 23rd, saw most of the party, joined by local members, at Chepstow, where they rang the first peal of Cambridge Royal. Following this, we were met by our organiser, Mr. Donald Clift, who piloted us to our headquarters, The Cedars Hotel, Llanishen.

For Sunday morning service ringing we joined with St. John's, Cardiff, ringers and then moved north over the Brecon Heights. After lunch at Crickhowell, where we were guests of our organiser, we went on to St. Meugan's, Llanfagan, where Rutland was the method at this lonely church. Evensong ringing was on the fine eight at Brecon. Returning to our headquarters, the party was completed by the arrival of George Fearn and Alan Ainsworth.

The usual routine of these tours of London in the morning when All Saints', Newport, was the Monday morning tower. We saw in this tower of J. W. Jones fame the photograph of the tourists of this area in 1932. Bristol was the afternoon method at Caerleon.

A short drive over the Caerphilly mountains took us to the fine octave at St. Martin's for Tuesday morning's peal of London, then on to Llandaff Cathedral, where most of the party were thrilled with the Epstein Majestas. The pleasant ring of ten "Borderised" in under three hours to London Royal, which enabled Don Clift and Nick Simon to be the first Welshmen to ring this method in their homeland. Press interviewers and photographers invaded the belfry at the conclusion of this peal and, this ordeal over, we had tea with the Bishop of Llandaff.

TWO B.B.C. INTERVIEWS

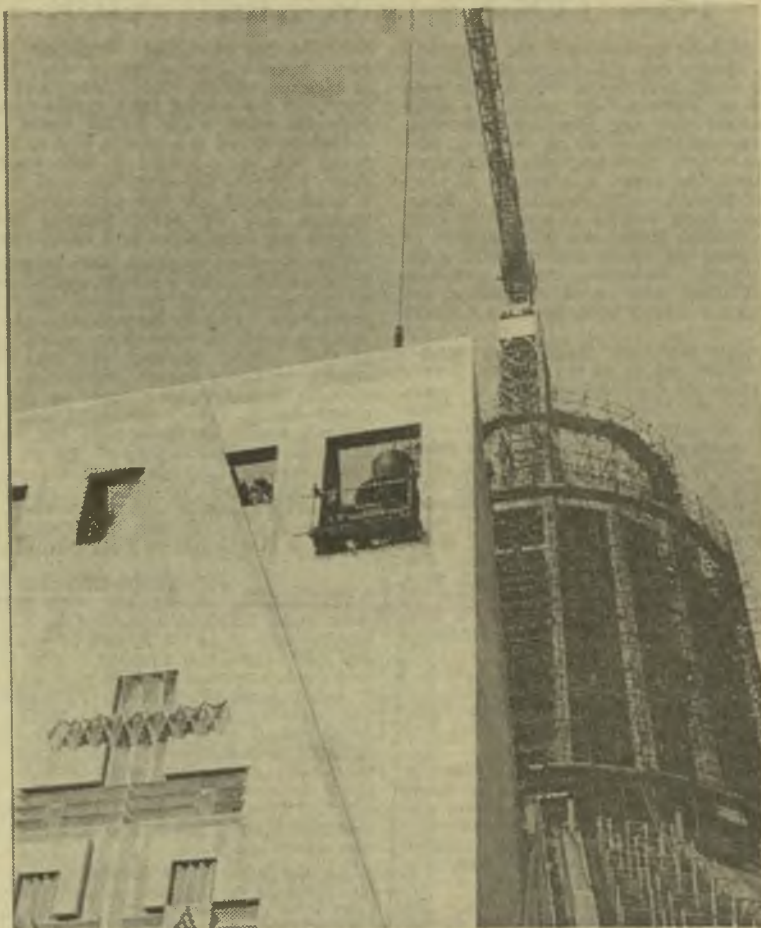
Westward to Bridgend and Aberavon was the objective for Wednesday and London was followed by Albert Pitman's Spliced Five in his own tower. We were pleased to meet this great composer afterwards and enjoyed hearing how his fine composition came into being. During this time Mr. Fearn was being interviewed by B.B.C. Midland, and Nicholas Simon similarly for B.B.C. Wales. A quick return to Cardiff followed, where a magnificent dinner was awaiting us at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pryor and family. Up Rhondda was Thursday's venue and Pontypridd, the tower for London, was followed by Bristol at Pentre Rhondda. Tea at the home of Tudor Edwards was most welcome after these heavy bells.

It was a wet journey on Friday to Usk but the rain was soon forgotten as our London progressed on the fine eight in such a well-kept belfry. Moving north through Abergavenny to the "Garden City" of Ebbw Vale, where A. J. P. Spliced Four was rung, we were most delighted with this fine Taylor octave and if there is a better eight for weight none of us has ever found them. Here again we enjoyed Welsh hospitality at the home of Mr. Stephens and family and where a presentation was made to Don Clift.

Saturday came all too soon and our London was on the crisp eight of St. Mary's, Penarth. A quick move past Cardiff Arms Park, where international soccer crowds were converging, and on to St. Woolos Cathedral, Newport, where friends made up the number for the final peal—Cambridge Maximus.

So ended yet another of George's very good weeks and our memory of the Principality will live long. The arrangements made by Don Clift were perfect. M.

LIVERPOOL'S BOURDON BELL



The 92 cwt. Bourdon bell being hoisted into its turret over the entrance porch to the new Roman Catholic Cathedral, designed by Mr. Frederick Gibberd. There are four bells, notes A flat, E flat, A flat and C, weighing altogether nearly seven tons and each bell will be swung electrically in its own turret.

At the special request of the architect, no wheels are to be fitted to the headstocks, as is normal, so that all that will be visible will be the bells, headstocks, bearings and clappers. The drives to the bells will be totally concealed in the building. The bells and ringing gear are being supplied by Mears and Stainbank.

SUFFOLK GUILD

At the annual meeting of the N.W. District at West Stow on October 9th Mr. Leslie Wright, who presided, announced his intention of resigning the chairmanship. Officers elected for 1966 were: Chairman, Mr. Cyril Hancock (Thurston); secretary, Mr. A. Balham (West Stow); Ringing Master, Mr. L. Wright; Guild representatives, Mr. R. Rose and Mrs. Ivings; Press secretary, Miss G. Reeves.

Mr. Andrew Beckworth, Guild secretary, thanked the 1965 officers and also the Rev. W. G. Peck, who conducted the service. Miss Joan Ivings, the organist, and not least the hostesses.

Quarterly meetings for 1966: January, Elveden; April, Newmarket; July, Rougham; October, All Saints, Fornham. Evening meetings: November 13th, Whepstead, and December 11th, Ixworth.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Mansfield District

The Mansfield District meeting at Greasley on September 25th was held jointly with the East Derby and West Notts Association, and although numbers were small a variety of ringing was enjoyed by all. At the Mansfield District meeting Miss Helen Simpson, of Greasley, was elected a ringing member. The problem of dwindling attendances at meetings was discussed and it was decided to leave the matter in abeyance until the annual District meeting, when suggestions from towers would be placed on the agenda and considered.

Next meeting: Kirkby-in-Ashfield, November 27th.
D. J. B.

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TOM LOCK'S ENGLISH TOUR

IN spite of being so busy with the Australian Tour, Tom Lock still found time to arrange his usual peal week, which this year was based at Wisbech. As usual, two peals were arranged for the Saturday afternoon. One, Cambridge Minor, at St. Mary's, Wisbech, came to grief when two bells mysteriously crossed over; the other, Rutland, at St. Andrew's, Whittlesey, came round in 2 hours 50 minutes. Early evening at the White Lion Hotel at Wisbech found the usual groups of ringers greeting each other and reminiscing on the past year. However, empty stomachs called and those who could not afford the hotel prices for dinner soon found a Chinese restaurant.

On Sunday we rang three times at St. Peter's Wisbech, where we were given a very warm welcome by the local ringers. This was a rest day, and tourists went their various ways, one at least braving the chilly wind with a dip in the sea at Thornham. One group managed a grab at Newton in the afternoon, having rung at March in the morning, and were offered the chance of ringing at Leverington on the Tuesday evening. Six of them went back to investigate the possibilities of an evening peal at St. Mary's, Wisbech, but neither the Vicar nor the tower captain were to be found, so the idea was abandoned, in spite of having the "go-ahead" from a very friendly churchwarden, who gave the following poem:

"You rascally ringers—unmerciful foes—
Disturbers of those who seek to repose.
Oh for the joy and the peace of these lands
When you have round your necks what you
hold in your hands."

On Monday there were four peal attempts laid on. At Long Stanton we rang the easy-going light eight far too fast and Bristol was lost, but Seven Surprise Minor was brought round in fine style at Gosberton. David Rothera joined us for the day at Swavesey and a good peal of Seven Minor was scored. At St. Mary's, Huntingdon, London Major on these somewhat odd-struck bells was halted after some very good ringing, which unexpectedly culminated in an equally good "fire-up." This seemed to set the pattern for the week, for Bristol and London just would not "go." However, Alick still managed to have his after-lunch nap on a back pew at St. Mary's. The "Cannon Fish Restaurant" provided very good fish and chips for 2/6, and who could resist with a name like that!

CURATOR PROTESTS

At Terrington St. Clement on Tuesday the peal band were privileged to see the beautiful font, with Flemish screens, set in a beautiful church. Our luck seemed to turn this day, for all three peal attempts resulted in good peals, concluding with Cambridge Royal at St. Peter's, Wisbech, in just over three hours; a very musical composition by Roger Baldwin, including two singles. Here the curator of the local museum protested strongly at the ringing, as he was immediately below the only louvres left open. We were sorry to say goodbye to Tom that morning, as he had to return home to prepare for his Australian Tour, but Martin Lock continued Tom's good work in a calm and capable way. Tom's absence was partly compensated for by the arrival of Fred Ross—we believe he was not quite the sober parson the hotel had expected. Tuesday was completed with the promised ring at Leverington, a lovely six with a ground-floor ring.

Only eight of the party had to have early breakfast on Wednesday as there was only one peal attempt arranged for the morning. It might have been the late nights, but at Long Sutton Bristol was again lost when 2-3 shifted after some good ringing. Before the afternoon attempts (both scored) Alick again had a nap in a pew, this time at Spalding.

Thursday saw two more peals scored in the morning—Minor at Denver and Lincolnshire at Downham Market, where Malcolm Melville joined us for this peal. At Downham Market we were interested to see a gravestone with

the following inscription: "William Dobson—many years a bellfounder in this Place died in London July 11, 1842, in the 63 year of his age." In the ringing prior to the peal, Philip rang the tenor while on his knees, and although he struck it perfectly well as far as we could hear, this proved a little upsetting to other ringers. However, the peal itself was a good one in the fast time of 2 hours 33 minutes, and the Seven Surprise Minor at Denver was equally fast in 2 hours 23 minutes.

The afternoon attempts were somewhat delayed, at Hilgay by a service and at Littleport by the condition of the ropes, but here Bill proved his worth as he and Ian spliced and adjusted ropes at tremendous speed. In spite of their efforts, however, the peal was lost when there was a mix-up over a bob. Back at Wisbech in the evening some of the tourists joined the St. Peter's ringers at their practice and the tower handbells were lent to us for a handbell practice. Later all the ringers signed a card conveying their best wishes to Tom's Australian Tourists. Later still some of the men found it very funny when Marion discovered a spider, but when they saw the size of it it was left to Dennis to dispose of

THE HEAVENS OPENED

The weather during the week had been quite good, although cool, but on Friday the heavens opened and it poured for most of the day. We again lost London Major, this time at Sutterton, but at Donington a really good, if rather leisurely, peal of Yorkshire Major was scored on bells that are reputed to be rough going although we experienced little difficulty with them. We then went with some trepidation to Surfleet, where it had been decided to attempt Yorkshire Royal. To our surprise we quickly became accustomed to the strangely leaning tower and a creditable peal was scored.

For the social in the evening we were joined by two local ringers who brought their handbells with them. Presentations were made to Martin Lock and Ruth for their work in arranging the tour. The hilarity increased when an Indian appeared in the doorway offering a carpet for sale. This turned out to be Philip in his swishy dressing-gown, with his towel as a turban and his eiderdown rolled up under his arm. Margaret took flashlight photos of various groups, but she will probably find one or two ringers appearing in every photo. When Marion sat on the Rev. Fred's knee, Kenneth's quick question "Is that what you do at the Young Wives' Club?" brought the house down.

The next morning the ringers began to go their several ways. Another peal of Yorkshire was scored, at Pinchbeck, coming into rounds after three hours of very good ringing, one of the best peals of the week, and the last that was seen of six of the ringers was as the overburdened Volkswagen staggered off to a six-bell tower for the last (unscheduled) peal of the tour. Thank you, Tom and Martin, for another excellent tour—15 peals scored out of 21 attempts—and a lot of good fellowship besides.
R. M. F. and G. E. P.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Andover District's first meeting at St. Mary's, Kingsclere, since their transfer in 1963 from the Basingstoke District was held on October 2nd. Ringing took place on the eight bells before the service in church. Tea followed in a now disused school, thanks being expressed on behalf of members to the Kingsclere ringers and their ladies. Final arrangements were discussed for the District cup contest to be held on November 20th. Mr. G. Evans was nominated for the post of secretary, which becomes vacant in January. Ringing took place on the six bells at Sydmonton as well as at Kingsclere. Ringers were sorry to find that the ropes at Sydmonton were rotting because of rain entering the belfry, but these have now been removed.
G. D.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

Over 50 visitors were present for the service and tea at the annual general meeting of the Ashford District at Folkestone on October 9th.

The service was conducted by Canon F. W. Greenaway, and Miss Anne Barber, of the Folkestone band, was the organist. The offertory of £2 17s. 6d. was given to Brabourne Bell Restoration Fund. Afterwards an excellent tea was enjoyed in the Woodward Hall and was kindly given by the Folkestone ringers and friends.

The hon. secretary's report and balance sheet showed that 190 practising members and 17 honorary members had so far subscribed.

Officers re-elected for the ensuing year were: Mr. C. T. Hillis, hon. secretary, and the Rev. P. T. Robbins as District representative. The new Ringing Master is Mr. N. J. Davies in place of Mr. Alan Berry, who reappears as the other District representative. The chairman thanked them and Miss Violet Relf, the retiring District representative, for their past services.

A letter from the hon. general secretary, giving details of the production of the Association annual report and the difficulties of producing it by Easter, was then read. The resolution "That the annual report of the Kent C.A.C.R. be produced to members a month before the annual general meeting" was, however, confirmed nem con.

The Rev. Mr. Robbins voiced the thanks of the visitors to Canon Greenaway and the organist, to the Folkestone ringers for their hospitality, and to Mr. F. J. Whittaker, secretary of the Folkestone band, for making all the arrangements.
C. T. H.

Tonbridge District

Tonbridge District held their annual meeting at Tonbridge on October 2nd. After ringing, a service was conducted by Canon T. F. C. Bewes, and members were entertained to tea in the Vicarage by the Tonbridge band. Mr. J. Willis took the chair at the business meeting, when the following were re-elected: Secretary-treasurer, Mr. W. H. Dobbie; District representatives, Miss D. Colgate and Mr. S. Jenner; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Pope; "Ringing World" correspondent, Miss M. A. Ladd. Reporting on activities during the past year, the secretary mentioned Mr. C. W. Hancock's departure to Suffolk and the engagement of Miss M. A. Ladd to Mr. R. A. Large. The Kent ringers' rally and annual dinner in 1966 were discussed, and towers for meetings were left to the secretary to arrange. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Canon Bewes. Mrs. Bewes, the Tonbridge band for providing the tea, and Mr. Dent for playing the organ. Members returned to the tower for further ringing during the evening.
M. A. L.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

A joint meeting with Lincolnshire Branch of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Giles' Church, Balderton, on September 25th. The 8½ cwt. eight are perfect ladies' bells, but were nevertheless much enjoyed by the men, too, and a wide variety of Triples and Major methods was rung. Shortened Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. W. J. Springett), at which the lesson was read by the Newark District secretary, Mrs. Beryl Reed. Following tea in the Church Hall, each District held a business meeting. The Newark District secretary informed members that Mr. George Foster, of Southwell, a long-standing member, had moved to London to live with his daughter after his enforced retirement due to ill-health. It was agreed that a letter should be sent from the meeting with best wishes from his friends and associates for a happy retirement and improved health. Before the men departed for the tower, both Mr. F. W. Midwinter, the Newark District chairman, and Mrs. A. Richardson, Lincolnshire Branch secretary, thanked all who had contributed to the success of the meeting.
B. N. R.

AUSTRALIA'S FIRST TEN-BELL RING DEDICATED

EARLY in May, 1964, the Chapter of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, announced that a bequest had been made to the Cathedral to be used in the form of providing the Cathedral with a ring of bells. Almost immediately an order was placed with John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough for the casting of a ring of ten bells with a tenor of 294 cwt.

The ringers of Australia and, in particular, those of Sydney then heard little more until one day in June this year a Sydney morning newspaper announced the arrival of the bells with the usual inaccurate comments and a photo of the bells being unloaded in the Cathedral grounds.

In the meanwhile, however, the south-west tower of St. Andrew's Cathedral had been shrouded with scaffolding for quite a few months with stonemasons strengthening the pinnacles and generally repairing the 80-year-old tower.

After lying in the Cathedral grounds for a number of weeks, which conveniently enabled everyone to inspect the ring at close quarters, the bells finally disappeared into the building and were hung in H-style frames supplied by Taylors. Apart from the installation of an intermediate sound floor and a new roof on the tower, little structural alteration was necessary although the tower has been baffled to an extent due to the close proximity of the Sydney Town Hall and numerous cinemas.

The bells are hung in two layers, with the treble, second, fifth, ninth and tenor below, and the third, fourth, sixth, seventh and eighth above. This arrangement has produced a perfect rope circle of approximately 12 feet diameter with a direct rope drop from every bell.

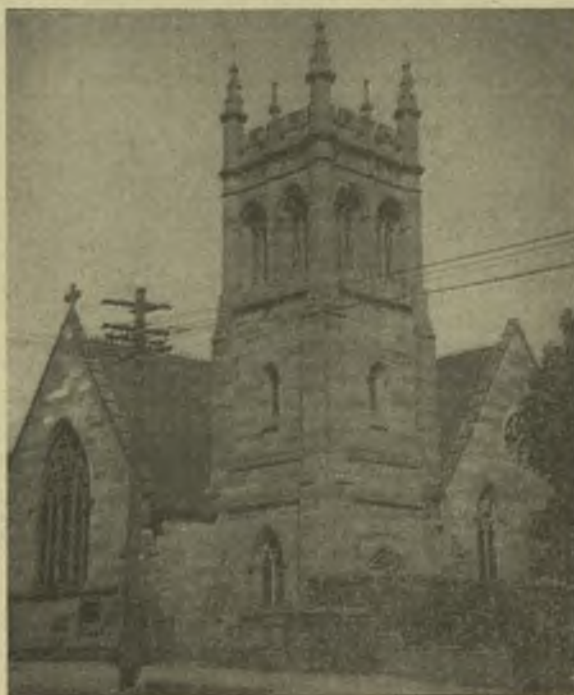
RINGING CHAMBER—A SHOW PLACE

Access to the ringing chamber is via a narrow circular stone staircase from the south choir aisle and, upon completion of the "improvements," the ringing chamber would surely be the show place of Australia, with royal blue wall to wall carpet, leather-covered seats in the window recesses, electric fan, clock, washbasin and a telephone installed for the ringers' comfort and convenience.

Following the installation of the bells, closely watched by the Rev. Jim Glennon, of the Cathedral staff, and Mr. Bill Rowe, it was decided that the dedication and the first ringing would take place during the evening of August 23rd, being the occasion of the opening service of the New South Wales Provincial Synod. The Archbishop of Sydney and Primate of Australia, the Most Rev. H. R. Gough, was to dedicate the ring in memory of Ernest Samuel Trigg, and the only inscription cast on the bells is that on the tenor, which reads: "This peal of ten bells is given in memory of Ernest Samuel Trigg of Strathfield who died on 20th July, 1963, by his wife."

The Dean of St. Andrew's was in full agreement that the team to ring the bells for the dedication should comprise two ringers from each of the five change ringing towers of Sydney and thus the team nominated and who rang on that day were: John Rainsford (Turramurra) 1, Ken Stacey (Turramurra) 2, Ross Bampton (Burwood) 3, Laurie Bruce (Burwood) 4, Robert Ferris (Parramatta) 5, Enid Roberts (St. Mary's Cathedral) 6, Ralph Clark (Parramatta) 7, John Fryer (Randwick) 8, William Watson (Randwick) 9, Tom Goodyer (St. Mary's Cathedral) 10.

On the two Sundays prior to the dedication the team, with a number of "reserves," assembled at St. Andrew's and with tied bells rang for nearly an hour on both occasions. This enabled the ropes to be stretched and a few minor adjustments to be carried out, mainly increasing the hand stroke sets on a number of bells. Apart from these adjustments and the shortening of the stay on No. 3,



THE BELL TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL

which tended to foul the wall whilst ringing up, the ring was installed in first class condition.

The Sunday before the dedication, permission was granted for the bells to ring "open" for ten minutes for the benefit of the Australian Broadcasting Commission and the three commercial Television Channels to film and record the ringing. This, naturally, enabled the team to observe the noise level

and hear the beautiful tone of the ring, and all present were extremely pleased with the result, although nothing more than rounds on the ten transpired on that occasion.

On August 23rd the dedication team assembled once again and just before 5 p.m. ascended to the ringing chamber and awaited the commencement of Evensong marking the opening of the twenty-fourth Provincial Synod.

Midst a large congregation the service progressed to the anthem and whilst the Cathedral choir sang "Prevent us O Lord in all our doings," the Archbishop, led by the Dean of Sydney and Mr. F. E. Trigg, proceeded to the south choir aisle immediately below the ringing chamber, where a new rope was hung for the dedication.

At the conclusion of the anthem the Archbishop unveiled a plaque commemorating the donor of the bells and then, following the dedication prayers, handed the bell rope to Mr. Ross Bampton, who received it as acting captain of the Saint Andrew's Cathedral tower and immediately ascended to the ringing chamber and gave the signal for the bells to ring officially for the first time. Then for three minutes the bells sounded to almost perfect rounds, thus producing a brave new sound in the heart of the city of Sydney.

Evensong then continued through to the final hymn "Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven," and as the final notes of the organ voluntary faded into the lofty Cathedral the bells pealed out once again, this time to the familiar sounds of Grandsire Caters and Bob Major.

Apart from the dedication team a number of ringers from all Sydney towers were present and ringing continued almost non-stop for 50 minutes under the capable guidance of Mr. Tom Goodyer, who acted as conductor for the occasion. Had it not been for the Cathedral Choral Society rehearsing later in the evening, ringing would have continued to a much later hour. However, it did enable many of the band to "rush" to the nearest television receiver and view themselves on the A.B.C. news service that evening.

Thus, the first ten-bell ring in Australia was dedicated and, although a Cathedral band recruited from the congregation is at present learning the art, the bells have, in fact, been rung on several civic occasions by Sydney ringers at the request of the Cathedral authorities. At their opening service the Commonwealth Law Conference, only two days after the dedication, heard the bells rung before and after the service, and then more recently, the English ringers during "The Great Adventure," rang on several occasions, including the first quarter on the bells of Bob Royal.

It is the wish of the Dean and Chapter of St. Andrew's that the bells should not be rung regularly until the Cathedral's patronal festival, late in November, when on this occasion it is hoped all ringers throughout Australia will be invited to participate in the ringing, and thereafter the Cathedral band should be sufficiently trained to maintain regular Sunday service ringing.

Captain, St. Paul's, Burwood, N.S.W.
ROSS BAMPTON,
Captain,
St. Paul's, Burwood, N.S.W.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

A very well attended and successful meeting of the Syston District took place at Wanlip on October 9th, when five of the six Districts of the Guild were represented. The Vicar of Birstall, the Rev. A. A. Lander, conducted Evensong and in his address pointed out that there was a need for some deep thinking on the subject of ringers' prayers, since many of those in use to-day were inadequate.

Tea was afterwards taken in the old coaching house, which at present is in the process of being modernised for the purpose of a church room. The Wanlip ringers, who provided tea at no charge, asked that contributions be made to the church boiler fund—a very reasonable request.

The eleven new members elected at the meeting of the Monmouth Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association at Blaenavon were all ladies.

Mr. D. R. Carlisle is giving up with the next issue the editorship of "Belfry News," the journal of the Derby Diocesan Association. Regretting the decision, owing to pressure of work, Mr. J. F. Smallwood said it had always been witty, topical and full of interest.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): W. J. Sale 1, Miss P. M. Butcher 2, Mrs. B. Baines 3, A. W. Fuller 4, D. Slater (cond.) 5, A. E. W. Baines (first in three methods) 6. As a first birthday compliment to Andrew, younger son of the conductor.

Letters to the Editor

AUSTRALIA'S NEED

Dear Sir,—Having now returned from the ringing trip which took us around the world in 36 days, it will soon be known that the party participated in a wonderful experience and gained many impressions. But the one impression I would like to mention here is the generally bad "go" of the bells resulting in unnecessary adverse conditions in which the ringers of Australia practise the art of change ringing. These conditions do not apply to all towers but they do to the majority of towers. Much joy and pleasure is denied the ringers and I feel that we in this country could and ought to offer our help.

Complete schemes of restoration would be desirable in a number of cases but where this is not possible much could be done at a reasonably small cost in the nature of sound control—particularly in the ringing chamber—a much restricted use of pulleys to guide the ropes, renewal of some bearings and fittings, and a tightening up of frames. Some Adventurers were able to make a noticeable improvement on a few bells in the short time available, but much more could and needs to be done.

A suggestion would be to arrange for one, or even two, ringers from this country, with experience in bell-hanging and bell maintenance, to visit the belfries of Australia and New Zealand for the purpose of (1) doing whatever would be possible within a few days, and (2) preparing a short but adequate report for a complete restoration scheme, if invited to do so.

There is reason to believe that the Australians themselves would be interested in such a project and that they would investigate the possibility of meeting expenses. For the sake of ringing it would be nice to see something of this nature put into effect, as we of the Adventurers' party admired the courage, perseverance and honest endeavour of our colleagues and friends who really cannot under present conditions participate in ringing which would give a full measure of satisfaction. Moreover, recruiting of new ringers would become an easier task.

We found that the clergy were interested in bells and bellringing and, within their limits, we feel sure consideration would be given to any scheme which would result in the improved conditions for ringing in the belfries of their churches.

I know that any one of us Adventurers would be most happy to assist as much as we could in this matter, and we feel likewise about many other members of the Exercise.—Yours faithfully,
T. J. LOCK.

Hatfield, Herts.

WHAT IS S.W. ENGLAND?

Dear Sir,—In "Belfry Gossip," page 692, you published details of a peal of 10,240 Bob Major rung at Buckland-in-the-Moor and I should like to congratulate my fellow Devonians on their fine achievement.

Without, however, wishing to appear unduly pedantic, I would say that their claim that "this is the longest peal rung in any method in the South-West" can hardly be considered correct, as the longest peals rung in the area must surely be the 13,001 Grandsire Cinques at Painswick in 1920 and 15,227 Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham in 1889. The Buckland peal would, however, appear to be the longest peal of Major for the South-West . . . the only peal of comparable length which I can turn up is the 10,080 Bob Major rung at Longney a few years ago by the Bristol University Society.—Yours faithfully, R. J. BOWDEN.

LEARNERS AND MEETINGS

Dear Sir.—I think it is about time someone had the courage to back up a, by now, famous "striking at meetings" correspondent. Mr. W. W. Ring speaks with his tongue in his cheek, but there is a good deal of truth in his criticisms as was heard at the annual general meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent County Association at Folkestone on October 9th.

The meeting took the usual course until Mr. C. T. Hillis made some humorous remarks about Mr. Ring's "not rising to the bait," alluding to a recent attack on Mr. Ring in your columns. The remarks were then taken up by Chairman Willis and there followed a public denunciation of Mr. Ring with the words, "I think Mr. Ring ought to realise that all the time we have learners at meetings and odd-struck bells, striking will not improve." I would like to answer Mr. Willis and say:

(1). Learners should not be encouraged to ring at meetings unless they are repeatedly reminded of their obligation to strike well.

(2). Odd-struck bells can be struck well by competent hands.

(3). The Ringing Master should not allow a method to be rung unless the band can cope with it adequately.

Surely we are not content to leave the matter of striking in the hands of all and sundry. There must be some guidance from the top so that all ringers feel duty bound to maintain as high a standard of striking as they can.

The ringing after the meeting was a typical example of what I mean. We had Cambridge Surprise Major, one of the band having only rung the Minor version before, another still struggling with the method, and the treble ringer unable to keep right unaided! We then had Double Norwich hastily swotted up from "Diagrams"! Mr. Willis says that bad striking is inevitable; I say that if ringers attempted only methods within their grasp then striking could be improved. After all, meetings are not practice nights (or are they?).

Lowering the bells started badly when the ringer on the second failed even to get the bell striking properly to start with, let alone lower it. All was soon abandoned when several bells were hopelessly floundering and the ringers ordered "Get your bells down as quickly as possible"! Let Thomas Hicks have the last words, which very aptly sum up the way it all finished: Crash! Bang! Wallop!—Yours sincerely,
JOHN E. SPREE.

Bethersden.

WEDDING BELLS

Dear Sir.—In reply to Mr. D. Manship, the Rector of St. John's, Loughton, has had requests for bells for 69 weddings during the period January 1st to October 30th, 1965.

Our only complaint is that we are not always able to ring for as long as we would like due to shortage of time between some weddings. On one Saturday bells were rung for six of the eight weddings that day. To ring our peal on October 2nd it was necessary to start at 9 a.m. in order to finish in time for a wedding.

About fees for ringing at weddings, I know of some towers that only ring after the service, others that do not ring all the bells available, but the £4 4s. charge at our church for ringing before and after the service gives us nearly a 50 per cent. request for bells.—Yours faithfully, F. W. TOMLIN.
Loughton, Essex.

MR. C. W. ROBERTS' CLAIM

Dear Sir.—I should like to point out that the composition of Ealing Surprise claimed by Messrs. S. Wycherley and W. E. Critchley ("Ringing World," page 640) was composed by me in 1950 and was rung to Rutland Surprise Major on August 2nd of that year at All Saints', Edmonton, conducted by A. J. House. Shortly afterwards I conducted this composition at St. Mary's Church, Willesden, also to Rutland, and on December 31st, 1952, it was rung to Ealing Surprise Major at St. John-the-Baptist, Leytonstone, conducted by John H. Crampson. The figures were published in the Essex Association Report for 1952, page 104, as follows:

5,280 OR 5,024 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR

By C. W. ROBERTS

23456 M B W H

43526	—	x	—	—
24536	—	—	—	3
53246	—	—	—	—
23645	—	—	—	3

23564 A

36524	—	x	—	—
25634	—	x	—	—
63254	—	—	—	2
23456	—	—	—	3

For 5,280 repeat the first eight courses twice.

I hope that this information will enable Messrs. Wycherley and Critchley to amend their records.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Waltham Abbey, Essex.

Note.—We have also received a similar letter from Mr. Stephen Ivin.—Ed.

PLAIN BOB EXTENTS

Dear Sir,—Those conductors who are obliged to ring Plain Bob Minor may be interested in the following extents, which I worked out from an idea given to me by Mr. E. Shuttleworth. The first contains the maximum number of singles (42) and the second contains the maximum number of calls (44). Note that the compositions are not set out in the conventional manner—for instance, 5 underneath 4ths means that five consecutive singles are called (4ths, H, W, 4ths, H).

4ths	3rds	W	2nds	H	23456
5	5				1 52346
4		5	5		1 25346
5	5				
	2			4	23456

B 4ths W In H

E	A	C	B	A = BSBSB or SBBSB (in consecutive leads)
		A	—	B = BBSBB or SSSSS
B			D	C = BBSB
	E			D = SSSS
	C	A		E = BB

Yours faithfully,
S. HUMPHREY.

Wollaton, Notts.

OLDEST RING OF SIX

Dear Sir.—I write to ask whether any of your correspondents know of an older ring of six, in total age, than that at St. Swithun's Church, Worcester. Nos. 3, 4 and 5 were cast in about 1420, and Nos. 1, 2 and 6 were added in 1654, thus making a total age of about 2,560 years, an average age for the ring of about 425 years.—Yours faithfully,
Worcester. PAUL CATTERMOLLE.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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LETTERS—Continued

WOLVERHAMPTON TENOR

Dear Sir.—Before everyone has forgotten the subject of the note of Wolverhampton tenor, I would like to make one of two comments. In the first place, the designations D flat and C sharp are meaningless unless they are referred to one of the numerous "standard" pitches. (I believe concert pitch is the highest?) Otherwise the only absolute indication is the frequency in cycles per second. Secondly, there is a place for both descriptions in designating the note of a bell, since it is quite possible for a bell to have a note which is flat of D, but not quite D flat or C sharp in the absolute sense. I would suggest in this case the description "D flat," while not technically correct, is the best approximation.

Thirdly, in reply to the "expert" who said that there is no difference between the scale of D flat and the scale of C sharp, whilst this may be true of piano tuning, it is not necessarily so of other instruments, particularly older ones, as the equal temperament system of tuning is a comparatively recent development. (Not a single organ in the Exhibition of 1851 was so tuned.) Anyone interested in this subject will find all the details in "Science and Music" by Sir James Jeans.—Yours faithfully,

STEPHEN IVIN.

Houghton Conquest. Beds.

GIRLS AND RINGING

Dear Sir.—Miss G. A. Williamson (page 688) states "there is no record of girls being allowed to follow this advice for over 100 years." In the "Bell News" during the early 1890's, two sisters at Basingstoke were reported ringing peals and doing Sunday service ringing. The eldest is still alive and recently celebrated her 83rd birthday in Canada. Prior to this the fair sex were not encouraged to take up church bell ringing.—Yours sincerely, WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

NAMING OF DOUBLES

Dear Sir.—I should like to thank Mr. Jones for his letter referring to the peal which I conducted at Clifford on August 22nd. If Mr. Jones or any other ringer is able to supply particulars of when the methods which I claimed were rung for the first time were rung before, then I should be quite prepared to withdraw the names my friends and I gave to them.

I also referred to the "methods" as methods, since this appears to have become conventional among Doubles ringers, even though they should, perhaps, be called variations. Whilst Mr. Jones is quite correct in stating that "methods with 20 changes to their plain course are not recognised by the C.C." I can find no ruling about variations. I should therefore like to apologise for my inaccurate use of the word "method." The introduction to the peal should now read "... A peal of Doubles in 42 methods and variations." Since I can find no falseness in either the methods or variations as rung, I believe I am correct in saying that the peal, with the above-mentioned correction to the introduction, still stands.—Yours sincerely,

COLIN A. LEWIS.

University College, Dublin.

S.O.S. FOR BELLROPE

Dear Sir.—I think it most improper that appeals of this nature should have to be made. It should not be necessary for any ringer from any tower to have to appeal for even secondhand ropes, if the incumbent and P.C.C. concerned take the necessary action to procure ropes.

The responsibility for providing ropes (and any other spare parts for bells) lies with the incumbent and P.C.C. and ropes, etc., should be paid for through the church accounts, so in view of this any appeal for secondhand ropes should be unnecessary.

The price of a good rope today is about £5 and if looked after properly has a reasonable life of ten years plus. I cannot think that many towers would be in a position to give away ropes in view of present day costs and the desire that they should obtain the maximum possible wear from them, even secondhand ones.

If Mr. Dodd really considers an appeal should be necessary and the P.C.C. concerned will not put up the money to purchase ropes then it would be far better to appeal for the necessary money to buy new ropes, which would last much longer, than be satisfied with secondhand ropes.

If the P.C.C. is not prepared to help themselves towards purchase of ropes then they should be thoroughly ashamed of themselves.

R. H. DUKE.

Captain and Towerkeeper,
St. Peter's, Dorchester, Dorset.

A SURPRISE

Dear Sir.—It was something of a surprise to see a composition which has been rung twice under my name and sent to John R. Ketteringham, published by him under his own name! He did derive it independently after myself, but it had already been published in my article in August.

Further, the comment under his letter with regard to repeated publication is fatuous in the extreme—repetition is hardly "occasional" and neither is entire omission—and I know of more than one eminent composer who has bemoaned this.

Finally, I apologise to J. R. K. for failing to clear his name re the alleged "unoriginality" of his Bristol—he did point this out to me when I first showed him the 5,184 Yorkshire.—Yours faithfully,

GILES B. THOMPSON.

P.S.—The composition was first rung at Salford Priors on August 2nd, and published (in words). I have just noticed that the composition is misprinted on page 668. It should read as follows, the course end being replaced:

5,184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By Giles B. Thompson
B M W H 23456

3	—	52436
5	2	42365
—	—	32564
—	—	26345
—	—	34265
(3)	3	23465

Repeat (omitting).

First rung at Salford Priors on August 2nd, 1965. Conducted by the composer.

GRANTLEY HALL, 1965

ONCE again the week-end course held at Grantley Hall was a great success, the weather was fairly good, the food and accommodation excellent and the company of 31 students varied and mostly youthful.

The lecturers were all experienced teachers and the available time was divided between classroom and practical work with visits to Ripon Cathedral (ten bells), Sharow (eight bells) Kirkby Malzeard (six bells) and Winksley (four bells). Aided by ingenious visual aids, duplicated handouts and tape recordings, Wilfrid Moreton, Norman Chaddock and Nolan Golden packed a great mass of concentrated knowledge into their lectures. Of great interest to all was the showing of the excellent "Washington" film.

Very little time was wasted between the assembly on Friday evening and the dispersal after tea on Sunday. Much of the success of the course can be attributed to the kindly efficiency of Dr. Strick and his co-operative staff, to whom we expressed our warmest thanks. The social atmosphere was congenial; a course on "The Life of the Countryside" ran parallel to our course and it was evident that our students knew more of natural life than our fellow students knew of the Exercise.

Nevertheless, considerable interest was shown in our strange activities, especially so when a band of 12 assorted ringers succeeded in ringing a course of Plain Bob Maximus on handbells of generous size and employing the system of standing in a very long row and changing physical positions before striking each row.

From a discussion on future plans it emerged that the lecturers would be greatly helped if students would make their specific needs known in advance. Another course at Grantley Hall is already booked—it will be in November, 1966.

E. H. J.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Methods rung at the Devon Branch meeting at Launceston were Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Ringing took place at St. Thomas' Church during the afternoon, followed by a service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Geikie). Tea was served in St. Mary's Church Hall.

Mrs. D. R. Bould (vice-president) presided over the business meeting and Teignmouth was proposed for the next meeting, with Bishops-teignton for evening ringing. Miss C. Boucher (Launceston) was elected as a new member.

Ringling took place on the eight bells of St. Mary's Church during the evening. Methods rung were Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob and call changes.

A. E. R.

CHRIST'S HOSPITAL OLD BOYS

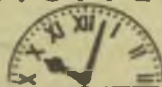
Dear Sir,—As a fellow Old Blue of Mr. Beauchamp, I can vouch for the accuracy of his statement that there was no part of Christ's Hospital at Horsham before 1904. Can we assume that Miss Snowdon took a further interest in the school and so remembered its present situation at Horsham?

While on this subject might I trespass further on your space to wonder if there are any other Old Blue bellringers?—Yours faithfully,

R. W. H. HAYES.

Edenbridge.

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OBITUARY

MR. ALFRED E. REEVES

With great regret we record the passing of Mr. Alfred E. Reeves at his home in Totterdown, Bristol, on October 6th, the same day as his old friend, Joseph T. Dyke. He was 86.

"Alfie" was for many years the peal secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and when he retired from office in 1956 he was made an honorary life member in recognition of his valued work. He was actively engaged in ringing until 1955, when at the age of 76 he felt that his powers of concentration were failing, so he decided to slip quietly out of ringing circles, leaving behind him an established reputation as the man who rarely made a mistake. A fellow octogenarian said of him: "He was a fine man and in his heyday was one of the best ringers in the country."

During his lifetime Alfred rang approximately 600 peals, including 99 at St. Stephen's, Bristol, where he was at one time steeple-keeper. It was appropriate that one of his last peals was in this tower . . . the occasion being the 1,000th peal of the late John Thomas. In his early days, before his work with the G.W.R. took him to Bristol, he rang many peals in Oxfordshire and Berkshire in the company of the Rev. F. E. Robinson and other famous ringers. He took part in several record performances, including 17,024 Double Norwich Major at Kidlington in 1899 and the 15,312 Cambridge Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1929. Arrangements have been made to study his records so that a full list of his peals and a more complete appreciation of his services to ringing can be published in due course.

The funeral, which took place at Arnos Vale, Bristol, on October 11th, was conducted by the Rev. E. R. Smart and the Rev. Roger O. Fry. The Gloucester and Bristol Association was represented by Messrs. S. G. Riches, W. B. Kynaston, E. F. Hancock, F. E. Hansford, P. L. Pearce and R. J. Bowden. The Rev. R. O. Fry and Mr. F. Targett represented the Bath and Wells Association. The usual course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave, and a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters was successfully attempted the following Saturday.

R. J. B.

MR. EDWARD C. GOBEY

After a long period of failing health, Ted Gobeby died on October 2nd at the advanced age of 88 years. He was a native of Bedfordshire and went to reside near Ilkeston as a young man. He learned bell control at a three-bell tower and then moved to the six-bell tower of Stanton-by-Dale. He later joined the eight-bell tower of St. Mary's, Ilkeston, where he was a most respected member for nearly 60 years, acting for a great part of the time as Ringing Master and steeplekeeper. The "go" of Ilkeston bells today is mainly due to the excellent and expert attention paid to them by Ted over a long period.

He was a keen peal ringer and composer, his best known work being the combined method of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, which is known as the Ilkeston variation. No full record of his peals is at hand, but it is known to be in the region of 340, a large number of which he conducted, and many composed.

The funeral service was at St. Mary's on October 6th, prior to cremation at Wilford, Nottingham. Before the service and afterwards the bells, which had given him so much pleasure, were rung half-muffled by members of the Derby Diocesan Association and the Southwell Guild. A peal attempt in the evening was unfortunately lost, but a very good quarter peal of the Ilkeston variation was rung.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION

Tribute to Mr. J. T. Dyke at Frome Branch

The autumn meeting of the Frome Branch held at East Harptree on October 10th was overshadowed by the funeral of Mr. J. T. Dyke. The Vicar, the Rev. J. Ainger, took the service, during which he welcomed the Branch and mentioned that it was 1958 when the last meeting was held in his parish.

After a sumptuous ham salad tea the Association Master, the Rev. H. F. Warren, took the chair and called on Mr. E. C. Shepherd to say a few words about the late Mr. Dyke. Mr. Shepherd said that Joe Dyke was one of the giants of his day; to mention just one of his feats was the record length of Cambridge Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne. William Pye picked the best 12-bell band available and to make up the back end he had to come to Somerset to get Joe Dyke. Mr. Shepherd said he rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques with him, as did many others who Joe brought to Birmingham, including the late Sam Hector, for their first of Stedman Cinques. Mr. Dyke served on the Editorial Committee of "The Ringing World," a position that demanded a considerable amount of hard work; he had also written publications on striking, bell control and compositions.

Finally Mr. Shepherd appealed to members to observe, when entering a strange tower, the peal boards, as this was the best way of obtaining details of great feats of the past, with some of which Joe Dyke was associated. He sincerely hoped that someone would study this great ringer's career and publish details of it in book form.

The Master thanked Mr. Shepherd for his talk and then proceeded with the meeting. Eight new members were elected and various other small items discussed. Mr. G. W. Massey, in his vote of thanks, made special mention of Mr. G. Talbot, who made all the local arrangements, and thanked the Rev. J. Ainger for his part in making it a most successful meeting.

D. T. H. R.

Cary Branch

The annual corporate Communion of Cary Branch was held at Pitcombe on Friday, October 8th. Owing to the death earlier this year of the Vicar, who had arranged the service, the celebrant was the Rural Dean, the Rev. J. T. Hayward, Vicar of Bruton.

The choral service was led by the Bruton Church choir and the Sexseys School choir, with Mrs. Mees at the organ. Mr. J. T. Dyke, who had passed away that week, was remembered in the prayers.

Refreshments, arranged by the Pitcombe ringers, were afterwards served at Pitcombe Farm by invitation of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Jennings.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The quarterly meeting of the South West Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at Dodbrooke, Kingsbridge, on September 25th. Afternoon ringing was enjoyed at West Alvington, the home of a fine team of call change ringers, and at Dodbrooke. Ringing included rounds mainly for the many young learners, call changes, the four standard methods and Cambridge, and was directed by Mr. R. Bould, the Ringing Master. A service in Dodbrooke Parish Church was conducted by the Rector, Preb. Pedley, who said it was a great encouragement to see so many young ringers, and that it was wrong for ringers to be taken for granted, as they so often were.

Tea was enjoyed in the Church Hall, followed by a business meeting, presided over by Mr. H. M. Thomas. A minute's silence was observed in memory of Mr. Warren S. Hornbrook, a former Charles ringer, who died recently. New members elected were Mr. Peter Gilbert (Launceston) and Mrs. Elizabeth Wright (Galmpton). Mr. Coles was accepted as a non-resident member. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Lifton on January 29th, and a practice meeting at Lamerton on November 20th next. Evening ringing took place at West Alvington and Thurlstone.

CAMPINGOLOGISTS, 1965

The Motorway And Davies, and fast, The rain in my face. And Husborne Crawley and a peal attempt miscalled. And Redbourn and a ringing meeting. And the "Hollybush" and a ringing tour. Tents pitched at Bovingdon and the "White Hart." And that was almost Saturday.

With ringing at Apsley and Watford, and cars to Kirtlington, a peal of four spliced. And the composition. And the conductor. The cars and the "White Hart," and tents and Sunday.

Woburn and Beaconsfield. Superlative and Double Norwich. And both peals lost. Rickmansworth, the water, the heat, and lying in the sun. The sky like washed-out Jap silk. Watford and the Chinese. Apsley and the ringing. And sitting next door. The tents. Monday.

Sun in my face. Smell of grass like new cider. Morning and Hatfield. Cambridge Royal and a peal. An the tenor ringer. Charles Dickens and Nancy and a bar. Watford, and trains to London and Hemel. Harrow Weald. Lincolnshire and a peal. The conductor. London, listen to the College Youths, beer almost not to drink. Hemel and walking. Sky ink black. And the night. Chooseday.

The new towns and Stevenage. And London the method. Not the peal. Greene King, and was he only King before he drank his beer? But the stout. And the food. And the countryside. Benington and Winchester. The peal, listen to the peal. Bovingdon, and the tenor turning in to Stedman Cinques. And the "White Hart" turning in to singing. And the band turning in to . . . the tents. Onesdays.

Now the method but not the conductor. The bells but not the ringers. The ringing but not the peal. West Wycombe and Aldenham the method. High Wycombe but only the food. And the stout, to taste the stout. And the bowling alley and the juke box, to listen to the juke box. Hughenden and Belgrave. The peal, and the tenor ringer. Sky full of clouds like old pillows, gone yellow. And the water, to swim in the water. Hemel and the Dinner and the "Olde King's Arms." (And his horses.) The bowling alley and the bowling. The tents and to plan the dreams. Thirstday.

Now the method and the conductor. The bells and the ringers. The ringing and the peal. Bicester and Rutland. And the finish. Food and the juke box, to listen. Sun coming out in the middle of June. And another Davies. Dart and the throwing. The hair and the eyes. And the victory. Company and the evening. Goodbyes and farewells. And only the campers left. The moon on the sky. And the motor-bike on Goodall. And the night screaming like wild bells. Freuday.

Bushey and the six. And the six plus two, if you see what I mean. And the peal I might add. Northchurch and the clapper without a bell. And the band without a peal. Luton and the conductor. The ringers and Yorkshire Royal. The bells and the peal. Luton and Hemel. More drinking and eating. Bovingdon and the tent. Satiateday.

The morning and I hide. Sun in my face. And the tent gone. And the burning straw. And the smoke in the wind. And goodbye. And the Motorway. And very fast.

Thanks, firstly to all those who made it possible for us to ring upon their bells. Secondly, to the Hertford County Association. Western District ringers for their welcome and excellent company. And thirdly to Tony Kench for his magnificent arrangements.

J. R. (Not the King).

5,040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

By STEPHEN IVIN

23456 M W H

42356			
54623	2	—	S
42365	—	2	3
64523	2	—	S
34256	—	2	—
23456	3	—	

First rung at Bedford, August 30th, 1965.

THE GREAT MINIMUS CONTEST

AROUND 60 competitors and spectators were attracted to Pamber Priory on October 10th, when the Great Minimus Contest took place by permission of the Rector, the Rev. D. Tackley. The Priory, of which only the part east of the tower remains, stands amidst woods with only a farmhouse for company and had probably not welcomed such a large gathering for many years.

The draw resulted in David Hughes' band from Liss having the unenviable task of opening the proceedings. The difficulties involved in ringing these bells, with their 50 feet of unguided rope and absence of stays, immediately became apparent, and the sympathy of the onlookers was with the band when they decided that discretion was the better part of valour and made way for the next entrants, who were Fred Ellis' band from Wheathampstead.

The Wheathampstead ringers have plenty of practice on a long draught at home; they raised the bells without much difficulty and even achieved half a lead of Bob Minimus before two ropes went sailing into the heights to bring their performance to a premature conclusion.

The next company was Geoff Dodd's country lads, who were suspected of having had weeks of secret practice on the bells and therefore started hot favourites. However, although the front three went up to the balance without mishap, the tenor went a bit further and brought yet another gallant attempt to an end.

Robin Leale's band, mainly from Slough, met a similar fate when a hitherto popular member turned the treble over before his companions had even had time to pull their bells up.

David Cornwall's party, mostly from Hughenden with the addition of a well-known Feltham ringer on the treble, were obviously determined to succeed. Having raised the bells with the utmost care and deliberation, they stopped for a breather before pulling off into rounds, only to gnash their teeth in rage after one whole pull when their treble ringer made a dismal failure of his first attempt to catch the sally.

Philip Stevens' combination from Bognor and Easthampstead were next to try their luck and rang some respectable rounds and a couple of changes before going the same way as the rest.

The only band now remaining was Chris Kippin's collection of experts from all corners of the South. Starting to raise the bells in peal, the back three went up beautifully but not so the treble in the hands of a well-known Farnborough ringer, whose gallant attempts to bring it under control in the next few minutes caused the company much merriment. Eventually, with the bell nearly up, someone else took over. "Go Plain Bob" was the call, and in a silence which grew tenser as it progressed to a triumphant and loudly applauded conclusion, the first and only course of Minimus on the bells was well and truly rung by: Tony Fortin treble, Brian Bladen 2, Malcolm Powell 3, Chris Kippin (conductor) tenor.

These heroes were therefore declared the winners; although some further attempts were made by bands already mentioned, none met with success. As the last of the company wandered away, the treble was still sounding as the two well-known and previously revered ringers from Feltham and Farnborough continued their efforts to pull it up.

"Keep it tight at backstroke, Charles!"
 "That's just what I'm trying to do, Tony."
 "You must pull it down straight, Charles!"

For all we know, they may be there still.

R. G. L.

FRAMSDEN AND DISTRICT

Once again it was a mixed load for the half-day trip on October 9th into Bedfordshire with ringing at Bromham, Turvey and Kempston. Many thanks to the incumbents and those who met us.

Tea at the Laws Hotel, Turvey, can be highly recommended.

St. Katharine's Society visit Devon and Somerset



The members outside Wells Cathedral (from left to right): Ian Smith, Tom Metcalfe, Colin Cook, Ray Talbot, Sarah Fox with Fred, Roy Cox, David Cox, Janette Kipling, Harold Evans, Rosemary Earl and Roger Peckham.

THE rendezvous for the Society's week in Devon and Somerset was Redhill Station on Saturday, September 4th at 8.45 a.m. Fifteen minutes later three cars with 12 occupants set off for Romsey Abbey, where they were joined by Julian for the afternoon. After unlash the clapper of the fourth, touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Cambridge were rung. Lunch at a pleasant pub in Wiltshire preceded ringing on the heavy six at Henstridge. Next came a highlight of the tour—Sherborne Abbey. Fortunately the bells were up, but the ringing was somewhat indifferent although a half-course of Cambridge did not go too badly. The rope of the fifth was broken by Tom during the lower. Another heavy ring followed at Yeovil, with Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples, and with the ringing appetite still unappeased we joined in after tea at a meeting at South Petherton. Digs for the night were at Taunton.

Needless to say, after such a heavy programme, the Stedman Cinques at St. Mary's, Taunton, failed miserably the next morning and we reverted to rounds on 12. The afternoon was spent finding Cullompton and our digs. Service ringing at Bradninch was followed by a look round Exeter Cathedral and then back to Cullompton and bed.

"GOOD STEADY TENNER"

There was a touch of humour about the first tower on Monday—Brampford Speke. Harold sat on the floor to ring the tenor and the rest rang either kneeling or sitting on benches. At Newton St. Cyres (a pleasant 13 cwt. eight) a very friendly local managed to talk continuously through Roger's recording of the bells. Lunch was at Crediton, where the ringing was indifferent. The Spliced Minor at Monchard would have been much better had Colin not let go of the rope end. A very cheery and well lubricated tower captain greeted us at Chawleigh and expounded on the virtues of "Mr. Taylor" when he rehung the third bell. He then persuaded a rather shy local to "com an' ring steady tenner be'ind, 'bout 22 to 36 changes a minnit."

Tuesday began with the delightful eight at Broadelyst. A good touch of Stedman went to pieces in the last 12 changes. At the beginning of the lower a great jangling thud was heard from above, and an agonised cry of "Me clapper's gone" came from Ian on the tenor. Lunch was at Sidmouth (bells difficult to strike) and the evening at Ottery St. Mary's, a splendid and unusual church with a memorial to Samuel Taylor Coleridge on the churchyard

wall. On the very pleasant bells reasonable Stedman and Cambridge were rung.

THE ORANG-OTAN

Rain was really pouring down on Wednesday. Because of a death, Powderham was substituted for Kenton and ringing here was terrible. Harold, turning in the tenor, looked like an orang-utan on the warpath. At Chudleigh, with its fine sounding organ, a stay was broken, and at Bovey Tracey Roger broke a rope. The bells at Buckfast Abbey were worthy of the large and impressive building. Two Leicester ringers and one of the monks joined us in rounds on 12 and Grandsire Caters. Afterwards we were allowed to chime Hosannah, a really marvellous seven-ton bell. The eight at Totnes were rung after tea.

A heavy programme of 10 towers was planned for Thursday. Janette and Tom enjoyed a seesaw on a loose floorboard at Buckerell, which was raised to give a signal to the organist. Yorkshire was rung at St. Paul's, Honiton, and Axminster bells much enjoyed. Candles and an oil lamp provided the luminant in the old church belfry at Honiton, where the 22 cwt. six go very well for plain bearings.

Friday started with the glorious eight at Tiverton, and at Minehead we managed Stedman Caters, a Sussex ringer joining us. Dunster bells we found disappointing, the tenor being a quarter tone sharp, and at Wiveliscombe, just rehung by Harry Parkes and Arthur Lewry, some almost perfect Bob Major was achieved.

CULLOMPTON BETTER THAN EVERCREECH

Before leaving Cullompton on Saturday we had a final ring on the ten, which we agreed were better than Evercreech's. The latter we found quite easy to ring but a little difficult to strike on account of the ninth being odd-struck, and not being able to hear the treble. Shepton Mallet bells were found to be a little lumpy, and at Ditchat we apologised to the locals for our poor ringing. After finding our lodgings for the night at Wells and tea, Chewton Mendip was visited and some good ringing followed on these glorious bells. Sunday's ringing was at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, for morning service and at the Cathedral for Evensong, where Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal were rung with the help of locals.

Our thanks to Colin for his excellent arrangements: we look forward to just as successful a tour next year.

J. R. K. and I. V. J. S. (abbreviated).

Compositions from a Five-Part Table

By JOHN SEGAR

56342	64523	35264	42635	23456	1
356	564	235	642	423	2
635	456	523	643	342	3
36452	54263	25634	62345	43526	4
436	254	625	362	543	5
643	425	562	236	354	6
65432	46253	53624	24365	32546	7
465	246	653	324	532	8
546	624	365	432	253	9
45362	26543	63254	34625	52436	10
345	526	263	634	452	11
534	652	326	463	245	12

My article of January 10th, 1964, showed 60 courses arranged in five parts, with an explanation of how to prove peals by the numbers of the lines. Now I explain how a table of this kind can be used to compose, in a short time, peals which do not need to be proved. As before, the line numbers will be used, not the courses. Calling positions in Major can come up in six different orders. A Middle, for instance, can occur at any of the leads except the last but the effect of a bob at Middle is always the same. We leave 23456 and enter 43652, that is from 1 to 5. A few examples of three bobs in one place will show how to complete Table Q, which includes also five Befores.

Middle		Wrong		Home	
23456	1	42356	2	52436	x
43652	5	54326	5	45236	B
63254	x	25346	9	24536	T
23456	1	42356	2	52436	x

Q TABLE			
Middle	Before	Wrong	Home
A 15x	E 2563x	G 1x6	L 123
B 2T9	F 8ET94	H 1259	M 456
C 386		I 38B	N 789
D 47E		K 4T7	O xET

A bob Before is unlike any of the others. It can shorten a course to two leads or lengthen it to twelve. A Before can be used to cut out falseness. To compose a peal, select a few letters to be bobbed. Each letter and the figures with it should be written on a cardboard strip, fourteen in all. Strips not selected to be bobbed should be put out of the way. My own kit for composing in this way has the strips in four colours and forty-eight separate figures in matching colours. Using them resembles a game of dominoes. Readers are invited to apply for these kits and anyone with a lucky pen may do so as

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

South and West District

The three Thames-side towers of Shepperton, Sunbury and Hampton formed the venue for the meeting on October 2nd. The pleasant ring of five at Shepperton was kept going for most of the allotted hour to a variety of Doubles methods. From 3 p.m. attention centred on the ring of eight at Sunbury, and the usual array of standard methods up to Cambridge and Yorkshire was rung.

The tea and business meeting were held in the Parish Hall, Hampton. Several new members from Stanwell and East Bedford were elected. Reporting on the results of his survey into the possibility of holding weekday evening practice meetings, the secretary said that general opinion had been favourable and that the practices would be held in the third week of each month starting from November. Full details would be announced in "The Ringing World," but the intention was to hold the meeting on the practice night of the tower visited. The secretary would be pleased to hear from any tower captains who would welcome a visit of this form on their practice night. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to incumbents and to the Hampton ringers, in particular Hilary Essen, who did the organisation, for providing the tea.

Evening ringing followed at Hampton, where a variety of methods was again rung, rising to the dizzy heights of Glasgow.

well as an experienced composer. My selection for Peal No. 1 is AGHJKN to be bobbed.

Peal No. 1

M	W	H
5	9	7
7	4	4
4	T	T
T	7	8
8	E	E
E	3	3
3	8	9
9	2	2
2	5	5
x	6	6
6	1	1
1	x	x

The cards to be bobbed to produce Peal No. 2 are Middle C, Before F, Wrong GH.

Peal No. 2

M	B	W	H
1	1	x	x
x	x	6	6
3	3	3	3
8	E	E	E
E	T	T	T
T	4	2	2
2	2	5	5
5	5	9	9
9	4	4	4
4	8	8	8
6	6	1	1
7	7	7	7

The return to line one by a single at thirds causes the part-end to be 56342 and the peal 12,320 changes.

A coloured set of Q cards may be obtained free from me at 16, Green Lane, Skegness.

SELBY ABBEY BELLS REHALLOWED

Before a large congregation which included about 90 ringers from all parts of Yorkshire, the ten bells of Selby Abbey were rehalloed after three months of silence on September 18th. Modern ball-bearing fittings have been installed.

The service, which took the form of choral Evensong, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. P. Kent. Archdeacon Ellison, president of the Yorkshire Association, deputising for the Bishop of Selby, who had had to go into hospital, performed the rehalloving ceremony, which was carried out with great dignity.

The Archdeacon described the bells as the messengers of God and symbols of the glory of Christ which could in their message go far beyond the range of human speech. He urged ringers never to be satisfied with anything but the best and highest possible standard of ringing; mistakes or bad striking could not be hidden.

Lessons were read by the Rev. B. A. Ram-sker. Vicar of Snaith and Carlton, who is president of the Selby and District Society, and the Rev. P. M. Garnett, Rural Dean of Selby.

The theme of the service throughout was one of cheerful thanksgiving, which was reflected in hearty singing of the congregation.

Mr. J. P. Fidler attended on behalf of John Taylor and Co, and everyone ringing had high praise for the "go" of the bells.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The easy-going six at Stotfold were put to good use with Mr. P. Mehew as Ringing Master when the Biggleswade District met there on October 9th. Tea for the 26 members and friends present was provided in the school-room.

At the business meeting members were asked to inform the two District representatives on the committee, set up to revise the District boundaries, of their views on the subject before the committee meeting on October 23rd. Some good ringing in a variety of methods followed.

Next meeting: Northill, November 13th.

A. R. A.

Bucks Ringers Tour Derbyshire

THE Temple Hotel, Matlock Bath, was the headquarters for a tour of Derbyshire by a party of ten Buckinghamshire ringers. On August 27th five set off from High Wycombe for Leicester to meet three more of the party and join the practice at St. Margaret's. After a pleasant hour's ringing we completed the journey to Derbyshire and were joined by the remainder of the party.

At Tideswell (8), our first tower on Saturday morning, ringing was delayed by the rope of the seventh breaking at the first pull. This was quickly remedied but the sally only appeared at a few inches from the ceiling. Another piece of rope was attached to the tail end and ringing continued. The very light six at Wormhill (tenor 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.) was our next tower. Two bells were without stays and the best method of ringing them was with one hand on each stroke. Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles were achieved with some difficulty. The Taylor ring at Fairfield (8) came as a welcome change. After lunch at Buxton we made our way to Castle-ton (8). Here we found the bells rather hard going although some reasonable ringing was obtained. After a fruitless search for the light at Hope (a ground-floor eight), we decided to ring without. Cambridge, Grandsire and St. Clement's went well on these delightful bells. At Bakewell (6) we were met by Malcolm Phipps, Chesterfield District secretary, who joined in some Kent Treble Bob and remained with us the rest of the day. Before tea at Chesterfield we were given a conducted tour of the Cathedral. Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal and Stedman Caters were rung on these musical bells before a slider fell off, our second disaster of the day. At North Wingfield (8) we resisted the temptation of the pub in the

churchyard and sampled the pleasant bells instead. Ashover bells, in the last tower of the day, were voted the best eight and some good Stedman was one of the best touches.

Only six of the party arrived at St. Andrew's, Derby (10), in time for ringing on Sunday morning and all we could manage was Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples, with Tony Fortin ringing 1 and 2. We were all reunited in time to ring at St. Alkmund's, Derby. Here Bob Major, Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge were rung. On Sunday afternoon we rang at Heanor (8). Having time to spare, we managed to obtain permission from the Vicar of Greasley for an unscheduled ring and were pleased we had not missed this beautiful eight, but our ringing was not up to standard. For Evensong we rang at Derby Cathedral. Our attempts at Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal were unsuccessful but Stedman Caters, rung with the Sunday service band, was more successful.

On Monday morning we were late at Youlgreave (8). After tracking down the key there was only time for a touch of Stedman and half a course of Cambridge before a quick dash to Matlock. The beautiful ten at Duffield came next and we were joined by 75-year-old Mr. Stone, who rang with us. Our next tower was St. Peter's, Derby, where Erin Triples failed, but a variety of other methods went well. At Kegworth the treble and second were inaudible so the trapdoor was opened, but the conductor was then inaudible. On the way home we were lucky in gaining permission to ring at Hazel-beech. The bells there are definitely one of the best eights—a Gillett and Johnston ring.

The towers represented were Marlow, Hughenden, Quainton, Amersham, Aston Clinton and Lane End. THE TWO J's.

SUSSEX FAMILIES UNITED



THE ancient and spacious tower of St. Mary's, Eastbourne, fairly bulged with ringers on October 9th, when two well-known Sussex ringing families were united. Besides the local band, many county personalities were present, including the Master of the Association, Mr. R. V. Johnston, and the secretary, Mr. R. W. R. Percy. Joining in the Stedman and Grandsire before the ceremony was bridegroom Alan R. Baldock, Divisional Ringing Master and chairman of long standing. He was supported by brothers Leslie (best man) and Ted (usher), also ringers.

Traditionally two minutes late, Christine Fuller followed the choir to the altar on the arm of her father, Roy. Chris, whose family boasts three more ringers, was herself a ringer and choir member at Pevensey, before their recent move to Dorset. In a full-length white satin dress and train of her own making,

and carrying a spray of freesias and carnations, she was attended by sisters Yvonne, Jean and Kathleen. The bridesmaids wore dresses of blue and also carried freesias.

The fully choral service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon W. W. S. March, who made reference in his talk to the "tower of strength" that each marriage partner ought to be to the other. Outside the west door after the Sacrament, a bright autumn sun shone on the couple through an arch of bell-ropes manned by representatives of Sussex bands who have reason to be grateful for the efforts of Chris and Alan.

Handbells at the reception included Triples in which bride, bridegroom and best man took part, and some natty tune ringing, four-in-hand, featuring the Master.

The couple will make their home at Westham, Sussex. H. R.

The Grainger Tour, 1965, in Wales

THIS year the tour started with a difference—no Grainger! Angela could not be with us, and Mike Bew had undertaken the mammoth task of arranging all the towers and accommodation, and evidence of his hard work was demonstrated by the smooth running of the ten days.

We met and rang first at Churchstoke, Montgomeryshire, on July 26th, with two cars from Bedford and four from Sussex. Moving on to Montgomery and Newtown afterwards, we particularly enjoyed the light six at the latter tower. One of the party also chimed the old bell in the derelict tower by the river, before we moved to our excellent hotel in Welshpool. Welshpool bells were not ringable the next day because the tower was unsafe, but this left us plenty of time to reach Leighton, and from there on to Forden and Berriew, with its ring of eight. We rang a good course of Cambridge here. The afternoon drive was to Llanfyllin, then over the Berwyn mountains to Corwen and on to Ruthin. The beautiful valleys shone in the sun, and we looked down over the countryside from high up on the side of the hills.

We stayed at a "moated" farmhouse for the next three nights, the moat in fact being a stream running round the back. The lucky four in the caravan enjoyed candlelight and the sweet music of the cockerel at 4.30 a.m.;

the rest of us enjoyed the lowing of the cows at 6.30 a.m.

Wednesday produced probably the best ringing and bells of the tour when we sampled Flint and Denbighshire. At Northop, a band stayed on to ring an immaculate touch of Grandsire Triples for the wedding of the Vicar's daughter. At Mold, the superb organ and the five bells were sampled after lunch before ringing at Buckley. Two more towers in the evening before reaching Gresford, where we had good ringing on these Rudhall bells.

The weather took a turn for the better on Thursday when we rang at the rest of the towers in Denbighshire, ending with the grand ring of ten at Wrexham. We enjoyed nearly two hours' ringing there, and were successful with a good touch of Grandsire Caters and another of Double Norwich. On Friday the sun shone all day as we made our way round the north coast to Llandudno, ending at Beaumaris and watching the sun set over the Menai Straits.

Saturday was a day of rest. Except for four of us, the whole party climbed Snowdon, in perfect weather. Grandsire Triples was rung on the summit. The four defaulters (writer included) went to Conway and Caernarvon Castles, and also played the magnificent organ at Bangor Cathedral. We stayed the

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The film "Ringers Required" lasts 28 minutes and not 22, as was stated in our last issue.

Hughenden Society keep a record of peals rung in their tower. They are anxious that one rung on August 19th should be published. Two peals have been rung since then, one being the 350th on the bells.

Sussex newlyweds Christine and Alan Baldock spent the first week of their honeymoon visiting towers at which one, but not the other, had rung. Possibly their intention is to facilitate the use of one ringers' record book between them?

week-end at Bettws-y-coed, where the scenery was breathtaking, but the rain poured down.

On Sunday, after attending Matins at Llan-degai, most of the party travelled on the Ffestiniog railway in the afternoon (the sun shone all day), and gave us a superb view of the Maentwrog Valley. We rang for Evensong on the eight bells at Portmadoc.

It rained most of the day as we travelled south to Dolgellau on Monday, where we rang on the pleasant-toned bells, before reaching Machynlleth. Then it was a long drive in the rain along the Gwy Valley up to Llandinam before settling in at Rhayader for the last two nights. We had seven towers that day and rang at Presteigne (a fine eight). On to Old Radnor, where we rang a good touch of London on the beautiful bells and admired the carving of the oldest organ case in the country.

On Wednesday we travelled down the Wye Valley, ringing at Builth Wells, Glasbury and Clyro on the way, before saying goodbyes at lunchtime after a very happy ten days together, sampling some of the bells and most of the beautiful countryside in Wales.

MARTYN MARRIOTT.

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ARRESTED AND RELEASED

A most enjoyable (men only) outing was held on October 9th by the Bristol City Branch. Ringing at Bradford-on-Avon and Bath Abbey included London Major and Yorkshire Royal before the party adjourned to the Grove Hotel for a "Rugby Club style" social evening. Those who know Bristol ringers will probably guess which one of our Branch officers had the misfortune to be arrested by the Bath Police on his way back to the coach. He was, however, soon released when he had convinced them that he was not the suspicious character they were looking for.

A WORCESTERSHIRE IDYLL

Upton-on-Severn, a delightful half-timbered town, was the venue for the Western Branch at its meeting on September 11th. The bells, originally cast for the tower of the old church which remains in ruins on the river bank, now hang beneath a fine lofty spire in the 19th century church. A very pleasant eight, mainly by Rudhall, the bells were rung to standard methods during the afternoon. The service was conducted by the Rector and the organ played by the Precentor of Worcester Cathedral. At the meeting several new members were elected and in the evening some good ringing included Cambridge Major. P.C.

CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT IN EAST RIDING

DESPITE the rather poor response from certain towers, the District's third annual outing—to the Beverley-Hull area of Yorkshire—proved one of the best yet with a splendid selection of bells, two really good meals and beautiful weather. Following a quick run round the district to pick up ringers from Chesterfield, Clay Cross, North Wingfield, Scarcliffe, Bolsover and Staveley, good time was made up north so that the first tower, Goole, was reached on time.

After meeting our former District secretary, Mr. A. B. Cooper, and his wife, a pleasant hour was spent ringing the easy-going 15 cwt. eight before journeying on to Howden, where one of the finest eight in Yorkshire was enjoyed. The heavy six at Kirk Ella were the first bells tried after lunch in Hull, and as this is where Mr. Cooper now rings we were very much on show.

Although it took some time to get used to the, by contrast, very light six at Walkington, some of the best ringing of the day was obtained here before adjourning to the nearby Church Hall for tea, which had been prepared by the local band. Having done justice to a magnificent spread we made our way to the last tower, St. Mary's, Beverley, where the grand 35 cwt. ten were a joy to ring, a course of Double Norwich on the back eight going quite well. After a short look round the nearby Minster the homeward journey was started. Chesterfield being reached shortly before midnight.

Thanks are extended to all tower captains and clergy of the towers visited and to Mr. Cooper for making almost all the arrangements.
M. P. P.

MRS. EDITH FLETCHER

An Appreciation

Having known Mrs. Fletcher, and as one grew older to know her and affectionately call her "Edith," one could only admire and respect her both inside and outside the belfry. As stated in the "Obituary," Mrs. Fletcher was the founder—and I say this in its truest sense—of the Ladies' Guild. She worked tremendously hard in the early years to see ladies "accepted" in the belfries of our churches, and when she gave up the position of secretary she was proud to hold the position of president, knowing that almost without exception this was now the case.

Her outstanding achievements in the ringing chamber as Edith Parker and later as Edith Fletcher have not really been rivalled, as one rarely finds a lady capable of ringing the heavy bells and conducting the peals. This, of course, Edith did many times.

One of my proudest moments being in her company—although no doubt sad for her—was at the dedication of the new peal board at St. Clement Danes' to mark the occasion of the peal of Stedman Caters rung by an all ladies' band and which had been destroyed during the war. I was asked to take her place with the rest of the band as she was not well enough to ring. I really felt honoured.

No doubt others more eloquent than I will have more to say of her untiring work for the Central Council at the side of her husband. They were for many years at the "hub of the Exercise" and will long be remembered for all their efforts. To George, everyone will join with me in extending our heartfelt sympathy and hope that thoughts of his many friends will help him in his time of loss.

JILL STANFORTH.

NEW VENTURE AT WITHERCOMBE RALEIGH

As a result of a suggestion made earlier in the year, Evensong at Withercombe Raleigh on October 10th took the form of a ringers' service. The eight bells were rung, from five o'clock, to rounds, call changes, Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob by ringers from various towers. Shortly before the service was due to commence, the Vicar (the Rev. J. P. Henton) climbed the tower steps to welcome the encouraging number of ringers present.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, and members of the local band read the lessons and acted as sidesmen. The organ was most ably played by Mr. Nigel Shepherd, also a member of the local band. In place of the anthem there was handbell ringing, including "Whittington's" on ten from the back of the church and Grandsire Doubles from the front. During the following prayers the Vicar dedicated two peal boards.

More ringing took place after the service, the bells being lowered at eight o'clock. Mr. Frank Mack's light ring of six was then available. The Vicar hopes that this will become an annual event, and for the benefit of ringers who may be on holiday in the Exmouth area full details will be announced in "The Ringing World."

EAST GRINSTEAD DISTRICT GUILD

Surrey and Hampshire were visited by East Grinstead District Guild this year.

The good octave in the sturdy tower at Farnham was put to good use until the ball of the tenor clapper fell off. After some Minor on the front six we were away to Odiham to "enjoy" rock and roll on the six bells. New ropes, with extra long tail ends, beat even the experts and the only one to get joy was the organiser, the hasty exit putting his timetable right. Some good ringing was had at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, but up the road, at All Saints', Caters was something to remember.

The sun was shining and the gliders were aloft at Lasham as we made our way to Alton. Everyone enjoyed the fine eight, the highlight being a superb course of Yorkshire. After tea we set out for Petworth with its good Gillett eight. It was surprising how fast these bells could be rung, although London Major was a bit hesitant. All too soon our time was up and the day ended with the usual stop for refreshment and excursion round country lanes to get everyone home. C.A.B.

THEY RANG OUT THE GOOD NEWS

After their wedding at St. Michael's Church, Yorktown, on October 9th, Miss Gwendolen Edith Marshall and Mr. Robert Ernest Williamson ascended the belfry to ring out the good news. Both are popular members of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. This was followed by 1,260 Grandsire Triples by Miss C. Williamson 1, R. Bath 2, D. Elsmore 3, M. Church 4, R. Clist 5, W. Parker 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, F. Farr 8. There was 30 minutes general ringing before the service, at which the Rev. A. W. Franklin officiated, and during the signing of the register Miss Gloria Lias (a ringer) sang Psalm 23.

Gwendolen was married in a dress of white nylon over silk with a train and a short three-layered veil held by a headdress of roses and lilies of the valley. Five of her nieces were the bridesmaids, and Mr. David C. Williamson the best man. After the reception at the Hawley Hotel the couple left for their honeymoon touring England and Scotland.

TRURO GUILD'S AUTUMN FESTIVAL

Over 70 ringers attended the autumn festival of the Penzance Branch held at Camborne on October 16th, when other towers open were Crowan, Gwinear and Tuckingmill.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon G. F. Sandfield, and the ladies provided a delicious and ample tea. At the short business meeting a minute's silence was observed for Mr. W. H. Southard, of Truro Cathedral, a vice-president of the Guild, and Mr. Willey, an active ringer in the Helston area.

LIFE AT PETERSFIELD

Petersfield bells have had a silent period but Ken Tipper was not inactive during this period—recruiting and training youngsters. Two 12-year-olds have now rung their first quarters and there are at present six more young people learning.

TOWER BELI PEALS GREAT ADVENTURE II PEALS

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION
CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand.—At Christ Church Cathedral.

On Wed., Oct. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 32 cwt. 7 lb. in E flat.

Cecil W. Pipe Treble	Leonard Stilwell 6
Shirley Burton 2	W. Mark Damerell 7
Arthur G. Mason 3	Thomas J. Lock 8
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 4	A. Patrick Cannon 9
Raymond H. Idle 5	Wilfred Williams Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
First peal on ten bells in New Zealand.

HAMILTON, New Zealand.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.
On Fri., Oct. 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5055 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

Anne Horsford Treble	Wilfred Williams 5
Leonard Stilwell 2	Thomas J. Lock 6
Arthur G. Mason 3	A. Patrick Cannon 7
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 4	Cecil W. Pipe Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.
First peal of Major on the bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (Groton School Guild)

GROTON, Mass., U.S.A.—At the Chapel of St. John, Groton School.
On Sun., Oct. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb. in E.

*Warren Motley II Treble	Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 5
Wilfred Williams 2	R. Mark Damerell 6
Arthur G. Mason 3	†Thomas J. Lock 7
Leonard Stilwell 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.
* First peal. † 900th peal. First peal of Major on tower bells in America.

MR. T. J. LOCK'S PEAL TOUR OF THE FENS

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WHITTLESEY, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Aug. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 13 lb. in E.

William Rogers Treble	Alick Cutler 5
*Ruth M. Foreman 2	Christopher T. Osenton .. 6
Ronald J. Sharp 3	Dennis Knox 7
Gordon A. Halls 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by P. K. K. Davies. Conducted by Dennis Knox.
* First peal in the method.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GOSBERTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of SS Peter and Paul.
On Mon. Aug. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Wells, London, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 17½ cwt.

Gordon A. Halls Treble	Thomas J. Lock 4
Ronald J. Sharp 2	Michael Maughan 5
Ian M. Holland 3	Philip Mehew Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SWAVESEY, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

Edgar R. Rapley Treble	Dennis Knox 4
F. Winifred Keys 2	Christopher T. Osenton .. 5
David Rothera 3	Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Clement.

On Tues., Aug. 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Ruth M. Foreman Treble	Martin F. Lock 5
Margaret A. Bould 2	Dennis Knox 6
Ronald H. Bullen 3	*Gerald Penney 7
E. Winifred Keys 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pistow. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* 250th peal and first in the method.

WHITTLESEY, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Aug. 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E

Edgar R. Rapley Treble	Ian M. Holland 5
Alick Cutler 2	Gordon A. Halls 6
*David Rothera 3	Michael Maughan 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	William Rogers Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal in the method

WISBECH, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS Peter and Paul.
On Tues., Aug. 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in E flat.

Christopher I. Osenton .. Treble	Michael Maughan 6
Ruth M. Foreman 2	Kenneth Arthur 7
*Martin F. Lock 3	Ronald H. Bullen 8
William Rogers 4	Philip Mehew 9
Edgar R. Rapley 5	Gerald Penney Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
* First of Surprise Royal inside. First of Cambridge Surprise Royal as conductor

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOLBEACH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Sept. 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in E flat

Rev. Frederick Ross .. Treble	Michael Maughan 5
Ruth M. Foreman 2	Gordon A. Halls 6
Margaret A. Bould 3	Kenneth Arthur 7
Ronald H. Bullen 4	Ian M. Holland Tenor

Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

Conducted by Kenneth Arthur.

SPALDING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas.

On Wed., Sept. 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

Edgar R. Rapley Treble	Alick Cutler 5
Gerald Penney 2	Christopher T. Osenton .. 6
E. Winifred Keys 3	Dennis Knox 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

DOWNHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Edgar R. Rapley Treble	Dennis Knox 5
Gerald Penney 2	Martin F. Lock 6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 3	Ian M. Holland 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	William Rogers Tenor

Composed by R. F. B. Speed.

Conducted by Ian M. Holland.

DENVER, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Wells, London, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 7½ cwt.

Margaret A. Bould .. Treble	Kenneth Arthur 4
Rev. Frederick Ross .. 2	Michael Maughan 5
Christopher T. Osenton .. 3	Philip Mehew Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

HILGAY, Norfolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Sept. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 5 lb. in F.

F. Winifred Keys Treble	Edgar R. Rapley 5
Ronald H. Bullen 2	Michael Maughan 6
Kenneth Arthur 3	Rev. Frederick Ross 7
Dennis Knox 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
125th peal, and first in the method as conductor.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

DONINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary and the Holy Rood.

On Fri., Sept. 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F.

Alick Cutler Treble	Dennis Knox 5
Edgar R. Rapley 2	Gerald Penney 6
Ronald J. Sharp 3	William Rogers 7
E. Winifred Keys 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by Gordon A. Halls.

Conducted by William Rogers.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SURFLEET, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Fri., Sept. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

William Rogers Treble	Ian M. Holland 6
Margaret A. Bould 2	Dennis Knox 7
Christopher T. Osenton .. 3	Michael Maughan 8
Gerald Penney 4	Rev. Frederick Ross .. 9
Ruth M. Foreman 5	Philip Mehew Tenor

Conducted by Dennis Knox.

PINCHBECK, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

Christopher T. Osenton .. Treble	Martin F. Lock 5
Edgar R. Rapley 2	Michael Maughan 6
Ronald J. Sharp 3	Gerald Penney 7
Dennis Knox 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

QUADRING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., Sept. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Wells, London, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge.

Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

Ronald J. Sharp Treble	Philip Mehew 4
Edgar R. Rapley 2	Michael Maughan 5
Rev. Frederick Ross .. 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

THE 1965 CAMPINGOLOGISTS' PEAL WEEK

All peals rung for the HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

KIRTLEINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sun., Aug. 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,440 Yorkshire, 1,280 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 1,120 Rutland, with 69 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

Ian Friend Treble	Richard J. Warrilow .. 5
P. Gerald McIlhone 2	Leonard Goodall 6
F. Hector Bennett 3	Philip G. K. Davies 7
John Robinson 4	Charles A. S. Webb .. Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies.

Conducted by Leonard Goodall.

HATFIELD, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Etheldreda.

On Tues., Aug. 17, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

Reginald H. Newton .. Treble	Leonard Goodall 6
Philip G. K. Davies 2	Ian Friend 7
Richard J. Warrilow .. 3	Antony R. Kench 8
Charles A. S. Webb 4	John Robinson 9
F. Hector Bennett 5	Brian J. Wyld Tenor

Composed by H. Law James.

Conducted by Leonard Goodall.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Aug. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Cecil T. Clarke Treble	Reginald H. Newton .. 5
David R. Ingram 2	Ian Friend 6
Christopher J. Hughes .. 3	Philip G. K. Davies 7
Richard J. Warrilow .. 4	Leonard Goodall Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.

BENINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Aug. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 WINCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Cecil T. Clarke Treble	Ian Friend 5
David R. Ingram 2	Brian J. Wyld 6
Reginald H. Newton .. 3	Antony R. Kench 7
Christopher J. Hughes .. 4	Richard J. Warrilow .. Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton.

Conducted by Antony R. Kench.

HUGHENDEN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Thurs., Aug. 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Reginald H. Newton .. Treble	Ian Friend 5
Leonard Goodall 2	Richard J. Warrilow .. 6
David R. Ingram 3	Antony R. Kench 7
F. Hector Bennett 4	Walter Ayre Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies

Conducted by Antony R. Kench.

BICESTER, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Edburg.

On Fri., Aug. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

David R. Ingram Treble	Leonard Goodall 5
John Robinson 2	Philip G. K. Davies 6
Ian Friend 3	Antony R. Kench 7
Charles A. S. Webb 4	Brian J. Wyld Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Antony R. Kench.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,440 each of London and Rutland, 640 each of Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative, and 320 Yorkshire, with 115 changes of method.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Christopher W. Woolley .. Treble	Geoffrey Davies 5
F. Hector Bennett 2	Roger Baldwin 6
Charles A. S. Webb 3	John Robinson 7
Antony R. Kench 4	Leonard Goodall Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

LUTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Sixteen course block reduced.

Tenor 25 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

Leonard Goodall Treble	Philip G. K. Davies 6
Ian Friend 2	David R. Ingram 7
F. Hector Bennett 3	Richard J. Warrilow .. 8
Antony R. Kench 4	John Robinson 9
Geoffrey Davies 5	Charles A. S. Webb .. Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey Davies

Rung as a farewell to the Revs. M. Turnbull and L. Dryden, on their departure from the parish, this gesture being requested by the ringers of this church.

GEORGE FEARN'S TOUR OF SOUTH WALES

All peals for

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHEPSTOW, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in E.

Mary E. Pryor Treble	Geoffrey Paul 6
Penelope J. Welch 2	D. John Hunt 7
Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 3	Stephen J. Ivin 8
David J. Llewellyn 4	Frank E. Darby 9
Jack L. Millhouse 5	Peter Border Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Peter Border.

LLANFIFAN, Brecknockshire.—At the Church of St. Meagan.

On Sun., Sept. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

Donald G. Clift Treble	Jack L. Millhouse 5
Mary E. Pryor 2	Stephen J. Ivin 6
Peter Border 3	Geoffrey Paul 7
Frank E. Darby 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by Antony R. Kench.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., Sept. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F.

Stephen J. Ivin Treble	Jack L. Millhouse 5
Peter Border 2	George E. Fearn 6
Geoffrey Paul 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
D. John Hunt 4	Frank E. Darby Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen J. Ivin.

CAERLEON, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Cadoc.

On Mon., Sept. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

Stephen J. Ivin Treble	Frank E. Darby 5
Jack L. Millhouse 2	D. John Hunt 6
Geoffrey Paul 3	Peter Border 7
George E. Fearn 4	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

CAERPHILLY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Tues., Sept. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

Jack L. Millhouse Treble	Peter Border 5
J. Alan Ainsworth 2	George E. Fearn 6
Frank E. Darby 3	D. John Hunt 7
Geoffrey Paul 4	Stephen J. Ivin Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

LLANDAFF, Glamorgan.—At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Tues., Sept. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version.	Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. in E.
Donald G. Clift Treble	D. John Hunt 6
Jack L. Millhouse 2	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 7
J. Alan Ainsworth 3	George E. Fearn 8
Frank E. Darby 4	Stephen J. Ivin 9
Geoffrey Paul 5	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.

BRIDGEND, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Illtyd.

On Wed., Sept. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.	
Mary E. Pryor Treble	Geoffrey Paul 5
Frank E. Darby 2	George E. Fearn 6
Jack L. Millhouse 3	Stephen J. Ivin 7
D. John Hunt 4	Peter Border Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen J. Ivin.

ABERAVON, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Sept. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,088 London, 1,024 Cambridge, and 992 each of Superlative, Bristol and Pudsey, with 101 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F.	
Mary E. Pryor Treble	Jack L. Millhouse 5
Frank E. Darby 2	Geoffrey Paul 6
Stephen J. Ivin 3	D. John Hunt 7
Peter Border 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Peter Border.

A wedding compliment to Miss Joyce H. Telford (grand-daughter of the composer) and Norman H. Perks.

PONTYPRIDD, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catherine.

On Thurs., Sept. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.	
Donald G. Clift Treble	D. John Hunt 5
Stephen J. Ivin 2	George E. Fearn 6
Frank E. Darby 3	Geoffrey Paul 7
Jack L. Millhouse 4	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

PENTRE RHONDDA, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Sept. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.	
George E. Fearn Treble	D. John Hunt 5
Jack L. Millhouse 2	John A. Anderson 6
Geoffrey Paul 3	Peter Border 7
Frank E. Darby 4	Stephen J. Ivin Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by Peter Border.

USK, Monmouthshire.—At the Priory Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Fri., Oct. 1, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.	
Peter Border Treble	D. John Hunt 5
John A. Anderson 2	Stephen J. Ivin 6
Geoffrey Paul 3	Frank E. Darby 7
Jack L. Millhouse 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Peter Border.

EBBW VALE, Monmouthshire.—At Christ Church.

On Fri., Oct. 1, 1965, in 3 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.	
George E. Fearn Treble	Geoffrey Paul 5
Frank E. Darby 2	D. John Hunt 6
John A. Anderson 3	Stephen J. Ivin 7
Jack L. Millhouse 4	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Stephen J. Ivin.

PENARTH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Augustine.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in F sharp.	
Frank E. Darby Treble	John A. Anderson 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	George E. Fearn 6
Peter Border 3	D. John Hunt 7
Jack L. Millhouse 4	Geoffrey Paul Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.	
Gillian M. Hussey Treble	D. John Hunt 7
Frank E. Darby 2	Stephen J. Ivin 8
Tudor P. Edwards 3	George E. Fearn 9
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 4	John A. Anderson 10
Jack L. Millhouse 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
Geoffrey Paul 6	Peter Border Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.

OTHER PEALS

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., Aug. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.	
Andrew N. Stubbs .. Treble	Walter Ayre 6
*Martyn J. Marriott .. 2	Geoffrey E. Watson 7
David A. H. Bennett .. 3	Murray A. Coleman 8
Kathleen A. Rivett .. 4	Alfred E. Rushton 9
*Keith H. Fleming .. 5	Stephen Ivin Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

Rung to mark the birth of a son (Stephen John) to Marian and John Cook, members of the local band.

WOOTTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sun., Sept. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Comprising one extent each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge.	Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.
Keith H. Fleming .. Treble	Rodney H. French 4
Avril Ivin 2	Robert L. Piron 5
Ronald J. Sharp 3	Stephen Ivin Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Mon., Oct. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.	
James G. Newman .. Treble	Keith H. Fleming 5
Alfred E. Rushton .. 2	Robert R. Churchill 6
Ronald J. Sharp 3	Jack S. Dear 7
Anthony H. Smith .. 4	Stephen Ivin Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

Rung to mark the birth of a son (Nicholas) to Roger and Kathleen Baldwin.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FRODSHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Wed., Oct. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.	
Oswald Claybrook .. Treble	John E. Bibby 5
*John R. Bibby 2	Cyril Valentine 6
*John Oultram 3	Walter Allman 7
Fred Jackson 4	Francis Bibby Tenor

Composed by H. N. Pitstow. Conducted by Walter Allman.

* First peal in the method.

BRERETON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.

On Fri., Oct. 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In nine methods, being two extents of Clifford's Pleasure, and five each of Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Kennington, Plain Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps and Grandshire.	Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.
James S. Baker Treble	Terence E. Trickett 3
A. Doreen Edwards 2	Gerald Parsons 4
Frank R. Morton Tenor	

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
TRUMPINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS. Michael and Mary.

On Tues., Sept. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, consisting of 768 each of Rutland and London, 640 Bristol, 576 each of Superlative, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey and Lincolnshire, with 142 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt, 2 qr 22 lb. in G.

Donald F. Murfet .. Treble	*John G. Gipson .. 5
Brian D. Threlfall .. 2	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 6
*C. Gay Williams .. 3	*Stuart Brown .. 7
Geoffrey Pearson .. 4	*George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
 * First peal of 8-spliced Surprise. 100th peal as conductor and first of spliced as conductor. First peal of 8-spliced on the bells and for the Association.

HARSTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Hull, Norwich, Nether-seale, Beverley, Durham, Cambridge and London. Tenor 9½ cwt

Robert D. Bellamy .. Treble	Peter Woollven .. 4
George E. Thoday .. 2	J. Richard Castledine .. 5
George E. Bonham .. 3	Jack S. Dear .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Richard Castledine.

LITLINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of St. Katherine
 On Sun., Oct. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Oxford, Norwich, Beverley, Ipswich, Cambridge, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt, 1 qr. in A flat.

Michael Orme .. Treble	Peter Woollven .. 4
Robert D. Bellamy .. 2	George E. Thoday .. 5
George E. Bonham .. 3	Philip Mehew .. Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

FORDHAM, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary Magdalen.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt

Harold S. Peacock .. Treble	Donald F. Murfet .. 4
Rosemary J. Palmer .. 2	Geoffrey R. Lucas .. 5
Alan M. Barber .. 3	Roger J. Palmer .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger J. Palmer.

First peal on the bells since rehanging
 Rung for Harvest Festival.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

GALLEYWOOD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 AMSTERDAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt, 1 qr, 11 lb. in G.

Yvonne A. Murray .. Treble	Peter G. Brown .. 5
Michael J. Cowling .. 2	James L. Towler .. 6
Ronald J. Sharp .. 3	Philip Mehew .. 7
George E. Bonham .. 4	George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
 First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association

GREAT TOTHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., Oct. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, Kent T.B., St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

Ann Edwards .. Treble	James L. Towler .. 4
*Yvonne A. Murray .. 2	*Peter G. Brown .. 5
†James B. Cooke .. 3	George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* First peal in more than one method. † First "inside." ‡ 50th for the Association.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being two extents each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Plain Bob, and one of St. Clement's. Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.

Keith W. Brown .. Treble	Peter G. Brown .. 4
Josephine A. Quilter .. 2	James L. Towler .. 5
Yvonne A. Murray .. 3	George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Christopher K. Cooper and Miss Edna Frith, married at Chelmsford Cathedral this day.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BEDFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt.

D. John Hunt .. Treble	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 5
Gillian M. Hussey .. 2	Peter Bridle .. 6
Diana M. Chapman .. 3	Gerald C. Hemming .. 7
Alan Tubb .. 4	John C. Slater .. Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
 First peal in the method for the Association, on the bells and by all the band.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.

On Wed., Oct. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15½ cwt

Gillian M. Hussey .. Treble	James R. Taylor .. 5
*Richard W. Sweet .. 2	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 6
John C. Slater .. 3	D. John Hunt .. 7
John T. Parsons .. 4	Ralph G. Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Gillian M. Hussey.
 * First peal on eight. First of Major as conductor.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALDERSHOT, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Thurs., Oct. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt

*Cathie E. Williamson .. Treble	William H. Viggers .. 5
Edward J. Bragg .. 2	Patrick Page .. 6
Dudley P. Elsmore .. 3	G. Kenneth Williamson .. 7
Raymond A. Clist .. 4	Tom Page .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Tom Page.

* First peal.

ASSTEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt, 3 qr 26 lb. in F.

David Herschell .. Treble	Edgar R. Rapley .. 5
*Christine M. Rimmer .. 2	Eric Edmondson .. 6
Ruth M. Foreman .. 3	Gerald Penney .. 7
E. Winifred Keys .. 4	Robert E. Hardy .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Gerald Penney.
 * First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

ASH, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 8 cwt, 3 qr, 19 lb.
Ted Patching .. Treble	Peter G. Holden .. 4
John A. H. Betts .. 2	James F. List .. 5
Michael J. Church .. 3	David Floyd .. Tenor

Conducted by David Floyd.

Dedicated to all those who took part in the Battle of Britain.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Fri., Oct. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

Christopher T. Osenton .. Treble	Frederick J. Cullum .. 5
David S. Osenton .. 2	Colin A. Tester .. 6
Herbert A. Audeley .. 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
*John W. Smith .. 4	Martin L. Howe .. Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
 * First peal in the method.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In six methods, comprising 1,440 each Rutland and London, 704 Bristol, and 480 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 115 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt, 3 qr, 2 lb. in F sharp.

Edwin A. Barnett .. Treble	Doris E. Colgate .. 5
Sheila M. Dobbie .. 2	Robert W. Hinde .. 6
*Hilary F. Hinde .. 3	*Walter H. Dobbie .. 7
Ann Jenner .. 4	Stanley Jenner .. Tenor

Composed by Edwin A. Barnett. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
 * First peal of 6-spliced.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Oct. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No 1 .. Treble	Jeffrey Brannen .. Tenor 18 cwt.
Peter Wycherley .. 2	Edward Jenkins .. 5
Christine Andrew .. 3	Derek Butterworth .. 6
Margaret Wright .. 4	Giles B. Thompson .. Tenor

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.

On Tues., Oct. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt
 David Garnett Treble Nicholas M. Newby .. 4
 James E. Dickinson .. 2 Nicholas M. Newby jun. .. 5
 James E. Burles .. 3 Thomas F. Metcalfe .. Tenor

Conducted by Nicholas M. Newby

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon J. S. Rimmer, Rector of Ulverston, interred at Ulverston earlier in the day.

AUGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Wed., Oct. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents Oxford Treble Bob, three Kent Treble Bob, and two Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt

*Brian Abraham Treble Robert Larkey .. 4
 *Judith Andrews .. 2 †Dennis R. Jones .. 5
 John R. Lunham .. 3 William E. Court .. Tenor

Conducted by William E. Court.

* First peal in three methods † First of Minor.

Rung to mark the retirement of Rev. Canon Jones, Rector of this parish 1944-1965.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile

On Tues., Oct. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PERSHORE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt, 2 qr. 13 lb.

Edward Deakin Treble Arthur E. Rowley .. 5
 Richard Clifton .. 2 Dan S. Pont .. 6
 Derek P. Jones .. 3 G. Ronald Edwards .. 7
 Joseph W. Cotton .. 4 Roland Beniston .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker.

Conducted by Roland Beniston

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SPALDING, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas.

On Mon., Oct. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 UNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt, 1 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Janet E. Hubbard Treble Denis Woods .. 5
 Edwin T. Chapman .. 2 Alan G. Payne .. 6
 George W. Massey .. 3 Cyril R. Burrell .. 7
 Raymond H. Daw .. 4 Brian Harris .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by George W. Massey.

First peal in the method by all.

In memoriam Joseph T. Dyke.

BIGBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., Sept. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Norwich S., Bourne S., Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. College Bob and Single Oxford. Tenor 6 cwt, 1 qr. 8 lb. in B flat

John Underwood Treble Melvyn Rose .. 4
 William Bains .. 2 John Hall .. 5
 Maurice Lings .. 3 Harold Judd .. Tenor

Conducted by John Hall.

OWSTON FERRY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Mon., Oct. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Primrose S., Hull S., Norwich S., Bourne S., Cambridge S., Oxford T.B. and Kent T.B. Tenor 12 cwt.

William Bains Treble John Underwood .. 4
 Melvyn Rose .. 2 John Hall .. 5
 Maurice Lings .. 3 Harold Judd .. Tenor

Conducted by John Hall.

Rung for Harvest Festival, held on the previous Thursday evening at this church. Rung also on the birthday of Mr. F. Lacey, of Scunthorpe, with congratulations on his 50 years' faithful service to duty as a ringer.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Bourne, Durham, Beverley, York, Surfleet, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 16 cwt, 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Edward D. Elderkin Treble Timothy G. Pett .. 4
 Roger D. Bailey .. 2 Robert E. J. Dennis .. 5
 Michael W. Coleman .. 3 Richard O. Humphries .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HETHERSETT, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Remigius.

On Fri., Oct. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt, 74 lb in G.

Geoffrey H. Pullin .. Treble John A. Cox .. 5
 George Sayer .. 2 Peter Adcock .. 6
 David Cubitt .. 3 Martin Cubitt .. 7
 Nolan Golden .. 4 H. William Barrett .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Margaret

On Sun., Sept. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Woodbine I.B. Oxford T.B., Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt, 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*Diane Toone Treble Godfrey W. Walpole .. 4
 Norman P. J. Cossey .. 2 *Stephen F. High .. 5
 James W. Forder .. 3 J. Barry Pickup .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* First peal in seven methods.

HINGHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sun., Oct. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Spliced Plain and St. Clement's, Double Court, and Spliced Plain and Double Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

Leslie F. Bailey Treble Martin Cubitt .. 4
 John A. Cox .. 2 H. William Barrett .. 5
 Peter Adcock .. 3 Nolan Golden .. Tenor

Conducted by Nolan Golden.

Rung, by request, to herald the Hingham Festival of Music Week.

SOUTH LOPHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being extents of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Court Bob, St. Clement's, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt, 98 lb. in E.

Alfred W. Foreman .. Treble George Sayer .. 4
 David Cubitt .. 2 H. William Barrett .. 5
 Martin Cubitt .. 3 Nolan Golden .. Tenor

Conducted by Nolan Golden

The first peal on the bells. There were five bells here in 1553, of 4, 8, 12, 16 and 20 cwt.

THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BREASTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt, 1 qr. 14 lb in A flat.

Peter Woolven .. Treble Ian V. J. Smith .. 4
 *John G. Hallett .. 2 John W. Coleman .. 5
 Simon Humphrey .. 3 Edmund Shuttleworth .. Tenor

Conducted by John W. Coleman.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHALGROVE, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Tues., Sept. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

Cyril Woodward Treble Roger M. Heyworth .. 4
 Barbara M. Butler .. 2 Geoffrey K. Cook .. 5
 Robert Partridge .. 3 Andrew J. Howes .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert Partridge.

First peal on the bells.

Rung for the wedding of J. Robin J. Dyke to Susan J. Howes.

MAIDS MORETON, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt, 3 qr. 20 lb. in G

Mrs. W. A. Yates .. Treble James Linnell .. 4
 Raymond A. Vickers .. 2 Frederick Vickers .. 5
 Barry R. Eglesfield .. 3 George W. Holland .. Tenor

Conducted by George W. Holland.

Rung for the opening of the new C. of E. School.

CUMNOR, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Wed., Oct. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising an extent each of (1) Beverley Surprise, (2) Surfleet Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

Terence J. Hester .. Treble D. Kay Adkins .. 4
 *Peter J. Heritage .. 2 Bertram J. Coggins .. 5
 Christopher C. Clarke .. 3 Alan R. Pink .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal in eight Minor methods "inside."

Rung as a farewell to the incumbent, the Rev. K. C. Cooper, and as a thankoffering for his 15 years of faithful ministry in this parish.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

OXFORD.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ.
On Sat., Sept. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 30 cwt.

Walter F. Judge .. Treble	John E. Camp 7
*Paul A. Brand 2	*Bernard D. Stone 8
Christine C. Macnair .. 3	Edgar J. Smith 9
Roger M. Heyworth .. 4	Victor Griffin 10
Andrew N. Stubbs .. 5	David T. Darby 11
M. Roger Ashmore .. 6	J. Richard Chaundy .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Walter F. Judge.
* First peal on 12 bells and in the method.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 24 cwt.

Brian R. White .. Treble	John H. Napper 7
William Hibbert 2	Gilbert H. Harding 8
Patricia E. Hibbert .. 3	D. John Hunt 9
Gillian M. Hussey .. 4	William T. Cook 10
John W. T. Hibbert .. 5	Francis A. White 11
Walter F. Judge 6	Reginald G. Hooper .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Brian R. White.
In memoriam Joseph T. Dyke and Alfred E. Reeves.

CATTISTOCK, Dorset.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in E.

H. Dennis W. Bishop .. Treble	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 5
Gilbert W. Rendell .. 2	Trevor N. J. Bailey .. 6
*Derek S. Beaufay .. 3	William E. Turner 7
Raymond P. Selway .. 4	George E. Gorringe .. Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

* First peal of Triples.

MELKSHAM, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Mon., Oct. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*Charles P. Quartley .. Treble	Edgar C. Shepherd .. 5
*David J. Orledge .. 2	*Christopher M. White .. 6
*Robert D. Quartley .. 3	Frederick S. Slatford .. 7
*David A. Burt 4	Norman G. Knee .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.
* First peal of Stedman.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BULWELL, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary and All Souls.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

*Christine L. J. Mills .. Treble	Geoffrey R. Parker .. 5
Joyce M. Gurnhill .. 2	William L. Exton 6
*R. Brian Mills 3	Jack L. Millhouse 7
*Peter R. Humphrey .. 4	Peter A. Sharp .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
PENKRIDGE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

Elizabeth Timmins .. Treble	David R. Ingram 5
Clive M. Smith 2	Remi M. Hodister 6
Christopher Bainham .. 3	Phillip R. Johnson 7
*Clifford W. Bowen .. 4	Philip G. K. Davies .. Tenor

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by Phillip G. K. Davies.

* First peal on eight bells.

A compliment to Clive and Lucy Smith, of Lichfield, on the birth of a daughter, Wendy Barbara. Also an engagement compliment to Stewart A. Johnson and Gillian Smith.

BROUGHTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Sept. 29, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (7th obs.).	Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.
*Graham Hall Treble	Eric Young 5
Harold Roberts 2	Barnabas G. Key 6
Albert H. Lawton .. 3	Howard Howell 7
E. Marion Key 4	John W. Dyke Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

* First peal on eight.

A compliment to the 3rd ringer, on the eve of his 81st birthday.

WILLENHALL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sun., Oct. 17, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F sharp.

*Elaine Jordan Treble	John Moore 5
Christine J. Turner .. 2	*Jack Cranmer 6
Cyril Taberner 3	Howard Howell 7
David Jordan 4	Maurice G. Turner .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Maurice G. Turner.

* First peal at first attempt. † First "inside" and first of Major.

Rung to welcome the Rev. T. P. Newman, who was instituted Vicar of St. Giles' on October 12th. Also rung as a mark of appreciation to Mr. Jack Cranmer, for 50 years a chorister at St. Giles'; also a birthday compliment to H. Howell and M. G. Turner.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

BARKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Sept. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and one each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Gilbert R. Goodship .. Treble	Robert E. Lester 4
E. James Lockwood .. 2	John J. Prentice 5
Alice E. J. Lester .. 3	George W. Pipe Tenor

Conducted by George W. Pipe.

Ringers of treble and 5 have now "circled the tower."

Rung as a welcome to Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Read.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BOLNEY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 13 cwt. 18 lb.

*Edna M. Everest .. Treble	John R. Norris 5
Stanley W. Brown .. 2	*Michael J. Bew 6
Catherine M. Powell .. 3	Bernard G. North 7
Harry W. Brown .. 4	*Brian Nulty Tenor

Conducted by Bernard G. North.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First of Triples. ‡ First peal. First peal since the bells were rehung in December, 1962.

Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. E. Matthias, in appreciation of his ministry as Vicar of this parish from 1958 to 1965.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH, Hampshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

David S. Osenton .. Treble	W. Arthur Riddington .. 6
Olive D. Tester 2	Colin A. Tester 7
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 3	Martin L. Howe 8
Frank H. Hicks 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. 9
John A. Howard 5	Trevor A. Cross .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
First peal of Royal as conductor.

Rung as an engagement compliment to the ringer of the third and Valerie Jean White Tenor 25 cwt. 19 lb. in E flat.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Taylor's Six-Part.	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in G.
*Donald Buck Treble	John A. Brown 5
Cyril F. Sutcliffe .. 2	H. David Holland 6
William Scherer .. 3	Edward Bradley 7
Miss D. M. Hawley .. 4	Charles H. Maxfield .. Tenor

Conducted by H. David Holland.

* First peal.

PENISTONE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,280 London, 1,312 Bristol, 1,568 Cambridge, and 992 Superlative, with 106 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

Neil Donovan Treble	J. Henry Fielden 5
Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 2	Frederick A. Munday .. 6
W. Eric Critchley .. 3	Stuart Armeson 7
Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 4	Vernon Bottomley .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Rung silent and non-conducted.

HANDBELL PEAL

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 5, Moat Close.

On Tues., Sept. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

S. Kathleen M. Baldwin .. 1-2	Roger Baldwin 5-6
Christopher W. Woolley .. 3-4	Stephen Ivin 7-8

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF MINOR METHODS

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"S" continued.

SMITHFIELD BOBx 56 x 16 x 56 x 36 x 34 x 3. 6ths 64523.
William Walker, "Bell News," 1882-83.**SMITHFIELD SURPRISE**x 36 x 14 x 56 x 36 x 34 x 5. 6ths 46532.
As given by William Walker and others.**SMITH'S PLEASURE**x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12
x 16 x 12 x 16 x 36 x. 6ths 42563.
Asymmetrical. Addy's notebook, 1865.**SNATH TREBLE BOB**

See College Youths' Pleasure.

SNODLAND ALLIANCE34.16 x 36.14 x 12.5. 6ths 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1961. Also called
Adwick Alliance.**SNOWDON TREBLE BOB**34 x 34.16 x 12 x 16.34 x 12.3 6ths. 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1931. Also called
Geranium and South Hiendley.**SNOWDROP ABBEY**

See Snowdrop (II)

SNOWDROP (I)

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 3. 6ths 46532.

SNOWDROP (II)x 34 x 16 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.1. 4ths 45362.
Arranged by A. Gill. Also called Snow-
drop Abbey.**SNOWDROP (III)**x 34 x 16 x 56 x 16.34 x 34.1. 4ths 45362.
Arranged (according to A. Gill) by C.
F. Fowler, of Anstone, in 1886, but pub-
lished in "Bell News" May 3rd, 1890.
Is, as pointed out by A. Gill, Reversed
Killamarsh Treble Bob.**SONNING BOB****(SUNNING?) BOB**x 16 x 16.34.1. 2nds 42563.
In Annable's notebook. Also called
Rugstone Bob.**SOUTH HIENDLEY TREBLE BOB**See Snowden Treble Bob.
Rung at Felkirk, and also at Wath-on-
Dearne, as South Hiendley.**SOUTH KIRKBY TREBLE BOB**

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 5. 2nds 65324.

SOUTHWARK DELIGHT36 x 36.14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 3. 2nds 42635.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.**SOUTHWELL SURPRISE**

See Lincoln Surprise.

SPALDING SPECIAL ALLIANCE34.16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 5. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1961.**SPALDING SURPRISE**

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.5. 2nds 54632.

SPILSBY SPECIAL ALLIANCE34.16 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.5. 6ths 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1961.**SPRINGFIELD ALLIANCE**x 16 x 36 x 34 x 1. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931.**SPROTBOROUGH DELIGHT**x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 1. 2nds 36245.
Rung and named at Cawthorne.**STAFFORD SURPRISE**

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.5. 4ths 36524.

STAINES DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36.12 x 12.3. 2nds 65324.

STAMFORD SURPRISEx 34 x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.1. 6ths 35264.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.**STANHOPE DELIGHT**x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 3. 2nds 42563.
Rung and named at Cawthorne.**STANHOE ALLIANCE**x 14 x 36 x 34 x 5. 6ths 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931.**STANSTEAD DOUBLE BOB**

See Palatine.

STANWELL SPECIAL ALLIANCE36.14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 3. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1961.**STAPLEFORD ALLIANCE**36.14 x 36 x 12 x 5. 2nds 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1931.**STAVELEY DELIGHT**

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.5. 6ths 34625.

STEDMAN'S PRINCIPLE

Stedman	Reverse	Double	Also
123456	Stedman	Stedman	123456
214365	214365	214365	214365
124356	124356	124356	124356
142365	142365	142365	142365
412635	412635	412635	412635
421653	421653	421653	421653
241635	241635	241635	241635
426153	426153	426153	426153
462135	462135	462135	462135
642153	642153	642153	642153
624513	624513	624513	624513
264531	264531	264531	264531
246513	246513	246513	246513

12-ends { 463521
653142 } 415263
513264 } 123456
123456 }

As given in Shipway's "Campanologia,"
1816.**STEDMAN'S SLOW COURSE**x 16 x 36.14.3. 6ths 56342.
"Clavis," 1788. No name in C.C. Col-
lection, 1907. Also called Wicken Court.**STEEPLE DELIGHT**x 34 x 16 x 56 x 36 x 34 x 5. 2nds 36245.
William Walker, "Bell News," 1882-83.**STEPNEY BOB**x 16 x 36.14.3. 2nds 64523.
In Annable's notebook as Stepney Double.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907.**STEVENTON ALLIANCE**x 16 x 16 x 34 x 5. 6ths 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1931.**STIRLING (CASTLE) DELIGHT**36 x 34.16 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 3. 2nds 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.**STISTED SPECIAL ALLIANCE**34.16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 1. 2nds 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1961.**STISTED DELIGHT**x 36 x 16 x 12 x 123 x 12 x 5. 2nds 64523.
Single change method.**STOCKSBRIDGE TREBLE BOB**

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 5. 6ths 34625.

STOCKSMOOR DELIGHT

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 1. 4ths 36524.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND

See Cumberland Bob.

STOKESAY SPECIAL ALLIANCE36.14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 5. 2nds 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1961.**STONEHOUSE ALLIANCE**x 14 x 36.12 x 34.5. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1931.**STORMY WEATHER**

See College Bob V.

STRATHMOOR DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.5. 6ths 65243.

STRATTON ALLIANCEx 14 x 36 x 12 x 5. 6ths 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931.**STRETTON SURPRISE**x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 1. 6ths 52364.
Harlington Delight in William Woodcock's
notebook.**SUNNING BOB**

See Sonning Bob.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE (I)x 34 x 14 x 1256 x 36 x 34 x 5. 2nds 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1907. Pointed out that
the method was false but mistakenly
added that so were all "Double Treble
Bob Minor methods." This statement was
disproved in 1912 by Charles Severn with
his Double London.**SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE (II)**x 36 x 14 x 56 x 36 x 14 x 5. 2nds 42635.
Shipway's version, 1816. If rung with
Bobs behind is Reversed Cambridge.**SURFLEET SPECIAL ALLIANCE**34.16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 5. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1961.**SURFLEET SURPRISE**x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 12.5. 2nds 56342.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.**SUTTON DELIGHT**

See London Victory.

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QUARTER PEALS

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Southwark Delight Minor: G. W. Shanks 1, A. R. Millidge 2, Alison M. Mann 3, C. F. Mew (cond.) 4, M. J. Uphill 5, A. E. Bagworth 6. Rung to mark the rededication of Southwark Cathedral bells this day.

ADLINGTON, LANCs.—On Sept. 5th, 1,279 Grandsire Doubles: D. Moss 1, B. Moss (cond.) 2, Pauline Turner 3, T. Turner 4, M. Arrowsmith 5, A. McNutt 6. A compliment to Miss G. Ormesher and Mr. B. Sidebottom, both ringers at this church, who were married the previous day.

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Daphne Webb (cond.) 1, Pauline M. Kingston 2, F. E. Hall 3, C. J. Hall 4, G. Kingston 5. For Harvest Festival.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,299 Stedman Caters: R. Liggins 1, J. M. Elaine Dixon 2, B. Downie 3, A. Burbidge (cond.) 4, W. J. V. Conduct 5, R. C. Ingram 6, D. T. Finnemore 7, E. J. Franklin 8, J. A. Anderson 9, R. Inman 10. First in method for 1 and 4.

BABBACOMBE, DEVON.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Garbett 1, Mary Russell 2, Valerie Stephens (first "inside" of Triples) 3, W. Simmonds 4, P. A. Lock 5, G. J. Roberts 6, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 7, L. Burton (first of Triples) 8. For Harvest Evensong.

BARMING, KENT.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. R. Clisby 1, G. Hitchcock 2, W. T. Grice 3, W. R. Manser (cond.) 4, B. W. Pankhurst 5, T. Crocker 6. For Harvest Festival.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Swatton (first on treble) 1, Miss C. Mitchell 2, P. J. Devrell (first of Grandsire) 3, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 4, J. G. Hobbs 5, B. Sarll 6. For Morning Prayer.

BATTERSEA, LONDON.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Thexton (first quarter) 1, F. A. Benn (first "inside") 2, Miss J. Henderson 3, E. E. Dodds 4, R. J. Cooles (first as cond.) 5, J. H. Sargeant (first quarter) 6. For Harvest Festival.

BELTON (Isle of Axholme), Lincs.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): J. Thorley 1, M. Rose 2, M. Lings 3, J. F. Underwood 4, E. Dalingwater 5, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

BENTLEY, YORKS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Mrs. E. Anderson 1, Miss P. Leigh 2, J. Whitham 3, R. J. Sanderson 4, A. Mullinger (first as cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

BENTLEY COMMON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss H. Copperthwaite 1, W. R. Chandler 2, R. J. Brown (cond.) 3, F. Southwood 4, Miss B. Fisher 5. For Matins. The last quarter on the existing five bells before augmentation to six.

BLACKBURN, LANCs.—On Sept. 12th, at the Cathedral, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Tomlinson 1, P. S. Woods 2, J. L. Riley 3, G. Howarth 4, G. Wignall 5, B. A. Tomlinson 6, J. Pilkington 7, M. J. Halliwell (cond.) 8. In memoriam Charles Brocklehurst, chief ringer at Holy Trinity, Blackburn.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): B. Pink 1, Betty Daysh 2, R. A. Stone 3, A. R. Cope 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, P. Godman 6. An engagement compliment to Miss J. Martin and Mr. J. E. Clark.

BOBBING, KENT.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): Mrs. E. Cheal 1, Miss M. J. Phillips 2, M. D. Atfield 3, F. J. Cheal 4, R. E. Finch (cond.) 5, W. Holland 6.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Sweet 1, R. J. Gale 2, D. I. Gale (first of Triples "inside") 3, V. H. James 4, A. J. Gould 5, G. Davis 6, F. R. Cole (cond.) 7, G. Burge 8.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount, on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Helen F. Roberts 1, Maureen Simons 2, Christine Webb 3, Diana Boyce 4, M. Gilbey 5, J. T. Parsons (cond.) 6. Rung at the commencement of Michaelmas Term.

BRUTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 24th, 1,296 Beverley Surprise Minor: P. Bridle 1, Diana Chapman 2, E. T. Lee 3, E. J. Chivers 4, A. P. Beck 5, J. Brain (cond.) 6.

BURMARSH, KENT.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): T. Fagg 1, Mrs. M. Watts 2, Miss A. Rayner 3, B. Watts 4, Mrs. R. Wratton (cond.) 5, W. Beeching 6. Rung for Evensong, and as a welcome to the Rector, Rev. N. G. O'Connor.

CADDINGTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. P. M. Mayne 1, D. Redfern 2, Mrs. D. Redfern 3, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 4, D. Bedford 5, G. Penney 6. First of Surprise 2, 3 and 5.

CHARING, KENT.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Bagshaw (first of Minor) 1, Sarah Hutchinson (first of Minor) 2, Betty Robbins (cond.) 3, J. L. Anderson 4, R. N. Bagshaw 5, P. M. Bradford 6. For Harvest Festival, and as a farewell to Peter Bradford, who is going up to Oxford.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith M. Collins 1, D. G. Blows 2, Anne S. Pickering 3, P. R. Collins 4, J. W. Priest 5, G. Goldman 6, P. J. Privett (first of Triples as cond.) 7, K. Mumford 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. F. Scudamore 1, H. L. Cooke 2, E. H. Jefferies 3, Rev. T. P. Hearn 4, F. J. Lewis, jun. (cond.) 5, P. Morgans 6, F. Reed 7, R. Yeates 8. For the marriage of Mr. C. N. Clark Maxwell and Miss M. E. McClellan.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,280 London Surprise Major: A. Clayton 1, R. Cooles 2, A. Millidge 3, T. Lewis 4, I. Oram (cond.) 5, M. Uphill 6, P. Smith 7, J. Smith 8. First in method for all except 5 and 7.

COCKINGTON, DEVON.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. Simmonds 1, K. Fursdon 2, P. A. Lock 3, G. J. Roberts 4, D. J. Roberts (cond.) 5, A. J. Garbett 6. First quarter in the method for all. For the wedding of Brian William Webb and Linda Ruth Sewell.

CODSALL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. W. Illidge 1, R. S. Lyons (first "inside") 2, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 3, A. G. Newman 4, A. G. Richards 5, P. R. Johnson 6. A 21st birthday compliment to S. A. Johnson, brother of tenor ringer.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hartley 1, Mrs. M. Barton 2, E. Eldridge 3, J. Dienne 4, T. Tockock 5, M. Barton 6, J. Muller (first of Grandsire Triples as cond.) 7, W. Spicer 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

COVENTRY.—At St. Michael's Church, Stoke, on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. D. Hayne 1, J. Alexander 2, Pamela Wright 3, R. D. Hart 4, A. K. Putnam 5, H. Folwell 6, A. R. Wright (cond.) 7, G. Robbins 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

CRANFORD, MIDDx.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Pigor (first in method) 1, J. Britchford 2, Josephine Pole 3, D. Fowles 4, A. Butcher 5, P. Woodger (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival, and as a compliment to the Rev. Montague Eyden, honorary curate at St. Dunstan's for nearly 30 years.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Oct. 3rd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss C. Snelling (first of Stedman) 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, R. Davies 3, F. E. Mitchell 4, D. Brown 5, N. G. Steere 6, K. Taber 7, R. C. Stevens 8, F. E. Collins (cond.) 9, R. G. Abbott 10.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. E. Laker 1, Miss R. A. Stevens 2, S. Upton 3, G. Ford 4, J. Jeffrey 5, E. Knapp 6, S. Allen 7, R. V. Johnson (cond.) 8. In honour of the marriage of Edward S. Laker, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Laker, and Margaret E. Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Johnson.

DARWEN, LANCs.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: N. Ward 1, P. S. Woods 2, J. T. Parsons (cond.) 3, J. L. Riley 4, M. J. Halliwell 5. First in method 1 and 4. Also on same day, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: N. J. Ward 1, P. S. Woods 2, J. L. Riley 3, M. J. Halliwell 4, J. T. Parsons 5, P. J. Webster (first quarter) 6. Conducting shared by 2, 3, 4, 5. For Harvest Festival.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.—On Sept. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Griffith 1, Mrs. D. B. Belcham 2, H. J. Oliver 3, C. J. Belcham 4, M. J. Hallitt 5, D. E. Belcham (cond.) 6. For the induction of Canon J. R. Lewis, M.A., as Rector.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Fox 1, G. Pullinger 2, Rosemary Earl 3, Janet M. Percy (cond.) 4, R. W. R. Percy 5, Mrs. B. Percy 6, T. M. Barlow 7, H. G. F. Reynolds 8. Rung in honour of the marriage of Alan R. Ballock, Divisional Ringing Master, and Christine M. Fuller.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sept. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. C. May 1, R. J. Everest 2, E. J. Jenner 3, J. H. French 4, G. S. E. Winter 5, H. W. Evans 6, D. J. M. Cox 7, B. E. Jeffery (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 4 and 6. First of Major "inside" 2 and 5. For Evensong, and to welcome the Rev. Richard Lea (curate) made deacon in Rochester Cathedral earlier this day.

ELSTOW, BEDS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): Miss S. Y. Fowkes 1, Miss M. F. Penitt 2, S. R. Huckle 3, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 4, R. Chapman 5, R. F. Law 6. First quarter on the bells since the repairs to the beams and the tower. For Harvest Festival.

EPSOM COMMON, SURREY.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Warren 1, D. J. K. Paul 2, Sylvia Marsh 3, J. Munton 4, W. Parrott (cond.) 5, R. E. Fentiman 6, D. J. Herschell 7, G. Cockman 8.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 9th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: W. Hibberd 1, H. J. Sanger 2, P. Hull 3, G. Salmon 4, F. Fargett 5, W. B. Kynaston 6, H. W. Knight 7, E. Naylor 8, Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 9, T. Setter 10. A tribute to the memory of Joseph T. Dyke, rung following his interment at Downside.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: J. M. Hills 1, Janette R. Kipling 2, R. E. Peckham 3, H. W. Evans 4, D. J. M. Cox 5, R. M. Cox (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 of Minor 2, 3, 4. Rung by St. Katharine's Society.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—1,264 Plain Bob Major: T. Albury (first of Major) 1, M. J. Marriott 2, R. Chapman 3, F. Tysoe 4, J. H. Edwards 5, C. M. Payne 6, C. D. Mann 7, R. R. Churchill (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. M. Wesley, organist at this church for many years.

FELPHAM, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. J. Wake 1, Mrs. I. L. Wake 2, W. E. Cheater 3, W. Bristow (first in more than one method "inside") 4, R. Wake (cond.) 5, V. Crouch 6.

FLAMBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,272 Minimus (eleven methods): M. Adamson (first quarter) 1, C. Easton 2, E. King 3, M. Pickup (cond.) 4. Rung for Harvest Festival at St. Oswald's Church, Flamborough.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCs.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Susan Hill 1, J. E. Dickinson 2, D. H. Garnett 3, T. F. Metcalfe (cond.) 4, A. Edgar 5, Susan Gregson (first quarter) 6. Rung in memory of the Rev. Canon J. S. Rimmer, Rector of Ulverston, Lancs, and honorary life member of the Lancashire Association.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. O. Coleman 1, J. Baverstock 2, H. Juhkental 3, R. N. Marlow 4, J. L. Cloughton 5, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 3.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Carol Tull (first quarter) 1, S. Franklin 2, N. H. F. Tull 3, L. G. Haines 4, D. R. Reed 5, J. A. Beaumont 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, D. Haines 8. For the Dedication Festival. Also on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Hilary Trent (first quarter) 1, M. Napper 2, N. H. F. Tull 3, S. Franklin 4, J. A. Beaumont 5, D. R. Reed 6, W. Irving (cond.) 7, D. Haines 8. For Harvest Festival.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on Sept. 26th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Mrs. K. Parr 1, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 2, Patricia Rogers 3, M. Hatchett 4, W. Birmingham 5, D. A. Hewitt 6, C. H. Rogers (cond.) 7, W. G. Wilson 8, H. W. Rogers 9, C. T. Richards 10.

HERTFORD, HERTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob, with two bells covering): J. Thorn 1, D. Pullen 2, V. Tubby 3, C. Springham 4, J. Kemp (cond.) 5, J. Game 6, P. Searles 8. A farewell tribute to Mr. and Mrs. S. Carter, leaving after 35 years as local ringers, also David Pullen, leaving for university.

HESSLE, EAST YORKS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Gatman 1, R. Jordan 2, V. Beaumont 3, Rev. F. Ross 4, R. Hawtree (cond.) 5, R. Sharp 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving. Also on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Thompson (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Moss (first "inside") 2, R. Jordan 3, V. Beaumont 4, R. Hawtree (cond.) 5, Rev. F. Ross 6. For Evensong.

HOLFORD, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 9th, 1,680 Plain Bob Doubles: F. G. Sandy (cond.) 1, D. J. Gale 2, A. J. Gould 3, V. H. James 4, R. J. Gale 5.

HOPE, FLINTS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): C. Bowley 1, E. M. Jones 2, H. Price 3, R. Curtis 4, D. N. Collins (cond.) 5, J. George 6. First in four methods 1, 2, 3 and 5.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. J. Harfield (first of Triples) 1, H. W. Brown 2, Valerie J. Meadows 3, S. W. Brown (cond.) 4, N. J. Wright 5, J. R. Norris 6, A. M. Humphrey 7, R. H. Tribe 8. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6 8 covering): Sheila A. Harfield (first quarter) 1, S. W. Brown 2, M. C. Woodbridge 3, A. M. Humphrey 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, S. J. Osborne (first quarter) 6, B. J. Harfield 7, J. R. Norris 8. For Harvest Festival.

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RETURN THANKS

DYKE.—Mrs. Edith Dyke would like to thank friends for their expression of regard for her husband, and sympathy with her on his passing. 7831

PERSONAL

QUARTER PEAL CARDS for Chalfont St. Giles ordered by Mr. P. G. Mitchell, The White Hart, Chalfont St. Giles, have been returned by the Post Office marked "Not known." We await instructions.

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HIGH LITTLETON, SOMERSET.—Practice night has been temporarily transferred from Tuesdays to Mondays at 7.30. 7840

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MEETINGS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District. — Quarterly District meeting at Merrow and West Clandon on Saturday, October 30th. Merrow bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Merrow. Names for tea to Miss Hazel Giddins 43, Great Goodwin Drive, Merrow, Guildford. Ringing at West Clandon in the evening. 7802

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, October 30th, Cefn Coed, Breconshire. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting. Ringing at Merthyr Tydfil 6.30 p.m. All welcome. 7847

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District. —Quarterly meeting, Ryde, October 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—Anne M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 7862

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, November 1st, at 7 p.m. Special method: Pudsey S.M. 7842

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Practice meeting Aston, Tuesday, November 2nd, 7 to 9 p.m. Special method: Oxford T.B. Minor. 7829

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Meeting at Lindley Parish Church, Saturday, November 6th. Bells from 2.30. Teas provided.—W. Mortimer. 7832

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch. —Practice meeting, Saturday, November 6th. Angersleigh (5) 6.30–7 p.m. West Buckland 7.30 p.m.—9 p.m.—A. H. Reed, Hon. Sec. 7852

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District. —Meeting, Saturday, November 6th. Wilden, 3–4.30. Service 4.30. Colmworth from 6 p.m. Please bring own tea. Everyone welcome.—C. M. Payne, Dis. Sec. 7839

FINAL WARNING

Those subscribers whose subscriptions were due on October 1st are reminded that the stop list will be operated from next week. Send subscriptions now to avoid disappointment.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District. —The next meeting will be held at Studley on November 6th. Ringing 3 and 6 till 8. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. J. W. Perkins, 46, Toms Town Lane, Studley, Warwickshire. A strict rule of no names—no tea will be applied, so be sure of yours by booking up in plenty of time.—P. S. Bennett, Dis. Sec. 7834

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. —Meeting at Cleator Moor, Saturday, November 6th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 5. Service 6.30. Names for tea to Miss V. Bell, Stirling Infirmary, Cleator Moor, by November 3rd.—Dianne Gibson, Branch Sec. 7835

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—Exeter Branch. —Practice meeting will be held at Whitestone on Saturday, November 6th, 7–9 p.m. Also annual meeting at St. David's, Saturday, December 11th.—G. Skinner. 7863

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Fenham, November 6th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. E. Errington, 7, Wingrove Road, Newcastle on Tyne 4. 7851

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District. —Meeting at Willingham, Saturday, November 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting and further ringing. Special methods: Double Court and York Surprise. 7805

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Great Easton on November 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Pryer, Ripley, Little Easton, Dunmow. 7821

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District. —Meeting at Widford on Saturday, November 6th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. P. Brandon, 424, Baddow Road, Chelmsford (72100) by previous Thursday. Visitors very welcome. Special method: London. 7816

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. —Nomination meeting at Godalming on November 6th. Ringing 3–4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. Bells available afterwards. Names for tea to Miss D. Street, 3 Seymour Road, Godalming, by previous Tuesday. 7818

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch. —Meeting, Worfield, November 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea not later than November 3rd.—Joan Bennett, Rudge Heath, Claverley. 7827

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District. —Quarterly meeting at Mathon, November 6th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woolfields, Coddington, Ledbury. 7855

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Practice meeting at St. Ippolyts on November 6th at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7838

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District. —Meeting, Rickmansworth, November 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Names to H. A. Bradbury, 37, West Way, Tel. Rickmansworth 76755. 7861

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —Meeting at Lancaster on Saturday, November 6th. St. Peter's (R.C.) 2.30–5 p.m.; St. Mary's after tea. Names for tea to Mr. J. E. Glen, 56, Rydal Road, Lancaster. 7844

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —Holy Trinity, Burnley and Padiham on Saturday, November 6th. Afternoon ringing (from 3 p.m.) at Holy Trinity. Cups of tea at 5 p.m. followed by important business meeting. Evening ringing at Padiham until 8 p.m. only.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 7859

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Monthly meeting at Rainford (8) on Saturday, November 6th at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Roughley, 189, Ormskirk Road, Rainford. All visitors welcome.—D. R. Jones, Hon. Sec. 7837

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, Anstey, November 6th. Bells 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Bells from 8.30 p.m. approx. All welcome.—A. J. Poyner, Dis. Sec. 7860

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Surfleet, Saturday, November 6th. Bells (12) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Rawding, Beech House, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. by Tuesday, November 2nd.—K. R. Davey, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7800

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Combined Districts Meeting.—Pinner, Saturday, November 6th, 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. followed by service. Evening ringing 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Ruislip bells available from 3-4 p.m.—W. H. Deason and E. H. Kilby, Hon. Dis. Secs. 7866

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Stoke Goldington on Saturday, November 6th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. 7804

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Ringing on November 6th at St. Mary's, Glasgow (1-2.30), St. James, Paisley (from 3). Names for tea to Mrs. Caldwell, 37, Main Road, Castlehead, Paisley, by Tuesday previous. 7858

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Rawmarsh, Saturday, November 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Hiner, 44, Spalton Road, Parkgate, near Rotherham.—J. Seager, Sec. 7857

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Ruddington, Saturday, November 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to S. Adams, 54, Wilford Road, Ruddington, Nottingham. 7822

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern Section) and **KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (Tonbridge District).—A joint meeting will be held at Edenbridge on November 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. C. Leigh, Holmesdale, Station Road, Edenbridge, by Thursday, November 4th.—W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Sec. 7854

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, November 6th, Turners Hill Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec., Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, by November 3rd. 7865

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Initial ringing course for instructors and learners at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Monday, November 8th, at 7.15 p.m. Ringers from all local towers cordially invited.—P. G. Golden. 7865

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NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.—Newcastle District.—Meeting on Saturday, November 27th. Ringing arrangements: Sunderland (Roker) (10) 10-11.30 a.m.; Newcastle (St. John the Baptist) (8) 12-1 p.m.; Gosforth (10) 2-3; Fenham (8) 3.15-4.45; Newcastle Cathedral (13) 5-6.30; Chester-le-Street (8) 6.45-7.45. Limited transport available. Please notify Miss P. Kyme, St. Mary's College, Durham. 7830

QUARTER PEALS

HALF PEALS

AUGHTON, LANCs.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sept. 29th, 720 Oxford T.B., 720 Kent T.B. and 1,080 Plain Bob: B. Abraham 1, Miss J. Andrews 2, J. R. Lunham 3, R. Larkey 4, D. R. Jones 5, W. E. Court (cond.) 6. On St. Michael's Day.

DUNHOLME, Lincs.—On Oct. 11th, 2,520 Minor (Kent T.B., Single Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob): C. V. Cade 1, H. J. Radley 2, P. C. Pitchford 3, W. S. Smith 4, J. M. Blaikie 5, G. A. Dixon (cond.) 6.

MISSON, NOTTS.—On Oct. 16th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: S. G. Pick 1, Mary C. Poyner 2, D. R. Chambers 3, A. Friskney 4, H. Denman 5, H. Poyner (cond.) 6.

APPLEFORD, BERKS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Cowley 1, R. Poole 2, R. Hutchfield (first of Plain Bob) 3, E. C. Turner 4, M. J. Hillier (first of Bob Minor) 5, D. Baxter (cond.) 6. Rung by Culham College Society for Hospital Sunday Evensong.

AUGHTON, LANCs.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Rimmer (first quarter) 1, R. Larkey 2, J. R. Lunham 3, S. Livesey 4, W. E. Court (cond.) 5, E. Rothwell 6, D. R. Jones 7, H. Moorcroft 8. For Harvest Festival, and as a compliment to ringer of 4th on the birth of a daughter.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sept. 12th, 1,280 Spliced London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise Major: Avril Ivin 1, Kathleen A. Rivett 2, R. J. Sharp 3, K. H. Fleming 4, M. J. Marriott 5, B. G. North 6, R. L. Piron 7, S. Ivin 8. First of spliced 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Rung for Evensong, and to mark the christening of the curate's baby.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. B. Blond 1, H. E. Wells 2, P. Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 4, G. K. Cook 5, R. M. Heyworth 6, R. A. Partridge (cond.) 7, C. Corderoy 8. For Evensong on Battle of Britain Sunday. Also on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Dunsden 1, H. E. Wells 2, C. J. Garlick 3, E. J. Grace 4, C. Corderoy 5, M. Bishop 6, R. B. Blond (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. For Harvest Festival.

BRADDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. G. Ives 1, C. W. Rigby 2, Betty M. Mansfield 3, G. G. Mansfield 4, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 5. For Harvest Festival.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary Christian (first quarter) 1, R. Lockwood 2, S. Christian 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): L. W. Penfold 1, T. Padbury 2, P. M. R. Boor 3, G. Sweet 4, D. Harding (first as cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Rung for Matins, and for Mr. H. Padbury's 65th birthday, in gratitude for his many years of service in advancing the art of change ringing.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): A. W. King 1, Carol Wickens 2, J. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier 4, J. Wickens (cond.) 5, D. Nicholson 6. Also 1,260 Doubles (five methods): D. Nicholson 1, Carol Wickens 2, J. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier 4, J. Wickens (cond.) 5, G. Wickens 6.

CHARTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Christine A. McGarrick (first quarter) 1, Carol C. Bunn (first "inside") 2, K. I. Davis 3, L. H. Bennett 4, R. C. Buton (cond.) 5, A. B. Eldridge 6. For morning service.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hopkins 1, J. Pratt 2, A. Willard 3, A. Clayton 4, A. Berry 5, A. Bishop 6, M. Uphill (cond.) 7, R. Coles 8. A.M.D.G.

CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Lock 1, W. Smith 2, E. Webber 3, J. Aldridge 4, G. Davis (cond.) 5, R. Sommerfield 6.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. E. Laker 1, Miss R. A. Stevens 2, S. Upton 3, G. Ford 4, J. Jeffery 5, E. Knapp 6, S. Allen 7, R. V. Johnson (cond.) 8. Rung for the wedding this day of Edward Laker and Margaret Johnson.

CULHAM, OXON.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Hillier 1, A. Sansom (cond.) 2, E. C. Turner 3, R. Hutchfield (first of Bob Doubles) 4, D. Baxter 5, M. V. Osborn 6. Rung by Culham College Society for Evensong.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: Miss T. Wheaton 1, J. H. Crampion 2, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 3, P. Bloomfield 4, G. C. King 5, R. Copleston 6, J. Armstrong (cond.) 7, A. B. Cox 8. First of Bob Triples by all the band except ringer of second. Rung half-muffled at the interment of Catherine Menzies Duncan, aged 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Over 1, S. Penfold 2, C. E. Wright (cond.) 3, J. Fowler 4, C. Pain 5, A. Grainger 6, J. McDonald 7, J. Stephenson 8. For Matins.

KINGWESTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Callow 1, Mrs. D. Cocker 2, Miss J. Cocker 3, R. Parker 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5. Rung after the funeral of Mr. J. A. Shemin.

LEEDS, KENT.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Simmonds 1, Mrs. P. Smith (first "inside") 2, Miss S. P. Town 3, Miss D. M. Groves 4, I. R. Russell 5, P. Smith 6, A. W. Fry (cond.) 7, P. M. Town 8. First of Triples 1 and 4. To mark the wedding at Meriden, Conn., U.S.A., of Lawrence Connell and Marion A. Fitch.

LEIGHTON BROMSWOLD, HANTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Whiting 1, R. F. Baker 2, M. G. Freestone 3, R. Chapman 4, J. W. Allen 5. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Winifred Marion Brookes and David William Edwards.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Oct. 17th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): B. Butcher 1, Mrs. R. Wratten 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherton 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Evensong.

NEWARK-UPON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Laverack 1, Elizabeth A. Tutty 2, P. Raitby 3, Margaret E. Chilton 4, F. G. Hooper 5, C. F. Briggs 6, G. A. Dawson 7, A. E. Chilton 8, P. Wakefield 9, J. W. Raitby 10. A 21st birthday compliment to Elizabeth A. Tutty, also for the annual ringing of Gopher.

NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME, STAFFS.—At St. Giles' Church, on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. P. White (first quarter) 1, G. A. Moore 2, M. J. Robinson (first quarter) 3, C. S. Ryles 4, D. J. Pitsoy 5, T. L. Walley 6, R. S. Anderson (cond.) 7, J. G. Perry 8. For the centenary thanksgiving service of the Newcastle and District Corps of the Salvation Army.

NEWTON ST. LOE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. M. de Jong 1, Mrs. H. L. Parfery 2, L. R. G. Taylor 3, C. J. A. Brown 4, H. L. Parfery 5, S. Woodcock (cond.) 6. Rung prior to Evensong, at which the Bishop of Taunton dedicated a curtain made by the students of Newton Park Teachers' Training College.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Oct. 13th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Judith Fitzgeorge 1, Heather Waters 2, R. Partridge 3, G. Robinson 4, P. Joyce 5, M. Trigg (cond.) 6, J. Perv (governing) 8. Also on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. Goodchild 1, Judith Fitzgeorge 2, R. Price 3, R. Partridge (cond.) 4, A. Luxford 5. Both by the Southampton University Guild.

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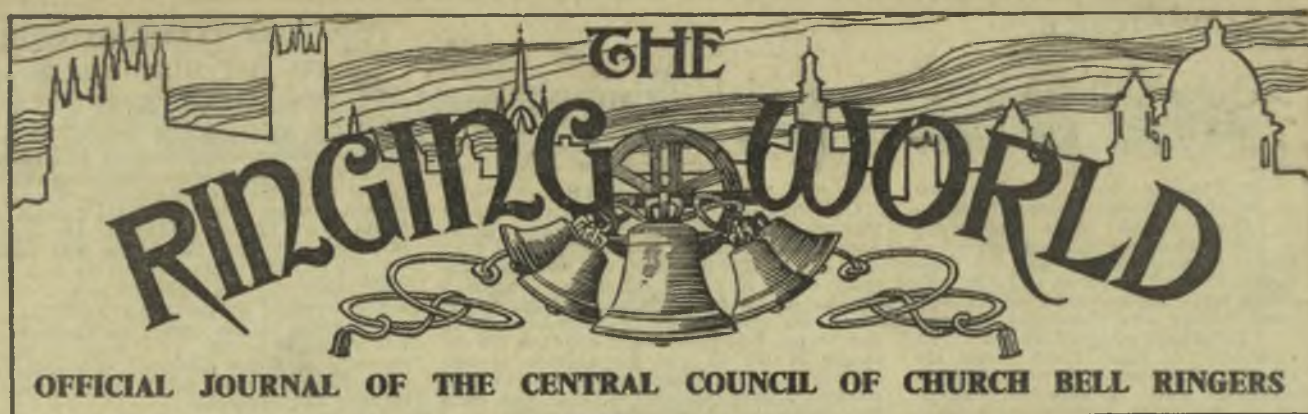
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AND SHALL TRELAWNEY DIE?

By CYRIL A. WRATTEN

THANKS to Parson Hawker's famous lines, the name of Trelawney and its association with Cornwall is well known to generations of school boys and girls. And although

"Here's twenty thousand Cornishmen
Will know the reason why"

few could tell you just what Trelawney had done to deserve his fame. And I wonder how many Cornishmen today could say what association the name has with change ringing in the Duchy? For association it has, and a strong one, too, although the name is that of a later Trelawney than Hawker had in mind.

Harry Reginald Trelawney was the second son of Sir William Salusbury Trelawney, Bart. He was born on December 12th, 1826, at Harewood, which lies in a loop of the River Tamar just outside Calstock in eastern Cornwall. He started his education at Ottery St. Mary, in Devon, and it was while he was there that he learned to handle a bell. Later he went to Westminster and from there he went to the Royal Military College at Sandhurst.

In 1845, at the age of 19, he joined the Army, subsequently serving in the 36th Regiment and in the 6th Inniskillen Dragoons. Throughout the love of ringing which he had acquired while at school in Devon remained with him, and a brief sketch of his life published in the early 1880's records that

"... and so very early in life he learned to be proficient in handling bells; as he proved one day, when his regiment was quartered at York, by going into the belfry of the Minster and raising the tenor single-handed."

Eight years later, in 1853, he retired from the Army but without completely severing his connection with it, for the same year he was appointed Adjutant of the Royal Cornwall Rangers. (He became the regiment's Colonel some 20 years later.) His ringing at this time was still limited to what "Church Bells" used contemptuously to call "ups and downs and rounds and rounds," but in about the year 1863 a copy of Hubbard's "Campanalogia" came into his possession. This opened a new world to him. The intricacies of scientific change ringing fascinated him, and he at once set out to master them.

With no help other than that to be found in the pages of Hubbard's book he succeeded by sheer perseverance in teaching himself and the local band to ring a six-score of Grandsire at Calstock. This would probably have been in 1864 or 1865, and was thought to be the first change ringing in the county. The band continued to practise regularly, and on June 24th, 1866, Trelawney and four of the local men, aided by William Banister, from Devonport, rang a 720 of Grandsire Minor on Calstock bells.

Not content with his increasing proficiency on tower bells—or perhaps inspired by his success—Colonel Trelawney induced his wife and his four children to take up change ringing on handbells with him. Each morning they practised regularly for half an hour, each ringing two bells. And again success crowned their efforts.

On January 28th, 1869, the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, then Rector of Clyst St. George, gave a lecture on "Bells and Ringing" at the Athenæum in Exeter. Sir Stafford Northcote took the chair, and the hall was crowded. To illustrate various aspects of the talk, the Rev. Mr. Ellacombe had the assistance of "The Harewood Band"—in other words, Colonel Trelawney and his family. Four of them started by ringing a touch of Grandsire Triples, following this by a plain course of Stedman Triples. But the highlight of the evening was a course of Grandsire Cinques rung by

Eleanor Trelawney (aged 12)	1-2
Edith Trelawney (aged 13)	3-4
Beatrice Trelawney (aged 14)	5-6
Mrs. Trelawney	7-8
Colonel Trelawney	9-10
Harry Trelawney (aged 10)	11-12

Even today, nearly a hundred years later, with change ringing flourishing throughout the country and with many ringing families in the Exercise, this is a feat it would be hard to equal. (Perhaps the nearest would have been the Johnson family at Hinton-on-the-Green just before the First World War, but I don't know that even they aspired to ringing Cinques.)

In 1870 the Trelawneys moved from Harewood to Poltair, near Penzance, where the Colonel was able to continue his ringing on the new eight at St. Mary's. In November of the following year the "Penzance Society of Scientific Change-ringers," together with Colonel Trelawney and his family, paid a visit to Plympton St. Mary in Devon, where they rang touches of Grandsire Triples on the heavy eight.

"Much joy and satisfaction were evinced" (says the "Church Bells" account) "by the more intelligent of the population at this unusual occurrence (scientific change ringing being but little practised in the district), which was greatly enhanced in the evening by a handbell entertainment at the Parish Schoolroom by the same band, in conjunction with one from Devonport under the direction of Mr. W. Banister, before a fashionable audience, who by their oft-repeated applause manifested a high degree of joyful gratification. These social meetings contrast very favourably with the unseemly gatherings of prize-ringing contests, and reflect the utmost credit to the promoters, Colonel Trelawney and J. Woolcombe, Esq."

Under Colonel Trelawney's leadership, the band at St. Mary's progressed, and in 1873 rang a half-peal of Grandsire Triples on their bells. However, the Colonel apparently rang few full peals, probably because of the difficulties entailed. One I have, however, been able to discover was on September 13th, 1866, when he rang the 6th at Lewisham to 5,040 Grandsire Triples. Another member of the band was his friend William Banister.

When Colonel Trelawney died and what other achievements he added in later years I do not know. He was doubtless instrumental in the formation of the Truro Diocesan Guild in 1897, having been able to see the effects of Troyte, Ellacombe and Banister's work in forming the first of the county Guilds in Devon 23 years earlier. Perhaps someone with closer connections with Cornish ringing than I have will be able to fill this intriguing gap.

GREAT ADVENTURE II

QUEENSLAND — A Social Triumph But No First Peal On Bells

THE eight tourists who, on September 29th, made the 750-mile journey to Maryborough, Queensland—a plane journey to Brisbane and a second to Maryborough—had undoubtedly a social triumph and the night spent in this town of houses on stilts and galvanised iron roofs was one to be remembered. The public interest was widespread. Appropriately, "The Maryborough Chronicle" carried a banner "A Touch From Across the Sea" to a three-column article which focused attention on the party. In 1934 Maryborough was left in the cold; because of this the visitors were doubly welcome.

Waiting at the airport were Messrs. E. Yurel, L. Brittle and E. M. James and we were at once transported to St. Paul's Church to bow to the demands of Press and television. As we ascended the detached tower a television man, perched at the top of the stairs, took individual pictures of ringers. Shots were also taken of the ringing and a somewhat perilous business of the bells revolving.

The afternoon was spent at a sugar cane factory, viewing the whole process from cane to sacks of sugar being removed by rail. The preliminary ringing gave evidence that the bells would require attention before a peal could be attempted. The nine bells were cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1888 with a tenor of 21 cwt. 4 lb. Accordingly, Pat Cannon, Wilf Williams and Mark Damerell made a special visit to the tower. Pat and Wilf worked on the tenor, which had not been rung for two years. It was on ball bearings but was not true to the frame and one of the bearings moved as it revolved. Mark greased the others, which were in a fair condition.

The Rector (Canon L. W. Grayson) and the churchwardens arranged a dinner at 6 p.m. at the Hotel Central. This was a sumptuous repast and a speech of welcome was delivered by the Mayor (Ald. R. Stafford), to which Mr. T. J. Lock replied. It was not until 7.25 p.m. that a departure was made from the dining hall to the tower for the serious business of the day. The heat had given way to a cool evening.

PEAL STARTED AT 7.40 P.M.

Again there was a bevy of Press and more television cameras to greet the ringers and outside a crowd had assembled to hear the ringing. Among local ringers who fraternised were Messrs. D. and E. Hurford, N. Turner and Mrs. A. Vollmerhouse. Finally, at 7.40, a start was made on a peal of Plain Bob Major. The company stood: Len Stilwell 1, Arthur Mason 2, Anne Horsford 3, Rev. Malcolm Melville 4, T. J. Lock (conductor) 5, Mark Damerell 6, Wilfred Williams 7, A. P. Cannon 8. Some 12 courses were rung with a good beat and then, after 55 minutes, a miscall occurred and Tom reluctantly called "Stand." A touch of Stedman Triples followed.

Eight different families entertained the ringers, who assembled at the church the next morning and were conducted to the airport, where farewells were said.

Those left at home spent a very pleasant day on the beaches of the North Peninsula, being entertained by Margaret Goodyer, Enid Roberts and Sue Wright. In the evening they attended the practice at Parramatta after being the guests to dinner of Ralph Clark and Sandra.

A SLIPPED ROPE

October dawned, and with every hope of making a good start the team motored to Parramatta, about 15 miles out. These bells were cast in 1860 by Mears and Stainbank, the tenor being 10 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. This is a popular church for weddings, and the ringers devote the whole of the proceeds of wedding fees to the Bell Fund. The object is the recasting of the six and the addition of two more bells. The attempt was Minor in four methods (Cambridge, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob) and a very good start was made.

Towards the end of the sixth extent when that "in the bag" feeling was beginning to develop, Tom Lock, who had selected the difficult fifth bell, had the mortification of the rope slipping the wheel. It hung tantalisingly in the air and would not come down. Participating in this gallant failure were Anne Horsford 1, Ralph Clark 2, A. J. Lancefield 3, L. Stilwell 4, T. J. Lock 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6.

Two trips were arranged for the others. One was to the Blue Mountains, a beauty spot of worldwide fame which thrilled all with their grandeur, and the other was to the Jenolean Caves, which rank as one of the principal tourist attractions in Australia and were discovered in 1838.

(To be continued)

TWO GOOD RINGERS FOR TASMANIA



Mr. Frank J. Leë, of Newcastle Cathedral band, who is a professional engineer of Jesmond, and Miss Elaine Murcott, of St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, who is editorial secretary to the Durham and Newcastle Association, photographed after their wedding at St. Mary's Church, Monkseaton, on September 4th. They are to make their home in Georgetown, Tasmania, in November.

The bride did Trojan work to bring up to date the Association's peal book, which was some 300 peals behind. She is a prominent member of the Newcastle peal band and has rung some 80 peals, mostly Surprise. A peal attempt of London was lost on the day of the wedding, but a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung later.

[Photo: Northern Counties Photo Service.]

TOM LOCK TELLS HIS STORY TO THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION

Although St. Augustine's, Kilburn, still has five years to go before reaching its centenary, this beautiful church is an outstanding example of the architecture of the Gothic Revival at its best and has been called "the Cathedral of North West London." Despite the erection of blocks of modern flats in the near vicinity, the tall imposing spire can still be seen from many angles.

The highlight of the North and East District meeting at this church on October 16th was a resumé by Mr. T. J. Lock of his experiences on Great Adventure II to Australia and New Zealand, which were most interesting and instructive.

Nearly forty ringers took part in the ringing during the afternoon and evening, although only just over half that number sat down to tea.

Following the service, conducted by Father Palmer, a short organ recital was given by Mr. Douglas Birkinshaw, a pleasure appreciated by all present.

At the business meeting reference was made to the passing of Mrs. Edith Kate Fletcher, an honorary member of the Association, and following a few words from Mr. Alick Cutler members stood in silence in tribute to her memory. E. H. K.

THE HESSE WEEK-END

The annual get-together to mark the memory of Major J. H. B. Hesse was held at Wrington during the week-end of October 15th and 16th.

A peal attempt of Plain Bob, conducted by the Rev. R. O. Fry, was unfortunately miscalled at Yatton on Friday evening, whilst the peal of Grandsire Caters at Wrington on the Saturday was lost after just after an hour's good ringing.

Mrs. Hesse was hostess to the ringers at the tea which followed, and in his vote of thanks Mr. H. J. Sanger asked the company to remember three ringers who had died recently—Mr. H. A. Price, Mr. J. T. Dyke and Mr. A. Reeves, the latter two having rung many peals with the late Major Hesse.

The company included the Rev. B. Lee, Messrs. J. Baker, J. Brain, L. Derrick, H. W. Knight, W. Kingcott, E. Naylor, G. Prescott, H. J. Sanger, S. Smith, F. Sandy, W. Rice and M. White. J. B.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The odd-struck eight at Old Welwyn provided quite a challenge when the tower was open for the District meeting on October 16th, but methods up to courses of Surprise Major were quite recognisable during the afternoon. The local cafe could not cater for us before 6 p.m., so the business meeting was held after the service.

The Association president took the meeting, which was held in the belfry. Peter Morely, of Hatfield, was elected a new member. The meeting on November 20th will take the form of a day's course with four lectures, followed by tea and an open evening meeting, and the meeting on December 18th is to be at Radlett. The District dinner is at St. Michael's Manor, St. Albans, on December 4th, and tickets are now available from all committee members. J. A. F.

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The Clappering of A Bell

by

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A BELL is said to ring "right" when, at the end of a revolution, the clapper catches up the bell, strikes on its leading edge and remains there. Conversely, ringing "wrong" means that the bell catches up the clapper, the latter striking the trailing edge of the bell and remaining there. In this article both are assumed to mean that a bell will not change over into the other type of ringing, but will continue to ring "right" or "wrong" for more for one or two blows.

It is usually better to ring bells "right"; the clapper strikes once, positively, without bouncing; there is no chance of its changing sides if the bell is bumped slightly on the stay; and since the striking is usually adjusted to be even when a bell is "right," if rung "wrong" it can make it considerably odd-struck.

By considering the mechanics of motion of the bell-clapper system, equations can be derived connecting the weights of bell and clapper and the various physical dimensions of the system. Three members of the Cambridge University Engineering Department have collaborated in considering this mechanical system; in producing an electrical analogue of the system on an analogue computer, this analogue being checked by experimental work on two actual bells; and finally in reducing the results to an easily-usable chart.

Several factors, initially considered, were discarded as having little or no effect on "right" and "wrong" ringing; bearing friction, the pull on the rope, the odd-struckness of the bell and the amount of swing—provided, however, in this case that the bell is reasonably well up. Ringing up and down has not been considered. In fact, for a good approximation, three measurements only need be made on a bell to determine whether it will ring "right" or "wrong," or both, or neither, when up.

The first measurement— r —is the distance in inches between the axis about which the clapper swings from the axis about which the bell swings. It can be simply made in the tower, as follows: From some convenient level—say the belfry floor—with the bell down, measure vertically to the centre of the clapper pin and from the same level vertically to the centre of the bearings. If both these measurements are made in inches, the difference between them is r . Note that if the clapper axis is above the bell axis when the bell is down, r is taken as negative.

The other measurements required are the times in seconds for a small swing of both clapper and bell. To do this, time, say, ten consecutive small swings of bell or clapper (by small is meant 10 degrees or less on either side of the vertical) counting the swings when bell (or clapper) swings past the vertical in the same direction (being careful to start timing from 0, not 1!). For each of these two times—let us call them t_1 and t_2 for bell and clapper respectively—multiply them by themselves and then by 9.77 to give two quantities b and c , so:

$$b = t_1 \times t_1 \times 9.77$$

$$c = t_2 \times t_2 \times 9.77$$

These are the lengths, in inches, of the simple pendulums having the same times of swing as bell and clapper respectively.

Now having these three quantities, r , b and c , form two ratios A and B from these, such

that A is r divided by c , and B is b divided by c . These are both numbers; and the relationship between them is shown on the diagram*. A being marked horizontally between $A = -0.3$ and $+0.5$, and B vertically between 0 and 2.2.

It will be noted that, on this diagram, certain areas are hatched downwards from left to right: bells giving quantities of A and B for points in these areas will ring only right, and similarly for the areas hatched downwards from right to left and for the area cross-hatched. In the blank area, the bell will ring neither right nor wrong: in practice this means that the clapper will fall one way or the other, but waits in the middle for some little time before doing either!

Two examples may serve to show the method: first an experimental bell as hung by a foundry.

r : as measured = 4.75 inches.

c : 16.3 sec. for 10 swings, so $t_2 = 1.63$ secs.

and $c = 1.63 \times 1.63 \times 9.77 = 26.0$ inches.

b : 17.6 sec. for 10 swings, so $t_1 = 1.76$ secs.

and $b = 1.76 \times 1.76 \times 9.77 = 30.1$ inches.

Hence, $A = r/c = 4.75/26.0 = 0.081$;

$B = 30.1/26.0 = 1.15$.

Referring to the diagram, this point, marked as X , is in the cross-hatched area and this bell will therefore ring "right" or "wrong"—this was borne out in practice.

Second, a bell which was hung by one of the authors. Here, the dimensions led to the point Y on the diagram in a region where the bell would ring only "wrong"—a fact which he had already discovered the hard way! But modification can now be sensibly attempted: B must be reduced, and one way this can be done is by counterbalancing the clapper, so increasing its time of swing and increasing c . This will also decrease A , but cannot make A less than 0 provided r remains positive.

Grateful thanks are due to Professor Sir John Baker, for permission to undertake the investigation and for financial assistance, and to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, for the loan of an experimental bell.

* Copies of diagram from Mr. Brian D. Threlfall, 6, Pigtle Close, Harston, Cambridge, for stamped self-addressed foolscap envelope and 6d. in stamps to cover cost of producing same.

WEDDING BELLS

Dear Sir,—Like Mr. Len Fox at Stepney, we secured a considerable increase a year or two ago in the fees payable for ringing for weddings at St. Clement Dares', partly for the reasons he mentions, that it is not easy to find people willing to give up a large part of Saturday for the purpose (there is, of course, no local band and all concerned live in the suburbs or beyond), and we hoped to reduce the number. But it has made no difference, we still get about 20 a year to ring for and I am very grateful indeed to those who cheerfully come along whenever possible.

In fact I wonder whether the greater charge the more worthwhile people think some things are! At Crayford new fees for the services of the organist and choir as well as for the bells are being introduced next month, but the Rector told me that as far as the two first-named are concerned (we don't normally ring for many weddings) the demand seemed to be increasing rather than otherwise. —

Yours faithfully,

Crayford.

E. A. BARNETT.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES SOCIETY

Summer Tour

THE Society's summer tour began on Wednesday, September 22nd, on a somewhat unsatisfactory note with a peal attempt of Plain Bob Triples at Whitchurch lasting about 50 minutes. To cheer ourselves up and to fill in the time, we were successful in our attempts at a "grab" at Prees, where we had half an hour's ringing on the pleasant six.

We then returned to Whitchurch to find our accommodation and the rest of the party, including Derek Elderkin (who soon became one of us), but were sorry to find that John Cornelius could not join us. Our evening's activities included handbell ringing, further ringing at Whitchurch, eating Chinese style and visiting a local hostelry.

Saturday began with a ring at Holt, the only Welsh tower of the tour, and continued with a succession of eights—Farndon, Eccleston, St. Mary-without-the-Walls and St. Mary-on-the-Hill, Chester, Christleton and Tarporley. Unfortunately we could not do justice to the beautiful bells of Eccleston, but were more successful at Tarporley, where some good Double Norwich was rung. Tarporley was considered by many to be the best eight on the tour. The evening was spent at The Hollies, good food, followed by handbells.

Friday was a more eventful day. Alsager Church was found after a short hunt and was well worth visiting. At Church Lawton we were joined by a local ringer who acted as a stabilising influence, enabling a good course of Yorkshire to be rung. However, disaster (financial) almost overtook the Society here, as the secretary's handbag, containing funds, was lost, and only regained by fishing for it with the aid of the belfry's electric fire plug. After lunch we visited Congleton and Holmes Chapel, where we were joined by Peter Else, who remained with us for the rest of the tour. The day finished at Crewe on the bells of Christ Church. The disappointments of the day were forgotten by the good ringing here.

Saturday began at Wistaston, where we rang before a wedding, and calls of bobs and singles were interspersed with "Is she coming?" Four good towers followed—Nantwich, Audlem, Market Drayton and Hodnet; and we were thankful to have Neil Bennett with us to improve our ringing standards.

Unfortunately that evening some of the party were suffering from 24-hour flu (or plague of such-like nature) and during the next two days several were "stricken" and did not really feel up to ringing, although they each managed to ring at all towers on the programme. By now we were ensconced in Shrewsbury and we took advantage of the Lichfield Diocesan Festival to visit St. Chad's and St. Mary's.

After lunch on Sunday and before service ringing at Oswestry we decided to attempt another tower grab, at Bicton, where we were warmly welcomed by the Vicar.

Monday's ringing was on three good sixes, which was probably just as well since our numbers were now depleted. We had enjoyable rings on the light sixes of Stanton-on-Hine Heath and Moreton Corbet, and fittingly concluded the tour with Clive, the heaviest six in Shropshire, which go very well.

Thanks are due to all who made the tour a success, including tower captains and incumbents, and also our drivers. D. M. B.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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C.C. President at Peterborough Guild Dinner

THE 1965 annual dinner was held at the Angel Hotel, Peterborough, on October 16th. During the afternoon various towers in the vicinity were open for ringing, although only a small number of ringers took advantage of this hospitality.

The president (Canon G. F. Turner) was in the chair and he was supported by the Chancellor of Peterborough Cathedral (Canon J. L. Cartwright) and Mrs. Cartwright, the President of the Central Council (Canon A. G. G. Thurlow), Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, the Master (Mr. J. H. Bluff) and Mrs. Bluff, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Daw, Mr. B. Austin and Mr. E. Billings.

The toast of "The Church" was proposed by the Master of the Guild, who expressed the great debt that ringing owed to the Church and listed some of the things about ringing which made it attractive as a branch of church work—the companionship it engendered, the ability it had to be enjoyed both intellectually and scientifically, and the fact that it drew its devotees from such a variety of people. He concluded by emphasising that ringers should have a deep attachment to the Church and it was their duty to see that bells were rung properly for service.

In his reply Canon J. L. Cartwright explained that ringers had helped to bring an element of beauty into the Church's worship because the sound of bells encouraged a deeper feeling of religious awareness in its listeners, especially at times of rejoicing and thanksgiving.

Canon A. G. G. Thurlow proposed the toast of "The Peterborough Diocesan Guild" with a very entertaining speech. His amusing stories illustrated all the dangers inherent to

those who have speeches to make. He congratulated the Guild on its officers, making special reference to the excellent way they had organised the recent visit of the Central Council. In conclusion he spoke about the useful work that is undertaken by the Council, in particular "The Ringing World" and the work of the Towers and Belfries Committee.

The president (Canon G. F. Turner) responded and said how pleased he was that the dinner was being held this year in his native town. He agreed with the opinions of the proposer concerning the officers of the Guild and singled out the good work of the general secretary (Mr. E. Billings), on whom had fallen the bulk of the arrangements for the Central Council's visit.

Mention had been made of the bells of Peterborough Cathedral, continued the president, and he expressed the hope that something definite could be suggested to enable these bells to be rung again. He stressed how fortunate the Guild was in having so many young, keen ringers.

The toast of "Our Guests" was proposed by Mr. B. Austin, and how much the cause of ringing owed to the activities of the three was acknowledged by Mr. P. J. Staniforth, who spoke of his many close connections with the Peterborough Guild, saying that he did not feel a guest at all as there were so many of his friends at this gathering.

A very successful evening was brought to a close by the showing of three films—"Ringing the Changes," "Ringers Required" and "Washington Cathedral Tower and Bells."

OBITUARY

MR. REGINALD LUCAS

The band at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Warsop, have lost, through the death of Reg Lucas, one of its most regular and conscientious Sunday service ringers. After a short illness, he died on October 19th, aged 52.

He was not a prolific peal ringer, but an excellent striker, and a first-class method ringer. There was nothing he enjoyed better than a well-struck quarter peal. Of these he stood in a large number, in many different Minor methods, including London Surprise. On a number of occasions he rang with the Warsop team in cup contests.

On the day of his funeral, October 22nd, 1,260 Single Oxford Bob Minor was rung half-muffled by R. Spencer 1, Miss A. C. Rooke 2, Miss I. Cooke 3, J. T. Rooke 4, F. Cooke 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6, followed by the whole-pull and stand 52 times. On the following Sunday 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor was rung half-muffled.

Sympathy is expressed to his widow and brother-in-law, Mr. Fred Flint, and the members of the families.

MR. L. W. STEAD

St. Mary's, Southampton, ringers were shocked when gathering for their practice on October 15th to hear of the sudden death of their hon. secretary, Mr. L. W. Stead, in hospital the same afternoon. Les, as he was known to his ringing friends, was recovering from a ligament operation and had been expected home within a few days.

His ringing interest lay primarily in loyal service to St. Mary's, and to St. Nicholas', North Stoneham. He was a former chairman of the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Stead was a regional Trade Union official. His work, often involving ironing out trade disputes, irregular hours and frequent attendance at conferences, doubtless placed more strain on him than we realised.

Before Evensong on the Sunday following his death, the Rector gave permission for the local band to pay their tribute by ringing a quarter peal to his memory. K. S. B. C.

MR. GEORGE F. SPERRING

With deep regret we record the death of Mr. George F. Sperring at Chester Royal Infirmary on October 9th. He was 58 years of age.

He was taken ill suddenly in January of this year and although he had undergone two operations there were hopes of a complete recovery, but unfortunately complications set in after a third, which proved fatal.

While George did not progress in advanced methods, he was a very reliable ringer in the standard methods and was an excellent striker. He was for many years a loyal member of the band of St. Mary-within-the-Walls under the captaincy of his father, the late Mr. R. Sperring. He later transferred to the Cathedral and St. Mary-without-the-walls company, showing the same devotion and loyalty. He rang his first peal in 1924, but kept no record of his performances. He estimated, however, that he rang in the region of 200 peals.

He had been a member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade for 35 years and had risen to the rank of superintendent, and in consequence was ideally suited for the position he occupied with the City of Chester Ambulance Service.

The funeral service was held at All Saints' Church, Hoole, Chester, on October 14th, conducted by the Rev. J. A. Burrows, at which ringers from the towers in Chester and Dodington attended. In addition, members of the City Ambulance Service and the St. John Ambulance Brigade were present.

We in Chester have sustained a severe loss of one who was always ready to co-operate and had been most generous in making transport available for meetings, peal attempts and outings. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow, son and relatives. J. W. G.


CIRENCESTER RINGERS' OUTING

Cirencester ringers, together with friends, journeyed westward to the Ross area for their autumn half-day outing. The first tower was Weston-under-Penyard, which is situated on top of a hill overlooking the Wye Valley. At St. Mary the Virgin, Linton (another good light ring) we were intrigued with the half-muffled effect, especially on the front when the bells were being raised. Upton Bishop, a pre-war Taylor ring, are a little odd-struck. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Minor.

Tea was eaten in the coach en route for Ross-on-Wye. We did not easily find the correct pace for the majestic eight, but with the help of friends from Hereford Cathedral we were able to ring Double Norwich and a good touch of Erin Triples.

The last tower of the day was Mitcheldean (a good light eight rehung by Taylors in 1964). Here we rang Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major, finding that it was necessary to ring fast to get the best from the bells.

Our thanks are due to all those who made their bells available for us. E. M. B.

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BISHOP ASKS FOR £5,000 FOR CATHEDRAL LIFT

THE Cathedral bells and the approach to ringing chamber were the main themes at the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Newlands Corner Hotel, Guildford, on October 23rd. The president, the Bishop of Guildford, who was accompanied by Dr. Alix Reindorp, was much concerned at the lack of foresight in not providing a lift to the ringing chamber and made an appeal for £5,000. It was stated that only one of the residentiary canons, Canon A. C. G. Oldham—who was present with Mrs. Oldham—would climb the stairs to the belfry. The Dean also refused. With the Bishop sat the Master (Mr. D. A. R. May) and Mrs. May, Mr. F. E. Collins was toastmaster, and Mr. J. F. M. Maybrey Master of Ceremonies for dancing that ended the evening. During the meal the president took wine with the ladies and also the oldest ringer present (Mr. T. W. White). The Master took wine with his officers and also with the Past Master present (Mr. C. W. Denyer). An apology was received from Mr. Albert Harman.

Proposing the toast of "The Church and the Ringing Exercise," the Master said that they both had similar problems—to keep the young people interested. At one time there were plenty of young people and old people in the Church, but nobody between 25 and 45. The same age problem occurred in ringing. He was giving up the Mastership of the Guild this year and he had been looking round to find someone between 30 and 40 to carry on what was a wonderful job.

CATHEDRAL RINGING

Regarding the Cathedral bells they had managed to ring for three services each Sunday and the ringing had been of a fair standard. They also held a weekly practice. Frankly, he thought they were doing too much. He did not think they had the people to ring for all three services on a Sunday. This meant 20 ringers Sunday by Sunday, and if they came once a month it meant they needed 80 names. Mr. Ponting, the secretary, had difficulty in finding the people and it often meant the same person Sunday by Sunday. The time had come to review the situation and they were proposing to call a meeting of all interested on November 9th. He thought the final solution would be a trained resident band.

As regards the ringing chamber they would need some fires for the winter months and he hoped that the boxes of books which came from Farnham Castle would eventually be removed and that they could install some bookcases and their own books. If only they could get rid of these crates of books the place would not look so dowdy.

The Bishop, in reply, said the remarks about the ringing chamber would be dealt with by the Dean and Canon Oldham, the Chaplain to the Cathedral Society. Dr. Reindorp said he was not Bishop when the Cathedral was planned and the tower built else he would have insisted on a lift being provided to the tower. The lift of Westminster Cathedral was a substantial source of revenue. He agreed with the Master that a notice board was necessary in the belfry and he hoped that it would be executed by craftsmen and be worthy of the Cathedral.

Congratulating the Master on giving up the office after only four years, the Bishop said he felt that such offices should go round. In the Church they had people holding office far too long, particularly churchwardens. He commended the principle employed in Canada, where a person was people's warden for one year and then Rector's warden the following year for 12 months only.

"I want to congratulate you from the bottom of my heart," he said. "that the bells are complete and ring out Sunday by Sunday to the countryside around. It is a glorious sound, although the louvers are only half open." The Bishop also congratulated Jill May, the wife of the Master, on ringing a

bell at the dedication service, instead of a big burly ringer. It was a great night in the history of the Cathedral when those bells rang out for the first time, calling people to worship. The Bishop hoped that in 1968, when the university was established, it would be able to provide some ringers.

The toast of "Continued Prosperity of the Guildford Diocesan Guild" was proposed by Canon Oldham, who said in three parishes he had got bells out of the church and put them back again and on each occasion the Guild had supported him through thick and thin. He could well remember when the belfry, in some cases, was cut off from the ordinary life of the church. The ringers would go up and ring and then come down but they did not go into the church. The time had come when that sort of ringer went the way of all flesh.

INCUMBENT'S DUTY

The Canon said he also remembered the first lady going into the belfry and how it shocked the congregation, who thought that ringing was not becoming for her sex or good for her figure. He felt it was the duty of every incumbent in the Diocese to be a frequent visitor to his tower and make contact with his ringers. It was a great joy to him that many of the ringers after ringing at the Cathedral came down and sat in the ringers' pew for the service.

Mr. C. W. Munday, the Guild general secretary, replied, and also proposed a toast to the memory of John S. Goldsmith and other officers and members of the Guild. He said it might interest the company to know that 32 years ago the Guild took steps towards providing bells for the Cathedral by resolving to transfer from the Guild's general fund one guinea annually toward providing a ring of bells for the Cathedral. In 1962 Major Bragg suggested that each of the four Districts should be responsible for providing a bell. In two years they had collected over £800 and were then in a happy position of closing the fund.

DISAPPOINTED

Unfortunately, they had been a little disappointed with the bells. They had heard that evening about the glorious noise and they hoped that a little more could be done to control it. These bells were not as easy to ring as they should be; there were four bells in a straight line. He knew there was a

reason for this. There were one or two points which they would be pleased for Canon Oldham to attend to.

The Guildford Diocese was formed in 1927 and it was John S. Goldsmith who acted as organising secretary for three months before the Guild was formed. Forty-three towers were represented at that meeting on December 31st, 1927, when the Guild was inaugurated and he was elected the first secretary, a post he held for many years. It was sometimes said that a tower needed twice as many ringers as its bells. In the Guildford Diocese they had 450 bells, but only 550 members. A lot of them from outlying parts found it difficult to get to Guildford by 9 o'clock for Sunday ringing.

Referring to losses by death, Mr. Munday said they all remembered with gratitude the special work of Charles Hazelden in founding the Guild library and hoped that the Cathedral would be regarded as a suitable place for it. Stanley Russell, their general secretary, had died during the year, and also William J. Beeson, of Cranleigh, who had rung many peals for the Guild and attended the inaugural meeting. John S. Goldsmith would be remembered in three ways. The sanctus bell at the Cathedral was in his memory; he founded their weekly paper, "The Ringing World"; he did more for the Guildford Guild than any other man and served as its secretary from its foundation until 1936.

BISHOP'S GIFT

The Bishop said he would like to see an appropriate plaque in the belfry of the Cathedral recording the dedication and those who rang on that occasion. As president he would like to give from some secret coffers he had the sum of 20 guineas to mark this historical occasion. He would like the plaque to be made by craftsmen in the diocese and to be completed by December 25th.

Bouquets were presented to Dr. Alix Reindorp, Mrs. Jill May and Mrs. Oldham by the Misses Kathie Williamson (Aldershot), Sally Parrott (Christ Church, Epsom) and Sally Hooper (St. Martin's, Epsom). A touch of Grandire Triples was rung by Major E. H. Bragg 1—2, K. Williamson 3—4, Tom Page 5—6, W. G. Viggers 7—8.

The concluding toast, that of "The Organising Committee," was proposed by the toastmaster. These were Mrs. Jill May, Mr. J. F. M. Maybrey and Mr. P. G. Sherwood.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The Monmouth Branch held a very enjoyable meeting at Blaenavon on October 9th with some 60 ringers attending, representing 14 towers.

The Blaenavon tower captain, Mr. Gorden Jones, was unavoidably absent, but all visitors to the church and tower were warmly welcomed on his behalf by Mr. David Frumin.

Ringings were under the direction of the Branch Master, Mr. Lionel Jones, who catered mostly for the large number of learners present.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. T. E. Davies, himself a ringer and a member of Blaenavon band. David Frumin read the lesson and Mr. Harris was the organist. Tea was waiting in the nearby Methodist schoolroom and Mr. Reuben Clench thanked the ladies who had so kindly prepared this.

A very long business meeting followed with many interesting and varied points of view arising.

Eleven new members were elected—these being four from Blaenavon, one from Caerleon, three from Usk and three from Chepstow. It was interesting to note that all eleven new members were ladies.

Badge patterns were displayed, having been submitted by Miss Anne Tippins, of Abergavenny, and Miss Sheila Salkeld, of Chepstow.

Next meeting: Ebbw Vale, January 8th, 1966.

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A BRIDE FROM CONSETT



Miss Marjorie Pearson, of Christ Church, Consett, band, Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, and Mr. Brian W. C. Street, Egremont, of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association, smile at the photographers after their wedding at Consett, while the bells were merrily ringing out Grandsire Triples.

Essentially a ringing wedding, Miss Wendy Askew was the bridesmaid, Mr. Leslie Boumphrey the best man, and Messrs. M. and R. Pearson and B. Allan ushers. After the reception ringing was resumed, the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Street, and Mr. Roger Wetenhall joining local ringers in short touches.

TAYSON'S TRAVELLERS

FOR the sixth year Taysom's Travellers journeyed to Devon for the annual week-end. The party consisted of David Barnett, Terry Milsom, Barbara and David Burt, Karen, Jean and Alan Lee (Twerton-on-Avon), Rita and Bill Lampard, Derek Smith, Brian Metcalfe, Elizabeth Webb (Warmley), Barbara Dench (Corston), Hugh Evans (Bristol) and Henry Taysom (Frampton Cotterell). Lustleigh was reached on October 15th about 10.30 p.m.

The next morning we were pleased to welcome Mr. Aubrey Bennett, who had been out for over two hours in order to reach Lustleigh by 9 a.m. The first tower was Gidleigh, where we were warmly welcomed by the Rector and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. J. Scott, whose son, the Rev. John Scott, is a well-known ringer. We were now able to welcome Mrs. Margaret Bould and Derek Jewell, who stayed with us until lunch.

Next on the list was Throwleigh, where we got mixed up with the local foxhunt. Henry's imitation of a hunting horn made the hounds very restless and got a very black look from the Master of the Hunt. After we had satisfied the hunt we were not members of the Cruel Sports League we proceeded to look for the key to the vestry, from which a vertical ladder gains access to the ringing room. This was duly found and we enjoyed the six restored by Gillett and Johnston in 1937.

Belstone, the next call, has an excellent six (tenor 5½ cwt.) rung from the ground floor—Kent Treble Bob was the best touch. At Okehampton we were met by the Vicar and the captain, Mr. C. E. W. White, who was Mayor of Okehampton last year. The bells are a very good octave.

After lunch a pleasant time was spent at Sowton, where we found a first class five restored by J. Taylor and Co. in 1961: we added Fortune and St. Colomb to our Doubles methods. On to Bridestowe, where the local captain had just finished putting on the ropes for us, as the tenor has been repaired and

the bells out of action for over a month—the bells were a joy to ring. Lydford followed and there we found another good six.

In Tavistock we found one of the octaves that are in the "superb" class—a ring restored by Taylor and Co. in 1925. Some of the best striking that we have done together resulted. Over Dartmoor to the last tower of the day, Holne, with a good five that need striking. A good supper was enjoyed at Buckfastleigh and we returned to Lustleigh.

Sunday saw us at Lustleigh Church and we rang for Matins and rang, by invitation, a quarter peal in the afternoon. Listening was a call change competition judge, Mr. Brewer, from Alphington, Mr. Sercombe, from Ideford, and Mr. Mark German. They seemed very pleased with our Doubles—the local ringers do not care for Minor as they cannot follow the tenor so well. On our way home we had the pleasure of ringing at Rockwell Green—restored by Taylor and Co. in 1907. This was the 60th tower that we have rung in together on these week-ends.

We thank Mr. Bennett for his excellent choice of towers and all Devon friends for their kindness. A. F. L.

SLEAFORD AND GRANTHAM DISTRICT OUTING

Five towers in Staffordshire were visited by the Sleaford and Grantham District ringers during their enjoyable outing on October 16th. These were Rolleston (8), Uttoxeter (8), Marchington (6), Tutbury (6) and Newborough (5). A good standard of ringing was maintained and thanks are accorded to Mr. Edgar Cole (the organiser), incumbents and those who met the party. E. A. C.

The ringer of the treble in the peal of Yorkshire Maximus at Aston (page 695) was Malcolm E. Wade, and not as printed.

Mr. Wilfred Williams, who conducted a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus at Christchurch Priory on October 16th has now rung 60 different tenors to 12-bell peals.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The time taken in the peal of Bob Major at Market Harborough (page 710) was 3 hours 57 minutes, and not as printed.

Derby Diocesan Association are arranging at week-end course at Lea Green, Matlock, from November 12th to 14th. Details from Mr. B. J. Marshall.

"To confirm the interest of the ringers," so read a footnote to a peal of Doubles at Hertford in which there were five first peals and one first of Doubles.

The peal rung at Whitley on September 25th ("R.W." page 696) was for the Yorkshire Association by members of the Selby and District Society.

Mr. A. P. Cannon corrects the reference to Mr. Robin Turner on page 702 of "Great Adventure." Robin called a peal of New Cambridge at Sherborne: it was Pat Chapman who then called the tenor.

After a lapse of seven years of absence from peals in the Leicester Diocese, J. Frederick Milner has made a welcome return with a peal of London at Claybrooke. The band congratulate him and look forward to many more.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. R. Waterman, of High Halden, Kent, on their golden wedding. A quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung on October 23rd on High Halden bells, where Mr. Waterman is a ringer, conducted by G. Stewart. It was the first "inside" for J. Spree and M. French.

The Rector of Bideford, Devon (Rev. T. D. Davies), writes expressing thanks for the peal to mark the centenary of the church. He asks that no more peal attempt requests be made for 1966 as enough have been allocated and that requests for peal attempts in 1967 not to be sent before next September.

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LIFE SAVING ACT

At the meeting of the Northern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association at Aylsham on October 23rd congratulations were extended to the Association's Ringing Master, Mr. F. C. Goodman, on his daughter Janet's life saving act a few days previously. Janet jumped into the river at Thorpe St. Andrew and rescued a lady from drowning. While he had a good report from his doctor, Mr. Goodman is still refraining from ringing.

NOTHING LIKE IT AGAIN

From a Sydney newspaper following the peal at St. Mark's, Darling Point:

Sweet the song of bells when the right man rings them. But some ungrateful ears tire when they go on for 2½ hours, as they did from St. Mark's, Darling Point, on a Sunday, with the English bellringers at the ropes.

After a second hour a resident phoned the Rectory to speak of her shattered Sunday peace.

"But this is unique," they told her. "We shall hear nothing like it again."

"I hope not," she snapped.

BELL RINGING IN GUERNSEY

A number of pupils at Elizabeth College, Guernsey, as well as two masters, have been learning to ring at the Vale Church. Progress has not been rapid, mainly due to the noise in the ringing chamber, which makes call changes very difficult and fault correcting almost impossible, but they have progressed from rounds to "set changes" and are hoping soon to progress to plain hunting. This year has seen the visit of two bands—the first since 1959. Maybe one day we will have a meeting.
J. E. D.

INSTRUCTION COURSE AT WALSALL

About 20 ringers from nine towers in the Archdeaconry of Stafford attended at the belfry of St. Michael's Church, Walsall, on October 18th to hear the first course of instruction devised by Messrs. P. G. K. Davies and M. W. Fairey for the purpose of instructing both learners and those who would like to teach the art of change ringing. All present were impressed by the quality of the course and the obvious efforts to make it interesting and practical.

SOUTH BUCKS RINGERS' WEDDING

Full ringing honours were paid to Roger G. Hazell and Gillian N. Smith after their wedding at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Hughenden, on October 2nd. Roger is tower captain of Lane End and a regular visitor to Hughenden, where Gillian is a member of the band and also sings in the choir. For the wedding service the bells were rung before and after by members of the Hughenden and Lane End bands. In the evening Hughenden ringers rang a peal and Lane End ringers a quarter peal on their respective bells.

The Vicar, the Rev. S. A. C. Dickens, officiated, and the bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white nylon dress and long veil.

DEAN STOPS EXETER CATHEDRAL PEAL

A peal attempt for Bob Maximus at Exeter Cathedral on October 23rd was stopped after 25 minutes by the Dean, who sent an apologetic message via the tower captain. Apparently there had been a clash of dates and the bells were interfering with the delicate work of organ tuning. The organ has been completely rebuilt and is shortly to be rededicated. The band consisted of Martin C. Press 1, Margaret A. Bould 2, Colin Reeves 3, Martin F. Lock 4, Anthony J. Davidson 5, Rev. A. S. Roberts 6, Frank D. Mack 7, Alan R. Pink (cond.) 8, Thomas J. Lock 9, Alan Carveth 10, Philip Mehew 11. D. Ray Bould and Robert A. Southwood tenor. Approximately 2,600 miles were travelled for this attempt.

BARSHAM BELLS PEALABLE

A quarter peal is recorded on the bells of Barsham, Suffolk, a subject of recent correspondence and the first on the bells for several years. Ranald Clouston, the Suffolk Guild's technical adviser, visited the bells and declared them safe, and a quarter peal was rung a week later for confirmation. Although the bells could hardly be described as in excellent condition they went well during the quarter and according to J. B. Pickup are quite pealable.

A PENZANCE CENTURY

The "Western Morning News" of October 22nd in its "100 Years Ago" column records: "Opening of church bells at Penzance on Tuesday week is to be a high day at Penzance. A peal of eight bells is to be opened at St. Mary's Church by the Woolwich Amateur Change Ringers, who are said to be the most accomplished ringers in the kingdom."

Lt.-Col. Jerram writes: "I wonder what the old stoney ringers of Cornwall in those days thought of the 'most accomplished ringers.' Even little more than 50 years ago when I asked the Charles Church, Plymouth, ringers to the opening of a ring in S.E. Cornwall, they were bored after ringing Minor and they were certainly very accomplished indeed."

STAFFORD'S NEW RECTOR

Stafford ringers gave their new Rector, the Rev. Ivor D. W. Knowles, a fine reception by a quarter of Stedman Triples for his induction service, at which the Bishop of Lichfield officiated. The State's recognition of the Church was indicated by the presence of the Lieutenant of the County, the Deputy Mayor and Town Clerk of Stafford, the Lord Mayor and Town Clerk of Stoke-on-Trent and the Earl of Harrowby. A quarter of Stedman the previous evening was lost in the last few minutes.

THE RETURN OF THE NATIVE

The peal rung at Folkington, Lincs, published this week, was arranged for Mr. W. R. Wetenhall, of Cockermouth, Cumberland, who was on holiday in Lincolnshire, and he much enjoyed meeting old friends after many years. Mr. Wetenhall resided in Stamford in the 1920's and was an active member of the late Mr. H. Day's Surprise band. The Folkington peal was also Mr. C. T. H. Bradley's 100th for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

MR. RODNEY B. MEADOWS LECTURES AT OLD SCHOOL

The annual "Fourth Centenary" lecture at King Edward VI School, Southampton, was delivered recently by the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. Rodney B. Meadows, who took as his subject "The English Art of Change Ringing." The chairman, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, introduced the lecturer by referring to his short though distinguished career at the school.

Before a select audience, Mr. Meadows proceeded to give a most effective exposition of the subject in stylish language laced with gentle humour. The lecture was illustrated by slides, photographs and tape-recordings, and a copy of the text will be bound with others in this series and placed in the school's Select Library. The audience included local ringers.

AFTER THE TANKARD A TOUR

Bramford, Suffolk, ringers have recently presented their captain, Neville Whittell, with a tankard to mark his 100th peal. Now we learn he has taken this band on an extensive tour of North East Suffolk, visiting Blythburgh, Southwold, Wrentham, Somerleyton, Lowestoft, Pakefield, Bungay, Ringsfield, Barsham and Halesworth.

At Barsham the Rector heard his bells for the first time and at Pakefield Mr. Clouston, who had joined the party earlier, set himself up in style with folding chair and hamper, writes our correspondent.

WHO WERE THEY?

Mr. Alan A. J. Buswell sends us a cutting from "The Portsmouth Evening News" concerning their "80 Years Ago" feature. This records that "a bell-ringing family opened their campanological entertainment at the circus in Bow Street, Landport, Portsmouth, and gave very great satisfaction to the audience. Their manipulation of the 152 sweetly-toned bells was skilfully accomplished. In all there are eight performers." Mr. Buswell asks if any reader can give further information of this party.

RINGING TO CONTINUE DESPITE INSULTS

Mr. J. Hedgcock, Ringing Master of St. Thomas', Ecclestone, St. Helens, writes complaining about vehement and insulting complaints regarding the bells of St. Thomas' and inaccurate statements in the local Press.

Despite this, he assures readers that ringing at St. Thomas' will continue as normal, i.e. Fridays 7.30-9 p.m., Sundays 10-10.25 a.m. and 6-6.25 p.m. Other ringing functions such as visiting parties on tour at week-ends and Branch meetings will continue. Ringers are also welcome when ringing is in progress.

"We are considering sound control and only the financial situation prevents this being adopted. If this is not adopted the P.C.C. and clergy are ready to go to the Law Courts if necessary in defence of the right to ring their bells."

SOME COMMEMORATION

On the occasion of the annual commemorative Snowdon Dinner a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods (London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative) was rung silent and non-conducted at Penistone.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

LUTON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25 cwt. 24 lb. in D.

R. Shipp (Peterhouse) .. Treble	K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) .. 6
G. H. Jones (St. John's) .. 2	E. N. Thomas (St. John's) .. 7
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) .. 3	J. A. Harrison (Sidney) .. 8
F. C. Hobson (St. John's) .. 4	V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 9
K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) .. 5	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity) .. Tenor

Composed by R. W. Pipe. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt.

Frank R. Morton .. Treble	George A. Packer .. 6
Norman Sherratt .. 2	Ivor R. Nichols .. 7
*Harold Dowler .. 3	*Raymond J. Ballard .. 8
*Paul Atkins .. 4	Dennis Latham .. 9
Barry Corbishley .. 5	Charles A. S. Webb .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal "inside." First of Cambridge Royal as conductor.

Quickest peal of Royal on the bells.

FAIRFIELD, Buxton, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

Kenneth R. Davenport .. Treble	Alec Richardson .. 5
Sidney Hough .. 2	Neil D. Lomas .. 6
Allen Twyman .. 3	John Robinson .. 7
Denis Mottershead .. 4	Jeffrey Brannan .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

ECCLESTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

Derek Yates .. Treble	Frank Osbaldiston .. 5
Basil Jones .. 2	John Worth .. 6
Harold C. Lonyon .. 3	A. Peter Whitehead .. 7
Robert J. Warrilow .. 4	Robert B. Smith .. Tenor

Composed by F. Barratt.

600th peal as conductor.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

TRUMPINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael.

On Sun., Oct. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 5
Tudor P. Edwards .. 2	Philip J. Rothera .. 6
Susan Rothera .. 3	John H. Fielden .. 7
Geoffrey H. Pullin .. 4	Peter S. Bennett .. Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

Conducted by Peter S. Bennett.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Edna Frith and Christopher Cooper, who were married the previous day at Chelmsford Cathedral.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

GREAT DUNMOW, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. Treble	*Philip J. Rothera .. 5
Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. 2	Peter S. Bennett .. 6
Susan Rothera .. 3	Tudor P. Edwards .. 7
John H. Fielden .. 4	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland.

Conducted by John H. Fielden.

* 50th peal for the Association.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Edna Frith and Christopher Cooper, who were married later this day at Chelmsford Cathedral.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PAINSWICK, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in D.

Walter F. Judge .. Treble	*W. Bertram Kynaston .. 7
*Rev. Roger Keeley .. 2	Wilfrid G. Wilson .. 8
*Brian Bladon .. 3	D. John Hunt .. 9
*Cyril A. Wratten .. 4	Charles H. Kippin .. 10
*Victor Griffin .. 5	Robert C. Kippin .. 11
*Gordon W. Land .. 6	John R. Mayne .. Tenor

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal of Maximus. † First of Yorkshire Maximus.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 25 methods, comprising 320 each of London, Lincolnshire, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Bristol, Wordsworth and Claybrooke, and 160 each of Pudsey, Eastcote, Cray, Lindum, Framley, Superlative, Uxbridge, Hitchin, Watford, Hereford, New Gloucester, Heathcote, Wembley, Rutland, Ripon, Edinburgh, Acton and Langley, with 154 changes of method.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

Maurice A. New .. Treble	Anthony R. Peake .. 5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	James R. Taylor .. 6
Michael J. Hobbs .. 3	Peter Bridle .. 7
*Brian Bladon .. 4	†Victor Griffin .. Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* 500th peal. † 175th peal. The greatest number of Major methods to a peal by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

A welcome to Jacqueline Louise and Rosalind Mary, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Taylor, born October 14th, 1965.

WARMLEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Barnabas.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods/variations, being one extent each of Alvey, Dumbleton, St. David, Broadwas, Marston, Warkton, All Saints, Little Aston, Cowslip, Honeysuckle, Wallflower, Oldswinford, St. Colum, Clifford's Pleasure, Salwarpe, Southrepps, Wychbold, Reverse Canterbury, Litchurch, Snodsbury, Buttercup, Violet, Primrose, Seighford, Old, Norfolk, Charlton, Tichborne, Kennington, Windrush, Wollaston, Dedworth, April Day, Tredington, Plain Bob, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Fortune, Bluebell, Daffodil, Newborough, Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

Kenneth G. Weeks .. Treble	William Lampard .. 4
Myra J. Gibbs .. 2	Anthony W. Gibbs .. 5
Elizabeth A. Webb .. 3	Brian K. Lewis .. Tenor

Conducted by Anthony W. Gibbs.

Most methods to a peal by all the band and on the bells.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTON CANON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor 8 cwt.

*Andrew Trumper .. Treble	W. John Clayton .. 3
John W. Hope .. 2	Thomas Bound .. 4

Robert A. Hatcher .. Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.

* First peal.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HERTFORD.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 22 extents Grandsire, 10 Plain Bob, and 10 Southrepps.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*Brian W. Foley .. Treble	*Dennis Digby .. 4
†Gwynneth M. James .. 2	*Peter Owen .. 5
*Richard Wilsher .. 3	*Peter M. F. Seales .. Tenor

Conducted by Peter Owen.

* First peal. † First of Doubles.

Rung to welcome Miss James as a member of the Hertford County Association, and to confirm the interest of the ringers.

TEWIN, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt.

Gerald Penney .. Treble	†Dennis Digby .. 4
*Susan Farnes .. 2	Eric Edmondson .. 5
†Peter Owen .. 3	Michael J. Sherrick .. Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First peal. † First of Minor.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

BALLYMENA, Co. Antrim.—At the Church of St. Patrick.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

Holt's Ten-Part .. Treble	†Raymond F. Bain .. 5
*Aileen E. McAteer .. 2	†John Lindsay .. 6
*Rosemary Thompson .. 3	John T. Dunwoody .. 7
Jean Jeffery .. 4	*Samuel H. Letters .. Tenor
†Maud Austin .. 5	

Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.

* First peal, first attempt. † First of Grandsire Triples. 75th peal as conductor.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STRATTON STRAWLESS, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sun., Oct. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 14 methods, viz.: (1) London and Wells Surprise, (2) Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (3) Norwich Surprise, (4) Thelwall and Double Oxford, (5) Childwall and St. Clement's, (6) Plain Bob and Single Oxford, (7) Combined Oxford and Kent T.B., with 102 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

Peter Adcock Treble	Geoffrey H. Pullin 4
David E. House 2	Martin Cubitt 5
Roy Duesbury 3	Leslie F. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Leslie F. Bailey

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HUGHENDEN, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.	
Meryl Newton Treble	*Roy E. Barton 5
Roland Biggs 2	Percy Newton 6
Keith H. Gould 3	David A. Cornwall 7
Joyce I. Barton 4	Arthur Newton Tenor

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

* First attempt for a peal.

A wedding compliment to Roger G. Hazell and Gillian N. Smith, who were married earlier in the day, also as a compliment to Keith H. Gould and Patricia Denton, on their engagement, and also for the Patronal Festival

OTTERY ST. MARY, Devon.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin. King Edward-the-Confessor and All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Robert M. Ashman Treble	Sydney M. Bailey 5
Edward R. Venn 2	Anthony D. Sansom 6
John Manley 3	Frederick R. Scott 7
Frank W. Lewis 4	J. Keith Ward Tenor

Composed by Ernest Tipler. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

MOULTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Roger W. Smith Treble	†George F. Roome 5
Shirley E. Ruddlesden 2	Eric Billings 6
Stanley M. Ruddlesden 3	Alan A. Paul 7
*Bernard E. Frost 4	Barrie Hendry Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

* First of Surprise Major. † First of Cambridge Major. First peal of Surprise Major by a Northampton Branch band.

COLD HIGHAM, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods, viz.: (1) 360 Double Oxford, 360 St. Clement's, (2) 360 Thelwall, 360 Childwall, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) 288 Surfleet, 432 Beverley S., (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Single Oxford, (7) Plain Bob, with 22 changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*Delia M. Langton Treble	Roger W. Smith 4
Shirley E. Ruddlesden 2	Charles E. Truman 5
Alan A. Paul 3	Barrie Hendry Tenor

Conducted by Barrie Hendry.

* First peal.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

THORNCOMBE, DORSET.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Mrs. C. W. Powell Treble	Derek S. Beaufoy 5
Cuthbert W. H. Powell 2	*Rev. C. J. B. Marshall 6
G. Stedman Morris 3	†William E. Turner 7
Henry G. Keeley 4	Trevor A. Cross Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.

* 50th peal. † First of Surprise Major "inside."

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. LICHFIELD, Staffordshire.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Chad.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt 2 qr. 9 lb. in D	
John A. Booth Treble	John Robinson 6
Sidney Hough 2	Peter J. Wycherley 7
Christine Andrew 3	Jeffrey Brannan 8
Allen Twyman 4	Neil D. Lomas 9
Neil Bennett 5	Denis Mottershead Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley. Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

HICKLING, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 11 methods/variations, viz.: four extents each of All Saints, Rushall, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Seighford, April Day, Kennington, Plain Bob, and two extents Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

Ruth Blackshaw Treble	David Oliver 3
Sydney Adams 2	Maurice W. Harrison 4

William L. Exton Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

CROYDON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.	
Michael V. Chilcott Treble	*Ernest J. Ladd 7
Andrew N. Stubbs 2	Robert W. Hinde 8
Olive D. Tester 3	David E. Parsons 9
Hilary F. Hinde 4	Colin A. Tester 10
Frank E. Darby 5	Richard C. Stevens 11
Raymond E. Finch 6	David T. Darby Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Frank E. Darby.

* First peal on twelve bells.

PUTNEY, London.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 ALDERNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt 1 qr. 4 lb in F	
G. William Shanks Treble	Brian J. Bull 5
Robert J. Cooles 2	Noel R. Waite 6
Alison M. Mann 3	Alan R. Millidge 7
Christopher F. Mew 4	Michael J. Uphill Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin. Conducted by Christopher F. Mew.

The first peal in the method. C.C.C. No. 61.

Rung as a wedding day compliment to Ann Shearman and David Friend, who were married at Mortlake earlier this day.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WITHYHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in F.	
Robert Wake Treble	Michael J. Wake 5
Jean Osbon 2	Henry C. Weaver 6
J. R. Wilson 3	Leonard Stilwell 7
Frank I. Hairs 4	Raymond P. Wood Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Leonard Stilwell.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. L. Hairs.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. CHRISTCHURCH, Hampshire.—At the Priory Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 28 cwt	
Tudor P. Edwards Treble	Kenneth J. Hesketh 7
Ronald F. Diserens 2	R. Roger Savory 8
Andrew N. Stubbs 3	John S. Mason 9
Antony R. Kench 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry 10
Noel J. Diserens 5	Peter Border 11
David P. Hilling 6	Wilfred Williams Tenor

Conducted by Wilfred Williams.

The conductor's 60th different tenor to a twelve bell peal.

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THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

BALLYLESSON, Co. Down.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Drumbo.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Plain Bob and Kent T.B., and one each of College, St. Clement's and Oxford T.B. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*Jonathan S. N. Porter .. Treble	*John Lindsay 4
*Rosemary Thompson .. 2	John T. Dunwoody .. 5
*Maud Austin 3	M. Jack Pryor Tenor

Conducted by John T. Dunwoody.

* First peal in five methods.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Jean Higginson, tower secretary, and Philip Say, both ringers at this church.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Doris E. Colgate Treble	Thomas Cullingworth .. 5
Ann Jenner 2	Dennis A. Chapman .. 6
*Richard G. Crosland .. 3	Ralph Bird 7
Ian H. Oram 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal of London.

WESTERHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENDAL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 23 cwt. 17 lb. in E flat.

Hilary F. Hinde Treble	Tony Lewis 5
Ann Jenner 2	Edward J. Jenner .. 6
Robert W. Hinde 3	Ian H. Oram 7
Doris E. Colgate 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

BARMING, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) London, (2) Annable's London, (3) York and Durham, (4) Bourne, (5) Beverley and Surfleet, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

Peter S. Muchlinski Treble	John Faircloth 4
Tony Lewis 2	Ralph Bird 5
Mary S. Taylor 3	Ian H. Oram Tenor

Conducted by Ralph Bird.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CLAYBROOKE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E.

Malcolm E. Wade Treble	A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 5
Peter J. Staniforth 2	Brian S. Chapman .. 6
Michael E. Brown 3	Russell S. Morris .. 7
J. Frederick Milner 4	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. John the Divine.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*Roger J. Starbuck Treble	A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 5
Howard C. Palmer 2	Gordon H. Lane .. 6
W. Ernest Rawson 3	Roland H. Cook .. 7
Malcolm E. Wade 4	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

Conducted by R. Kingsley Mason.

* First peal on eight bells.

Rung to the respected memory of Mrs. Edith K. Fletcher, who conducted the first peal of London Major on these bells from the second, on October 27th, 1923.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., Oct. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. approx.

Jean F. Woolford Treble	Cecil Wade 4
*Cuthbert T. H. Bradley .. 2	Roger W. Wetenhall .. 5
James A. D. Woolford .. 3	James H. Musson Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

* 100th peal for the Guild (includes peals from Doubles to Cinques).

Rung for the Festival of St. Luke.

CLAYPOLE, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Oct. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 15 extents each Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 12 of Grandire Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

John R. Jordan Treble	Roland W. Morant .. 3
Peter A. Slight 2	Denis A. Frith 4

Vaughan P. Evans Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

First peal on the bells.

Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss D. Lindsay, of Colne, Lancs, to Mr C. W. Slight, of Grantham.

BRANSTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents of different callings Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

Fred Ingall Treble	G. Leonard Thompson .. 4
*Graham D. Thompson .. 2	†John F. Pearson .. 5
Amos Ingall 3	Louis Willders Tenor

Conducted by Louis Willders.

* First peal and first attempt. † 100th peal.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWTON NOTTAGE, Glamorgan.—At the Parish Church of St. John Baptist.

On Mon., Oct. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 10 variations. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Peter C. Fenton Treble	Trevor M. Roderick .. 4
William T. Petty 2	†Rev. Derek E. Ford .. 5
D. R. Lynn Jones 3	*Michael J. Thomas .. Tenor

Conducted by Trevor M. Roderick.

* First peal. † First "inside."

Rung as a compliment to Canon William Roach, on his retirement this day after being Rector of the parish for 23 years.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

CHISWICK, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Mon., Oct. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

Robert E. J. Dennis .. Treble	Derek E. Sibson 5
Diana M. Frost 2	Roger W. Powell .. 6
Roger D. Bailey 3	*Richard O. Humphries .. 7
Martin C. Faulkes 4	Alan J. Frost Tenor

Composed by F. Bennett.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* 50th peal.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas James Thurley, a ringer at this church for over 50 years, who died on September 30th, aged 73.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARNES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sun., Oct. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

Anthony K. Fortin .. Treble	John R. Ketteringham .. 5
Kenneth Warner 2	Alan R. Patterson .. 6
David E. Rothera 3	C. Martin Press .. 7
Nina B. Thomas 4	Dennis Hewitt Tenor

Composed by Roger D. Bailey.

Conducted by C. Martin Press.

Rung with the best wishes of the band to celebrate the engagement of Robert J. Moore, of Hendon, Middlesex, and Catherine F. Jones, of Birmingham.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Sept. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's (Johnson's Variation). Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Edwin Deakin Treble	G. Ronald Edwards .. 5
*Richard J. Clifton 2	Arthur E. Rowley .. 6
Roland Beniston 3	Joseph W. Cotton .. 7
†Dan S. Pont 4	*Derek P. Jones Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* 100th peal together. † First in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Mon., Oct. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PUDEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards .. Treble	Arthur E. Rowley .. 5
Richard J. Clifton 2	Dan S. Pont 6
*Edwin Deakin 3	B. Stedman Payne .. 7
Joseph W. Cotton 4	Derek P. Jones Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First touch in the method.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

LISS, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Oct. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt, 1 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

Keith Sansom Treble	Bernard S. Gambrell .. . 5
*†Stella G. Rice .. . 2	Rex J. Corke .. . 6
*Susan V. Wood .. . 3	*David M. Hughes .. . 7
*Lesley J. Read .. . 4	Michael J. Uphill .. . Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.
* First peal of Major. † First "inside."
Rung for the Harvest Festival.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

PERSHORE, Worcestershire.—At the Abbey Church of the Holy Cross.

On Thurs., Oct. 14, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 28 cwt.

Adrian C. Boorman .. Treble	Frederick A. Munday .. . 5
A. Barry Sullivan .. . 2	Harold B. Schofield .. . 6
Edward W. Colley .. . 3	A. Peter Whitehead .. . 7
Roderick W. Pipe .. . 4	Clifford A. Barron .. . Tenor

Composed by Ian M. Holland.
Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BRIERLEY HILL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt, 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

*Gillian A. Richards .. Treble	Geoffrey Westwood .. . 5
M. Irene Ellsmore .. . 2	Martin D. Fellows .. . 6
Clifford Skidmore .. . 3	John C. Eisel .. . 7
†A. Bryan Ellsmore .. . 4	Michael J. Fellows .. . Tenor

Composed by John R. Mayne.
Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of Major and of Treble Bob. † 75th peal.
Quarterly peal for the Northern Branch

KINVER, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt, 2 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

Christopher Bainham .. Treble	Michael J. Fellows .. . 5
M. Irene Ellsmore .. . 2	John C. Eisel .. . 6
*Philip R. Johnson .. . 3	Philip G. K. Davies .. . 7
Remi M. Hodister .. . 4	Martin D. Fellows .. . Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.
Conducted by Philip G. K. Davies.
* First peal of Surprise "inside."

STOKE PRIOR, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt, 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

*Robert Edwards .. . Treble	Gerald C. Hemming .. . 5
James Attwood, jun. .. . 2	Edward W. Colley .. . 6
Martin D. Fellows .. . 3	John C. Eisel .. . 7
Geoffrey J. Hemming .. . 4	Michael J. Fellows .. . Tenor

Composed by Joseph Pigott.
Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, Worcestershire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part (7th obs.) ..	Tenor 17½ cwt.
Joseph E. Lawrence .. Treble	George T. Cousins .. . 5
Albert W. Hartland .. . 2	Frederick Hawkes .. . 6
Arthur A. Jopp .. . 3	John Clements .. . 7
Austin T. Wingate .. . 4	Thomas W. Lewis .. . Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.
Rung on the 40th anniversary of Albert W. Hartland's first peal.
The treble ringer also took part in the 1925 peal.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHWRAM, Halifax, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt, 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

Susan M. Rhodes .. . Treble	A. William Kirkby .. . 5
Iris M. E. Lemare .. . 2	Michael Wilshaw .. . 6
W. George Turner .. . 3	Roderick W. Pipe .. . 7
B. Gillian Schofield .. . 4	S. Barry Schofield .. . Tenor

Composed by J. S. Wilde.
Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

DRIFHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Tues., Oct. 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt, 16 lb. in E.

Peter M. Dawson .. . Treble	Geoffrey Crossley .. . 5
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. . 2	Adrian C. Boorman .. . 6
Harold Barron .. . 3	John Robinson .. . 7
George W. Turner .. . 4	Harold B. Schofield .. . Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard.
Conducted by John Robinson.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Sydney Barron,
for over 50 years a ringer at this church.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At "Bombay," 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.

On Thurs., Oct. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Alan McFall .. . 1-2	Neil Bennett .. . 7-8
*C. Kenneth Lewis .. . 3-4	†Gerald Moorhouse .. . 9-10
Robert B. Smith .. . 5-6	*Giles B. Thompson .. . 11-12

Arranged and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.
* First peal on 12 handbell, completing Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus "in hand." † First peal of Maximus.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At 39, Titian Avenue.

On Sun., Oct. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 12 in F.

Christopher W. Woolley .. 1-2	Roger Baldwin .. . 5-6
*Sara K. D. Woolley .. . 3-4	†Margaret D. Woolley .. . 7-8

Composed by A. F. Lewry.
Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.
* First peal on an "inside" pair.
A welcome to Nicholas Baldwin.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of the Church of SS. Philip and James.

On Fri., Oct. 22, 1965, in 1 Hour and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.	Tenor size 11 in G.
Maud Austin .. . 1-2	John T. Dunwoody (cond.) 3-4
John Lindsay .. . 5-6	

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.

On Tues., Oct. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett .. . 1-2	*Christopher T. Osenton .. . 5-6
Edward J. Beer .. . 3-4	Stuart Sandford .. . 7-8

Composed by C. K. Lewis.
Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.
* First peal of Major "in hand."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Tenor size 11 in G.

Joseph Whalley .. . 1-2	Mary Whalley .. . 3-4
*Kevin Price (cond.) .. . 5-6	

* First peal. First as conductor (age 12). First in method by all.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WROXHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Aug. 21, 1965, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 16 in B.

Peter N. Mackley .. . 1-2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3-4
*Timothy G. Pett .. . 5-6	

* First peal "in hand."

LONDON.—At 43, Ladbroke Square, W.11.

On Tues., Oct. 19, 1965, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents each of St. Clement's, College and Plain Bob, and one of St. Clement's and Plain Bob.	Tenor size 14 in D.
Paul S. Royds-Jones .. 1-2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3-4
Timothy G. Pett .. . 5-6	

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

LONDON, S.W.—At 14, Charlwood Road, Putney.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Being seven different extents.	Tenor size 15 in C.
*Arthur C. Berry .. . 1-2	Alan R. Patterson (cond.) .. 3-4
†Michael J. Uphill .. . 5-6	

* First peal of Minor on handbells. † First peal on handbells.

ARKSEY, YORKS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. V. Mitchell 1, Miss F. Chester 2, E. Cooper (cond.) 3, G. Arrand 4, W. H. Johnson 5, Mrs. I. Somerville 6, J. Laughton 7, J. Witham 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

BARSHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. J. Margetts 1, E. R. Goate 2, T. J. Brock 3, M. J. Parker 4, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 5. For Confirmation service.

BEDWELLY, MON.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. H. Fisher 1, Anne Humphries 2, Mrs. E. Price 3, Anne Davies 4, A. R. Price (cond.) 5, A. Williams 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Jennifer Jones and Mr. Malcolm Davies.

BERRICK SALOME, OXON.—On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): C. Woodward 1, F. Absalom 2, V. Fox 3, G. Cooke 4, J. Pladdys (cond.) 5, A. Howes 6.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. G. Collinge (first quarter) 1, Mrs. B. van-Asselt 2, Julia Collinge (first "inside") 3, R. C. Kift 4, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 5, H. L. Williamson 6.

BRAY, BERKS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (1, 2 leading): Janice H. Penning 1, D. Russell 2, Juliet Hall 3, Wenda R. Harris 4, T. D. Mitchell 5, R. Blewitt 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. For Evensong, on the christening day of Julian Gordon Carman, son of former ringier and nephew and godson of ringier of 4.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Oct. 10th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: T. Williams 1, Catherine M. Powell 2, P. J. Came 3, R. I. Vaughn 4, R. J. T. Talbot (cond.) 5, J. R. Norris 6, R. B. Newton 7, B. J. Stone 8, B. North 9, M. J. Bew 10. First on 10 bells 1 and 7. For the inaugural service of the academic year at the University of Sussex.

BRISTOL.—At St. James' Church, on Oct. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Helen F. Roberts 1, Diana Boyce 2, Pauline Bligh-Cheesman 3, M. G. R. Zobel 4, M. Gilbey 5, L. Pierce 6, J. T. Parsons (first of Royal as cond.) 7, D. B. Williams 8, N. W. H. Simon 9, J. C. Slater 10. First of Royal 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Minor (Kent T.B., Plain Bob): Christine Webb 1, Maureen Simons 2, Diana Boyce 3, Gillian Breatley 4, B. Mozley 5, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 6. Rung by members of U.B.S.C.R.

BRISTOL (Kingsdown).—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Grant 1, Miss E. Brocklehurst 2, Miss R. Chapman 3, J. Slater 4, P. Grav (cond.) 5, D. Grant 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

BRISTOL (Stoke Bishop).—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: N. Buckland (first of Stedman) 1, Mrs. J. Gray 2, Miss E. Brocklehurst 3, D. Bentley 4, P. Gray (cond.) 5, B. Buckland 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 26th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: D. L. Mills (cond.) 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Evelyn R. M. Cansdale 3, Janet M. Spurgin 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, J. T. Felgate 6, L. D. Mills 7, A. T. Beckwith 8. For the christening of Heather Ann Cansdale. Also on Oct. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Greta P. Spurgin 1, D. L. Mills (cond.) 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, Janet M. Spurgin 4, C. Bower 5, Evelyn R. M. Cansdale 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard 8. A farewell to Janet M. Spurgin, leaving for Vancouver, Canada. Also on Oct. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Haywood (first quarter) 1, Greta F. Spurgin (first "inside") 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, Evelyn R. M. Cansdale 4, Janet M. Spurgin 5, B. G. C. Clamplin 6, D. L. Mills (cond.) 7, D. W. Brooks 8. For Harvest Festival.

CAERLEON, MON.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Bainham 1, R. Palfreman 2, R. Stewart 3, C. Bainham 4, D. Phillips (cond.) 5, P. Berrow (first quarter) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. Graham Ballinger and Miss Dianne Edwards.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Lloyd (first of Triples) 1, A. E. Barker 2, G. Bradbury 3, Shelagh Guthrie 4, Lynda Roberts 5, R. D. Baker 6, P. J. Barker (cond.) 7, E. Borley 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

CHELSEA, KENT.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,320 Ellingham Bob Doubles: Jennifer Payne 1, Ann Blatcher 2, Hilary Hinde 3, D. C. Manger (cond.) 4, R. W. Hinde 5, C. Rowe 6. First quarter in the method by all the band. A farewell to Rev. C. J. Ellingham, who is leaving for Groombridge.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Lesley Ward 1, E. P. Duffield 2, F. G. Oliver 3, H. J. Millatt 4, N. V. Avis 5, J. A. Avis 6, P. E. Thompson 7, P. G. Pitt 8, S. D. Humphrey 9, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 10. First of Royal 1, 7 and 9. For the opening of the Chelmsford Cathedral Festival Week.

QUARTER PEALS

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): N. J. Smith (first on treble) 1, M. D. Fuller (cond., 360) 2, M. J. Bura (cond., 480) 3, J. H. Payton (cond., 420) 4, T. J. Wellen 5, J. F. Payne 6. For Matins.

CHURCH GRESLEY, DERBYS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): A. Williams 1, R. Cotton 2, J. W. Cotton 3, D. Perry 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5. First in eight methods "inside" 2 and 4. For Harvest Festival.

CHURCH LAWFOED, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,272 Kent T.B. Minor: H. Folwell 1, Pamela J. Wright 2, J. Alexander 3, A. Everleigh 4, A. K. Putnam 5, A. R. Wright (cond.) 6. Rung for the induction of the Rev. Mr. Spiller.

COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): R. Garratt 1, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) M. Penny 3, J. Stanning 4, R. Inglis 5, C. N. Ward (first quarter) 6.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jane Shepherd 1, R. Beale 2, W. Tarr 3, A. Reed 4, F. Matravars 5, R. Shepherd 6, N. Mages (cond.) 7, D. Lee 8. First of Stedman 1, 6, 8, and as conductor.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. F. Smallwood (cond.) 1, P. Taylor 2, Ann St. J. Smith 3, R. Bullen 4, G. H. Paulson 5, B. Morris 6, A. Laughton 7, E. Paulson 8. A temporary farewell to A. Laughton, who is leaving Derbyshire for Harrogate.

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.—On Oct. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Myers (first of Doubles) 1, Miss M. Russell 2, Miss Y. C. Porter 3, T. G. Myers (cond.) 4, A. W. Myers 5, A. L. Bennett 6. G. Myers took part in a further six score in the same method.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Whale 1, R. Fisher 2, Pamela Osborne 3, B. Osborne 4, C. Hillier 5, D. Bailey (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Graham Evans.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Mocker (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Griffith 2, Mrs. D. Belcham 3, C. J. Belcham 4, M. J. Hallett (cond.) 5.

DROITWICH SPA, WORCS.—At St. Peter-de-Witton, on Sept. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (four callings): Jennifer Stone-Wigg 1, J. Sach (first quarter, aged 12) 2, Sylvia Cater 3, M. Powell 4, P. Cattermole (cond.) 5, A. Russell 6. A wedding compliment to Peter Reeve and Joy Skerratt.

EALING, MIDD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Sprackling 1, A. M. Stacey 2, J. Elliott 3, Mrs. J. Rose 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 6, B. A. Rose (cover) 7. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Davies 1, M. Sprackling 2, A. M. Stacey (cond.) 3, Mrs. J. Rose 4, F. Ransom 5, B. A. Rose 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, W. G. Wilson 8. For morning service.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Pleasance 1, D. Blove 2, A. W. Cole 3, J. H. Gould 4, T. Cole 5, F. H. Erith (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 2. For the wedding of Joy Munson, local ringier, to Mr. R. H. Brown.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, on Oct. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss D. Colcombe 1, Mrs. G. Webb 2, Miss I. Warner 3, Mrs. P. Bird 4, Mrs. G. Chinnerv 5, J. Bailey 6, C. Chinnery 7, J. King 8, C. Webb (first in method as cond.) 9, H. Colcombe 10. First of Caters for all except 3 and 9. Rung by the Hershaw Sunday service band for evening service.

HALESOWEN, WORCS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Lashford 1, H. Shilcock 2, Miss I. Elmsmore 3, L. Clisset 4, Miss W. Pretty 5, T. Greenhall 6, B. Elmsmore (cond.) 7, A. Hackett 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. Ewart Lea, a respected member of Halesowen Parish Church, who died October 9th.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Mrs. G. Webb 1, Miss D. Colcombe 2, Miss J. Warner 3, J. Bailey 4, H. Colcombe 5, C. Webb (cond.) 6. First in the method for 2 and 4. For evening service. Also on Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Spliced Oxford Bob and Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Colcombe 1, H. Colcombe 2, Mrs. G. Chinnery 3, Mrs. G. Webb 4, J. Bailey 5, C. Chinnery 6, C. Webb (cond.) 7, J. King 8. First of Spliced Triples for all the band. A 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Webb, and also for Harvest Festival.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Hoare 1, A. Walters 2, S. Christian 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5, M. J. Howes 6. For Harvest Festival.

KILMERSDON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda Pomeroy 1, H. Hawkins 2, Jennifer Durston 3, P. J. Fowler 4, G. R. Pomeroy (cond.) 5, R. Hawkins 6. A token of respect to Joseph T. Dyke.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Hatherly (12, first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Hall 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, A. Betsworth 4, B. Walton 5, K. Tipper 6. For Evensong.

RADLETT, HERTS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: Miss A. Hunter (first quarter) 1, Rev. J. Blick 2, R. W. M. Clouston 3, G. Dodds (cond.) 4, B. Denmark 5, Miss J. Denmark 6. For the commissioning by the Bishop of St. Albans of the Provost of Bradford as leader of the Radlett Mission.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Boxell 1, Mrs. M. Poolman 2, Miss A. Rowland 3, D. Heath 4, V. Williams (cond.) 5, W. Poolman 6, H. Perry (cover) 7. For the Patronal Festival.

SHELFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,309 Doubles (10 methods): D. Lazzarini 1, Christine L. J. Mills 2, F. Bradley 3, Doreen Bradley 4, B. Mills (cond.) 5. A farewell to the Rev. T. W. Richardson, before moving to St. Austell, Cornwall.

SMARTEN, KENT.—On Sept. 15th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Rachel Saggas (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Knight 2, Lynne Payne 3, F. Goodearle 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, E. Clifton 6. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rachel Saggas 1, Sylvia Knight 2, Lynne Payne 3, F. Goodearle 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, E. Clifton 6. For Patronal Festival. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Sylvia Knight 1, Lynne Payne 2, H. Baker 3, L. Sweatman 4, H. Deacon 5, B. Johnson (cond.) 6.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. S. B. Croft 1, Miss P. E. Pitfield 2, Miss J. M. Butler 3, S. J. Curtis 4, O. N. Curtis 5, A. R. Jackson 6, M. J. Butler (cond.) 7, J. A. Pitfield 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Leslie W. Stead, honorary secretary of the St. Mary's band and past District chairman of Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

STAFFORD.—On Oct. 10th, 1,252 Kent T.B. Minor: F. R. Wiggin 1, E. Hudson 2, R. K. Mowforth 3, A. E. Garbett 4, R. Stanley 5, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 6. Rung for Harvest morning service. Also on Oct. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. R. Wiggin 1, C. Hone 2, E. Hudson 3, R. Stanley 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 7, C. J. Evans 8. For the induction of the Rev. I. D. W. Knowles as Rector and Rural Dean of Stafford.

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. Shouler 1, G. Soul (first quarter) 2, R. Warren 3, W. Mawby 4, O. Warren 5, P. D. Taylor (cond.) 6.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFOED, SURREY.—On Oct. 19th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Lodge (first of Minor) 1, W. Seville 2, Carolyn White 3, Janet E. Cleeve 4, J. Collier (first in the method) 5, D. J. Tubbs (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of 1 and 3.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Sandra P. Fairfield (first quarter) 1, Sheila Parsons (first of Major) 2, Beryl E. Cawser 3, A. A. Rackham 4, N. G. Pratt 5, G. H. Peers, sen. 6, A. Evans 7, N. W. Attaway (first as cond.) 8.

UPLYME, DEVON.—On Oct. 17th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Angela Quick 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, H. G. Keeley 3, C. W. Powell 4, F. Knight 5, G. S. Morris (cond.) 6.

WARMISTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Bull 1, P. Rovnon 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, L. Hawkins 4, V. Bull 5, N. G. Knee (cond.) 6, T. E. Mallard 7, W. Davis (first quarter) 8.

WARWICK.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Susan Smith 1, P. C. Randall 2, M. Robottom 3, Clare Dolphin 4, I. Maycock 5, E. Holdsworth 6, E. J. Gower (cond.) 7, J. L. Garner-Hayward 8. First in the method 1-4. For Harvest Festival service.

YEovil, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 17th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: T. Cross 1, D. Beaufoy 2, R. Moore 3, G. Gaylard 4, T. Marks 5, T. Look 6, R. J. Fox 7, H. Gaylard 8, T. J. Setter (cond.) 9, C. Wyatt 10. For Evensong.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Bath 1, J. A. H. Betts (first of Triples as cond.) 2, R. A. Clist 3, P. D. Holden 4, D. Floyd 5, M. J. Church 6, J. F. List 7, T. Patching 8. First of Triples 4, 5, 7 and 8. Dedicated to all the pilots who took part in the Battle of Britain.

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ENGAGEMENT

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HOLMES.—At from Sept. 10th, Mr. William T. Holmes' address has been Hyde Valley House, Hyde Valley, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. 7887

MASON.—Christine (Royal South Hampshire Hospital, student nursing staff; late Coton, Nuneaton) informs ringing friends of new residential address: Nurses' Home, 20, Hulse Road, Southampton. Telephone 22499. 7921

SHEA.—Greetings to all ringing friends from 94, Victoria Avenue, Newport, Monmouthshire. 7905

ST. JOHN-AT-HACKNEY.—Enquiries for the bells to Secretary, Miss E. French, 10, Sandgate House, Pembury Road, Hackney, E.5. 7899

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MISCELLANEOUS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—The monthly Surprise Major practice meeting at Wilton is permanently transferred to the second Tuesday as from November 9th at 7.30 p.m.—N. J. Maggs, Ringing Master. 7916

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—The first mid-week practice meeting will be at Stanwell on Wednesday, November 17th. Ringing 7.45-9.15 p.m. Good attendance, please.—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7888

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY.—The annual dinner of the Southampton University Guild will be held on Saturday, November 27th, at the Montague Arms Hotel, Beaulieu. Tickets 25s. Details of ringing during the day, with tickets, available from P. J. Joyce, J.C.R., Southampton University. Last orders by November 8th. 7869

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CANCELLED

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Proposed meeting at Turner's Hill on November 6th is cancelled.—E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec. 7881

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—The next meeting will be held at Studley on November 6th. Ringing 3 and 6 till 8. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea must be sent to Mr. J. W. Perkins, 46, Toms Town Lane, Studley, Warwickshire. A strict rule of no names—no tea will be applied, so be sure of yours by booking up in plenty of time.—P. S. Bennett, Dis. Sec. 7834

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Practice meeting will be held at Whitestone on Saturday, November 6th, 7-9 p.m. Also annual meeting at St. David's, Saturday, December 11th.—G. Skinner, 7863

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Willingham, Saturday, November 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting and further ringing. Special methods: Double Court and York Surprise. 7805

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Great Easton on November 6th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. Pryer, Ripley, Little Easton, Dunmow. 7821

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. District.—Meeting at Widford on Saturday, November 6th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. P. Brandon, 424, Baddow Road, Chelmsford (72100). Visitors very welcome. Special method: London. 7816

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Practice meeting at St. Ippolyts on November 6th at 5.30 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7838

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting, Rickmansworth, November 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Names to H. A. Bradbury, 37, West Way, Tel. Rickmansworth 76755. 7861

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Combined Districts Meeting.—Pinner, Saturday, November 6th, 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. followed by service. Evening ringing 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Ruislip bells available from 3-4 p.m.—W. H. Deason and E. H. Kilby, Hon. Dis. Secs. 7866

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Monthly meeting at Stoke Goldington on Saturday, November 6th. Bells (6) from 6 p.m. 7804

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting, Ravensthorpe, Saturday, November 6th. Tea arranged.—J. E. Goddard. 7913

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Escrick, November 6th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Meeting 3.30. Service 4.15. Please provide own food, cups of tea only available. Howden bells 7 to 9 p.m.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7890

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Rawmarsh, Saturday, November 6th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. G. Hiner, 44, Spalton Road, Parkgate, near Rotherham.—J. Seager, Sec. 7857

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern Section) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District).—A joint meeting will be held at Edenbridge on November 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. C. Leigh, Holmesdale, Station Road, Edenbridge.—W. H. Dobbie, Hon. Sec. 7854

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Initial ringing course for instructors and learners at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Monday, November 8th, at 7.15 p.m. Ringers from all local towers cordially invited.—P. G. Golden. 7865

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting, including election of officers, at "The Rising Sun," Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, November 9th, at 8.15 p.m. Practices in November, all commencing 6.30 p.m.: 9th, St. Paul's Cathedral; 16th, St. Michael's, Cornhill; 23rd, St. Lawrence Jewry; 30th, Southwark Cathedral.—John Chilcott. 7895

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice meeting at Prestbury (8) on Tuesday, November 9th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—Rev. J. Hornfray, Branch Sec. 7877

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Holmfirth, near Huddersfield, Saturday, November 13th. Bells 3 to 7 p.m. New Mill 7 to 8.30 p.m. Tea. Please notify Rev. A. Dangerfield, Vicarage, Holmfirth, not later than November 7th.—J. W. Buxton. 7922

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Northill, Saturday, November 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 7883

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Walkington (6), Saturday, November 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Gray, 7, Northgate, Walkington, Beverley. 7868

DEVON GUILD.—N. and N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting at Westleigh, near Bideford, Saturday, November 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bideford in evening.—R. Pearce, Sec. 7846

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Broughton, Saturday, November 13th. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, 9th, to Mr. J. Jolleys, Church Cottage, Broughton, Preston. A.6 Road, buses 130, 140, 150, etc.—L. Walmsley. 7920

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.W. District.—Induction service of the Rev. A. Farmer at Wepstead on Saturday, November 13th, at 3 p.m. Commence ringing at 2.15 p.m., followed by practice meeting at 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 7897

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Upton, Saturday, November 20th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Hull Surprise and Bob Minor.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel 2623. 7894

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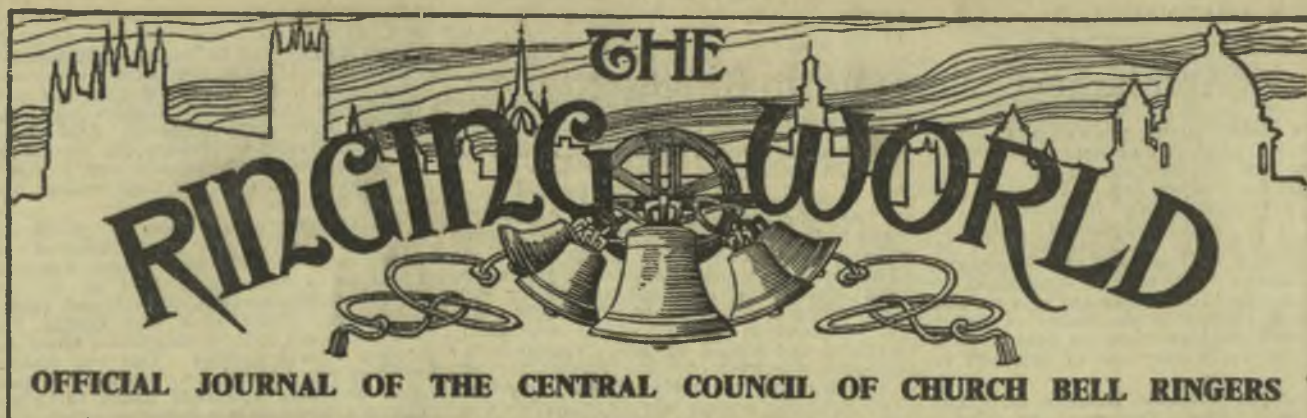
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LOSSES AND GAINS IN THE LAST 30 YEARS

*By Canon Gilbert Thurlow, from an Address given to the
Autumn meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at
St. Paul's, Wokingham.*

SINCE I last worshipped here in 1938, changes then unimaginable have affected us all. It is worth noting them, and our place and that of our art in them. Hitler, Hiroshima and the Bishop of Woolwich meant little in the mid-30s; the British Empire seemed likely to endure for many years and we were still one of the world's greatest powers.

Here we are as ringers and members of the world-wide family of the Christian Church, who believe in God as Christ revealed Him, who are bound together in a close-knit world-wide fellowship of service and loyalty to Christ. As such, it is worth while assessing what is our place as people whose self-chosen contribution to life is to proclaim the Christian good news to the best of our skill as we carry on a great and ancient tradition into the present day world.

What have we lost in the last 30 years? A great deal, obviously. But so much of what we have lost is the kind of thing which our Lord warned us not to value overmuch. Britain has lost power; the Church has lost in numbers; many people have lost their faith. But our Lord warned us against worrying about such losses. He did not value world power as the world understands it.

Perhaps a greater loss is the change in the sense of community. Years ago the community was the parish, centring on the church and, in the village at least, uniting all types into one family in which the nobility, the clergy, the people, all knew each other. Today the community is for most people the trade union, which in theory is splendid, but which in practice can be the fortress from which each group defies the rest. Once most people could hear the bells; today they hear the wireless instead. Then we had unity without uniformity; today we have uniformity without unity.

But think instead what we have gained these 30 years. The Christian faith is, I think, far more realistic than it

was then. Hitler and Hiroshima taught us that at best man risks being a hopeless failure when he relies on his own power alone, and that at worst man can easily degenerate to the jungle beasts from whom he is descended. The Bishop of Woolwich has made available to everyone the thought of modern philosophers, who can see that Christianity can be purified, modernised and strengthened by modern knowledge.

Our greatest gains these 30 years have surely been in our new understanding of the Church—what it is and how it worships? Thirty years ago the Church was largely looked on as the parsons' audience; today it was seen more clearly as the family of Christ in each place, the family closely knit with Christ and with our fellow Church members throughout the world. Today it has a greater sense of unity than perhaps ever before, partly through the work of Popes John and Paul, partly through its getting together in face of Hitler and other anti-Christian leaders, partly through humanitarian work which Christians everywhere are sharing.

And all this tremendous development, this story of gains and losses, of change, of sin and suffering, and power and hope, is ours to proclaim each time we mount the tower and ring the bells. The moment we pull off there rings out a glorious medley of human achievement—bells cast perhaps at Wokingham 500 years ago, or at Whitechapel or Loughborough last week. Bells tuned and hung and maintained and improved and rung by innumerable people through the ages, in towers built and maintained and rebuilt in an incredible variety of ways through 1,400 years.

For those who have the imagination to think beyond what their ears hear and their minds analyse, all this that I have talked about is there. It is a thrill to listen to ringing, to analyse the method or composition being rung. It is perhaps an even greater thrill to go deeper and think what our bells are doing to proclaim faith and truth older than the hills, traditionally yet constantly developing and growing and being renewed through crisis after crisis, things of this changing world, yet allied to the eternal Power which reigns above all and changes not.

GREAT ADVENTURE II

Archbishop Dines With Ringers

OF the various quarter peals rung at Sydney, the one which has an historic significance was the first on the bells of St. Andrew's Cathedral on October 2nd. 1,260 Plain Bob Royal was rung by the following: A. G. Mason 1, W. M. Rowe 2, Enid L. Roberts 3, S. Burton 4, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 5, W. M. Damerell 6, T. J. Lock 7, T. W. Goodyer 8, A. P. Cannon 9, C. W. Pipe (conductor) 10. The Press were in attendance and next morning all Sydney rejoiced in the picture of Arthur Mason with his arms above his head at backstroke and a cheirubic smile of happiness on his face.

One of those helpful quarters to Sydney ringers was rung at Turramurra on October 1st, when Tom Lock conducted 1,440 Kent Treble Bob from the treble. Others ringing were Anne Horsford 2, Jenny Smith (first quarter 3), J. Rainsford 4, Ken Stacey 5, A. J. Lancefield 6.

Of the handbell ringing, perhaps the most meritorious was 1,800 Plain Bob Royal at St. Mary's Basilica on September 30th by T. J. Lock 1-2, Enid L. Roberts 3-4, W. Watson 5-6, T. W. Goodyer 7-8, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 9-10.

The service quarter at St. Paul's, Burwood, on the Sunday, of 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major was recorded in full and worthy of the honour. Ringing: Shirley Burton 1, John Fryer 2, Rev. M. C. C. Melville 3, T. W. Goodyer 4, W. M. Damerell 5, L. Stilwell 6, T. J. Lock 7, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 8.

The ringing on the Sunday of St. Andrew's Cathedral bells gave great pleasure to the church authorities. Touches of Cambridge Royal, Stedman and Grandsire were rung. At the service the Dean thanked the English ringers and stated that it was the first occasion that the bells had been rung for service. He hoped that after Christmas the bells would be rung by their own ringers each Sunday.

LOSSES REDEEMED

Great satisfaction was felt that the earlier losses at St. Mark's, Darling Point, and Randwick were redeemed. The first was on the Saturday morning at St. Jude's, Randwick. The peal of Yorkshire was the first of Major on the bells and the first of Surprise in New South Wales. It was a great pleasure to the English band to have Enid Lloyd Roberts and Willie Watson in the band, as they had been assiduous in daily ferrying the party from Beauregard Hotel, Elizabeth Bay, across Sydney and beyond. This is Willie Watson's own tower, and the method was his first of Surprise. Willie is in his third year at Sydney University, and if ever he visits England and has the opportunities he could well become a leader of the Exercise. The steel bells at Randwick, by Vickers, are contemporary with those at Maitland of a similar type. The church celebrated its centenary this year. The last peal was rung here in 1953.

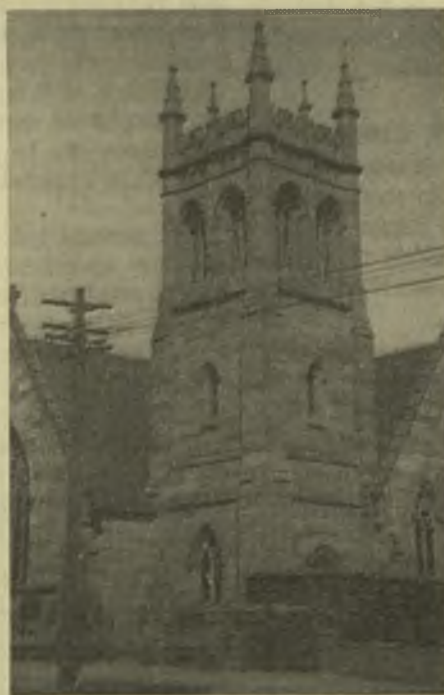
The peal at St. Mark's, Darling Point, on the Sunday, was accomplished in 2 hours and 26 minutes, an average of 34 changes a minute. There was no intention at the start to ring a quick peal; but the bells settled into a fast beat and this was maintained. It gave great satisfaction to Arthur Mason as it was his 500th peal, and this had eluded him twice. This was the third eight-bell peal on

the bells, the first being rung by the Great Adventure I party in 1934. It was, however, the first of Major.

N.S.W. DINNER

The visitors were the guests of the N.S.W. Association at their annual dinner at the Church Hall, Parramatta, on October 2nd. The function was attended by about 100 ringers and friends and the guest of honour was Archbishop Gough, Primate of Australia. Mr. T. W. Goodyer, president of the Association, presided, and Mr. W. M. Rowe, vice-president, proposed the toast of "The Visitors."

In his reply, the Archbishop said there were two particular reasons why he was pleased to be with them. The first was that this was a great year for the Cathedral as they had installed their own bells, and he would like to thank the ringers for their assistance. It was a great joy to have the bells through a generous donor who gave them in memory of her husband. He thought they were the first ten in Australia, and their chairman had told him that they might even be the best ten in the world.



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, BURWOOD, where the Rev. Malcolm Melville preached at a ringers' service.

The other reason was to welcome fellow Pommies, and they needed the help of any of them if they should remain in Australia. One of the visitors reminded him that he preached a sermon some two years ago to the Essex County Association at its annual meeting when he was Bishop of Barking.

Bell ringers, like clergy, would never be universally popular. Most people liked bells from a distance, but when they were on top

of one they could be objectionable. When at Cambridge his rooms were near Great St. Mary's Church and he found it impossible to study on a Monday night when the weekly practice was held. Despite this, he had some very lovely memories of English bells, particularly some in Devonshire. Bells had a very real service to perform for the Church in calling people to worship, and it was a great joy to many to hear their message Sunday by Sunday.

Mr. Goodyer gave a toast to "Great Adventure II," which was warmly received. He reminded the assembly how "Great Adventure I" came to Australia in 1934 for the centenary of Melbourne Cathedral and rang a peal there. Many years later George Pipe and Tom Lock had the idea that a Great Adventure II was overdue. This was finalised and now they had the party with them. Some of them had been household names for years; they now knew them and had to adjust themselves accordingly. In the ringing of some of the peals they had had their eyes opened. The pleasant way they had put themselves out to help beginners was appreciated; they had been able to learn a lot from them.

Mr. Goodyer gave an individual welcome to each of the guests and coupled with them Mr. Albert Lancefield, of Ashford, Kent, who had rung in every State in Australia.

Tom Lock, after expressing gratitude for the friendly and hospitable welcome received everywhere, said what they could boast of was that in England they had better rings of bells than in Australia; nevertheless they had gained a great experience and some of them would not stop talking about this Great Adventure for a very long time.

Pat Cannon was requested by a unanimous wish to present the Association shields. That for Doubles was won by St. Jude's, Randwick, and received by John Fryer, and the senior one by St. Mary's Basilica. Pat recounted some of his experiences as a judge at striking competitions.

Cecil W. Pipe also proposed a toast to the New South Wales Association.

Many of those present had travelled many miles to attend the function. John Martin, formerly of Horsell, Woking, had motored 280 miles from Tamora, where he is working in a radio business. He sent his best wishes to friends in the Guildford Guild. Another was Mr. J. B. Watts, of Tamworth, also over 200 miles. He has a sister, Miss Nancy Watts, living at Luton.

A MEMORABLE SERVICE

The Association held a service the following day at St. Paul's, Burwood, to mark the visit of Great Adventure II. The Rector, the Rev. R. A. O'Brien, extended to the visitors a most cordial welcome. The lessons were read by Mr. W. M. Rowe, conductor at St. Paul's tower, and by Mr. R. W. Bampton, captain. Two ringers' hymns were incorporated. The Rev. M. C. C. Melville gave a most appropriate address.

Afterwards supper was served in the Parish Hall by the St. Paul's Women's Guild. The service left a lasting impression on those of the party who were present.

To be continued.

AN APOLOGY

We owe an apology to our Sydney friends, especially to those connected with St. Andrew's Cathedral. The illustration published with Ross Bampton's excellent report of the dedication of the bells on page 721 was of St. Paul's Church, Burwood, and not of the bell tower of the Cathedral.

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Letters to the Editor

SPIT OUT THE SOUR GRAPES, MR.

RING—Ladies' Conductor

Dear Sir,—I think some of the remarks made by Mr. Wilfred Ring in his letter ("Ringing World" page 704) should not go unanswered.

I have never had the pleasure of ringing with Mr. Ring and therefore do not know whether he is capable of call changes or Spliced Surprise, neither am I in a position to criticise his ringing nor he mine.

In the ladies' peal attempt at Cheriton recently I was the conductor, and would like to point out that the striking was not shocking. If it was so painful to your ever open ears, Mr. Ring, why did you stay on to the bitter end?

We can all walk round an art gallery and criticise works of art, but shouldn't we first think, "Can I do better myself?" It is always easier to criticise and destroy than it is to create. This rule should also be applied to ringing. I enjoy good ringing with good ringers, but I can gain pleasure from ringing with learners too, although the striking may not be perfect—if they are giving of their best, it is the most one can expect. Bear this in mind, Mr. Ring, and try to help people along at the next meeting instead of lurking outside.

I am hoping to attend the Ladies' Guild meeting at Charing this month. I hope you will be there too, Mr. Ring; perhaps we can bash our way through a plain course of Plain Bob together.

Finally, Mr. Ring, my advice is—take your tongue out of your cheek, spit out the sour grapes, and confine your stirring to the Christmas pudding.—Yours faithfully,

ELIZABETH CHAPMAN (Mrs.).

Canterbury, Kent.

ARCH-STIRRER EXPOSED

Dear Sir,—I have just recovered from being startled into a decline by the remarkable effusion of your correspondent, Wilfred W. Ring (page 704). Having named names he must incur the pack-drill.

This self-confessed arch-stirrer, who has eaten my salt, capped my quotations, and rung at rare towers I've got him by peals, now bites the hand that has hitherto gently restrained him from rushing headlong to his doom. You may judge the worth of the completely unprovoked attack on my injured innocence when I say that this viper in the bosom is so diabolically clever, so fiendishly cunning that he has even been known to pay his subscription twice just to confuse the District accounts! Which brings me to the Ladies' Guild. After all my well meant efforts to get him off with our more eligible lady ringers, I shudder to think of the wrath about to descend on his devoted head from all those outraged Jaels who are everywhere discarding the lordly dish and reaching for the mallet! In extenuation of their peal attempt at Cheriton I would say, however, that one of the ladies concerned has since told me (almost) that she wasn't going to count it anyway.

Sir, at this the eleventh hour, I beg, nay, I challenge Wilfred W. Ring to stop lurking alone and palely loitering round our unsuspecting towers, to emerge from the monastic calm of Chestnut Avenue, and show us just how easy it is at our next District meeting at Charing (with Chota Chart available) on November 20th. When I add that it is to be held jointly with the Ladies' Guild, Galahad Ring will, of course, find the challenge irresistible. So book early.—Yours faithfully,

CRAWFORD T. HILLIS

(Hon. Secretary, Ashford District, K.C.A.).

TOM LOCK'S ENGLISH TOUR

Dear Sir,—Reading the report of Tom Lock's English tour, I observed a comment to the effect that a peal rung at Wisbech brought a strong protest from the local museum curator. Unfortunately, that protest did not end there.

It is not generally known that the tower of St. Peter's Church, Wisbech, has undergone substantial reconditioning, during which the bells were not rung for over two years—a period in which inhabitants became familiar with consistent silence.

The peal not only caused the curator to protest, despite the fact that only one louvre remained open, but in addition the local Press resounded for three successive weeks to the feelings of several people who live and work in the vicinity of the church, and who were not at all pleased with the ringing of the bells for over three hours. One letter resembled a petition against the bells being rung, and was signed by several objectors.

It does seem a little strange that the peal was allowed almost immediately after commencement of ringing activities by the local ringers, who understandably are not finding things all that easy in the way of recruiting and teaching after so long an enforced absence from the belfry.

This instance signifies to me that before any peal is arranged—particularly in an area consisting of professional offices, etc., the day, the time, and careful thought as to the likelihood of serious public criticism ought to receive consideration by organisers and clergy alike.

By ringing this peal touring bellringers have certainly not advertised the finer merits of their art to those who were obliged to listen, and in the process, considering all circumstances, have more than likely jeopardised efforts of the local company and the branch of the Association concerned.—Yours faithfully,

TREVOR A. BEVIS.

March, Cambridgeshire.

TWO ROPES WANTED

Dear Sir,—In replying to the letter of Mr. R. H. Dukes (page 723) I am killing two birds with one stone. There is nothing "improper" about appealing for old ropes, indeed I think it is improper that perfectly good ropes should be allowed to go idle. Some of us in Cardiff have renovated Merthyr Tydfil bells, but here two ropes are missing. The local P.C.C. are not prepared to spend the money on new ropes until they are sure that interest in the bells justifies the expense.

If we can get two old ropes to last us long enough to teach a band at the tower then we could reasonably approach the P.C.C. for a complete new set of ropes. So, if anybody has two redundant ropes in reasonable condition I would be glad to refund their postage if they send them to the address below. Improper? I doubt it.—Yours faithfully,

G. STICKLAND.

St. David's College,
Lampeter, Cardiganshire.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY WERE FIRST

Dear Sir,—The footnote to the peal at Trumpington on page 732 is incorrect because a peal of 8-spliced was rung there on March 5th, 1960, by the Cambridge University Guild.—Yours sincerely,

JAMES R. TAYLOR.

Whitchurch, Bristol.

WEDDING BELLS IN AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir,—The recent correspondence on wedding ringing has been read with great interest here. Several towers in Sydney ring for a considerable number of weddings during the year. At All Saints', Parramatta North, during the financial year April 1st, 1964, to March 30th, 1965, we rang for 112 weddings. From April 1st, 1965, to October 23rd, 1965, the bells have been rung for 72 weddings, with the busiest period of the year to come. It is expected that the total for the year will exceed 120.

The ringers at All Saints' are not paid for ringing at weddings as for the last 18 months all fees received have been put into funds. The aim of the Society is to raise sufficient money to enable the present ring of six (tenor 10 cwt) to be rehung with the addition of two new trebles. The need for this can be seen by the fact that a peal by the visiting English ringers recently failed due to mechanical failure. The members of the band have already raised over £1,000 towards this objective.—Yours faithfully,

RALPH L. CLARK.

Merrylands, N.S.W.

FIRST PEAL AT CHALGROVE

Dear Sir,—In your issue of October 29th a peal at Chalgrove Oxon, is published, claiming to be the first peal on the bells.

For the sake of the records may I state briefly that I conducted a peal in seven methods on these bells on February 25th, 1939, which, on information from the late George Gilbert, who took part, was claimed as the first.—Yours sincerely,

TONY PRICE.

Sunbury-on-Thames.

ADVICE SOUGHT

Dear Sir,—I am hoping to take up bell ringing again after a lapse of fifteen years, but have to overcome the disability of having lost the use of my right arm.

It would be a great help to me if you or your readers could let me know of someone who has overcome this problem.—Yours faithfully,

D. R. POPE.

Gravel Hill, Kington,
Herefordshire.

UNIVERSITY OF KEELE SOCIETY

Keele Parish Church stands on rising ground, a stone's throw from the gates of the university campus, but until 1963 its bells (an 8 cwt. ring of six) hung silent except for a peal by a visiting band or an occasional meeting of the North Staffordshire Association.

Two years ago a handful of students learnt to handle the bells with the help of Philip Gay, the only experienced ringer in the university, and the Rev. Basil Peel, a local ringing priest. They rang regularly on practice nights and with the help of ringers from local towers, were able to begin plain hunting. A year ago the band began ringing for Sunday services. Everyone put a great deal of hard work into keeping the band together and, even when getting to the tower meant a dark walk through mud and sometimes snow, the bells were rung regularly.

Keele has been lucky this year; several experienced ringers have come up to the university and revolutionised our call change and plain hunting band. Now, on Sundays and Mondays, a variety of Doubles and Minor methods resound over the campus and our learners have a real opportunity to make progress with a strong band around them. The Society was christened at the beginning of this term and given a traditional send-off in the "Sneyd Arms," the local hostelry, which stands conveniently opposite the church.

S. J. W.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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Worcestershire and Districts Meet C.C. President

THE annual dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Association took place at the Co-operative Hall, Worcester, on October 23rd, a company of 143 being present. This was the highest attendance since 1960 (156).

Before the proceedings began, the Master, Mr. W. B. Cartwright, gave the assembly the apologies for absence of their president, the Dean of Worcester. Supporting the Master on the top table was Mr. J. D. Johnson, vice-president, and Mrs. Johnson; the Association's chaplain, Rev H. L. Davies, and Mrs. Davies, and Canon G. C. B. Davies, of Worcester Cathedral.

The guest of honour was the president of the Central Council of Church Bellringers, Canon A. G. G. Thurlow, who proposed the toast of "The Worcestershire and Kindred Associations." He said how pleased he was to be there that evening and he recalled earlier visits to Worcester, first with the Clerical Guild and later with the Universities Association.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S WORK

He had been told that members might like to hear of some of the work of the Central Council. This, said Canon Thurlow, was conducted chiefly through its various committees, some of the important ones being the Methods Committee, the Records Committee, the Towers and Belfries Committee and so on. The last-named was a committee which bellringers should consult when restoration of bells and towers was being considered. Its members were well qualified to give independent advice and their services were free.

With regard to the toast he was about to propose, Canon Thurlow said he would like to couple with it the name of Mr. M. J. Fellows, who was to respond. Mr. Fellows was a young man whose ability was really well known.

Replying, Mr. Fellows thanked Canon Thurlow very much, first of all for accepting the invitation to come to the dinner and then for the kind remarks he had made. The Canon had spoken about bell restoration; this was a subject with which he (the Canon) had plenty of experience having been responsible for the restoration of rings of bells in Norwich and Great Yarmouth. If only he could do something to augment the five bells in Norwich Cathedral (loud "Hear, hear" from Canon Thurlow).

On behalf of the Association, Mr. Fellows welcomed all visitors that evening, especially those from Kent and Leeds, and any others there might be.

A WORCESTER INVITATION

The toast of "The Chairman" was proposed by Mr. D. Beacham, general secretary of the Association. He said that Mr. Cartwright had given invaluable service to the Association over the years, and also to the Central Council, whose honorary solicitor he was. With regard to the Council, Mr. Beacham hoped that in two or three years' time it might be possible for the Council to hold its annual meeting in Worcester.



The Master of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, Mr. W. B. Cartwright, discusses with Canon Gilbert Thurlow, president of the Central Council, the menu at the Association's annual dinner. Mr. M. J. Fellows is listening to the gems of wisdom.

In reply, Mr. Cartwright thanked Mr. Beacham for what he had said about him, but he felt that the toast should really be in reverse since it was the general secretary who, in the end, was responsible for a lot of the work that went into producing an event such as this.

Following the speeches a course of Grand-sire Triples was rung on handbells by P. Cattermole 1-2, J. C. Eisel 3-4, M. J. Fellows 5-6, M. D. Fellows 7-8.

After the interval, entertainment was provided by B. C. Ashford, P. Ashford, W. H. Cooper and A. W. Glazzard, who rang tunes on handbells. There were songs by Joyce Cunningham, accompanied at the piano by Ray Haines, and Ron Pardoe, comedian, produced plenty of laughter with his two quite different acts. Magic in the ringing chamber was performed by Seff Saye.

Earlier in the day members had had the opportunity of ringing the bells of the Cathedral and All Saints' Church. D. B.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The October meeting of the Marlborough Branch at Chisledon was entirely successful. In the absence of the Vicar, the service was conducted by the Rev. Roger Keeley (Ringing Master). Tea at the Youth Club Centre was provided by Mesdames L. Love and Wiltshire and Mr. and Mrs. R. Court.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Proceedings at the quarterly autumn meeting of the Derby Diocesan Association at Staveley started with a minute's silence to the memory of Mr. E. C. Gobey, of Ilkeston, who had died that day. A ringer of over 70 years' standing, Mr. Gobey was especially noted for his compositions in the Treble Bob field, where the Ilkeston variation of Kent and Oxford was his brainchild.

Reporting on the work of the bell repair consultants, Mr. G. A. Halls said the year continued to be one of their busiest, with a record number of 11 requests for help or advice having already been dealt with. Recent cases included Derby, where four of the six bells had now been rehung on ball bearings by local labour; Kingsworth, where the possibility of installing rope guides was being investigated, and Edensor, where sound control was being tackled. A grant of £25 had been made towards the cost of rehanging three bells at Chellaston.

Mr. D. R. Carlisle announced with regret his resignation as editor of "Belfry News" owing to pressure of work and that the next issue would be his last. The chairman (Mr. F. Adams) and Mr. J. F. Smallwood both paid tribute to his very fine work.

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Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner

THE above function, held at Rotherham Co-operative Restaurant on October 16th was the 33rd annual dinner of the Yorkshire Association and proved to be one of the largest gatherings of ringers and friends that has ever taken place in the county, as some 190 people attended. Good rings of 8, 10 and 12 bells were available during the day in the Sheffield and Rotherham area, and at 6.30 p.m. the company gathered for an excellent meal.

Guests included the Right Rev. John Taylor, Bishop of Sheffield, and Mrs. Taylor, and several other clergy, and the chair was ably taken by Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, who was in good form, enlivening the evening with his witty and good humoured remarks.

Following the loyal toast a course of Grandshire Caters was rung on handbells by W. E. Critchley, W. F. Moreton, J. J. L. Gilbert, R. Pipe and N. Chaddock, and the Bishop of Sheffield then addressed the company briefly and extended a welcome to the visitors. He recalled being a member of a university ringing society for two years, in his youth, learning the elements of change ringing and visiting surrounding towers. Although he had since been preoccupied with other matters, he was glad to have acquired an understanding of the art and of what is owed to the bell ringers in our churches. He said he was pleased to see so many young people taking ringing with the seriousness which it deserved. He then proposed the toast of "The Visitors."

The Ecclesfield handbell ringers then delighted the company with a fine performance on their 169 handbells, recently put into new condition at the Whitechapel Foundry. Their items included "Swanee River," "Tango," "Elizabethan Serenade" and "Bells of St. Mary's."

ADVOCATED WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

Mr. E. A. Barnett proposed the main toast of the evening, "Jasper Snowdon and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association." He said that though many people were aware of Jasper Snowdon's achievements in the practical and literary folds few knew that the decision on whether or not to aim for a weekly paper for ringers was left to him, such was his standing in the Exercise. Thank goodness he was in favour of the project, so that there had been for 84 years a weekly paper of some kind for ringers.

After mentioning a few past officers, no longer with them, Mr. Barnett referred to two who had recently given up office, Horace Morley, after 33 years as Eastern District secretary, and John J. L. Gilbert, secretary of the Southern District for 27 years, both old friends of his for some 30 or so years.

Mr. Barnett forecast that the Snowdons' pre-eminence in ringing would still be honoured in 100 years time and concluded by quoting from a speech by the Rev. C. C. Marshall at the first Snowdon dinner, viz.:

"As one looks back what strikes one is that the characteristic of the work of these men was thoroughness. They undertook as an outside interest in their lives this art and they fostered it as a definite part of the life of their church. It is the kind of example we want to remember. Are there today, giants comparable with these giants of old? The Association calls for united action and unselfish work: the Exercise calls for acute brains and persevering effort. The best way to honour the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and these other men is to go from this gathering determined to devote ourselves ever more and more to the Association which they founded and the art and science which they loved."

PRESENTATION TO MR. GILBERT

Mr. Barnett's reference to the work of two living Yorkshire Association past officers was coincidental, for unknown to him a presentation was about to be made to Mr. John J. L. Gilbert, in recognition of his work as Southern District secretary for 27 years.

In acknowledging the privilege of making this presentation Mr. Norman Chaddock, vice-president, thanked Mr. Gilbert sincerely for his services, expressed pleasure that he would remain active in the district and wished John and his wife health and happiness and some benefit from a slight reduction in his many ringing commitments. In presenting Mr. Gilbert with a Parker 61 set and a cheque he remarked that perhaps Mrs. Gilbert ought to have the cheque!

The Ecclesfield handbell ringers then resumed their scintillating performance for some 15 minutes, concluding with a selection from "Orpheus of the Underworld." The company were still unsatiated and after cries of "More, more," they continued, concluding with a selection of wartime hits, which the older ones present sang lustily.

The chairman wound up the official proceedings suitably, expressing thanks to the organisers (Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert and Mr. N. Chaddock) and Mr. Michael King proposed a toast to the chairman.

The rest of the proceedings were progressively more and more informal as guests paid their respects and compliments on a grand evening and departed, leaving two notable Bradford and Rotherham families toasting each other, but disputing the relative merits of the two finest rings of 10 in Yorkshire. N.C.

MR. GEO. E. BONHAM'S PEAL WEEK

On the first Monday in September Mr. Geo. E. Bonham started a successful peal week mainly in Northamptonshire, but rung for the Ely Diocesan Association. Of the 12 attempts, six were successful and two lost by a broken rope. Because of the late arrival of one of the band, a quarter was substituted at Raunds and on Tuesday it was a real disappointment when Yorkshire at Burton Latimer was lost within sight of the end because of a broken rope.

A miscell on Wollaston's excellent six brought Wednesday's attempt to an untimely end. A consolation quarter was then rung. A couple of courses at Irchester was sufficient to induce the band to change from Cambridge to Plain Bob Major, where a peal was brought round in 3 hours and 6 minutes. At attempt in seven Surprise Minor methods was lost at Isham through a broken rope, and it was a disappointment to lose Lincolnshire at Tichmarsh on probably the best bells of the week.

Philip Mehew, on Friday afternoon, considered the ringing at Higham Ferrers as not worthy of the bells and called "Stand." Plain Bob was a successful alternative. Stephen Ivin joined the party on the Friday to conduct Bristol, but unfortunately the ringing was not up to the bells, so after an hour's patchy ringing "Stand" was called. George is thanked for a well-arranged week on some beautiful bells. For details of peals see this issue.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ringers of St. Michael's, Sittingbourne, were hosts to the 70 members attending the annual meeting of the Rochester District there on October 16th, an excellent tea being provided in King George's Field pavilion.

The Rev. Stanley Evans, Vicar of Bredgar, was elected chairman, and Miss W. Austen, of Halling, elected a member. Mr. L. Mitchell, secretary for the past three years, resigned through pressure of work, and Mr. Terry Barton, of Tunstall, was elected his successor. District representatives are Messrs. F. J. Cheal and D. S. Osenton, and Ringing Master Mr. B. Trill, of Cliffe.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. L. Mitchell, Mr. L. Crouch (retiring Ringing Master), the Vicar for conducting the service, and Mr. S. B. Dobbie, captain, and other members of St. Michael's for their hospitality.

The meeting carried a resolution by Mr. S. Rayfield asking that at future annual meetings of the K.C.A. the report be read to all members present.

OBITUARY

MR. E. C. GOBEY AN APPRECIATION

Mr. G. S. Valentine writes:—
I would like to pay a sincere tribute to an old friend, the late Ted Gobey. When working at Ilkeston on the old Midland Railway, I received a very warm welcome from Ted (the captain) and the Ilkeston ringers. I rang with them, work permitting, until the 1914-18 war. After demobilisation I did not return that way and it was some years before I saw him again, and his son, Fred. The warm welcome was still there and I was lucky enough to ring with them on several visits. I would like through your kindness to pass my sincere sympathy to Fred and his sister, the Ilkeston ringers and Mr. G. Fletcher. I hope to meet them again, but one never knows.

JOSEPH T. DYKE AN APPRECIATION

Many of us at the funeral of Joe Dyke must have thought that it was much as Joe might have wished. Sad hearts maybe—but not visible grief, we could not wish him to linger on after life became a real burden. It was a great tribute to his life and work that some 70 ringers and friends came to see him laid to rest near his home; this alone was cheer and comfort to Edith, his wife, and the family mourners.

He had brought prestige and honour to our Association, and to those of us fortunate enough to be regarded as his friends. Joe greatly assisted in raising ringing in the West Country from Grandsire to Surprise, and in later years could watch it happily go from strength to strength.

It was fitting that Ronnie Beck and Ted Chivers, with their boys, should ring the first peal to his memory. As I listened to it, it sounded a worthy tribute. A hundred memories came back—those peals of Minor in the old days, the first peal of Major at Sherborne, riding on the back of the old Ricardo Triumph side car outfit, and all the happy times that went with these events. In later years there was the pleasure of being able to talk with him; we were fortunate that, because of the complete selflessness and devotion of Edith, his wife, and Dorothy, a neighbour, Joe could be "at home" to his friends.

The sympathy and gratitude of Joe's friends will be theirs; may they now be comforted that they were able to "give and not to count the cost," and labour and not ask for any reward. W.H.C.

MR. G. ST. J. PALMER

A regular service ringer and chorister at Solihull, Graham St. Johnston Palmer died suddenly at the home of his parents at Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, on October 27th, aged 21 years.

Last January he conducted a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at Solihull, where he and his sister, Jill, learned to ring. On October 31st the bells of Solihull were rung half-muffled in memory of a promising ringer who was held in high esteem.

CHELTENHAM NEWS

The Cheltenham Branch has had two successful meetings this autumn. There were 22 members present to ring the six at Willersey, and it was very encouraging to see more young people present. The meeting at Elkstone on October 6th went well and, considering the fog, the attendance was good. We hope this is going to set the pattern for future meetings.

Branch members were able to make up a band to ring the Dumbleton bells on two occasions recently—for the incumbent's 25th anniversary of his priesthood and the Harvest Festival. A bit of M.R.I.! Helping each other out.

The Branch was saddened by the passing of Mr. Frank Pandry, of Prestbury, in September. He had been a ringer here and tower captain for many years. The bells were rung half-muffled for his funeral. May his soul rest in peace. J.H.

Dove's Summer Tour No. 3



Left to right: Keith Taylor, Mr. Hooper, James Belshaw, Dick Sweet, Howard Thomas, Richard Huddleston, John Royds-Jones, Barrie Dove, Roy Ward. Seated: Christopher Royal, Doreen Edwards. (Not in photograph: Tony Fortin, Ron Snack.)

WITH two successful tours behind him, Mr. C. Barrie Dove excelled himself with this year's tour in Herefordshire and South Wales (writes R.W.S.). 1,200 miles were covered and 125 towers visited during the 10 days which started on Saturday, August 21st.

No fewer than 16 towers were on the programme for the first day, the best being Ledbury, despite the rope of the second being missing. Not satisfied, some of the party found time to look in at a meeting at Newent before going to Ross-on-Wye for the first night.

Service ringing on Sunday morning was at Ross (24 cwt.) and Bridstow (8 cwt.), where the service was attended. Other towers visited were King's Caple, Sellack and Holme Lacey. Monday took us into the Forest of Dean, there being some good ringing on the 15 towers. Roy Ward rang in his 1,500th tower at Tidenham.

The party was strengthened on Tuesday by the arrival of Miss Doreen Edwards (Crewe) and Keith Taylor, Howard Thomas and James Belshaw (Birmingham), and proceeded into Wales. Grosmont, the first tower, has an unusual ancient octagonal central tower with stone spire. The ringing chamber ceiling started to disintegrate when London was attempted! We retreated. Lunch was taken at Monmouth, and the ringers were summoned to church by a hunting horn borrowed from a local hostelry. Eleven towers in all were visited that day, but two deserve mention—the fine 10 at Chepstow and the eight at Caldicot.

Incidents of note on Wednesday were the recently rehung steel bells at Bassaleg that "go" well, the unexpected invitation to tea by the Vicar at Llanbadach, the glorious eight at Bedwelty (half-muffled because of a local death) and the finest bells of the tour at Ebbw Vale. Merthyr disappointed—no rope on the 7th and the tenor unringable because of broken bearings.

Aberdare, Pentre and Pontypridd were included in Thursday's programme. Tea was at Barry Island, and the last tower was Llantwit Major. The first tower on Friday was Cowbridge, thought to have the only intact eight by Evan and William Evans. The eight at Bridgend were a delight. Aberavon, Neath and Cadoxton were some of the calls before reaching Swansea. St. Mary's, Swansea, was reserved for Saturday morning and the

day finished at Haverford West. To quote our correspondent: "We don't know whether it was the bells or us, but when we rang rounds on this heavy going 19 cwt. eight they lowered themselves."

Ringing started on the second Sunday at St. David's Cathedral—a fine building and a wonderful surrounding countryside. Cardigan was a highlight of the tour, being Barrie Dove's 2,000th tower—to celebrate a fine touch of Cambridge was rung. A quarter of Grand-sire and Bob Doubles was rung at Llandeilo, and the night was spent in Brecon.

Included in Monday's agenda was a quarter peal attempt at Llanfeigan (eight, on which many long lengths have been rung). The ringing chamber was, however, infested with bats, and the nerve racking swooping soon put an end to our efforts. At Llangattock we followed in famous footsteps as we understand Wilfred Williams rang his first peal—Grandsire Doubles in 1922. A fast quarter of Southrepps Doubles was tapped out smartly at Llanbedr Ystradyw. This was our last night and Keith and his guitar kept us entertained until the small hours.

Next morning, while enjoying the 20 cwt. six at Weobley, the tenor clapper snapped in half. Howard Thomas, who was ringing the bell at the time was seen to circle the belfry in ever decreasing circles, but escaped unhurt. The last tower of the tour was Pencomb. Here we said our goodbyes and thanked our organiser for all his hard work.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

The October general meeting of the Society, at which eleven new members were elected, took place in St. Olave's Church Hall on the 16th, after ringing at St. Leonard's, Streatham, Clapham Park, Bishopsgate and St. Clement Danes.

The meeting decided that the summer tour, 1966, should be held in Ireland, the date still to be fixed. Those persons interested should write to the secretary, Robert Dennis, Commonwealth Hall, Cartwright Gardens, W.C.1, stating date preferences.

Anthony H. Smith resigned from the committee, and Richard O. Humphries was elected steepkeeper in his place.

The ladies were thanked for the excellent tea, and Mr. Jack Euston for his help with the ringing arrangements. R.E.J.D.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The annual dinner of the Derby Diocesan Association will be held at Chesterfield on February 19th.

Correction.—The peal of Grandsire Triples at Warfield, Berks, was rung on September 18th, and not August 18th, as submitted.

The 700th anniversary of the Duchy of Lancaster was commemorated by a peal at Scorton on October 30th rung by members of six branches of the Lancashire Association.

Members of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow on October 23rd.

The quarter peal at Burstow (page 739) was rung for the 65th birthday of Mr. L. Penfold, who taught the band to ring, and not as stated.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Prittlewell by the University of London Society of Change Ringers was the 100th peal together for Alan and Diana Frost, the 25th together for Richard Humphries and Anthony Smith, and Graham Elmes' first on ten.

Congratulations to David Phillips and his young colleagues who were successful in ringing the quarter peal at Caerleon. This was David's first quarter as conductor, quite a commendable achievement after only just over 12 months' ringing and at 15 years of age.

Mr. T. R. Butler, of Orrell Park, Liverpool, has had two grandsons born within a fortnight and they have both been welcomed by separate peals. The christening was a joint affair at St. John's Church, Walton, Liverpool, the ceremony being performed by the curate, the Rev. P. Goodrich, who is one of the fathers. Mr. Butler is churchwarden here and he hopes that both boys will be ringers.

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DISASTROUS FIRE AT QUORN

Recently a disastrous fire at St. Bartholomew's, Quorn, Leics, has put the bells out of action for some time. The first apparently started in the choir vestry under the belfry. Although five fire brigades fought the blaze at one point flames twenty feet high were shooting out of the top of the tower. Although the bells did not fall it is feared that some of them may be cracked by the action of heat and water. Quorn is a favourite tower for outings, as it is on the main road near Loughborough—organisers, please note!

B. S. P.

IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

A tape recording of the Stedman Triples rung for Great Adventure II at Perth Cathedral was played at the wedding of two of the Perth ringers—Bunny Warren, who learned to ring at Hammerwood, Sussex, and Norma Bailey—which took place at Kojonup Methodist Church.

Brian Cox and Ron Russ recently drove across from Adelaide to spend a few days in Perth. The trip resulted in a quarter of Bob Triples, which was in honour of the wedding. A newcomer, also in the quarter, was Tim Gregory, of Crawley, Sussex, who is a great help to the band. With the aid of the two Adelaide ringers first in Stedman Triples were rung by Merilyn Chambers, Michael Page and Leith Reynolds. Another visitor in Perth is Bill Moorey, a Guildford man, who is taking a leisurely look at Australia. Mr. and Mrs. Paling arrived safely at Fremantle on October 17th and, according to Basil Potts, Perth ringers are looking forward to their company.

BEHIND THE BIRSTALL PEAL

The story behind the peal we publish this week at Birstall, Leics, is interesting. Three years ago the extensions to the church were completed and the Vicar asked for a peal attempt to be made. This is a ground floor ring and the new building attracts many visitors which proved too much of a distraction! A second attempt was made on the first anniversary of the rededication—again unsuccessfully. The attempt on the eve of the second anniversary was a case of third time lucky!

It was also a farewell peal for Roger I. Kendrick, who has since left to take up an appointment in Bury, Lancs. Unfortunately too the Syston District chairman (Mr. Geoffrey M. Brewin) has left to take up an appointment in Cambridge. The peal was also to have been a 21st birthday peal for Michael G. Godwin, and he was unable to ring at the last minutes—his place was taken by Fred Faulkner, of Segrave (a three bell tower!), who rang the light treble very well!

AUBREY BENNETT'S 1965 PROGRAMME ENDS

The last of a series of outings for the year, organised by Mr. A. L. Bennett, took place on October 30th, with ringing at St. James', Teignmouth. After lunch the venue was Buckfast Abbey, where Father Paulinus joined the party and a pleasant hour was spent, the two sons of Mr. Will Myers having their first opportunity to ring these bells. A social tea interval followed.

AN OPPORTUNE VISIT

Ringers at St. John's, Hanley, are scarce and the prospects of bells for the wedding of Mr. K. Peter Jones and Miss Maureen Woolrich, two local ringers, on October 16th seemed obscure. Fortunately the day coincided with the outing of Mr. Howard Howell's band, of Willenhall, and they had the bells going to Kent T.B. Royal, Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Royal, but the too prompt arrival of the bride cut short a touch of Stedman Caters.

The choral service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Alan Bond, and the wedding ceremony by the Rev. Patrick Yenall, previously of Hanley, who journeyed from York for the occasion. The bride was attended by Miss Gillian Coates, and Mr. David Jones was his brother's best man.

A MARCH WEDDING

Mr. David Feek and Miss Megan Butler were married recently at St. Wendreda's Church, March. David is an enthusiastic ringer at March and is well known in the Wisbech District of the Ely Diocesan Association. Megan participates in activities of the church choir. Several ringers attended the ceremony and a quarter peal was rung by a mixed band of March ringers and ringers from Walsoken. Members of the Wisbech and Ely Branches of the Association will join in wishing David and Megan best wishes for the future.

"WIND-ASSISTED" PEAL!

Cowbridge Grammar School Society's first peal of the current school year, Plain Bob Minor, at Llanblethian on November 1st, conducted by 14-year-old Chris Ricketts, was rung by a band which included two other 14-year-olds, one of 13 and another of 16. This was the first of Minor on the bells and for the Society, also Chris's first of Minor as conductor. (Incidentally, he was recently interviewed on the B.B.C. on the Welsh Home Service programme "Good Morning, Wales" in connection with his ringing activities.) The peal was also the first to be rung in the associated parishes of Cowbridge and Llanblethian by a resident Sunday service band.

The evening of November 1st, when the peal was rung, was extremely stormy. On returning triumphant to school, Chris was greeted by a friend in the dormitory with the words, "You can't claim that peal, you know—it was wind-assisted!" I. D.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Eleven towers were represented at the Bingham District meeting at Granby on October 9th. The Vicar, the Rev. Pickworth Hutchinson, gave us a cordial welcome and conducted the service, at which a Lincoln ringer was organist.

Fixtures ahead: November meeting, Holme Pierrepont; dinner and social, Wharton, December 10th (tickets available 17s. 6d.); annual meeting January, Radcliffe-on-Trent.

R. B.

PENWORTHAM HAS A MODERN RING

After four months of silence, the recast bells of St. Mary's, Penwortham, Lancs, rang out to several methods following their hallowing at a service of thanksgiving, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. F. Rees). Declaring that it was a day of great rejoicing, he offered prayers of thanksgiving for the return of the bells, the skill of the craftsmen, bellfounders and ringers.

In his sermon the Archdeacon of Lancaster (the Ven. C. H. Lambert) stressed the difference between the material and the spiritual by two points. In the former, all was lost, but in the latter all belonged to God. "Let the bells ring out the bad and ring in the good."

Penwortham's original ring of five were cast by Abraham Rudhall in 1712, a sixth bell was added in 1858, and augmented to a ring of eight by the addition of two treble bells in 1926.

Completely recast this year by Mears and Stainbank, who were represented by Mr. A. E. Lewry, Penwortham St. Mary's now possesses a modern ring of eight, with a tenor of 8 cwt. in A. R. P.

DIRECTORSHIP FOR CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD RINGER

Mr. P. K. Williamson, M.A., A.M.I., Chem.E., head of Courtauld's Department of Chemical Engineering, has been appointed a director of Pinchin Johnson and Associates, Ltd., the Courtaulds paint subsidiary company. It was while he was reading for the Mechanical Science Tripos at Trinity College, Cambridge, that Mr. Williamson started bell-ringing and through ringing met his wife, whom he married in 1956. He has rung in hundreds of towers all over the country, but at the moment his activities are mainly restricted to the village church. He lives in a 180-year-old house at Stoneleigh, Warks.

Mr. Williamson joined Courtaulds Chemical Engineering Section in 1946, after taking a post-graduate course at Imperial College, London. He became head and a director of the Chemical Division in 1964. Early last year he spent five months in Russia helping to start up a viscose tyre cord factory. His many friends in Cambridge University Guild will congratulate him on his new appointment.

ANOTHER ADVENTURER TELLS HIS STORY

The Rev. Malcolm Melville gave an interesting talk on the travels of the "Great Adventurers" in Australia and New Zealand to the Northern Branch meeting at Aylsham on October 23rd. There was a large attendance.

The Vicar (the Rev. F. B. Evans), in his welcome to the Branch at the service, spoke highly of the art of bell ringing and said he hoped that the ringers who had been endowed with this gift would use it as a service to God, and not just as a pleasant pastime.

At the business meeting Miss P. Holmes (Sussex) was elected a N.R.L.M. and Mr. M. Lee (Hethersett) a ringing member. Owing to a sad report that Wymondham Abbey bells would not be ringable for an indefinite period it was decided to hold the annual Branch meeting at Higham on January 15th.

TOWER BELL PEALS

MR. GEORGE E. BONHAM'S PEAL WEEK

All peals rung for THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
STANWICK, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.
On Mon., Sept. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent T.B. and two extents each of St. Clement's College Bob. Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in B flat.

Anthony D. Sansom .. Treble	Graham W. Elmes 4
*Mary E. Elmes 2	George E. Bonham 5
Michael M. Hawes 3	Peter Woollven Tenor

Conducted by Peter Woollven.

* First peal "inside."

WILBY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin
On Tues., Sept. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being four extents Beverley, two Surfleet and one Cambridge.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in B flat.

Mary E. Elmes Treble	Anthony D. Sansom 4
Harold J. Hazell 2	Stephen F. Royal 5
Peter Woollven 3	George E. Bonham Tenor

Conducted by Stephen F. Royal.

IRCHESTER, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Katharine.
On Wed., Sept. 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

Anthony D. Sansom .. Treble	Graham W. Elmes 5
*Mary E. Elmes 2	George E. Bonham 6
Harold J. Hazell 3	Peter Woollven 7
Stephen F. Royal 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

* First peal of Major.

BRADFIELD-ON-THE-GREEN, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.
On Fri., Sept. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, being one extent each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B., Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

Mary E. Elmes Treble	Graham W. Elmes 4
C. Barrie Dove 2	Peter Woollven 5
Stephen F. Royal 3	George E. Bonham Tenor

Conducted by Peter Woollven.

HIGHAM FERRERS, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., Sept. 10, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

Mary E. Elmes Treble	Graham W. Elmes 5
Peter Woollven 2	Anthony D. Sansom 6
George E. Bonham 3	C. Barrie Dove 7
Andrew G. Craddock .. 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

GODMANCHESTER, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Sept. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

George E. Bonham .. Treble	Albert J. Davey 5
Anthony D. Sansom .. 2	C. Barrie Dove 6
Robert D. Bellamy .. 3	†George E. Thoday 7
*John S. Walker 4	‡Peter Woollven Tenor

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley.

Conducted by Peter Woollven.

* First of Major "inside." † 350th peal. ‡ 50th peal.

OTHER PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex.—At the Church of the Holy Cross and St. Lawrence.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 38½ cwt. in C.

Lawrence Smith Treble	Michael V. Chilcott 7
Michael C. Austin 2	Richard C. Stevens 8
William T. Cook 3	Donald E. Cobb 9
John S. Armstrong 4	Philip A. F. Chalk 10
John Phillips 5	John H. Crampion 11
Robert J. Chapman 6	James Phillips Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by Michael V. Chilcott.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
BARTON ST. DAVID Somerset.—At the Church of St. David.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents, each called differently.	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.
Victor Roberts Treble	Arthur Callow 4
Mrs. D. Crocker 2	Robert Parker 5
Francis J. White 3	George Prescott Tenor

Conducted by George Prescott.

First peal of Minor on the bells

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Janet Crocker.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHILL, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., June 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being four extents of Kent and three of Oxford, rung alternately, with 5—6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

John S. Walker Treble	Roy H. Jones 4
*George E. Bonham 2	C. Michael Orme 5
George W. Massey 3	*Philip Mehew Tenor

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

* 25th peal together.

SOUTHILL, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Oct. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and St. Clement's College Bob. a 2,160 Cambridge Surprise and one extent Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

*George E. Bonham .. Treble	Robert D. Bellamy 4
Roy H. Jones 2	George W. Massey 5
John Meredith 3	Philip Mehew Tenor

Conducted by Philip Mehew

* Has now "circled the tower."

Rung with the best wishes of the band to mark the retirement of the Vicar, the Rev. F. Ginever.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

IGHTFIELD, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 20 extents Plain Bob. 10 120's, and six 240's of Grandsire.
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

Robert Barratt Treble	Christopher J. Jones 4
Harry W. Howard 2	Ernest Pimlott 5
Brian Schofield 3	Victor Neal Tenor

Conducted by Ernest Pimlott.

The conductor's 100th peal for the Chester Guild.

MONTFORD, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Consisting of seven different extents.
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Ernest Pimlott Treble	Brian Schofield 4
Victor Neal 2	Christopher J. Jones 5
Edward V. Rodenhurst .. 3	Harry W. Howard Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Fri., Oct. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

Arthur H. Reed Treble	L. Michael Callow 5
Ian F. Garvie 2	S. Clarke Walters 6
Percy Stone 3	Hubert E. Ashley 7
Donald G. Clift 4	Peter Border Tenor

Composed by Charles J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Peter Border.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LANCHESTER, Co. Durham.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In three methods, being two 2,160's of Cambridge and one extent of Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.
Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

*John Tonks Treble	Rodney A. Yeates 4
*David Martin 2	Andrew G. Craddock 5
William Davidson 3	Michael Maughan Tenor

Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

HEVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Philip Everest Treble	Iain M. Davey 4
†Robert J. Everest 2	Brian E. Jeffrey 5
Elizabeth Tester 3	Richard Hayes Tenor

Conducted by Richard Hayes,

* First peal. † First on an "inside" bell.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
TRUMPINGTON, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of SS. Michael and Mary.

On Sat., May 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in G.

George E. Thoday Treble	John Meredith 5
C. Gay Williams 2	Terry R. Hatchett 6
Marybelle J. Nissly 3	J. Richard Castledine .. 7
George E. Bonham 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by John K. Pritchard. Conducted by Philip Mehew.
Rung as a farewell peal for Captain Marybelle J. Nissly, prior to her posting to Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, U.S.A.

WALLINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., July 8, 1965 in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5—6 the right way throughout
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in A flat.

Roy H. Jones Treble	John S. Walker 4
*Linda Ellison 2	George E. Bonham 5
George W. Massey 3	Philip Mehew Tenor

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

* First peal "inside."

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

TWICKENHAM, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 18½ cwt.

Edgar R. Rapley Treble	John W. Stephenson .. 6
Robert J. Chapman .. 2	Frank B. Lufkin 7
*Dorothea M. Robotham .. 3	David E. Belcham 8
C. Martin Press 4	W. Leslie Weller 9
Frank V. Gant 5	Peter D. Chapman Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* First peal on 10 bells.

WORMINGFORD, Essex.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In nine methods, viz.: Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob and Double Oxford Bob, Double Bob and Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.

Neil V. Avis Treble	Brian J. Vaughan 4
Peter G. Pitt 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
Lesley Ward 3	Stephan D. Humphrey .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

Andrew Howard Treble	†Derek B. Williams 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Keith J. Walpole 6
*Richard W. Sweet 3	Alan Tubb 7
*Gillian M. Brearley .. 4	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Alan Tubb.

* First peal of Surprise. † First in the method. First of Surprise as conductor.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.

On Fri., Oct. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 APSLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

E. William Ford Treble	†Maurice A. New 5
D. Kay Adkins 2	Brian Bladon 6
*Frederick W. Soden .. 3	Richard A. G. Ingles .. 7
*Brian Hall 4	†Anthony R. Peake Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* 50th peal together. † First tower bell peal of Major away from treble. ‡ 75th peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method on the bells, for the Association and by all the band except the ringer of the 6th.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Fri., Oct. 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 15 cwt. in G.
John W. Smith Treble	Frederick J. Cullum .. 5
Arthur G. Mason 2	Colin A. Tester 6
James T. Stevens 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Christopher T. Osenton .. 4	Thomas W. Blewitt Tenor

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Douglas Shaw, of Gravesend.

DOVER, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Lucile M. Corby Treble	Martin C. Faulkes 5
*Isabel M. Pearce 2	*Richard O. Humphries .. 6
*Judith M. Corby 3	Andrew J. Corby 7
*Rev. Peter T. Robbins .. 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed.

Conducted Philip A. Corby.

* First peal in the method.

HEADCORN, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt.

Peter L. Muchlinski .. Treble	Cyril S. Jarrett 5
*Hilary A. Swallow .. 2	David S. Osenton 6
Alexander Waddington .. 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Christopher T. Osenton .. 4	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal in the method.

CHISLEHURST, Kent.—At the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 WATERFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E.

Alison M. Mann Treble	*Richard G. Crosland .. 5
*Margaret E. Fort 2	*Tony Lewis 6
Arthur G. Mason 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. 7
*Ian H. Oram 4	*Alan E. Bagworth Tenor

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore.

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

Rung for the church's Dedication Festival.

BOXLEY, Kent.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire, and Plain Bob.

George Kenward Treble	Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.
*Pamela A. Tomsett .. 2	*Arthur A. Webb 4
George A. Naylor 3	Brian E. Jemmett 5
	Maurice F. H. Lacey .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Naylor.

* First peal

SALTWOOD, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

*Alan P. S. Berry Treble	†Nicholas J. Davies 4
*Rachel J. Sinden 2	Crawford T. Hillis 5
*Brenda Foster 3	†Dennis A. Chapman .. Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

* First peal in the method. † First of Minor in the method.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

AUGHTON, Lancashire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's (No. 1) Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. 12 lb. in F.

Dennis R. Jones Treble	Jack N. Brown 5
*John Lunham 2	Edwin C. Birkett 6
Thomas R. Butler 3	Thomas W. Hesketh .. 7
Terence M. Fitzgerald .. 4	William E. Court Tenor

Conducted by Thomas R. Butler.

* 100th peal.

Rung to welcome Nigel Goodrich, newly-born grandson of the conductor.

WHALLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in E flat

Derek Butterworth .. Treble	Geoffrey Cheetham .. 5
Tudor P. Edwards .. 2	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 6
Edward Jenkins .. 3	Jeffrey Kershaw 7
Margaret E. Fort .. 4	Cyril Crossthwaite Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe.

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

SCORTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

Cyril Crossthwaite .. Treble	Brian A. Tomlinson .. 5
Philip S. Woods .. 2	Stanley Anderton .. 6
Dennis H. Jones .. 3	Edwin C. Birkett .. 7
James E. Burles .. 4	Thomas F. Metcalfe .. Tenor

Composed by Edwin Timbrell.

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

Rung by members of six Branches of the Association to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the Duchy of Lancaster.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEICESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

On Mon., Oct. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 25 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

E. Alan Jacques Treble	Jack P. Chesterton 7
Ernest W. Rawson 2	*W. Arthur Riddington .. 8
Herrick B. Bowley 3	*Christopher T. Osenton .. 9
Brian S. Chapman 4	*Martin L. Howe 10
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5	Russell S. Morris 11
J. Martin Thorley 6	William J. Root Tenor

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of Maximus in the method. First of Yorkshire S. Maximus as conductor.

BIRSTALL, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

J. Howes' Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb.	
*Frederick Faulkner .. Treble	Julian M. Morley 5
J. Martin Thorley 2	Roger I. Kendrick 6
Malcolm D. Barsby 3	B. Stedman Payne 7
Rupert A. Clarke 4	E. Alan Jacques Tenor

Conducted by B. Stedman Payne.

* First peal of Major.

Rung on the eve of the second anniversary of the rededication of this church

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

LINCOLN.—In St. Hugh's Tower at the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

*Donald G. Clift Treble	Gwilym Salmon 7
David P. Hilling 2	Philip N. Tubbs 8
James A. D. Woolford .. 3	Frank L. Harris 9
Arthur H. Reed 4	Edward J. Chivers 10
Michael J. Best 5	Robert C. Kippin 11
Laurence E. Hitchins .. 6	Brian J. Luff Tenor

Composed by J. Carter.

Conducted by Frank L. Harris.

* 25th peal of Stedman Cinques.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(and Cowbridge Grammar School Society).

LLANBLETHIAN, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. John.

On Mon., Nov. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents, in five callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

Paul Morgan Treble	Iolo Davies 4
*John Alexander 2	David Barrington 5
Robert MacPherson .. 3	Christopher Ricketts .. Tenor

Conducted by Christopher Ricketts.

* First peal "inside" and first of Minor. First of Minor on the bells, as conductor and for the Society. First peal in the associated parishes of Cowbridge and Llanblethian by a resident Sunday service band.

Rung for All Saints' Day; also a compliment to David Llewellyn and Penny Welch, on their engagement.

MONMOUTH.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Oct. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. ..	Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr.
Jacqueline S. King Treble	James L. Fitzgerald 5
David Pike 2	George T. Cousins 6
Donald G. Clarke 3	David J. King 7
Austin T. Wingate 4	Jack J. James Tenor

Conducted by David J. King.

Fastest peal on the bells.

Rung as part of a week of festivities by the townspeople of Monmouth to celebrate the 550th anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary. Prittlewell.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E.

Robert E. J. Dennis .. Treble	Graham W. Elmes 6
Maria E. Kirby 2	Roger D. Bailey 7
Diana M. Frost 3	Richard O. Humphries .. 8
Anthony H. Smith 4	Alan J. Frost 9
Timothy G. Pett 5	P. Gerald McIlhone .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Robert E. J. Dennis.

First peal of Stedman Caters by all the band except 3, 4 and 9.

First peal as conductor.

BIGGIN HILL, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Wed., Oct. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in 31 methods: (1) London, Wells and Cuneastre, (2) Northumberland, Whitley and Carlisle, (3) Alnwick, Newcastle, Chester and Munden, (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale and Annable's London, (5) Westminster, Allendale and Fryerning, (6) Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham, Berwick, York and Durham, (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne, with 65 changes of method. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

Michael W. Coleman .. Treble	P. Gerald McIlhone .. 4
*Robert E. J. Dennis .. 2	Timothy G. Pett 5
Roger D. Bailey 3	†Richard O. Humphries .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

* 25th peal. † 25th for the Society. Most Minor methods to a peal for all and for the Society.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Oct. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Carter's Odd Bob (One-Part).

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Elsie K. Hart Treble	H. George Hart 5
Freda Clayton 2	Gerald Penney 6
John R. Mayne 3	Christopher W. Woolley .. 7
*Sara K. D. Woolley .. 4	Bernard E. Matthews .. Tenor

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal on tower bells.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BUCKINGHAM.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 lb.

William A. Yates Treble	Frederick Vickers 5
*Raymond A. Vickers .. 2	James Linnell 6
†Barry E. Saunders 3	Charles E. Truman 7
Christopher C. Clarke .. 4	George W. Holland Tenor

Conducted by George W. Holland.

* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First of Cambridge Major. A birthday peal for ringers of 2, 5 and tenor.

STRATFIELD MORTIMER, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

William Hibbert Treble	Philip Murduck 5
John H. Lott 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd 6
Denby P. Murduck 3	William T. Cook 7
Veronica Dupré 4	Bradley Murduck Tenor

Conducted by William T. Cook.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.

On Sun., Oct. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

Anthony D. Sansom .. Treble	Christopher C. Clarke .. 5
Charles Coles 2	Edward R. Venn 6
David P. Hilling 3	Frederick R. Scott 7
Peter J. Heritage 4	J. Keith Ward Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEST WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt.

*Roy E. Barton Treble	Walter Avery 5
Gillian N. Hazell 2	John Young 6
Joyce I. Barton 3	L. Joseph Young 7
Roland Biggs 4	David A. Cornwall Tenor

Composed by G. Williams. Conducted by David A. Cornwall.
* First attempt for a peal of Major.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northants.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Fri., Oct. 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 GRANDSIRE ROYAL

Tenor-18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Avril Ivin Treble	Michael R. Bennett 6
Patrick I. Chapman 2	Roger W. Smith 7
Richard F. B. Speed 3	Malcolm J. V. Chown 8
Stanley F. Webb 4	George W. Holland 9
Alan A. Paul 5	Stephen Ivin Tenor

Composed by Frank E. Darby. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.

POTTERSPURY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Fri., Oct. 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. 4 lb. in E.

Gerald Kingston Treble	Barry E. Saunders 4
*Pauline M. Kingston 2	James Linnell 5
†Daphne Webb 3	Charles E. Truman Tenor

Composed by Charles E. Truman.
* First peal. † First "inside."

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Thurs., June 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 15 Plain Bob, 15 April Day, and 12 Grandsire.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Harold Stevenson Treble	F. William Midwinter 4
Susan J. Moxon 2	C. Anthony Parsons 5
Margaret E. Chilton 3	Charles J. Copp Tenor

Conducted by Margaret E. Chilton.

Rung as a compliment to Rev. W. H. Snow, Vicar, upon his appointment as Rural Dean of Norwell.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

PATSHULL, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Oct. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob, and 720 each of Cambridge, Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 18 lb. in F.

Philip G. K. Davies Treble	Richard B. Dorrington 4
Remi Hodister 2	Barnabas G. Key 5
Christopher Bainham 3	Philip J. Johnson Tenor

Conducted by Barnabas G. Key.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Oct. 14, 1965, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. Treble	*Graham C. Paul 7
George E. Fearn 2	John C. Eisel 8
John R. Insley 3	Norman J. Goodman 9
James Insley 4	Martin D. Fellows 10
Michael J. Fellows 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
*Richard J. Parker 6	Peter Border Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Maximus.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WEST HOATHLY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sun., Sept. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Two extents of Single Oxford and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*Stephen Comber Treble	Benjamin W. Parke 4
John A. Howard 2	Derek Slater 5
Valerie J. Howard 3	Frank H. Hicks Tenor

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal.

Rung in thanksgiving to God for deliverance in the Battle of Britain, 25 years ago, and in respect for the present Vicar, Rev. G. W. N. Groves, O.B.E., A.L.C.D., who was Senior R.A.F. chaplain in France at the time of the evacuation from Dunkirk.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

FORDINGBRIDGE, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 12 cwt.

*Hans V. Jubkental .. Treble	John W. Blackwood 5
Ronald N. Marlow 2	Jeffrey L. Cloughton 6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay .. 3	William T. Perrins 7
Kathleen E. Fletcher .. 4	Lewis F. Cobb Tenor

Conducted by Jeffrey L. Cloughton.
* First peal. First of Triples as conductor.

SOBERTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

Andrew G. Stevens .. Treble	Anthony Cope 5
Barry J. Davis 2	William Cope 6
Anne M. Smith 3	E. Winifred Keys 7
*Betty J. Daysh 4	Philip Stevens Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Philip Stevens.
* 25th peal. First peal as conductor.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., Oct. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

M. Irene Ellsmore .. Treble	Martin D. Fellows 5
J. Alan Ainsworth 2	Norman J. Goodman 6
Roderick W. Pipe 3	Michael J. Fellows 7
*John C. Eisel 4	Clifford A. Barron Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.
* 250th peal.

OLDSWINFORD, Stourbridge, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Wed., Oct. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 BRIGHTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 96 lb. in F sharp.

John C. Eisel Treble	Roderick W. Pipe 5
James Insley 2	Michael J. Fellows 6
Edward W. Colley 3	George E. Fearn 7
John R. Insley 4	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in D flat.

Arthur B. Cooper .. Treble	Ian G. Campbell 5
*Keith Goldthorpe 2	John S. Rank 6
*Vivian Nutton 3	David S. Johnson 7
F. Charles Hobson 4	Ronald Ducker Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by Vivian Nutton.
* First peal of Rutland.
A birthday compliment to John S. Rank.

HUNTINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four extents.

Tenor 5 cwt.

Kenneth B. Sissons .. Treble	Ronald R. Warford 4
A. Colin Banton 2	G. Frederick Terry 5
J. Martin Thorley 3	John Potts Tenor

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
First Surprise peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER, Hampshire.—At "Glanville," 82, Alresford Road.

On Thurs., Sept. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

William G. Young 1—2	Hadley Hunter 5—6
Michael J. Best 3—4	Maurice J. Butler 7—8

Composed and Conducted by Hadley Hunter.

HALF PEAL

ORSTON, NOTTS.—On Oct. 16th, 2,520 Plain Bob Doubles: A. Foster 1, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 2, W. G. Marsh (longest length "inside") 3, M. W. Harrison 4, D. Oliver 5.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Mixed Doubles: D. M. Hughes 1, Lesley Read 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, Pamela R. Gough 4, Valerie Mephram 5, Stella G. Rice 6.

BRAY, BERKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (1, 2 leading): D. Russell 1, C. Burridge 2, Janice M. Penning 3, Wenda R. Harris 4, Kathleen Horne 5, D. T. Young 6, Doreen Hague (cond.) 7, J. E. Norsworthy 8. For Evensong.

BRENT KNOLL, SOMERSET.—On July 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. W. Ham 1, Miss K. Hine 2, Mrs. D. Burrough 3, I. J. Burrough 4, F. B. Comer (cond.) 5, R. Lee 6.

BITTERNE PARK, SOUTHAMPTON.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret F. Coombs (first quarter) 1, D. B. Brown (cond.) 2, Beryl J. Cross (first "inside") 3, C. J. Butler 4, S. T. Kirby 5, T. C. Holland 6. In memoriam Leslie W. Stead, secretary of St. Mary's, Southampton, died October 15th.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. B. Davis (first away from cover) 1, C. R. Parker (first "inside") 2, G. C. Parsons 3, B. R. Carter 4, F. W. Box (cond.) 5, E. Wicks 6. For Harvest Festival.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Paul's Church, on Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jacqueline Faint (first quarter) 1, A. Harrison 2, C. Haynes 3, Margaret Woolley (first quarter "inside") 4, C. Hughes 5, J. K. Smith 6, D. P. Jones (cond.) 7, M. Webster 8. To welcome a son, Richard, for Michael and Patricia Webster.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—At the Norman Tower, on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Stannard (cond.) 1, A. W. Rolfe 2, A. Ballam 3, H. Clarke 4, D. Rowlands 5, W. Goodship 6, R. Stannard 7, H. Doel 8. First quarter 4, 5 and 7.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Grandfield (first quarter) 1, Maxine Lush 2, Wendy Coombes 3, V. Furnage (first "inside") 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, E. H. Amey 6. To mark the birth of Paul David, second son of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Romney.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 9th, 1,584 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: Hazel A. Atrowsmith 1, Susan Rothera 2, Iris Iemare 3, K. J. Hesketh 4, Claire Dillamore 5, Maryl R. Crosshwaite 6, I. R. Panton 7, P. J. Rothera 8, G. H. Pullin 9, J. H. Fielden 10, P. S. Bennett 11, T. P. Edwards 12. Rung following the marriage of Edna Frith and Christopher Cooper.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Young 1, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 2, F. Ellis 3, E. T. Newnham 4, A. Slade 5, R. Durrant 6, R. Chapman 7, E. Pickett 8. First Stedman 1 and 5. For the induction of Rev. R. Osborne. Also on Oct. 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Young 1, R. Chapman 2, Miss C. Cole (first of Stedman 3, I. Dear 4, A. Slade 5, M. C. Austin 6, F. Ellis (cond.) 7, D. S. Bilmore 8. For the christening of the son of Rev. C. Ughart.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss D. Gibson (first quarter) 1, I. Richardson 2, Mrs. M. Dodd 3, G. Tembey 4, H. Wilson (cond.) 5, J. G. Eilbeck 6.

CLITHEROE, LANCS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Wilkinson 1, Miss E. Crabtree 2, P. Norman 3, S. Wright 4, P. Jenkinson 5, F. Price (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of Mr. Edward Wilkinson's 50 years' service to Clitheroe Parish Church as a bellringer.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. P. B. Speed (cond.) 1, Anne R. Speed 2, G. Thompson 3, S. F. Webb 4, M. J. V. Chown 5, H. M. Johnson 6, R. W. Sherriff 7, R. W. Gibbons 8, P. J. Chapman 9, D. J. Marshall 10. Rung on the occasion of the 100th birthday of Mrs. F. Willoughby, of this parish.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. White 1, C. W. Bishop 2, Miss M. Thomas 3, J. H. Napper 4, C. J. Garlick 5, M. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, L. F. Cox 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

ECCLESHALL, STAFFS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. J. Griffiths 1, A. W. Haslop 2, R. W. Balls 3, D. K. Lees 4, A. K. Lees 5, E. Young 6, A. W. Whittall (first in method) 7, W. A. Harris (cond.) 8. First quarter 1, 4 and 5.

QUARTER PEALS

FORDINGBRIDGE, HANTS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): Edna Kenchington (first quarter) 1, J. Mussell 2, J. Claughton 3, W. Perrins 4, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 5, J. O. Coleman 6. In memoriam Harry Kenchington, grandfather of treble ringer.

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss I. Richardson (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Cooke 2, W. Thow 3, Miss M. A. Thow 4, W. Davidson (cond.) 5, M. Maughan 6. Also on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. D. Davis (first quarter) 1, W. Thow 2, C. W. Otterway 3, Miss M. A. Thow 4, Miss B. Cooke 5, W. Davidson (cond.) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving. Also on Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor.

GAYTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Roger W. Smith 1, Shirley E. Ruddlesden 2, Rev. Ernest G. Orland 3, A. A. Paul 4, B. Hendry (cond.) 5, S. M. Ruddlesden 6. Rung to mark the induction of the Rev. E. G. Orland to the united benefice of Gayton and Tiffeld.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pauline Kingston 1, Daphne Webb 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond. and 50th quarter) 5. For Harvest Festival.

HALLOW, WORCS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Collins 1, A. P. White 2, F. C. Pugh 3, L. J. Haines 4, D. Beacham 5, P. Catermole (cond.) 6, J. Gwilliam 7, P. Bullock 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. F. C. Browne, J.P., of Hallow.

HALES, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Ford 1, Mrs. E. Ford 2, J. C. Taylor 3, J. J. Ford 4, E. J. Ford (cond.) 5, H. Taylor 6. Rung after the christening of Carol Joan Ford, daughter of ringers 2 and 5.

HENDON, MIDDX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ruth M. Foreman 1, Dianne Gazeley 2, Mary Welch 3, D. Rothera 4, S. C. Maltby 5, G. Penny (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

HONLEY, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): P. C. Randall 1, Shirley Jones 2, G. W. Randall (cond.) 3, A. J. Cox 4, S. F. Royal 5. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Shirley Jones 1, A. J. Cox 2, S. F. Royal 3, G. W. Randall 4, P. C. Randall 5. Rung non-conducted.

ILTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Welch (first quarter) 1, R. Dean 2, A. Drayon 3, C. Getton 4, A. Rowsell (cond.) 5, R. Welch 6. For Harvest Festival.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Royal 1, A. J. Cox (first as cond.) 2, Shirley Jones 3, P. Reading 4, C. Royal 5, S. F. Royal 6. For Red Cross service.

LAVERNHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. T. Symonds (cond.) 1, F. Turner 2, S. Smith 3, A. R. Knight 4, A. J. Haynes 5, F. Borcham 6, E. Cracknell 7, W. Jarvis 8. First quarter on the bells since the rehanging. For Evensong.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of St. Margaret, on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Bent 1, J. Adams 2, G. Olliffe 3, H. Bray 4, R. D. Hughes 5, H. C. Palmer 6, J. Cook (cond.) 7, C. Cattell 8. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss I. Endall to Mr. M. R. A. Kirk.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes, on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, S. Penfold 2, F. G. Richardson 3, P. Over 4, J. Fowler 5, A. Grainger 6, C. Pain 7, R. Mallett 8. For Matins.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Oct. 24th, 1,320 Doubles (two methods): B. Butcher 1, R. Birch (first quarter) 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Evensong.

MARSTON, OXON.—On Sept. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Porter 1, R. H. Jones 2, Miss A. Walton (first "inside") 3, N. D. Deam (cond.) 4, L. Porter 5. The conductor's 100th quarter. Also on Sept. 26th, 1,260 Shipway's Place. First in method for all the band.

NAIHEA, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Hardwidge 1, W. P. Blake 2, T. G. Phillips 3, L. Derrick 4, W. J. Lott 5, J. Brain (cond.) 6. In memoriam Joseph T. Dyke.

NEWLAND, GLOS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Butcher 1, J. J. Webb 2, L. Smith 3, Howard Meek 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6. Rung prior to the broadcast from this church.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,280 Wembley Surprise Major: C. White 1, N. Knee 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, P. Wilkinson 4, D. Burr 5, D. Orledge 6, F. Slatford 7, E. Hitchins (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome P. Wilkinson to the Surprise practice band. First quarter of Wembley for all the band.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Oct. 17th, 1,296 Cambridge Minor: G. Oliver 1, Carol Cousins 2, Wendy Wallace 3, W. Dunn 4, C. Macve 5, A. Streeter (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Clarke 1, Nancy Kempell 2, K. Richardson (first "inside") 3, W. Dunn (cond.) 4, E. J. Carvell 5, A. R. Clarke 6. First quarter by an all local band. Five are ex-pupils of Nutfield C. of E. School and one the father of a pupil. For the school's centenary.

PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—At St. George's Cathedral, on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Merrilyn Chambers (first of Triples) 1, B. Lawes (first Triples as cond.) 2, M. Page (first Triples) 3, B. Potts (first Bob Triples) 4, Ron Russ (100th quarter) 5, Laith Reynolds (first Bob Triples) 6, B. Cox 7, T. Gregory 8. Rung to mark the wedding of Bunney Warren and Norma Bailey on October 9th, at Kojoonup.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 17th, 1,280 Alderney Surprise Major: G. W. Shanks 1, R. J. Coles 2, Alison M. Mann 3, B. J. Bull 4, C. F. Mew (cond.) 5, N. R. Waite 6, A. R. Millidge 7, M. J. Uphill 8. First in the method for all the band. A birthday compliment to Irene Shanks.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Goacher 1, K. Game 2, D. Atfield 3, Mrs. M. Dallison 4, G. Charlton 5, H. Comber (first "inside" in method) 6, A. Streeter (cond.) 7, K. Dallison 8. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

STANDLAKE, OXON.—On Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. D. Costar 1, J. A. H. Betts 2, A. E. Hicks 3, D. Floyd 4, P. G. Holden 5, J. F. List (cond.) 6. Rung for the 18th birthdays of Susan Cantwell and Peter Holden, and the 17th birthday of Jim List.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Pamela J. Wright 1, R. D. Hart 2, J. Alexander 3, H. Folwell 4, A. K. Putnam 5, A. R. Wright (cond.) 6, G. Robbins (covering) 8. A farewell tribute to the Rev. R. Kempthorne, who is leaving for New Zealand.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Oct. 17th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: R. Hulme 1, Miss J. Davidge 2, P. Minchin 3, W. W. T. Daniell 4, M. Scowen 5, Dr. C. G. Roworth 6, M. Stanley 7, A. G. Wells 8, E. Sutton (cond.) 9, L. Picknell 10. For Evensong.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Shepherd 1, F. Chedgley 2, A. H. Reed (cond.) 3, W. H. Tarr 4, D. Youns 5, N. Mags 6, D. Lee 7, R. Cullen 8. A wedding compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. Philip Berrow, married this day.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): F. Emmett 1, G. Hollis 2, J. Upton 3, P. Cork 4, J. Rowell 5, E. Gill 6, J. Kelland (cond.) 7, H. Clarke 8. For the 350th anniversary of granting the Royal Charter, attended by H.R.H. Princess Marina.

ULCOMBE, KENT.—On Oct. 21st, 1,320 St. Simon's Doubles: Sylvia Knight 1, H. Payne 2, L. Sweatman 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, J. Clifton 6. First in the method for all the band. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Burbridge.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Aug. 19th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: F. Absalom 1, J. Pladdys (cond.) 2, C. Woodward (first of Minor "inside") 3, A. Howes 4, V. Fox 5, A. Howes 6. A farewell to the conductor, leaving for London University.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Oct. 17th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: C. T. Hiffis 1, Rita Gower 2, P. Richardson 3, M. Lancelfield 4, P. Garner 5, B. Johnson (cond., first of Oxford T.B.) 6. For Evensong.

WOOTTON, OXON.—On Oct. 7th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet): J. Venn 1, E. R. Venn (cond.) 2, P. J. Heritage 3, A. D. Sansom 4, C. C. Clarke 5, V. Griffin 6. Rung on the conductor's 21st birthday.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCE

ABERDARE, GLAM.—On Oct. 10th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: J. Evans (first of Plain Bob) 1, Desmond Kerley 3, Geoffrey Kerley 4, David Kerley 5, George Kerley 6, J. Clatworthy (first as cond.) 7, L. Scott 8. To celebrate the birth of a son to the ringers of the 5th.

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COX—MORRISON.—The engagement is announced between Brian Rothwell, youngest son of Mrs. E. V. Cox, of Toorak Gardens, South Australia, and the late Mr. Cox, and Anna Stirling, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Morrison, of Glenunga, South Australia. 7923

OSENTON—NURSE.—The engagement is announced between David Stephen, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Oseinton, of Halling, Kent, and Margaret Anne, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Nurse, of Holbeach, Lincolnshire. 7941

FOIRTHCOMING MARRIAGE

NEWING—GRAINGER.—The marriage arranged between the Rev. Peter Newing and Miss Angela Grainger will take place at St. Peter's Church, Brighton, on Saturday, November 20th, 1965, at 12 noon. Their future address will be: The Curate's House, Station Road, Blockley, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos. Friends always welcome. 7939

DEATH

RYMER.—On November 1st, 1965, suddenly, Hilda Rymer, beloved mother of Shirley Rymer. 7942

PERSONAL

"Therefore my beloved brothers, stand firm and immovable, and work for the Lord always, work without limit, since you know that in the Lord your labour cannot be lost." (I Corinthians xv, 58, N.E.B.)

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SURPRISE MAJOR PRACTICE at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on Thursday, November 18th, at 7.30. Methods: Bristol, Glasgow, London, Rutland and as requested. 7950

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch.—At Minehead, November 13th, 10-bell practice, 7 p.m. On December 11th, A.G.M. from 3 p.m. Numbers for tea by December 7th, please!!—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 7964

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Saturday, November 13th, Barton and Haslingfield. Barton (5) 3 p.m. Service, Barton, 4.30. Tea, Haslingfield Vicarage, 5 p.m. Haslingfield (5) after meeting.—B. D. Threlfall. 7904

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N. and N.W. Branch.—Annual meeting, November 13th, Westleigh (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bideford (8) available 7-8 p.m. Names for tea to the Rev. T. Shephard Walwyn, The Vicarage, Westleigh. 7856

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, November 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to Miss N. Bragg, 20, Church Hill, Aldershot, Hants.—D. P. Elsmore, Dis. Sec. 7914

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Evening practice meeting. Hertford All Saints', Saturday, November 13th, 6-9 p.m. Also business meeting. Saturday, November 27th, time and place published later.—P. M. F. Searles, Acting Dis. Sec. 7918

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Apsley, November 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to A. V. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead. 7912

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at Watlington on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. A. Randall, "Kentish Delight," Love Lane, Watlington. 7886

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Meeting, Timberland (6), Saturday, November 13th. Service 4.30 p.m. Methods: Single Court, Killamarsh T.B. Martin bells available in the evening. Names for tea to Mr. P. Mason, The Lilacs, Timberland, Lincoln.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 7885

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—November 13th, All Saints', East India Dock Road, Poplar, E.15, 3-4.30 p.m. All Saints', Church Lane, West Ham, E.15: Business 5.45, ringing 6.30-8 p.m.—Miss V. E. Dupré, Hon. Sec. 7870

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD and **LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Loughborough District).—A joint meeting will be held at Measham on Saturday, November 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. 7927

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—South Oxon Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Drayton St. Leonard Saturday, November 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. Godman 22, Sunnyside, Benson, Oxford 7926

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bingham District.—Meeting, Holme Pierrepont on November 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. L. Exton, "St. Ouen's," Whatton.—R. Blackshaw. 6833

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.W. District.—Induction service of the Rev. A. Farmer at Whepstead on Saturday, November 13th, at 3 p.m. Commence ringing at 2.15 p.m., followed by practice meeting at 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 7897

SUFFOLK GUILD.—N.E. District.—Quarterly meeting at Southwold on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. S. Payne, 30, Hotson Road, Southwold.—T. N. J. B. 7902

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Felpham on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (6) at 2.45 p.m. Business meeting 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Service 6 p.m. Bells after service. Please notify for tea as early as possible as accommodation is limited.—R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Practice meeting, Warmley (6), Wednesday, November 17th. Bells available 7.30-9 p.m.—M. de Jong. 7937

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Thorne (8) on November 20th. Ringing after 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Church Hall. Names for tea (moderate charge), please, by November 18th to Mr. T. D. Leask, 26, Gainford Road, Mooredens, Thorne, near Doncaster. A committee meeting will be held in the church vestry, by permission of the Vicar, at 2.30 p.m. to discuss new membership cards—five minutes only.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 7871

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—Practice meeting at Nailsea, Saturday, November 20th. Bells (6) available 5 p.m.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 7933

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Meeting at Eccleston, Saturday, November 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Numbers for tea to R. C. H. Sibley, Hon. Sec., 35, Appleyard Lane, Chester, by Thursday, November 18th. 7958

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Kids Grove, November 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by November 10th. — W. Kerr, 107, Moreton Road, Crewe. 7967

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—A joint meeting at Thornaby on Saturday, November 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please. — P. Wishart and E. Hudson, Joint Secretaries. 7959

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Meeting, Dunchurch, Saturday, November 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea essential to Mr. P. Barnwell, Cawston Lane, Dunchurch, near Rugby. — A. G. Eveleigh. 7929

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—Monthly ringing meeting at Old Brampton on November 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please note change of date and venue. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. J. Arkwell, 296, Brimington Road, Chesterfield, by Wednesday, November 17th.—Malcolm Phipps, Dis. Sec. 7946

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Winton and Blaydon on Saturday, November 20th. Sale of work at Winton in aid of Bell Repair Fund, opened by D. A. Bayles at 3 p.m. Ringing at Blaydon (6) from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea at Winton 3.30 p.m. Names to H. P. Thompson, 3, Hallgarth Terrace, Lancaster. 7943

EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at South Normanton, Saturday, November 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Wainwright, 11, Downing Street, South Normanton, Derby.—T. H. Radford, Hon. Sec. 7962

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Godmanchester, Saturday, November 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7963

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Newton, Saturday, November 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7953

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Kemble (6), November 20th. 5.30 p.m. Branch A.G.M., Bibury, December 4th.—R. Wenban, Sec. 7949

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.—Stroud Branch.—Monthly practice, Eastington, Saturday, November 20th. Usual arrangements. Stonehouse 7-9 p.m. Names for tea, please.—E. Cribbley, France Lynch, Stroud. 7931

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Chobham, not Horsell, on Saturday, November 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. K. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Mimbidge, Chobham. 7932

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Braughing on Saturday, November 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing at Standon in the evening. Names for tea to P. J. Glazebrook, 11, Friars Road, Braughing.—D. Kingston. 7898

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Harpden, November 20th. Evening meeting following ringing course. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by meeting and ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 7928

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and **LADIES' GUILD.**—Joint meeting at Charing, Saturday, November 20th. Bells (6, tenor 13 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Little Chart (6, tenor 6½ cwt.) also available. Names for tea to Rev P. T. Robbins, The Vicarage, Charing, by previous Thursday.—C. T. H. 7876

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, November 20th, at St. Thomas', Pendleton. Bells (8) 4-5 p.m. and 6-8.30 p.m.—J. Brannan, Branch Sec. 7935

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 20th, Foxton (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m., Shoulder of Mutton.—L. W. Allen. 7956

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Evening meeting at Waltham on Saturday, November 20th. Ringing from 6.30 p.m.—M. Stimson. 7968

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Meeting at Upton, Saturday, November 20th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by previous Tuesday. Special methods: Hull Surprise and Bob Minor.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel 2623. 7894

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Meeting at Sully (6) on Saturday, November 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Names for tea to D. J. Llewellyn, 1, Matthew Road, Rhose Barry, Glam, by Wednesday, November 17th. 7957

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N and E. District) and **ESSEX ASSOCIATION** (S.W. District).—Joint meeting at St. Andrew's, Enfield, on Saturday, November 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea approx. 5 p.m. Christ Church, Southgate, bells available 2.45 to 4 p.m. Evening ringing at Enfield.—E. H. Kilby and M. J. Hallett, Dis. Secs. 7948

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Marlborough, November 20th. Names for tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Marlborough, Wilts. 7970

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—An evening meeting to be held at Basford, Nottingham (8) on Saturday, November 20th, starting 5.30.—Sec. 7960

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 20th, North Muskham. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Names must be sent to Mr. C. Copp, Marsh Lane, North Muskham, Newark, by previous Tuesday, please.—B. N. Reed. 7936

TRURO GUILD.—Truro Branch.—Method ringing practice, Kenwyn (8), Truro, Saturday, November 20th, commencing 3 p.m. Cups of tea will be provided.—Mrs. Mossop (Secretary), The Vicarage, Constantine, Falmouth. 7925

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice meeting, Woodstock, Wednesday, November 24th, 7 to 9 p.m. Special method: Kent Treble Bob Major. 7944

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Derby District) and **SOUTH DERBYS AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting at Ockbrook (6), Saturday, November 27th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at White Swan. Names to M. A. Willis, 33, Gisborne Close, Mickleover, Derby, by Wednesday, November 24th. No name, no tea.—M. A. Willis, Dis. Sec. 7961

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Freiston, Saturday, November 27th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, November 22nd.—P. T. Kilner, 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 7955

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Watton on Saturday, November 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by the business meeting. Names for tea to T. A. Potter, 42, Brandon Road, Watton, Thetford, by November 25th. 7971

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Business meeting, Kingsthorpe, Saturday, November 27th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost, 1, Glasgow Street, Northampton, by Tuesday previous for certain. 7945

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.—Evening practice meeting at Tettenhall, near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, November 27th. Bells (8) available 6-8.30 p.m.—C. M. S., Hon. Sec. 7954

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Annual general meeting at Lavenham, Saturday, November 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. E. Symonds, 1, Pit Meadow, Lavenham, Sudbury, Suffolk, by November 24th. 7924

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Handbell competition and nomination meeting at Putney on Saturday, November 27th. Putney bells 3-4 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Handbell competition 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing at Putney in the evening. Competition entries from any Sunday service band in the county will be welcome and should be sent to the District Secretary, N. Steere, 1, Prior Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. Names for tea, other than competitors, should be sent to B. Bull, 68, Gowan Avenue, London, S.W.6. 7969

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Hailsham on Saturday, November 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. to be followed by business meeting. Names for tea to me at 36, London Road, Hailsham, by Wednesday, 24th, please.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 7873

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Claines on Saturday, November 27th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. A. Jopp, Church Road, Stoulton, Worcester. 7938

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WARNING

Lately there has been a disruptive element present in the Exercise. Laughter has been heard in ringing chambers up and down the country, and it is feared that there are a growing number who ring for enjoyment and as a service to the Church. What has happened to the stern mental discipline, the rigorous training, the all-male prerogative, the dignified correspondence? Who belongs to this breakaway group of iconoclasts? How are we to recognise them and eject them from our towers?

THE ART OF COARSE BELL-RINGING

Coarse Bell-ringer n.—One who can handle a bell and learn a method, but is unable to combine the two.

Coarse Bell-ringers, male or female, are easily recognised, being friendly, extrovert, and never the tower captain. They are invariably dressed unsuitably for ringing. The men wear tight waistcoats, limiting movement to three inches in any direction; or large, loose trousers and shirts in need of anchorage. The ladies wear shift dresses that rise alarmingly, or precariously balanced hipster skirts. (Serious ringers' clothing permits free and vigorous movement, yet is apparently glued to the body.)

It is not yet known why Coarse Bell-ringers are attracted to the Exercise. Perhaps they come to meet other ringers, with a view to arranging a coarser rendezvous elsewhere, or because they want an excuse for consuming the rivers of beer that are every ringer's right. Children are never Coarse Bell-ringers; the type first develops at about seventeen years old, by which time the infant beginner is either ringing spliced Surprise, or has been permanently discouraged.

To cover his inadequacies, the Coarse Bell-ringer takes refuge in Bellmanship. This is best defined as: "the knack of convincing everyone that you are the only one who is right, when they, and you, know you are wrong." The basic principles of this black art have been kept secret, but recently a beginner's textbook fell into our hands, and we can now expose this commendable practice.

In case of emergency in mid-touch

1. Disregard all shouting. It is best to stare fixedly ahead, with perhaps the slightest suggestion of a tolerant smile for the weaknesses of others. If this is too difficult, looking at each bell in turn, as though carefully following your coursing order, will also be effective.

2. Every so often, look pointedly at a bell, and hold your own bell up over it. This will immediately convince the other person that he should have dodged with you.

3. Never be tempted to say: "I'm in 3-4 now," or anything similar. There may be someone who really is in 3-4.

4. When the conductor has finally called "stand," set your bell slowly and carefully, saying: "Yes, it certainly is oddstruck." During the ensuing discussion of who went wrong where, sit down quietly and engage someone in earnest conversation; with any luck they'll forget you before you next come up.

So, watch out all you campanologists, Coarse Bell-ringers are on the loose. There may be one at your next practice (if you haven't got five in the band already).

E.Z.

(With acknowledgments to Michael Green and Stephen Potter.)

UNIFORMITY WANTED

A correspondent, who after many years has spent much time in trying to instruct beginners, makes a plea for uniformity in ringing nomenclature. So much, he contends, is incomprehensible to them and to many readers of "The Ringing World." He asks the Central Council, as the body elected by ringers themselves, to lay down once and for all the approved method of writing out peals, compositions, methods, etc., and the meaning of signs, etc. Why should X mean a dozen totally different things?

Take the layout of methods. X means all bells change; 34 means that those in 3rds and 4ths lie still. The beginner gets that and at once a considerable part of the paper becomes intelligible till next week he meets—34. The instructor now explains that — is the same as X after having spent some time previously telling him that it means a bob.

Our correspondent writes:

"One picks up the paper with a view to explaining what is meant in the layout of a new composition, and you find the headings the normal B, M, W, etc. Without going into detail one explains that they are the positions at which the calls are made. But immediately underneath that composition is another of an allied method, with totally different headings. Even if one knows oneself or can guess what they mean, the only explanation one can give is that that is the way that particular composer writes it out. The following week there is a layout of an entirely different sort, which so far has defeated me, let alone try and explain it. By this time one's audience has come to the conclusion that nothing means anything at all and you can put down what you like, make a noise on the bells and call it a peal! So one tries to interest them in something else."

Perhaps the new comprehensive textbook of Mr. W. G. Wilson's, which is due for publication at the end of this month, will give a lead and a guide in these matters, which for the sake of clarity and ease should be universally adopted.

328th Anniversary Dinner

College Youths are Secular but they need Support of Church

Replacement of British Bells would cost £23m.—Ringers Urged to Appreciate their Value.—Tributes to Mr. Chilcott, the retiring Secretary.—New Members from Canada and Australia.

FEW recent Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths have had such a wide experience of provincial ringing as Mr. Rodney B. Meadows, who presided over the 328th anniversary dinner at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, on November 6th, and recognition of this and his popularity in the Exercise was forthcoming from the large attendance of country members.

The Central Council was represented by the president (Canon Thurlow) and also its general secretary (Mr. E. A. Barnett). It was Mr. John E. Chilcott's last dinner as secretary of the Society and tributes were paid to his efficient service by various speakers. The customary touch of Stedman Cinques was rung on bells originally the gift of the late Mr. W. H. Pasmore, which had been renovated and augmented to 18 by the brothers William and Douglas Hughes in memory of their father, the late Mr. Albert A. Hughes.

The Master was escorted to his chair by the senior steward, Mr. J. D. Rock, and the junior steward, Mr. A. J. Frost. Other officers present in addition to the secretary were Messrs. C. G. J. Watts (treasurer), E. G. Fenn and J. F. Smallwood (trustees).

The loyal toast was followed by the Master proposing "The Church." Mr. Meadows said old accounts made it clear that change ringing, which began to flourish in England some 350 years ago, was at first entirely a secular art. The custom of ringing for Sunday services is more recent than is generally supposed. The Ancient Society of College Youths, which we regard as a nationwide Society, remains essentially a secular Society. No body of ringers is more devoted and efficient in the Sunday service ringing which it undertakes to perform at the London towers, but Society activities generally do not centre on this and we are not affiliated to any Diocese.

The Master is not obliged, strictly in performance of his duties, to attend a church service more than once or twice during his year of office, perhaps not at all. It is therefore a salutary exercise for him, and a long-established custom, that he should propose the toast of "The Church" at this dinner.

If I now avoid making some of the usual comments on our relationship with the Church, this is not because they are not important, but because they have been made—and well made—many times before both at this and other dinners. We all know that Church and ringers depend on one another: but really our side has much the better of the bargain.

BELLS NEED THE SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH

If asked which was the best ring of eight bells in the City of London, many would no doubt choose St. Lawrence Jewry, which some of you will have been ringing today. A strong rival to these fine bells would be the post-war Taylor eight hung in St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, which are not available for ringing and probably never will be. The tower stands complete with bells but no church to support it, and without this the bells cannot be rung.



MR. RODNEY B. MEADOWS
The Master, 1964-65

Bells without the church are as nothing, or next to nothing.

In the life of this country, bellringers enjoy a remarkable licence. It has been said that the most patient and defenceless audience is a church congregation when the sermon is being preached. They cannot answer back and it is extremely difficult to get away. There is an even more patient and defenceless audience. I mean the people who live within half-a-mile or so of a church where there are bells. The licence for ringers to broadcast, at full volume, two or three times a week, depends entirely on the long custom of ecclesiastical protection. Any other broadcasting instrument, operated at comparable decibels, would be stopped at once by the police. If the Church ceased to be a Church, ringing would not be tolerated for a month longer, perhaps not even a week.

BELLS VALUE—£23 MILLION

The modern world has been brainwashed into seeing all issues expressed in financial terms. George Orwell once wrote, "Money is what God used to be." I have been doing a few calculations, based on the knowledge that there are some 5,200 rings of five bells or more in this country. If one values these bells and fittings at up-to-date prices, that is to say the replacement value, or what it would now cost if they had to be installed all over again, their capital value comes to some £23,000,000. I shudder to think that the Church Commissioners, financial wizards that they are, may one day start toying with these figures and wondering what else they could be doing with the money. Ringers should appreciate the value of the ecclesiastical fur-

niture with which they are allowed to play. My speech has been expressed in somewhat materialistic terms. The only satisfactory relationship of ringers with the Church is that they should be part of it. For any ringer who regards the relationship as a kind of bargain or working partnership, it may be a little chastening to consider for a moment which party stands more in need of the other.

Canon Gilbert Thurlow, who replied, said the Church is not what those who usually plan this toast think it is. It is first and foremost the people of God, the ecclesia, the crowd. We can't avoid being God's people, whether we acknowledge Him or not. All come from God and return to God—Christian, humanist, Communist, alike. The Church's founder came to show everybody what they are—God's people. He knew most wouldn't respond, but He knew it was worth it.

So the Church is narrowed down to those who set themselves apart for Christ by baptism. Even here there is a sharp distinction between those whose loyalty increases and those whose loyalty decreases. Too many baptised C. of E. become loose hangers-on and have the odd idea that the Church is like the theatre, to which people come when inclined. The greatest thing the Church is doing today is recovering truth that it is a family or army, a band, as ringers would say, to which loyalty is members' first charge.

ALL FOR ALL

Christian division has turned the choice of Church into a hobby in the eyes of the man in the street. When the Church is one again, "joining Church" will again mean "recognising what we really are and acting on it." Worship has become, in the ordinary man's eyes, an escapist hobby. When dockers, miners, car workers and all of us see that all we do can only succeed when done as people, all together, each for all and all for each, then we'll stop going down the drain and we shall live as never before, and the Church will be God's people united in God.

Proposing the toast of "The Ancient Society of College Youths," Mr. E. A. Barnett, hon. secretary of the Central Council, said it was a great honour, because he believed it was the first occasion that it had been proposed by one who was a member of a body who were referred to as "the other lot." "I propose this toast, not only as a Cumberland but one who is secretary of the Central Council and one who takes a deep interest in ringing history, and the history of your Society is of great interest. At times I have made certain mental reservations of what is said at this dinner, but those who have studied ecclesiastical history will realise that it is not uncommon for people to have reservations one way or another."

FOUR SECRETARIES

What was unique, said Mr. Barnett, was that he had known their last four secretaries—Mr. Chilcott, Mr. Peck, Mr. Cockerill and before him Mr. Richard T. Woodley, who was secretary in 1887. He met him many years later and rang a peal with him at Lowestoft. (Continued on next page)

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COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER (contd.)

The only remark he made which stuck in his mind was about the Rev. C. A. Clements, whom Mr. Woodley said could swear before he became a parson.

He thought many of them knew that it had not always been the practice of their Society to hold their annual dinner in London. At the end of the last century the Society used to go to country places where they had an interest and members. In 1887 the dinner was held at the Bell Inn, Crayford, Kent, on August 4th, and "Church Bells" reported that it was the 242nd anniversary dinner and that it was attended by many members of the Society from various parishes in the vicinity.

In coupling Mr. John Chilcott's name with the toast, Mr. Barnett said: "It was with very great regret that I learned that your secretary is giving up office in the next few days and I would like to say 'thank you' to him for his unflinching courtesy to me at all times."

A WELL-OILED MACHINE

Endorsing this tribute to Mr. Chilcott, the Master said it was a delightful experience to be Master of their Society, as one was supported by a well-oiled machine. John Chilcott was nine-tenths of that machine and he would be very difficult to replace adequately.

Mr. Chilcott in his reply, which took the form of an annual report, said although he did not invite Mr. Barnett so that they could indulge in "back-scratching," that gathering did enable them to show appreciation of Mr. Barnett's valuable services during the 14 years he had been secretary of the Centrad Council. (Hear, hear.)

Their attendance that day was 217 members and friends and was nearly their capacity. He congratulated Mr. George Symonds on ringing a peal on his 90th birthday, and Mr. E. G. Fenn, who was attending on his 90th birthday.

Apologies had been received from Bishop Wand, the Archdeacon of London, Messrs. E. T. Floyd-Ewin (Registrar of St. Paul's), Frederick Sharpe, Henry Hodgetts, A. York-Bramble (over 50 years a member), Harry Miles, John Brain, Henry Bagot (who writes that the College Youths in Australia were proposing to hold a dinner that day) and Andrew Pearmain.

Forty-five new members had been elected during the year, including three Izards, grandsons of Mr. E. W. Izard, of British Columbia, four from Melbourne and two each from Adelaide and Sydney.

MASTER AND PAST MASTERS' PEAL

Peals reported since the last dinner totalled 25, viz: Stedman Cinques 9 (that at St. Paul's created more interest than any other he had taken part in; one at Cornhill was in memoriam Herbert Langdon); Stedman Caters 3: Surprise Maximus 4 (included one by the Master and Past Masters of the Society. The one lost was better than the one rung, as afterwards 14 Past Masters were entertained at the George at Southwark); Stedman Triples 3: assorted Major 4 (including London at Waterford); Bob Minor 1: Grandsire Triples 1.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The company stood as those who had died during the year were remembered. The list included six who had been members for 50 years, viz: Harry Sear (1898) Bletchingley; F. Stedman Poole (1903) Cambridge; Canon C. Carew Cox (1905) Bridport; Herbert Langdon (1900); Alfred G. Arnold (1888) Beddington; Alfred Reeves (1900) Bristol.

Others were: Herbert C. Edwards (1943) Stoney Stratford; Laurence J. Williams (1931) Church Kirk; William G. Hiscott (1928) Liskeard; Stanley T. A. Russell (1942) Ash; Leonard A. Tidy (1952) Limsfield; George Apps (1948) Cuckfield; Walter Lewington (1950) Tilehurst; George Perrin (1955) Frieze-land; Frank C. W. Knight (1963) Ramsgate; George H. Cross (R.S.C.Y.); John Lloyd (1956) Brierley Hill; Horace Edwards (1913) Capel; Arthur G. Rose (1937) Parkstone;

Joseph T. Dyke (1922) Chilcompton; Mrs. Edith K. Fletcher (Ladies' Guild).

The usual Sunday activities had taken place during the year plus week-day ringing at St. Giles', Cripplegate, and great credit was due to Jack Phillips, who organised this. The Exeter meeting was cancelled late in the day because the Cathedral bells were not available, and it was impossible to arrange an adequate ringing programme. They had a pleasant day at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, in July, for the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the six bells. A quarter peal was rung as was done at the dedication in which the then Master, George Shury, took part.

Another event was the election to life membership of the Central Council of Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. "Long may he enjoy life membership of the Council."

TWO PRACTICES EACH TUESDAY

A reorganisation of their practice rota had taken place. They had now two practices going on on a Tuesday night and some weeks there were two 12-bell practices at the same time, which illustrated the condition of the College Youths in London. Next year's country meeting would be arranged by Mr. Leslie Barry at Gloucester on May 7th. An interesting programme would include ringing at Cheltenham and Painswick. The next annual meeting would be held on November 5th, 1966. A new rule book had been published and Mr. W. T. Cook had rewritten the history of the Society. Copies were available for members to purchase.

The handbells they were using that evening belonged to William H. Pasmore, who died in 1956 and left them to the Society. Those bells had been restored and increased to 18 by the brothers William and Douglas Hughes in memory of their father, the late Mr. Albert A. Hughes. They were dedicated by the Archdeacon of London last September. He expressed the thanks of the Society to the brothers Hughes for their gift.

The toast of "The Visitors and Kindred Ringing Societies" was proposed by Mr. A. J. Frost, the junior steward, who spoke with affection of the kindness that had been extended to him by London ringers when he came among them as a young man ten years ago. The College Youths were very pleased that next year they would provide ringers with two other Societies to ring for the 900th anniversary of the Abbey. They were pleased to have with them the Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill, as he and his wife had entertained them on a number of occasions in the vestry.

To Mr. Dennis Beresford he extended a special welcome as the Master of "the other Society," and they were pleased to have with them members from Oxford, Derbyshire, Bristol, Lancashire and other places. In the gathering that night there were between 40 and 50 kindred Societies represented.

The Rev. Norman Motley, Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill, replied and assured them that the clergy were very grateful to their ringers. He concluded: "Thank you for asking us; thank you for ringing. God bless you, and keep on ringing."

ROVING RINGERS' DAYS

The Rev. Roger O. Fry, Rector of Portishead and a former secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, said the many diocesan and county Associations represented that night showed the high regard they had for the Ancient Society. First of all he would like to pay a tribute to the retiring secretary. He knew John very well and remembered the days when he and his brother toured the country with the Roving Ringers. They had seen him ring at Exeter, Buckfast and Wrington and at the excellent out-of-town meetings he had organised at Bristol and Cardiff. He wished him and his charming wife every happiness in the future.

Mr. Fry also spoke of his long association with the Master in Bristol and Bath. He re-

membered when he lived in Bath that he regularly came to their practice meetings at Twerton.

"THE FRAGRANT MEMORY"

As is customary, the toast "The fragrant memory of Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago" was drunk in silence.

The toast was proposed by the Master, who said the Master elected in 1665 was Godfrey Wildbore. He had no information about him except that he joined the Society in 1659 and was elected a steward in 1662. The Rules then stipulated that the Master and stewards (of which there were perhaps as many as four) should be "able and willing to bear the expense" of the annual feast.

There was no record of the name of the Master elected in 1765, but in 1865 George Salisbury Shury was elected for his fourth year of office. He was a ringer at Kensington and elected a member in 1850. He rang the treble to about a dozen peals with the Society, mainly the treble to Grandsire Triples and Caters.

Concluding the evening, the Master said he was delighted that so many of his old friends had come up to London for the dinner—friends with whom he had spent many hours of ringing in the Midlands, Bristol, Oxford and Cheshire.

The customary touch of Stedman Cinques was rung by William T. Cook 1-2, Wilfred Williams 3-4, Michael V. Chilcott 5-6, John Chilcott (conductor) 7-8, Philip A. F. Chalk 9-10, Michael P. Moreton 11-12.

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BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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Letters to the Editor

OLDEST RING BY ONE FOUNDER

Dear Sir,—It was interesting to read of the ancient ring of six at St. Swithun's, Worcester, referred to by Mr Paul Cattermole (page 722). I am unable to think of an older six, but there is here in the City of London a complete ring of five at the Church of St. Bartholomew-the-Great, all cast circa 1510 by one Thomas Bullesden. Although the total age here is only 2,275 years, the true age of each bell is 455 years; I am told that this is the oldest complete ring by one founder. The bells hang in a massive frame of quite remarkable design and construction, out of all proportion to the size of the bells (tenor approximately five cwt). It is interesting to note that two of the trio at St. Bartholomew-the-Less, hard by, dating from c. 1400 and c 1440 are the oldest bells remaining in the City, but these unlike the bells of their magnificent neighbour, are very dilapidated. — Yours sincerely,

DAVID L. CAWLEY

King's College, W.C.

NO MISCALL—NOT UP TO STANDARD

Dear Sir. — In order to get the record straight, may I make it clear that the peal at Yatton for the "Hesse Week-end" was not miscalled; it was allowed to run round at the half-way point because I did not consider that the ringing was up to standard, and this I explained to the band at the time. Your contributor, who was not in the band, was misinformed.—Yours sincerely,

R. O. FRY.

Portishead, Bristol.

LIFE OF BELL ROPES

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read the letter on bell ropes by Mr. R. H. Duke (page 723) in which he states that properly maintained ropes will last ten years. I have just spliced one, less than one year old, after quite a lot of upping and downing.

Can I ask him, or someone as knowledgeable, to contribute an article on getting the best out of our ropes, and if castor oil or French chalk helps at all on the rubbing spots?—Yours sincerely,

JOHN ROYAL.

Kenilworth.

ALDERNEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I am indebted to Mr. A. Cutler for pointing out to me that the peal of Alderney rung at Putney on October 23rd, 1965 ("Ringing World," page 751), is not the first peal in the method. Although not claimed as such, the first peal of Alderney was rung at St. Ebbe's, Oxford, on October 20th, 1964. I am sorry that I omitted this from the supplement to the Central Council book, which was published as part of the last Records Committee report ("Ringing World," July 2nd, 1965, page 449). This omission is no doubt the reason for the present mistake. Perhaps your readers will amend their records and I will add this correction to next year's supplement.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow.

RINGERS' DIARY

Dear Sir,—Despite several rises in production costs and a rise in postage, we have kept the prices of the Ringers' Notebook and Diary stable for some years, partly by changing from stiff to limp covers and partly because of gradually increasing sales.

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At the same time we have taken steps to improve the quality, particularly by providing wider margins to the pages and more space for Saturday entries. We also hope that we have correctly forecast the demand for the 1966 edition and will be able to satisfy all requests for copies.

May we ask customers, please, not to send their orders before seeing the advertisement, which will appear in this paper shortly

W. VIGGERS
M. HODGSON.

THE BELLS OF INDIA AND PAKISTAN

Dear Sir,—A day or two ago I was giving a talk on bells to a Church Men's Fellowship and, after mentioning the big bells of the world and the East in general, a questioner asked in particular for information on the bells of India. Apart from generalities, I am afraid I was stumped. I have to go back to this group for a further talk in a few months' time and I promised to give something of a picture then.

Can somebody help me, please—India and Pakistan?—Yours sincerely,

CLAUDE RUSH.

31, Foxgrove Lane,
Felixstowe, Suffolk.

LEARNERS AND MEETINGS

Dear Sir,—I would like to take up a point from J. E. Spree's letter, leaving aside the Kent question, except to wish good luck to the "Lurker": long may he do so if it will make more ringers aware of their cars.

As to whether "Meetings" are practices, I am trying to cudgel this Branch (Stroud) into accepting that they are **nothing but**, and must be conducted as such, with every bit of concentration on new, and especially junior, members: this in an effort to counter the non-existent legacy of past generations, and their negative attitudes to recruitment.

The few new members now appearing must, from the word go, be imbued with an awareness for constant attendance and to reserve the one Saturday a month, when our limited talent is pooled in the endeavour to better Sunday ringing, which—remember?—is the prime object of Guilds and Associations.—Yours, etc.,

EDWARD CRIBLEY.

France Lynch, Glos.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER (contd.)

Phillips, M. Phipps, B. Pickup, H. N. Pittsow, J. Preston, F. C. Price, J. G. A. Prior, D. Randall, E. Rapley, W. J. Rawlings, J. Rea, C. Reeves, A. S. Richards, B. Richards, D. T. H. Robertson, J. D. Rock, C. Rogers, H. T. Rooke, J. T. Rooke, P. Rothera, E. J. Rowe.

S. Scattergood, T. J. Setter, J. F. Smallwood, A. H. Smith, M. Snape, K. G. Spavins, J. W. Stephenson, R. C. Stevens, A. J. Stimpson, B. J. Stone, P. Stone, G. E. Symonds.

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P. Walker, C. G. J. Watts, J. A. Waugh, D. Wheeler, D. Whetton, B. R. White, F. A. White, F. C. White, T. W. White, N. F. Whittell, R. L. K. Whittell, D. Wilford, F. A. H. Wilkins, L. Williams, W. Williams, J. Willis, B. D. A. Woolley, A. H. Worboys, J. Worth, M. Wycherley, B. J. Wyloc.

W. A. Yates, D. G. Yeo.

"RINGERS REQUIRED"

Dear Sir,—Although this film was amateur made, it has achieved success in professional film festivals and has been transmitted throughout Britain and Canada on television.

If therefore any ringers seek a film, whether it be for a special function where entertainment is desired, or for recruitment and demonstration, or for public relations (no one outside the fraternity understands why learners need to make the "noise" they do on practice night!) then this film is ideally suited.

I must say that the machinations of the Central Council and its Education Committee are quite beyond me as they are to many others in the ringing fraternity. The recent Great Adventure II to Australia apparently received no endorsement whatever from the Council as one example, and "Ringers Required" has likewise received no mention whatever, yet at the Central Council's meeting in Cardiff one was amused to hear how the "ignorant" proposed that the Council should sponsor a similar film! The only recommendation made there was that this film was the best "yet" that had been offered. Might I suggest that the "yet" might last this century unless the Council has £5,000 to spare! It is not of course too late for the Council to show its endorsement of "Ringers Required" if it wishes to do so.—Yours sincerely,

ANTHONY J. M. COLLINS.

74, Kenora Street
Ottawa, Canada.

THE TRELAWNEY FAMILY

Dear Sir,—Mr. Wratten's article is very interesting. In suggesting that their course of Grandsire Cinques "in hand" has probably never been equalled by any family since, he probably overlooked one by the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook and his four sons (Mr Washbrook ringing 7, 8, 9 and 10), which Mr. J. G. Nash, of Hornsey, recalled in these columns about a year ago.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

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GREAT ADVENTURE II

The Last Day At Sydney

AS regards ringing, there were two objectives before the tourists on Monday, October 4th—to see if the bells of St. Benedict's (R.C.) were ringable and to ring a peal at St. Mary's Basilica, where the 1934 Great Adventurers were successful.

St. Benedict's presented a picture of neglect and the bells were very rough. To everybody's surprise, a course of Cambridge Surprise Minor was successfully brought round. The tenor of 16 cwt., in the opinion of Pat, went like a bell of 38 cwt. and the ropes were in a poor condition. A weird effect was produced by the third, which was rung by the man standing on the top of a four foot cupboard. The Cambridge was rung by Rev. Malcolm Melville 1, L. Stilwell 2, R. Clark 3, T. J. Lock 4, W. Watson 5, A. P. Cannon 6, and unquestionably it was the first on the bells. Plain Bob was also rung. The church authorities were interested in the visit and permission has been granted to effect improvements. There are no resident ringers here, the bells being rung on an average of once a year.

The bells of St. Mary's had been placed at the disposal of the ringers between 1 and 5 p.m., but the actual time was not generally known. After a leisurely lunch, the band arrived at the Cathedral about 1.45 p.m. and an hour was spent among the bells and in rope adjustments. Cambridge Surprise Major was started by L. Stilwell 1, W. Williams (conductor) 2, Miss E. L. Roberts 3, J. Fryer 4, W. Watson 5, C. W. Pipe 6, T. J. Lock 7, A. P. Cannon 8. After ringing about two courses at about 2.30 to the minute, a message was brought to the band that there was a Mass at 5 p.m. and that activities would have to stop at that hour. A halt was called and it was decided to go for a quarter of Cambridge. This was not achieved. In the evening, Monday being St. Mary's practice night, there was more ringing and touches

of Bristol, London and Lincolnshire were highlights of a successful evening.

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Also in the afternoon some went to Parra-matta to ring for a wedding. St. Paul's is a noted church for marriages. The band here are ambitious; they want the six recast, a new frame, and two trebles added. The cost holds no fears. Money received from weddings is donated to the Bell Fund and in 15 months over £1,000 has been raised! There is no denying that the bells, upon which a number of peals has been rung, warrant drastic action.

A farewell supper social started at Enid Roberts' flat about 9.30 p.m. Champagne was provided by Arthur Mason to commemorate his 500th peal. Eats were supplied by Enid, Sandra Clark, Sue Wright and Marilyn Milson. Canon Thurlow's message of good wishes was played and also recordings of Leicester Cathedral bells (half-muffled), Evercreech and the time signal, North Mymms and Harrow-on-the-Hill bells. Time passed rapidly and while the elderly retired about midnight, it was after 3 a.m. before the more virile members were ready to "call it a day."

A cavalcade of cars assembled before 10 a.m. at Beauregard Hotel to take the party into the city and afterwards to the airport. Fast friendships had been made and Sydney ringers regretted that the "Great Adventure" had come to an end as so much in the way of ringing had been unfulfilled. But New Zealand was calling and in 3½ hours the 1,400 miles had been traversed and we had landed at Wellington, the capital, alas without ringable bells at the old Cathedral, but a carillon in a detached tower in the centre of the city. The change of planes could have been avoided as there is a direct service between Christchurch and Sydney. Opportunity was taken for a sightseeing tour by taxi.

(To be continued)

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

The first striking competition organised by the officers of the St. Martin's Guild, held at Handsworth, attracted more ringers than is usual at a quarterly meeting. The high standard of ringing encouraged by the competition seemed also to raise the standard of the open ringing which took place after the meeting. New members elected included P. Gay (Perry Barr), R. J. Weekes and J. W. Belshaw (Yardley), R. Inman, R. Liggins and J. Pettigrew (Aston), R. Hutchings and Miss M. Hutchings (Knowle) and F. Cole (Erdington Abbey). The following tower elections as life members were duly ratified: Miss H. A. Arrowsmith (Bearley), D. E. Rothera (Hendon), A. H. Smith (Biggleswade), J. G. Gipson (Royston), R. S. Starkie (Rochdale) and C. M. Press (Walton-on-Thames).

It was formally proposed that the Henry Johnson Dinner should be held at the Imperial Hotel on March 5th; and it was decided to invite Mr. John Chilcott to take the chair at this function.

The judges of the striking competition were Messrs. P. Border and R. W. Pipe; and the band with the least number of faults was Erdington Abbey, who rang a good touch of Stedman Triples.

Notices of motion were received for alteration of rules at the annual meeting, the first to allow for a trophy for competition winners, and the second for a Guild member's badge.

The next meeting (annual): St. Martin's on January 1st.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Enville, which has Norman nave arches but a modern Somerset-style tower, was the destination for the meeting of the Society on October 16th.

Enville is an attractive country village, although only a few miles from the Black Country, and its inhabitants have heard eight bells from the church since Taylor's recast the sixth and augmented the ring in 1876. There was originally a ring of six bells by Abraham Rudhall Junior of 1718, but in modern times, 1938, the tenor has been recast and all bells rehung by Mears and Stainbank. This newest bell weighs 13½ cwt. in E.

Members brought their own tea, and the service was conducted by the Rev. C. H. Barker, of nearby Swindon, who has been a member of the Society since 1913 and was for many years hon. clerical secretary.

Towers are asked to forward their subscriptions as soon as possible to the hon. treasurer; annual reports are now available.

Next full meeting at Wednesbury on January 22nd (provisional); an eight-bell striking competition on April 30th; six-bell competition on June 11th. C. M. S.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

All twelve cars managed to find their way to Nomansland Common on October 2nd for the District car rally, but several drivers lost points on questions on the Highway Code and cars. Sheets of directions and questions were handed out and soon the cars were heading across country towards Hemel Hempstead. All was well until a misprint caused confusion—it must have looked amusing from the air to see the same cars going round the Hemel Industrial Estate looking for a non-existent bridge! Once past Hemel it was still across country looking for clues.

Those who got completely lost or ran out of time eventually had to open their envelopes to find that the destination was Chenies. All arrived safely—even if some only just made tea! When the results were announced, Ged Penney and Eric Edmondson were first with high marks. Steve Darvill and crew came second, and Geoff and Betty Fost and boud third. Thanks went to the organisers, Jonathan Chamberlain and Geoff and Joyce Dodds for an enjoyable day. The District managed to get to Rickmansworth for an hour's ringing after tea.

J. A. F.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
North Lindsey's Joint Meeting

A very successful joint meeting of the North Lindsey Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and the Beverley and District Society was held at Burton-on-Stather on October 2nd. The attendance of ringers from the East Riding of Yorkshire, 25 in all, was most satisfactory and several of the Lincoln Guild members very kindly provided car transport from New Holland and return for 15 people who crossed the Humber by ferry. This gesture was much appreciated.

The light ring of eight bells was rung from 2.30 p.m. to a large variety of methods, and the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. M. Crowder, ensured that all present had an opportunity to ring.

The Lincoln Guild form of service was used, and the Vicar (the Rev. W. T. Armstrong) complimented the congregation on the enthusiasm of the singing. In place of the sermon he read amusing extracts about ancient bells and ringing customs from a book written by an author under the pseudonym "Bob Major." The lesson was read by the Rev. F. Ross, of Hessele.

Some 62 people enjoyed tea in the Church Hall and before the short business meeting Mr. J. Bray, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, paid a glowing tribute to the memory of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, whose death had been reported earlier in the week. Mr. Bray also extended a very hearty welcome to the members of the Beverley Society. Mr. Kirk, president of the Beverley Society, responded and had a special word of thanks for those who had provided transport from and to New Holland, to Mr. Barnes and the local ladies who provided tea.

DEDICATION

BENTLEY COMMON

St. Paul's, Bentley Common, was one of three churches within a three-mile radius of Brentwood possessing a ring of five bells until October 17th, when, at Matins, the Archdeacon of Southend dedicated a new treble bell to make a light ring of six.

A good congregation, including a number of ringers, nearly filled the church for the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. O. R. Parry. The Archdeacon preached the sermon, which was relevant to bellringers.

For the dedication ceremony the new bell sounded seven times and immediately after the service, as the congregation were leaving the church, the Sunday service band rang their first courses of Plain Bob Minor in public.

From then on the bells were available for general ringing with a break for an excellent cold chicken lunch provided by the local band and lady helpers. At the end of the lunch the Tower Master, Mr. R. J. Brown, made an amusing speech, detailing how the money had been raised by jumble sales, sales of work, beetle drives, etc., and expressing sincere and grateful thanks to all who had contributed in one way or another towards the augmentation of the bells. Special thanks were expressed to the secretary of the Bentley band, Miss B. Fisher, without whose hard work it would have been impossible to have had the new treble installed this year.

Mr. H. Turner, Deputy Master of the Essex Association, and Mr. C. Willmington, Master of the South-Western District of the Essex Association, suitably replied.

The bells were kept going continuously throughout the afternoon by various visiting ringers, and the general opinion was that Mears and Stainbank had done a good job and the bells are now a nice light handy ring of six.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION Northern Division's Striking Competition

The wind at Cowfold on October 30th held up the start of the striking competition. The judges' listening post was to have been in the schoolroom, but with the wind in the south-west the sound of the bells was on the wrong track, so a move was made to a car on the other side of the church. Here the main road traffic proved to be too much. Another move was made to the inside of the church, and here the bells could hardly be heard. Finally, the judges settled in the porch, where the sound was better but the wind and cold a lot worse!

Once started, the competition was kept going smoothly by the organiser, Mr. G. Francis. Danehill were the first in the "ring," followed by Cuckfield, Horsham, Withyham, Crawley, Balcombe and Warnham. The striking throughout was a credit to all the bands, and the query was raised as to why the striking at the usual monthly meetings was of such a poor standard compared with the ringing which had just been heard.

The competition ended, a short service was held (taken by the Vicar), after which tea was served in the Village Hall, where justice was done to a splendid meal provided by the ladies of several of the Divisional towers. The judges' verdict gave Warnham as the winners and Danehill a very close second.

The judging was in the very capable hands of Mr. E. A. Barnett and Mr. G. Cecil (a past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Sussex County Association), who were duly thanked for their services and for the valuable advice offered to the bands. E. L. H.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN Cary Branch

To mark their recent marriage, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. M. Hill, of Ditchat, were presented with a cheque at the Cary Branch meeting at Charlton Horethorne on October 23rd. Mr. Hill is the Branch Ringing Master.

Members stood in silence in memory of the late Mr. Joseph T. Dyke. The Branch chairman, the Rev. G. S. Robinson, conducted the service, and he, the local captain and the ladies who had prepared tea were thanked by Preb. O. H. Skipwith.

Chew Deanery Branch

Instead of floral tributes, donations were invited towards the fabric of Downside Church in connection with the passing of Mr. Joseph T. Dyke, and for this purpose a retiring collection was taken at Portishead, where the Chew Deanery held its quarterly meeting on October 23rd. The Rector, the Rev. Roger O. Fry, who succeeded Dr. Dyke as general secretary of the Association, conducted the service. Four new members from Portishead and seven from Publow were elected.

November practice meeting, Nailsea; annual, Yatton (provisional).

A LINCOLNSHIRE OUTING

A party of ringers from North and West Lincolnshire visited towers in four counties—Rutland, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and South Lincolnshire on October 9th.

Exton belfry was found to be sadly neglected, and at Empingham (a pleasant-toned six) Norwich was attempted. Local ringers greeted the party at Wymondham, where the tenor was rather a handful. A packed lunch followed.

Numbers were reinforced at Bottesford, where Grandsire and Double Norwich were rung. The best kept belfry of the tour was Whatton-in-the-Vale — "homely and comfortable." After tea at the Chequers Inn, Denton Church, under the shadow of massive Belvoir Castle, was visited. The bells here are badly in need of repair. Ringing ended at Barrowby and refreshments were provided at the Rectory by the Rev. Mr. Gaymer-Harris and his wife, formerly of Gainsborough. Mr. John Underwood is thanked for arranging such an enjoyable outing.

OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK FRENCH

Mr. Frederick French, of Bourne, Lincs., an old South Lincolnshire ringer, died on October 27th at the Butterfield Hospital, Bourne, aged 73. Although his health had not been good for some years, it was only recently that he had to relinquish ringing.

He learned to handle a bell at an early age at Market Deeping, where he was born. For 45 years he was a railway signalman, mainly at Bourne. A good churchman, he was closely linked with Bourne Abbey as a ringer and chorister for over 40 years, and was also verger and steeplekeeper for the last 15 years. He rang approximately 100 peals, mostly Surprise Minor, including one of 28 methods under the able leadership of the late Mr. J. W. Lake.

Ringers from Thurlby, Rippingale, Folkingham and Bourne attended the funeral service at the Abbey Church conducted by the Rector, Canon Lawrence. As the coffin left the church for cremation, the Abbey bells, which he loved so well, rang out half-muffled to a quarter peal of Minor. Fred will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Sympathy is extended to his widow. C. T. H. B.

MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER

The ashes of Mrs. Edith K. Fletcher were laid to rest in Yarmouth Churchyard by Canon Gilbert Thurlow on October 29th. Her name will be recorded in the Book of Remembrance in St. Nicholas' Church, Yarmouth.

MR. WILLIAM AMBLER

Ringling at Queensbury, Yorkshire, had reached a low ebb by the end of the First World War but a young ringer, returning to his native village from the armed forces, collected a band of men of his own generation and, with little or no outside help, taught them the mysteries of change ringing. His name was William Ambler (affectionately known as "Billy"), who for many years was the driving force which kept ringing at Queensbury at a high standard. Not a prolific peal ringer, judged by present day numbers, he rang 171 peals—81 of which he conducted. A performance of which he was particularly proud was a peal of Bob Major, rung on April 7th, 1923, by the band he had taught. It was his first as conductor and their first by six of the band.

Some 14 years ago, however, a chest complaint put an end to his practical ringing but he never lost interest in the art; he was happy with his books and occasionally he struggled up the tower steps to watch his pupils at the ropes. He died on November 4th. The funeral service was held in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Queensbury. At the close of the service and before the cortege left for the crematorium a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by John Ambler, Vernon Bottomley, William Barton and Sam Longbottom. The tower bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service by ringing friends from neighbouring towers.

Although he was a martinet in the tower and forthright in expressing his views, Billy was highly respected for he had a kind and generous disposition. He served for two separate periods as secretary of the Western District of the Yorkshire Association with a total service of 12 years. So popular was he that when ill-health caused him to retire finally in 1951 the members of the Western District presented him with a gold pocket watch as a token of their esteem and as a mark of appreciation of all the work he had done for ringing and for the Yorkshire Association. W. B.

ST. FLORENCE, TENBY, PEMBS.—On Oct. 27th, 1.260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Roberts (age 10, first quarter) 1. K. Salisbury (age 12, first quarter "inside") 2. A. Johns (first of Grandsire) 3. M. E. Lewis (first of Grandsire) 4. Rev. R. W. Thomas (cond.) 5. C. Johns (age 12, first quarter) 6. First quarter peal on the bells by an all St. Florence band since their dedication in March, 1964.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. R. J. Purnell writes that his claim for most methods for the Salisbury Diocesan Guild referred to Doubles. The omission is regretted.

A new Doubles methods/variations record has been set up by the band conducted by George A. Dawson, of Carlton, Nottingham. At South Collingham on November 8th a peal of 135 methods/variations was rung. As a preliminary they rang on November 4th at North Muskham one of 126 methods/variations.

Mr. K. S. B. Croft, of Southampton, has been awarded a schoolmaster studentship at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, for the summer term. He will thus be able to resume his active association with the Cambridge University Guild.

Normal ringing has been resumed at St. Peter's, Dorchester, Dorset, on Sundays at 10.15 a.m. and Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. Applications from visiting bands to the Rector.

The peal at Aughton, Lancs, on November 10th, to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. Leslie Eyres, coincided with the 30th anniversary of the first peal on the bells. His hospitality afterwards was much appreciated by the band.

Mr. G. E. Bonham asks us to state that the peal at Trumpington on May 22nd was Capt. Marybelle Nissly's first peal of Major "inside."

METHOD STUDY

From the Oxford Guild the following true story arrives:—

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Wife: "What are they teaching you ringing there for?"

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THE MINIMUS CONTEST

The Vicar of Bamber Priory, the Rev. F. J. Thackley, commenting on the visit of some 60 ringers to the Priory to see if a team could master the bells, writes: "They were charming people and obviously enjoyed every moment of the afternoon; indeed, when a rope broke and had to be spliced, far from being angry they treated it as the highlight of their day's fun. I do not know what it is, but there is something special—and very pleasant—about campanologists."

GOSPORT OPEN DAY

Following closely on the lines of the Open Day held at Chute Forest, Wiltshire, on June 27th, the Open Day at Gosport was again held on a Sunday afternoon; October 31st was a popular date even if the weather was wet.

Ringing from 2 p.m. until 3.15 p.m. was under the direction of Philip Murduck, and ringers came from a wide area to ring and join in the service held in Holy Trinity Church.

As the Vicar was away, a visiting incumbent conducted the service, which was attended by about 50 ringers. Further ringing followed, the highlight being a course of Cambridge Surprise Major.

It is hoped that the bells will now be kept going by regular visits so that local interest may be maintained in forming a regular team. G.D.

STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dear Sir, — You kindly published seven touches of Stedman in "The Ringing World" of April 9th, which I trust were appreciated by conductors having a liking for musical changes with 74 and 46 behind. I have now a further two in which I have given preference to ringers who like even bobs. I have not seen any published with the above qualities on this plan, so I am passing them on.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

Leamington Spa.

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1	3751246	1	1325674
1	7132546	2	3712546
1	7125346	1	3725146
5	6251374	1	7531246
1	6213574	1	7512346
5	4132567	5	6125374
1	4125367	1	6153274
5	7251346	5	4531267
1	7213546	1	4512367
5	6132574	5	7125346
1	6125374	1	7153246
1	1563274	5	6531274
1	1532674	1	6512374
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Tittums and
Whittington.

Whittington,
Queens and Tittums,

ST. CUTHBERT'S, EDINBURGH, TO HAVE 10 BELLS

The Presbytery of St. Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh, have passed plans for the installation of two new treble bells to augment the fine ring of eight to ten. The reason behind the augmentation proposal is to provide a light ring of six, as the many ladies in the band find the back bells heavy for them to ring for any length of time. The contract has been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co., but it is too early to state when the job will be completed. In a quarter of Triples reported this week four of the tower's ladies rang. This was in honour of the important appointment of the minister, Dr. R. Leonard Small, as the new Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

AN OLD BLUE

Dear Sir,—In reply to R. W. H. Hayes (page 723) I would like to say that I am an Old Blue. I was at Christ's Hospital, Hertford, from 1954 to 1961, and although there was no possibility of ringing during term-time, I knew several girls who were interested in ringing. I learned to ring at North Ockendon, Essex, and am now a member of the band at St. Andrew's, Hornchurch.—Yours sincerely,

(MISS) K. MURPHY.

Upminster, Essex.

THE WASHINGTON PEAL

Highlights of the Washington peal of Stedman Caters rung by a band of ten English ringers, who flew across the Atlantic specially to ring for the opening of the Cathedral bells, are now preserved for all time. Record Books have placed on the market a 12in. L.P. record, which lasts 40 minutes, of parts of the peal and also comments by Mr. Douglas Hughes about this enterprising journey and recordings of their rehearsal at St. Giles', Cripplegate, and of their handbell ringing.

Recently at a lunch at the Russell Hotel, London, the publishers of Record Books met Mr. Douglas Hughes, Mr. John Chilcott (the conductor of the peal) and Mr. E. A. Barnett (secretary of the Central Council) and others interested in the production to give the new venture an appropriate send-off.

Since then an initial order of 100 copies of the record has been received from Washington and from other parts including Calgary. Details are advertised in this issue.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

It was the privilege of the Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild to welcome the joint council of Ringing Societies to its first meeting at St. Stephen's, Lindley, on November 6th. To Mr. P. Birkett's greetings and good wishes Mr. E. Hudson, of Ripon, replied. The Revs. C. Coatham and F. Winderbank conducted the service and Mr. A. W. Bond provided tea.

The new learners' band at Lindley was wished every success and appeals for help on practice nights were made by most local towers. Advance notice of the Ringing Festival to be held at Beverley on May 21st was given by Mr. D. Smith.

The very good ringing of Surprise methods was little changed by the fixing of Mr. Bond's silencers, which enabled ringing to continue until 9 p.m.

Method for next meeting: Double Norwich.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

At the business meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths held on November 9th, the resignation of John Chilcott as secretary was received with great regret, and tributes were paid to the outstanding services he has rendered to the Society during his period of office. His resignation has become inevitable because of increasing business commitments.

Officers elected for the ensuing year are: Master, Mr. John D. Rock; secretary, Mr. James G. A. Prior; treasurer, Mr. C. G. J. Watts; senior steward, Mr. Alan J. Frost; junior steward, Mr. Philip A. Corby; trustees, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood and Mr. Ernest G. Fenn; librarian, Mr. William T. Cook. The address of the new secretary is: 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12.

Group Captain J. S. Mason and Messrs. W. Williams, C. G. J. Watts and W. T. Cook were elected Central Council representatives.

At the next business meeting of the Society, which is to be held at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7th, it is hoped to make a presentation to John Chilcott in recognition of his work. J.S.P.

WEDDING BELLS FOR MR. W. ERIC CRITCHLEY

The Doncaster ringers rang a quarter peal on November 4th at St. Mary's Church, Campsall, in honour of the wedding of their Master, Mr. W. Eric Critchley, to Miss Dorothy Stocks. Mr. Critchley has been a member of the Central Council since 1951, representing the Yorkshire Association, and his ability is recognised by his appointment as convener of the Peals Collection Committee.

TWO BISHOPS CONSECRATED AT CHESTER

At the Chester Diocesan Guild dinner the Bishop of Chester expressed the hope that as many bells as possible would be rung on Sunday, November 7th, the occasion of the consecration by the Archbishop of York in Chester Cathedral of the first ever Bishop of Birkenhead (Canon Eric Mercer, former Rector of St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, Chester) and the new Bishop of Stockport (the Rev. Gordon Street).

The bells of Chester Cathedral are unringable. To commemorate this double consecration two peals were attempted at Chester that day. At St. Mary's-within-the-Walls a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung in 2 hours 58 minutes by a representative band from the Grappenhall Branch. The other attempt, at St. Mary's-without-the-Walls, was not successful. An attempt for a peal of Bob Major was lost after two hours and 15 minutes.

Another peal was rung at Port Sunlight, and among the quarters received were those at Birkenhead and West Kirby.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
SOUTHWARD, London.—At the Church of St. George the Martyr.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In five methods, comprising 1,152 each of Bristol and Yorkshire, 960 each of Cambridge and Lincolnshire, and 864 Rutland; with 74 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

Michael P. Moreton .. Treble	Alan E. Bagworth 5
Robert N. Harris 2	Basil Jones 6
Richard O. Humphries .. 3	Robin G. Leale 7
John Worth 4	David P. Hilling Tenor

Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.
On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.

Judith M. Atkinson .. Treble	Arthur R. Wright 5
Jane Blackler 2	Derek M. Sawyer 6
Royston Blackler 3	Ian C. Maycock 7
Brian M. Baverstock .. 4	David J. Marshall Tenor

Composed by J. Nicholl. Conducted by Ian C. Maycock

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MOTTRAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.
On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SEDBERGH SURPRISE MAJOR

29 course block reduced. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

Christine Andrew .. Treble	Denis Mottershead 5
Philip G. K. Davies .. 2	Peter J. Wycherley 6
Kenneth Davenport .. 3	Jeffrey Brannan 7
Sidney Hough 4	Neil Lomas Tenor

 Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan.

PREES, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Chad.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent each of St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B., and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

William F. Gibbons .. Treble	Ernest Pimlott 4
Brian Schofield 2	Christopher J. Jones .. 5
Edward V. Rodenhurst .. 3	Harry W. Howard Tenor

Conducted by Harry W. Howard.

Rung as birthday compliments to E. V. Rodenhurst and W. J. Chesters, of Helmdon, Northants, October 30th, and Henry Parker, of Northwich, November 1st.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUFFIELD, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Alkmund.

On Thurs., Oct. 14, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Fred W. Stone Treble	George Roobottom 6
Joseph C. Woolley 2	Gordon A. Halls 7
Michael Willis 3	Sampson Walklate 8
Edmund Shuttleworth .. 4	John F. Murlin 9
Malcolm P. Phipps 5	Harold Taylor Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

Rung for the engagement of John Murfin to Miss Noreen Wickham, both ringers of Etwell, Derbyshire.

BASLOW, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Anne,

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in A sharp.

Barrie Bateman Treble	Alex Richardson 4
Timothy Wylie 2	Herbert E. Taylor 5
Gladys Richardson 3	Malcolm P. Phipps Tenor

Conducted by Malcolm P. Phipps.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. E. J. Walser, M.A., whose induction took place the previous evening.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

CHITTLEHAMPTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Hieritha.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5376 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 15 lb. in F sharp.

*Derek Jewell Treble	†John C. Slater 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Richard J. Bowden 6
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 3	†Frank D. Mack 7
Peter Bridle 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Lincolnshire.

GREAT TORRINGTON, Devon.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

H. Hubbard's Five-Part	Tenor 15 cwt.
Gillian M. Hussey .. Treble	Frank D. Mack 5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	Peter Bridle 6
Richard J. Bowden 3	D. John Hunt 7
*Derek Jewell 4	*John C. Slater Tenor

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal of Plain Bob Triples.
Rung in memoriam Thomas G. Darch (former tower captain and Devon call change judge), who died in 1964.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

CHELMSFORD, Essex.—At the Cathedral Church of SS Mary-the-Virgin, Peter and Cedd.

On Mon., Oct. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Comprising six courses BSH, 16 courses each Tittums and HSH.

Tenor 34 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C.

*Peter G. Brown .. Treble	†Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 7
†Peter J. Eves 2	Donald E. Cobb 8
Edward P. Duffield .. 3	Joe E. G. Roast 9
John H. Crampion 4	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 10
Ian R. Pantom 5	Alfred J. House 11
Andrew S. Hudson 6	James L. Towler Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Andrew S. Hudson.

* First peal on twelve bells. † 100th peal together.
Rung for the Cathedral Festival Week.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the City Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 21 cwt.

John M. Stallard .. Treble	Norman H. Coombs .. 6
Sydney G. Riches 2	Patrick J. Bird 7
Diana M. Chapman .. 3	Albert M. Tyler 8
Donald G. Clift 4	Emlyn F. Hancock 9
Leslie G. Pearce 5	Francis C. Mogford .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Albert M. Tyler.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Alfred E. Reeves, for many years a member of the St. Stephen's Guild.

ASHTON-UNDER-HILL, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Barbara.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

Ivor Goulter Treble	Leonard Edwards 4
*Frances Fairbanks 2	*Patrick H. Allen 5
*Peter Baker 3	Cyril A. Wratten Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. Banks James. Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal on the bells since their restoration.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

MADELEY, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 13½ cwt.
Gerald L. Bowen .. Treble	John J. Stanier 5
M. Roger Ashmore 2	David Beacham 6
*Sydney H. Tranter 3	Thomas W. Lewis 7
Joseph D. Johnson 4	*Frederick W. Jones .. Tenor

Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.

* First peal of Stedman.
Rung in memory of Joseph L. Stanier, Ringing Master of this tower from 1935-1960, who died March 22nd, 1965

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

KING'S LANGLEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G

C. Valerie Mills .. Treble	*Ian C. Maycock 5
*Julia A. Fellows 2	*Eric Edmondson 6
Eileen Fearn 3	Antony R. Kench 7
Walter Ayre 4	Jack S. Dear Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Antony R. Kench.

* First peal in the method.

STEVENAGE, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

Susan E. Williams .. Treble	*Walter Ayre 5
*Julia A. Fellows 2	Ian C. Maycock 6
Jack S. Dear 3	Antony R. Kench 7
*C. Valerie Mills 4	J. Richard Castledine .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Antony R. Kench.

* First peal in the method.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY HEATH, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

Ellen F. M. Norris .. Treble	Thomas H. Norris .. 5
Marion J. Glover .. 2	Christopher E. Slade .. 6
*Maureen J. Carruthers .. 3	Leonard J. North .. 7
†Ann P. Robinson .. 4	Robert E. Hardy .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. Ketteringham. Conducted by Robert E. Hardy.

* First peal at first attempt. † First of Major.

Rung to mark the visit to Bushey Heath of the Bishop of St. Albans, also a belated wedding compliment to Lorna Simpson and Roger Bedford.

NORTH MYMMS, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 VERMONT SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt.

Cecilia J. Bland .. Treble	Eric Edmondson .. 5
Mary S. Taylor .. 2	Antony R. Kench .. 6
C. Martin Press .. 3	Gerald Penney .. 7
Stephen Ivin .. 4	Thomas J. Lock .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Gerald Penney.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

FRINDSBURY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Oct. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

Christopher T. Osenton .. Treble	Andrew J. Corby .. 5
Arthur G. Mason .. 2	D. Paul Smith .. 6
Judith M. Corby .. 3	Frederick J. Cullum .. 7
Colin A. Tester .. 4	Bernard F. L. Groves .. Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

The treble ringer has now "circled the tower" for the second time. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

FRITTENDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,824 Cambridge 1,472 Superlative, 992 London and 768 Bristol, with 99 changes of method and all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

Hilary A. Swallow .. Treble	*George Fry .. 5
Ann Jenner .. 2	*Lawrence T. Pope .. 6
*Jane Foster .. 3	D. Paul Smith .. 7
†Peter M. Wilkinson .. 4	Stanley Jenner .. Tenor

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal of Spliced, † First of 4-spliced.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Jenner.

BRENCHELY, Kent.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., Nov. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.

Frederick C. Hogan .. Treble	Colin A. Tester .. 5
*Thomas E. Sone .. 2	Ernest J. Ladd .. 6
†Alexander Waddington .. 3	Christopher T. Osenton .. 7
Robert T. Lambert .. 4	Martin L. Howe .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* 600th peal for the above Association (total 776). † First peal in the method.

A welcome peal for the new Vicar, the Rev. Charles George Day, M.A., and also for the Festival of All Saints.

GRAVESEND, Kent.—At the Church of St. George's Chapel of Unity.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

Washbrook's Variation.	John W. Smith .. 5
Olive D. Tester .. Treble	Frank J. Matthews .. 6
*Herbert E. Audsley .. 2	†Frederick J. Cullum .. 7
Arthur G. Mason .. 3	Colin A. Tester .. Tenor
D. Paul Smith .. 4	

Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

* 1,200th peal. † 800th peal.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Richard Constant (steeplekeeper), who passed away the previous day.

FARNINGHAM, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four different extents.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G sharp.

Percy J. Spice .. Treble	*Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 4
Ann Jenner .. 2	Ian O. Oram .. 5
Stanley Jenner .. 3	*Tony Lewis .. Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* First peal in the method. 50th peal of Surprise Minor as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEYLAND, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

Maryl Crossthwaite .. Treble	V. David Jenner .. 6
Tudor P. Edwards .. 2	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 7
Malcolm A. Phillips .. 3	J. Henry Fielden .. 8
David G. Wilford .. 4	Harry Parkes .. 9
David F. Moore .. 5	Neil Bennett .. Tenor

Composed by Albert M. Tyler. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Wed., Oct. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

Edward Jenkins .. Treble	Philip G. K. Davies .. 5
Christine Andrew .. 2	Harry Parkes .. 6
Geoffrey Gardener .. 3	Giles B. Thompson .. 7
Dennis Latham .. 4	Jeffrey Brannan .. Tenor

WALTON-LE-DALE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

J. Henry Fielden .. Treble	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 5
Maryl Crossthwaite .. 2	V. David Jenner .. 6
David F. Moore .. 3	*David G. Wilford .. 7
Malcolm A. Phillips .. 4	Tudor P. Edwards .. Tenor

Composed by M. Bruce.

Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

* 50th peal

ADLINGTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Sun., Oct. 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in F.

Edward Jenkins .. Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw .. 5
Tudor P. Edwards .. 2	Cyril Crossthwaite .. 6
Maryl Crossthwaite .. 3	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 7
Derek Butterworth .. 4	J. Henry Fielden .. Tenor

Composed by Antony R. Kench.

Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

WALESBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp

Frank G. Bloomfield .. Treble	Ronald Chafer .. 5
Geoffrey Bromfield .. 2	Michael W. Crowden .. 6
Jack Bray .. 3	Michael Whiting .. 7
Harold Judd .. 4	C. Aubrey Harrison .. Tenor

Composed by S. Burton.

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

First peal in the method by all the band

A compliment to Michael and Mary Whiting on the birth of a son, Mark Nicholas. Also a wedding compliment to Adrian Coupland and Angela Marks.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F.

C. Aubrey Harrison .. Treble	Ronald Chafer .. 5
*Melvyn A. Rose .. 2	Jack Bray .. 6
Michael W. Crowder .. 3	†Harold Judd .. 7
Michael Whiting .. 4	Frank G. Bloomfield .. Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

* First peal of Surprise Major "inside." † First in the method.

WHITTLESEY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Nov. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 FALMOUTH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

Wendy Daw .. Treble	George W. Massey .. 5
Alan G. Payne .. 2	Maurice Bennett .. 6
Denis Woods .. 3	Cyril R. Burrell .. 7
Edwin T. Chapman .. 4	Raymond H. Daw .. Tenor

Composed by W. Eric Critchley.

Conducted by George W. Massey.

First peal in the method by all.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Nov. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 THURSTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

Ruth M. Foreman .. Treble	Dennis Knox .. 5
Joan Beresford .. 2	Vernon Green .. 6
Martin F. Lock .. 3	John Hill .. 7
Alick Cutler .. 4	John R. Mayne .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.

The first peal in the method (Corrigan No 313).

THURSTON SURPRISE MAJOR.

—34.58.6—12—36.14—14.3—34—1,
8th place lead-end, 6th place bobs.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SWYNNERTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

William Watkin Treble	Eric Young 4
*Caroline Stewart 2	G. Arnold Moore 5
*T. Leslie Walley 3	David J. Midgley Tenor

Conducted by G. Arnold Moore.

* First peal of Bob Doubles.
 Rung for the wedding of Miss N. Downton to Mr. R. Sutton,
 principal of Nelson Hall.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
KING'S LYNN, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sun., Oct. 31, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in C.

Harold F. Gibson Treble	Brian J. Luff 6
*Peter M. Adcock 2	Norman V. Harding 7
Martin Cubitt 3	Peter A. Sharp 8
David E. House 4	David P. Hilling 9
Rev. Giles C. Galley 5	Robert C. Kippin Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

Composed by Frederick Dench.

* 150th peal.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Thurs., Oct. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

David Cubitt Treble	Peter M. Adcock 5
Roy Duesbury 2	Desmond P. Mortlock .. 6
John Cox 3	Martin Cubitt 7
David Heighton 4	Thomas R. Simmons Tenor

Conducted by David Heighton.

Composed by Nolan Golden.

A compliment to Sam and Barbara Mortlock, on the birth of a son,
 John Samuel, October 22nd, 1965.

BUNWELL, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Tues., Sept. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Court, Double Court, and three extents of Plain Bob.	Tenor 10 cwt.
Charles H. Blake Treble	Frank C. J. Arnold 4
Robin Churchill 2	C. Frank W. Philippo 5
Wilfred G. Saunders 3	H. William Barrett Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E.

Thurstans'	
John W. T. Hibbert .. Treble	John H. Napper 5
Reginald W. Rex 2	Arthur Sayers 6
Douglas Jordan 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd 7
Clifford J. Garlick 4	William Corderoy Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.

WITNEY, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Nov. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

Harry W. Badger Treble	Frederick W. Soden 5
Bertram J. Coggins 2	Alan R. Pink 6
*Terence J. Hester 3	D. Kay Adkins 7
Brian W. Hall 4	Christopher C. Clarke .. Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

Composed by H. G. Cashmore.

* First peal in the method. The ringer of the second has now
 "circled the tower"

Rung with the best wishes of the band to Rev. and Mrs. A. W.
 Adeney, on their silver wedding anniversary.

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Tues., Oct. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 34 methods, being 120 each of St. Swithin, St. Cross, North-
 leigh, Freeland, Oxford, St. Valentine, St. Margaret, Beckley, Stanton,
 Ray, Isis, Antelope, Harbury, Gresford, St. Tydfil, Jacobstow,
 Allestree, Middleton Stoney, Ladbroke, Pink's, Longparish, St. Lucy,
 St. Frideswide, St. Quintin, Keysoe, Zennor, Plain Bob, Reverse
 Canterbury, Newborough, 240 each of St. Helen, St. Anne, Bluebell,
 Daffodil, 600 Grandsire.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*Hilary Osborne Treble	Roy H. Jones 3
Leonard R. Porter 2	†John A. H. Betts 4

Alec Gammon Tenor

Conducted by Roy H. Jones.

* First peal. † Greatest number of methods to a peal.
 Rung for the 20th anniversary of the U.N.O., and as a birthday
 compliment to Miss Elizabeth Barber.

BRIGHTWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Agatha.

On Wed., Nov. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge and two each of St. Clement's, Kent
 and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in G.

*Heather Alford Treble	Graham J. N. Colborne .. 4
*Christopher I. Rowson .. 2	†Anthony D. Sansom 5
†Melvyn J. Hiller 3	David R. Baxter Tenor

Conducted by David R. Baxter.

* First peal. † First of Minor. ‡ 25th peal for the Guild.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTON NESTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 14 methods, being 448 Bristol, 384 each of Ashted, Cambridge,
 Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Super-
 lative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, and 192 each of Cornwall and Cray,
 with 130 changes of method.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

Barry R. Eglesfield .. Treble	Barry E. Saunders 5
*James Linnell 2	Graham C. Paul 6
Roger W. Smith 3	*Charles E. Truman 7
Alan A. Paul 4	George W. Holland Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Graham C. Paul.

* 100th peal together. The greatest number of Major methods to
 a peal by all the band, and for the Guild.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Oct. 21, 1965, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Martin D. Fellows Treble	Graham C. Paul 7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 2	Michael J. Fellows 8
Norman J. Goodman 3	George E. Fearn 9
Roderick W. Pipe 4	David J. Purnell 10
John C. Eisel 5	Clifford A. Barron 11
Richard J. Parker 6	Peter Border Tenor

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 42 cwt. in C.

John Phillips Treble	Graham C. Paul 7
John S. Mason 2	John A. Anderson 8
*Roderick W. Pipe 3	Ralph G. Edwards 9
Susan Rothera 4	Clifford A. Barron 10
Norman J. Goodman 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
George E. Fearn 6	Peter Border Tenor

Arranged by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* 500th peal.

KNOWLE, Warwickshire.—At the Church of SS. John the Baptist,
 Lawrence and Anne.

On Sun., Oct. 31, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part,	Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.
*Merryn Hutchings Treble	*G. Cox 5
K. Taylor 2	*J. Belshaw 6
R. Cann 3	†Graham J. Lightfoot .. 7
†M. Edwards 4	*T. Kedge Tenor

Conducted by Graham J. Lightfoot.

* First peal. † First of Triples. First as conductor.
 Rung half-muffled in memoriam Graham St. Johnston Palmer.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. COLLINGBOURNE KINGSTON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being 10 extents All Saints, 10 Plain Bob, 10 of Grandsire, and 240 Morris'. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

*Jean M. Beeson .. Treble	Frederick J. Read .. 4
Terence P. Gilligan .. 2	George A. Newman .. 5
T. Arthur Palmer .. 3	*Geoffrey J. Beeson .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick J. Read.

* First peal.

Rung as a farewell to Pilot Officer G. and Mrs. J. Beeson, local ringers, being posted to Malaya.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. SOUTHWELL, Nottinghamshire.—At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Tues., Oct. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. .. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.	
Simon Humphrey .. Treble	William L. Exton .. 5
Margaret E. Chilton .. 2	Ian V. J. Smith .. 6
Elisabeth J. Foster .. 3	John R. Pratchett .. 7
Susanna Poppleston .. 4	George A. Dawson .. Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Elisabeth Tutty.

BALDERTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's shortened. .. Tenor 8½ cwt.	
Elizabeth J. Foster .. Treble	Colin W. Reed .. 5
*Mary C. Poyner .. 2	Peter Wakefield .. 6
Susanna Poppleston .. 3	Harry Hawcroft .. 7
Beryl N. Reed .. 4	*Harry Poyner .. Tenor

Conducted by Harry Poyner.

* 150th peal together.

NORTH MUSKHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Thurs., June 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 extents each of Plain Bob and April Day, and 22 extents of Grandsire. .. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.	
Harold Stevenson .. Treble	F. William Midwinter .. 4
Susan J. Moxon .. 2	C. Anthony Parsons .. 5
Margaret E. Chilton .. 3	Charles J. Copp .. Tenor

Conducted by Margaret E. Chilton.

A compliment to Rev. W. H. Snow, Vicar of North Muskham, upon his appointment as Rural Dean of Norwell.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents of 720. .. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in E.	
F. William Midwinter .. Treble	Frederick Derry .. 4
Frederick G. Hooper .. 2	J. Edward Brown .. 5
Harold Stevenson .. 3	Peter Wakefield .. Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

Rung to welcome the birth of Roy, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Jackson, both ringers at this tower, and a birthday compliment to Mrs. Stevenson, wife of ringer of 3rd.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

IPSWICH, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Tues., Oct. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. EDMUNDSBURG COLLEGE TRIPLES

Stephen J. Hammond .. Treble	George W. Pipe .. 5
Robert E. Lester .. 2	Colin F. Loke .. 6
Alice E. J. Lester .. 3	Howard W. Egglestone .. 7
Robin H. Rogers .. 4	Roy C. Groom .. Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

BARKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Nov. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 16 methods, in the following extents: (1) College Exercise, (2) Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley, (3) London Scholars' Pleasure, (4) Kingston, Sandal and Capel, (5) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate, (6) St. Albans, (7) Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood. .. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.	
Robert E. Lester .. Treble	Robin H. Rogers .. 4
Janet I. Rogers .. 2	Colin F. Loke .. 5
Alice E. J. Lester .. 3	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

Most Minor methods to a peal on the bells and by the all the band except the conductor.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb.	
Patricia Diserens .. Treble	John Manley .. 6
Marilyn C. Smith .. 2	Frank W. Lewis .. 7
Jennifer M. Cook .. 3	John N. Diserens .. 8
Robin A. Leale .. 4	Ronald F. Diserens .. 9
Gillian A. Leale .. 5	Noel J. Diserens .. Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

YORK.—At the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 4 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 59 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.	
W. Eric Critchley .. Treble	Vernon Bottomley .. 7
Geoffrey F. Bryant .. 2	John N. D. Chaddock .. 8
John F. Bryant .. 3	Rev. Frederick Ross .. 9
John J. L. Gilbert .. 4	Norman Chaddock .. 10
Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 5	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 11
J. Henry Fielden .. 6	Richard E. Price .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

Rung for the Feast of All Saints.

OSSETT, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in D.	
Ronald Ducker .. Treble	George Hancock .. 6
Patricia Lockwood .. 2	John E. Kirby .. 7
Ian North .. 3	*Trevor Tarbatt .. 8
David Cubitt .. 4	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 9
David S. Johnson .. 5	†Christopher A. Moxon .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts.

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal of Stedman. † First on ten bells.

(Also for the SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY)

BARNESLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.	
James Thorley .. Treble	John S. Seager .. 5
Harold Chant .. 2	H. David Holland .. 6
Stuart Armeson .. 3	Ian M. Holland .. 7
*Cyril Rusby .. 4	John E. Turley .. Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by John E. Turley.

* 100th peal. 50th peal as conductor.

Rung for the conductor's 50th birthday, in the town of his birth.

HEPTONSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt.	
Frederick J. Jackson .. Treble	*Cyril Rusby .. 5
Iris M. E. Lemare .. 2	Neil Donovan .. 6
Frances Fairbank .. 3	Stuart Armeson .. 7
M. Susan Jackson .. 4	J. Henry Fielden .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin.

Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

* First peal of London.

Rung in the octaves of All Saints and St. Thomas.

HANDBELL PEALS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARROW, Middlesex.—At 170, Headstone Lane,

On Tues., Nov. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor size 13 in E.	
Thomas J. Lock .. 1—2	*John R. Mayne .. 5—6
Christopher W. Woolley .. 3—4	*Gerald Penney .. 7—8

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow.

Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* First peal of London Surprise Major on handbells.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—At Bentham Hall, Cartwright Gardens, W.

On Thurs., Oct. 28, 1965, in 1 Hour and 46 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 BOB MINOR

Being two extents each of Double Oxford and St. Clement's College Bob, and three of Plain Bob. .. Tenor size 14 in D.	
*Paul S. Roys-Jones .. 1—2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3—4
Timothy G. Pett .. 5—6	

* 25th peal.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

CITY OF LONDON.—In the belfry of St. Olave's Church, Hart Street.

On Sun., Oct. 31, 1965, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor size 14 in D.	
*Robert E. J. Dennis .. 1—2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3—4
Timothy G. Pett .. 5—6	

* First peal "in hand."

HALF PEAL

DYRHAM, GLOS.—On Nov. 1st, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Dench (longest length) 1, K. C. Weeks 2, B. W. Metcalfe 3, D. M. Smith 4, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 5, W. Lampard 6.

ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Tremere (cond.) 1, Prisca Hornby 2, Kay Tremere 3, A. Hoar 4, W. Bone 5, R. Collis 6. A birthday compliment to A. Paton.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): A. Swatton 1, P. J. Devrell 2, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 3, D. C. Hawkins 4, J. G. Hobbs 5, B. Sarll 6. First in seven methods for all the band. For Matins.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine M. Smith 1, E. J. Evans 2, Rosemary L. Taylor 3, D. E. Towers 4, L. A. Busby 5, A. V. D. Mead 6, C. H. Kinch (cond.) 7, E. G. Jones 8. In honour of the 100th birthday (this day) of Mrs. Maria Tabine.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Julia Collinge 1, Penelope Kift 2, Mrs. B. van-Asselt 3, R. C. Kift 4, Mrs. B. Stocker 5, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 6.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Wayden 1, Mrs. L. Goodman 2, P. Warboys 3, A. Richardson 4, P. Chappell (first of Triples) 5, G. Goodman 6, D. Kingston (cond.) 7, K. Westwood 8. For Harvest Festival.

BOURNE, Lincs.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Minor (Single Court and Plain Bob): Mrs. R. Haw 1, C. T. H. Bradley 2, D. Reeson 3, C. Wade (cond.) 4, W. Marsh 5, H. Burrell 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of F. French, faithful servant to Bourne Abbey Church.

BRAY, BERKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Wenda R. Harris 1, J. B. Sansom 2, A. E. Butcher 3, Doreen Hague 4, D. Fowles 5, A. J. Glass 6, R. E. Dean 7, F. C. Price (cond.) 8. First of Double Norwich 1, 3, 4 and 5. For All Saints' Day, and a compliment to the ringer of 3rd, on birth of a son.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's, on Oct. 31st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Christine Webb 1, Angela Hawes 2, Pauline Bligh-Cheesman 3, J. T. Parsons (first in method as cond.) 4, M. Gilbey 5, N. W. H. Simon 6. First in method 3 and 5. Rung by Bristol University Guild.

BURTON, HANTS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Brown (first quarter) 1, A. Reeves 2, K. Sansom (cond.) 3, H. DeCombe 4, K. Tipper 5, B. Marriner 6.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. T. Norris 1, B. Rose 2, C. W. Simpson 3, Miss M. Carruthers (first quarter) 4, C. Cook 5, Mrs. J. Rose 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, Miss P. Norris 8. Also on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. Elliott (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. M. Gage 2, C. Cook 3, J. Elliott 4, L. J. North 5, R. Gage 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, Miss M. Darby (first quarter) 8. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of St. Albans.

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Morgan 1, Miss E. B. Thomas 2, R. MacPherson (first of Triples) 3, Miss A. J. Thomas 4, A. W. Thomas 5, D. K. Barrington 6, C. Ricketts (first as cond.) 7, I. D. Davies 8. For Evensong.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): A. Baines (first in two methods) 1, Lynn Taylor (first in two methods "inside") 2, Bettv M. Baines (cond. of Grandsire) 3, A. W. Fuller (cond. of Plain Bob) 4, J. E. Warner 5, W. J. Sale 6. For the Patronal Festival, and christening of the grand-daughter of A. W. Fuller.

EDINBURGH, MIDLOTHIAN.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Oct. 31st, 1,260 St. Simon's College Bob Triples: Miss M. S. Taylor 1, Miss M. A. B. Wilson 2, Miss E. A. Graham 3, Miss M. Douglas 4, R. S. Wilson 5, M. M. Peterson 6, M. J. Marriott (cond.) 7, F. E. Collins 8. For Evensong, and in honour of the nomination of the Minister, Dr. R. L. Small, to be Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

FORDHAM, CAMBS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. J. Palmer 1, M. Brown (first of Bob Minor) 2, R. Heffer 3, R. Whitwood 4, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 5, A. M. Barber 6. Also on Nov. 1st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. H. Rogers (first on handbells) 1—2, Mrs. R. J. Palmer 3—4, Mrs. J. Rogers 5—6, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 7—8.

QUARTER PEALS

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Andrews 1, Joan Hayward 2, C. Davidson 3, G. Philpott 4, C. Jarroft 5, L. Crouch (first as cond.) 6. Rung for service.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,760 Spliced Surprise Major (384 London, 384 Bristol, 416 Cambridge, and 576 Superlative): O. Claybrook 1, J. R. Bibby 2, J. Oultram 3, J. E. Bibby 4, F. Jackson 5, C. Valentine 6, W. Allman (cond.) 7, F. Bibby 8.

FROME, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Newman 1, W. H. Mills 2, Eunice D. Overend 3, W. J. Phippen 4, P. Bray 5, D. G. Massey 6, G. W. Massey (cond.) 7, H. Vennell 8. In memoriam Joseph T. Dyke.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Hymas 1, A. Bartholomew 2, W. J. Barrett (cond.) 3, J. Stone 4, J. Harris 5, P. Rayner 6. First quarter 1 and 6. For Evensong.

GLOUCESTER.—At St. Mary-de-Crypt, on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Clarkson 1, L. Edwards 2, R. Dale 3, P. Gould 4, R. Hazell 5, P. Allen 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, I. Taylor 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Stanley J. Matthews, verger of this church.

HARROW WEALD, MIDD.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. M. Mayne 1, Mrs. D. Redfearn 2, Mrs. H. G. Hart 3, Miss F. Clayton 4, H. G. Hart 5, D. Redfearn 6, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 7, C. Brundritt 8. First Stedman Triples 2 and 6. For Confirmation service.

HASLINGFIELD, CAMBS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,320 Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob): G. Barnard 1, Robert Mann 2, W. J. Ridgman 3, B. Horrell 4, A. E. Ling (cond.) 5. For Evensong on eve of Patronal Festival.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Webb 1, Miss J. Warner 2, J. Bailey 3, Mrs. P. Bird 4, Mrs. G. Chinnery 5, C. Chinnery 6, J. King (cond.) 7, C. Webb 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Graham Palmer, of Solihull and Hershham.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): R. Armstrong 1, J. Stenner 2, C. Phillips 3, J. T. Locke 4, F. Welch 5, E. White 6, J. W. Drew (cond.) 7, W. Smith 8. First quarter 1 and 3.

LENHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Brenda Hickmott 1, Shirley Town 2, B. Russell 3, A. Fry 4, N. Mattingley 5, P. Town 6. For Evensong.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: June Simmons 1, Carol A. Fountain (first Minor) 2, P. C. Bowen 3, C. W. Bowen 4, F. T. Hayle 5, C. M. Smith (cond.) 6.

LINTON, KENT.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. K. Perriman 1, Shirley Town 2, J. Russell 3, A. Perriman 4, J. Mattingley 5, J. Houghton 6, N. Mattingley (first of Triples as cond.) 7, P. Town 8. First of Triples 1, 4 and 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Brenda Hickmott 1, Jov Mattingley 2, J. Backshall (first of Triples) 3, Shirley Town 4, I. Russell 5, J. Houghton 6, N. Mattingley (cond.) 7, P. Town 8. For Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Joy Mattingley.

LANBADARN FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Frances Massey 1, Katherine Maylott 2, Christine Hiscock 3, Gillian Graney 4, D. Beard 5, J. Wilson 6, L. Hatfield (first in method as cond.) 7, R. Smith 8. For Evensong. Also a compliment to Gillian Graney and Colin Lewis, on their engagement, and to J. Wilson, for his 21st birthday. Also on Oct. 27th, 1,272 Plain Bob Major: Katherine Maylott 1, Dianne Bird 2, Christine Hiscock 3, Gillian Graney 4, Frances Massey 5, J. Wilson 6, L. Hatfield 7, D. Beard (cond.) 8. For concert in aid of church restoration.

LANBEDR YSTRADYDW, BRECONSHIRE.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Southrepps Doubles: K. T. Taylor 1, R. Huddleston 2, R. W. Sweet 3, J. Roval 4, C. B. Dove (cond.) 5.

LLANDEILO, CARMARTHENSHIRE.—On Aug. 29th, 1,140 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): C. B. Dove (cond.) 1, K. T. Taylor 2, J. W. Belshaw (first "inside") 3, R. Huddleston 4, R. W. Sweet 5, H. Thomas (first quarter) 6. For Evensong, and as a 20th birthday compliment to J. Roval.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Oct. 24th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: C. G. Wright 1, D. Ellison 2, G. W. Elmes 3, A. Faulkner 4, I. Dear 5, C. E. Williamson 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, R. Chapman 8, J. McDonald 9, A. White 10. For Evensong.

MALMESBURY, WILTS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Vitor 1, J. E. Billings 2, H. E. Blacker 3, H. G. Blanchard 4, L. K. Grey (cond.) 5, E. Player 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. C. Meade, for 36 years verger at the Abbey.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Moore 1, P. Langton 2, A. Palmer 3, R. Reed 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, T. Bush 6. Rung for the wedding of David Feek and Megan Butler, bellringer and chorister respectively. A birthday compliment to Miss Susan Kinge.

MARCHAM, BERKS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Mitty 1, F. C. White 2, B. R. White 3, D. Leslie (cond.) 4, F. A. White 5, H. White 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Nelson F. J. Sargent, for many years a ringer at this church.

NEWLAND, GLOS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Tyler 1, F. Oakley 2, Howard Meek 3, J. J. Webb 4, F. E. J. Reynolds (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal in connection with the 75th anniversary festivities of this church.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss N. Kempell 1, W. Dunn 2, G. Charlton 3, A. J. Bull 4, Mrs. M. Dallison (first as cond.) 5, K. Dallison 6. For Evensong.

OSSINGTON, NOTTS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Lavina Mumford 1, H. Hawcroft 2, Katharine Burchall 3, Sleanor Rose 4, A. Wilson 5, R. Mumford 6. Conducted by G. Burchall. For Harvest Festival.

OXFORD.—At St. Aldate's Church, on Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (10 methods): B. G. Benstead 1, Elizabeth Stevenson 2, V. Griffin (cond.) 3, H. J. Rossell 4, J. M. Preston 5, R. Benstead 6. First quarter in 10 methods by all except 2 and 3.

PORTBURY, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): M. Clavey 1, R. Goodliffe 2, B. H. Goodliffe (cond.) 3, V. James 4, G. Skellv 5, A. R. Saye 6. An engagement compliment to John Riley and Susan Carter.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. E. Bonham 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, S. F. Royal 3, G. W. Elmes 4, H. J. Hazell (cond.) 5, A. G. Craddock 6, P. Wooliven 7, R. H. Jones 8. Rung after having met too late for a peal attempt.

SARRATT, HERTS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: R. J. Penn (first quarter) 1, D. J. Wilson (cond.) 2, J. Rees 3, G. Rees 4, D. J. Goodman 5. For Family Communion.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Norcliffe (first on eight) 1, D. R. Best 2, J. W. Drew (cond.) 3, J. T. Locke 4, J. Cornelius (90th quarter) 5, R. C. Beale 6, F. Welch 7, R. Welch 8. To mark the 60th anniversary of the augmentation of the bells to a ring of eight ((1905-1965). Also an 81st birthday compliment to Rev. A. T. Stephens, former Rector.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Oct. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Hackley (first quarter) 1, G. R. King 2, Miss J. Grainger 3, D. A. Davenport 4, G. R. Gardner 5, K. R. Davenport (cond.) 6.

TWIN, HERTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. J. Garrod 1, J. Weaving 2, R. J. Wilsher (first as cond.) 3, H. Shire 4, P. Owen 5, D. Digby 6. For Harvest Festival.

TURRAMURRA, AUSTRALIA.—At the Church of St. James, on Oct. 1st, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. J. Lock (cond.) 1, Anne Hersford 2, Jenny Smith (first quarter) 3, J. Rainsford 4, K. Stacey 5, A. L. Lancfield 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Oct. 24th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: R. J. Chapman (cond.) 1, Miss J. Young (first of Caters) 2, Miss L. Grindrod 3, A. Slade (first of Caters) 4, D. Wilson 5, D. Hawkins 6, E. Newnham 7, H. Duncan 8, I. Dear 9, M. C. Austin 10.

WITTERSHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. J. Denne 1, J. E. Spree 2, M. P. French 3, R. L. Sweatman 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, H. Deacon 6. A joint wedding compliment to Sandra Jane Ninn and David Izzard, married October 23rd, and Patricia Olive Bennett and Alan Smith, married October 30th.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 30th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: I. G. Hughes 1, J. Brewer 2, G. Sparkes 3, F. Caeley 4, H. Purchase 5, W. A. Riddle 6, D. North 7, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 8. First T.B. Major 1, 2 and 6.

WOLLASTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 8th, 720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob: P. Wooliven 1, H. J. Hazell 2, A. G. Craddock 3, S. F. Royal 4, G. E. Bonham 5, A. D. Sansom (cond.) 6. After losing a peal attempt.

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WRIGHT—OMAN. — The engagement is announced between Ronald, of Borough Green, Kent, and Heather, of Leuchars, Fife. 7997

DEATH

HARRISON. Colin, aged 68 years, the beloved husband of Annie, retired assistant manager of Taylor's Bell Foundry, who passed away on November 8th at 18, Windmill Rise, Woodhouse Eaves, near Loughborough. 8007

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

ARROWSMITH.—The address of Hazel A. Arrowsmith is now 9, Camden Grove, Chislehurst, Kent. Warwickshire address remains unchanged. 7987

COOPER.—The address of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Cooper is now 1, Tyler's Close, Chelmsford, Essex. 8001

FRY.—From December 5th Pat and Alec Fry and family will temporarily be living at Southend House, 18, Hightown Road, Ringwood, Hants, during house-hunting; eventually Wimborne area. All inquiries about Leeds (Kent) bells to the Vicar. 7986

PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—Annual dinner will be held on December 4th at the Waterloo, Durham. Life members are invited to contact Polly Kyme at St. Mary's College, Durham. 8012

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Preliminary Notice. — The annual committee meeting will be held at the Church House, Salisbury, on Saturday, February 5th, 1966, at 2.15 p.m.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec. 7991

SNOWDON SCHOLARS' REUNION. — Dinner/Dance on Saturday, December 4th, in Guildford Hotel, Leeds. Reception 6.45–7 p.m. Tickets at 25/- available now from Olivia A. Marshall, 9, Chapel Street, Calverley, Pudsey. Postal orders and cheques payable to Olivia A. Marshall. 7977

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — St. Nicholas', Wallasey, November 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free. — Alexander J. Martin, 28, Glenmore Road, Oxtun, Birkenhead. 7972

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly ringing meeting at Old Brampton on November 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please note change of date and venue. Names for tea, without fail, please, to Mr. J. Arkwell. 296 Brimingham Road, Chesterfield. — Malcolm Phipps, Dis. Sec. 7946

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Huntingdon District.—Meeting at Godmanchester. Saturday, November 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—M. J. Dyer, Dis. Sec. 7963

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Newton, Saturday, November 20th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7953

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Forest of Dean Branch.—Meeting at Awre, Saturday, November 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names to N. K. Winspear, Brook House, Blakeney.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Ledge Branch.—Meeting at Berkeley, November 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to G. Minors, Quarry House Farm, The Quarry, Cam, near Dursley, Glos before November 20th. 7989

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Nomination meeting at Chobham, not Horsell, on Saturday, November 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. K. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Mimbidge, Chobham. 7932

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Bishop's Stortford District.—Meeting at Braughing on Saturday, November 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing at Standon in the evening. Names for tea to P. J. Glazebrook, 11, Friars Road, Braughing.—D. Kingston. 7898

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Harpden, November 20th. Evening meeting following ringing course. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by meeting and ringing until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. L. Coburn, 3, Lea Road, Harpenden.—R. D. R. Brown Dis. Sec. 7928

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) and LADIES' GUILD.—Joint meeting at Charing, Saturday, November 20th. Bells (6, tenor 13 cwt.) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Little Chart (6, tenor 6½ cwt.) also available. Names for tea to Rev P. T. Robbins, The Vicarage, Charing.—C. T. H. 7876

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION (N and E District) and ESSEX ASSOCIATION (S.W. District).—Joint meeting at St. Andrew's, Enfield, on Saturday, November 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea approx 5 p.m. Christ Church, Southgate, bells available 2.45 to 4 p.m. Evening ringing at Enfield.—E. H. Kilby and M. J. Hallett. Dis. Secs. 7948

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — An evening meeting to be held at Basford, Nottingham (8) on Saturday, November 20th, starting 5.30.—Sec. 7960

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting, Saturday, November 20th. North Muskham. Bells 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Names must be sent to Mr. C. Copp, Marsh Lane North Muskham, Newark, please.—B. N. Reed. 7936

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Thorne (8) on November 20th. Ringing after 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Church Hall. Names for tea (moderate charge) to Mr. T. D. Leask, 26, Gainford Road, Moorends, Thorne, near Doncaster. A committee meeting will be held in the church vestry, by permission of the Vicar, at 2.30 p.m. to discuss new membership cards—five minutes only.—M. King, Hon. Sec. 7871

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewkerne, Saturday, November 27th. Please notify for tea to J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton, Langport, Somerset.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Ringing contest and meeting, Houghton Regis, Saturday, November 27th. Bells 4 p.m. Contest 5. Tea and results at 6 p.m. Names most essential to Mr. R. R. Churchill, 33, Turnpike Road, Husbome Crawley, by 25th. 7985

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Bowdon, November 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Imperative names for tea be sent to Mr. A. J. Brown, 30, Priory Road, Bowdon.—C. K. Lewis. 8017

CHESTER GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The Branch annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, November 27th. Service at Grappenhall 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. to be followed by meeting. Ringing at Stretton (6) 3–4 p.m., Daresbury after meeting.—C. Raddon. 8019

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Derby District) and SOUTH DERBYS AND NORTH LEICESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. Joint meeting at Ockbrook (6). Saturday, November 27th. 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at White Swan. Names to M. A. Willis, 33, Gisborne Close, Mickleover, Derby, by Wednesday, November 24th. No name, no tea. — M. A. Willis Dis. Sec. 7961

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Peak District.—Meeting at Chapel-en-le-Frith on Saturday, November 27th. 3 p.m. Cups of tea available. — Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 8006

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. Meeting at Conisborough, Saturday, November 27th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to the Rev. Braithwaite, The Vicarage, Conisborough, Doncaster. 7984

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Heighington (6) on Saturday, November 27th. Ringing 3–8 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to Mr. E. Jackson, 13, High Road, Redworth, Shildon, Co. Durham. 7981

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—St. Augustine's, Broxbourne, Saturday, November 27th. Bells 3 o'clock—4 p.m. Business and evening ringing 6 p.m.—St. Paul's, Hoddesdon. Please make own arrangements for tea: cafes available in Hoddesdon.—P. M. F. Searles, Acting Dis. Sec.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Deane, Saturday, November 27th. Bells 3 p.m. until 7.15 p.m. only. Cups of tea provided.—Thornley, Sec. 7999

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Dean Street, Blackpool, on Saturday, November 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. 8009

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom (8). Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea 5 p.m. on Saturday November 27th. Please note change of date.—Philip A. Mason, Branch Sec. 7951

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting at Ossett on Saturday, November 27th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. Fred Bennett, Carlton House, Dale Street, Ossett, by previous Thursday. 8002

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD — Eastern Branch. — Meeting at Freiston. Saturday, November 27th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Monday, November 22nd — P. T. Kilner 167, Eastwood Road, Boston, Lincs. 7955

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Watton on Saturday, November 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30 Tea 5. followed by the business meeting. Names for tea to T. A. Potter, 42, Brandon Road, Watton, Thetford, by November 25th. 7971

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION — Newcastle District. — Meeting on Saturday, November 27th. Ringing arrangements: Sunderland, Roker (10) 10-11.30 a.m.; Newcastle, St. John the Baptist's (8) 12-1 p.m.; Gosforth (10) 2-3; Fenham (8) 3.15-4.45; Newcastle Cathedral (12) 5-6.30; Chester-le-Street (8) 6.45-7.45. Any inquiries to Miss P. Kyme, St. Mary's College, Durham 8013

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester and District Branch.—Annual meeting, Ludgershall, Bucks, on Saturday, November 27th. Ringing (5 bells) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, to C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon, by Tuesday, 23rd.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Cookham, Saturday, November 27th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 23rd please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 7915

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Business meeting, Kingsthorpe, Saturday, November 27th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to B. E. Frost 1, Glasgow Street, Northampton by Tuesday previous for certain 7945

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Beaminster, Saturday, November 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 7982

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. —Evening practice meeting at Tettenhall, near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, November 27th. Bells (8) available 6-8.30 p.m.—C. M. S., Hon Sec. 7954

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers, Dorchester, Dorset.—Ringing Festival.—Saturday, November 27th, and Sunday, November 28th. Times of ringing: Saturday, November 27th. 6.30-9 p.m., practice, open to all, visitors welcome. Sunday, November 28th. 7.30-8 a.m., Holy Communion service; 10.15-11 a.m., Morning Prayer, preacher the Rev. R. N. Longridge, Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and Rector of Okeford Fitzpaine; 2.30-6.30 p.m., general ringing, open to all; visitors welcome. The tower will be open to the general public during Saturday and Sunday afternoons. 7979

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Barford St. Martin, November 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to G. A. Trimby, 24, West Street, Wilton, by Tuesday, 23rd. 7975

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Mansfield District.—Meeting, Kirkby-in-Ashfield (5), Saturday, November 27th. Bells 3-8.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Green, 51, Vernon Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts, by Wednesday previous. Please support.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 7980

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Central District. — Practice meeting, Worlingworth (8), November 27th, 6.30-9 p.m.—H. W. H. Leather, Dis. Sec. 7974

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Annual general meeting at Lavenham, Saturday, November 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please to Mr. M. E. Symonds, 1, Pit Meadow, Lavenham, Sudbury, Suffolk, by November 24th. 7924

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Handbell competition and nomination meeting at Putney on Saturday, November 27th. Putney bells 3-4 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Handbell competition 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Further ringing at Putney in the evening. Competition entries from any Sunday service band in the county will be welcome and should be sent to the District Secretary, N. Steere, 1, Prior Avenue, Sutton, Surrey. Names for tea, other than competitors, should be sent to B. Bull, 68, Gowan Avenue, London, S.W.6. 7969

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Hailsham on Saturday, November 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. to be followed by business meeting. Names for tea to me at 36, London Road, Hailsham, by Wednesday, 24th. please.—G. FitzHugh, Div. Sec. 7873

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Henfield (8), Saturday, November 27th, not 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss S. G. Rice, 40, Fairfield Gardens, Portslade, by previous Wednesday. 8008

WHITCHURCH, TAVISTOCK, DEVON. — Open Day, November 27th. Bells (6) now rehung and going beautifully. Ringing by invitation only in afternoon, but all welcome 6 p.m.-9 p.m. 8014

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District. — Quarterly meeting at Liss on Saturday, November 27th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Numbers for tea, please, to C. E. Bassett, 85, Brook Lane, Warsash, Southampton, by 23rd. 7983

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Practice meeting, St. Mary's, Portsea, November 27th. Bells from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.—L. D. D. 7990

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at Claines on Saturday, November 27th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to A. A. Jopp, Church Road, Stoulton, Worcester. 7938

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wellington (8), Saturday, December 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, —A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 7988

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Littleham, Saturday, December 4th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Gatter, Oak Leaf Cottage, Halse Hill, Budleigh Salterton. 7966

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stow-on-the-Wold Branch. — Annual meeting at Bourton-on-the-Water, Saturday, December 4th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m.—4.30 p.m. and from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Church Hall, 5 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. C. Dowdswell, Park Street, Stow-on-the-Wold, by December 2nd. Tel Stow 350. 7991

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Bentham on Saturday, December 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. T. Gerrard, 150, Thornton Road, Morecambe. 7994

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, Saturday, December 4th. Shoreditch (12) 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Clerkenwell (8) 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea, at St. James's, Clerkenwell, Church Hall 5 p.m. Bishopsgate (8) 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, Putney, S.W.15, by December 2nd.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — Nomination meeting, Dorking (8), Saturday, December 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking, by December 1st.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 8005

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual general, Sketty, on Saturday, December 4th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea, please, to J. A. Hoare, 3, Lon Derw, Tycoch, Swansea. 8003

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Eastern Branch. — Meeting at Gorleston on Saturday, December 4th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S F. High, 1, Long Lane, Bradwell, Great Yarmouth, by previous Wednesday. 7934

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A MODERN TEXT BOOK AT LAST "Change Ringing" by Wilfrid G. Wilson

THE need for a modern text book on change ringing fit to put into the hands of the latest recruit and acceptable to the progressive ringer has been felt by instructors for a long time, particularly during the last twenty years as the Exercise re-established itself after the war and the ban on ringing. The wait has been worthwhile, for Faber's invitation to Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson has resulted in a volume on the theoretical and practical aspects of our art as valuable as any yet written.

"Change Ringing—the Art and Science of Change Ringing on Church and Hand Bells" is a modern book. Open it at any page and this impression is immediate. Clearly great attention has been given to the typography, and this attractive work will earn the praise the publishers deserve; the figures of the methods described and of the compositions included are particularly clear and well spaced. It is interesting that most text books on ringing are instigated by ringers—the Snowdon series, Powell's Handbook and the Central Council publications—indeed when else has a ringing publication not owed its origin to a ringer? This is the best production I have seen, without any doubt.

Mr. Wilson's clarity of thought and lucidity are well known and fully evident here. It is surely not a coincidence that he was a pupil of the late J. Armiger Trollope, a prolific contributor to "The Ringing World" and its editor for some years as well as being the author of text and history books on campanology. His mantle has well and truly fallen on Mr. Wilson. The author, with his long experience of teaching and lecturing, appreciates the difficulties pupils find, and he anticipates them in explanations which are deceptively short.

This book will not replace Snowdon's "Grandsire" or "Stedman," nor any treatise on one method. But its comprehensive nature is something new: few topics connected with change ringing, if any, are omitted. The first chapters deal with the mechanics and handling of a bell, illustrated by photographs, the elements of change ringing and the Plain Bob method. Then, before the chapters on the other standard methods, come chapters on transposition and coursing order. "Conducting" comes much later in the book but it might well have been placed earlier, with the methods it chiefly covers, especially as Mr. Wilson favours the coursing order system of conducting. A minor criticism here: the value of learning by heart the coursing orders of part-ends and other landmarks in a composition is pointed out in the sections on Grandsire and Cam-

bridge, but is not stressed in that on Plain Bob. But the advice "Learn the order of the bells in fifths place" is very valuable. The section on conducting Stedman Caters and Cinques is surprisingly brief: it would surely have been worth while including the figures of a course with the bells in the tittums position, for example, with the working bells omitted, to show that there IS a coursing order in the middle of the course worth learning, especially in Cinques, and to show how the coursing order of the working bells is altered.

Between chapters on place notation and internal falseness is one on Surprise methods. Some nine Minor methods are given in full leads, nine in notation, but Minor ringers may be disappointed that these are the only Treble Bob Minor methods in the book apart from Oxford and Kent, and that there is next to nothing on Spliced Minor. Leads of the six most popular Surprise Major methods and the notation of eight others are included, together with false course ends and incidence of falseness. This information is but one example of the cohesion to be found throughout the work, for the author has two chapters on false courses, one on their detection, the other on their definition: he acknowledges the help of Mr. C. K. Lewis and Mr. M. Hodgson with this subject. Certainly the student has a concise introduction to the theory of proof and composition of Treble Bob methods, but it is a pity that space could not be found for a study of the process of composition.

There is an excellent chapter on simple composition and proof, which is concerned almost entirely with Plain Bob Major, and rightly so, but the budding composer will need more help for Treble Bob methods than that given. Perhaps, after all, Mr. Wilson is right in letting the student help himself at this stage. Not everyone will agree, by the way, with the statement in the section on the nature of rows that in Plain Bob Major "you can only get half the possible total by bobs alone." Bobs in this method at 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 14 produce 12346578 (a row normally found in peals after an odd number of singles) at the handstroke of the 15th lead—little if any practical use, but demonstrating the possibility that most of the rows can be obtained by bobs alone. There is surely an analogy here with Holt's Original?

In the chapter on method building the reader is asked to experiment by cutting up a course of Plain Bob Minor into its half leads—an admirable way of teaching—but curiously the words "reverse" and "double" are not explained. The examples given of the possible variations of

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GREAT ADVENTURE II

NEW ZEALAND'S ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME

A LUCKY PEAL

Christchurch ringers had come in force to the airport, headed by Nelson Sloan, the local organiser, and Ray Idle, the tower captain. All the party were booked for Croker's Hotel. The evening was spent in making new friends. Nelson Sloan was last in England in 1959 and he has the happiest of recollections of his tour. Ray Idle is from the Kettering area and first came to New Zealand in 1950 and was in England in 1957. His wife is a Desborough girl and they were married in 1959. Another to meet us was Alan Summerell, of Kingston Seymour, and the following morning he conducted the non-peal ringers around Christchurch, visiting the beautiful Botanical Gardens and the banks of the River Avon and also the Museum with its very fine section of New Zealand birds and other treasures.

The peal party assembled at Christchurch Cathedral at 9.30 a.m. to be met by radio, television and Press. These preliminaries took the best part of half an hour. Tom gave a very good interview, only to be told at lunch time that the batteries were not connected; he obliged the next morning. Both Pat Cannon and Anne Horsford featured in Press interviews and Wilf Williams on the radio. The party were televised ringing in the preliminaries.

It was very nearly ten o'clock when a start was made on a peal of Plain Bob Major. Ray Idle, who conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples the previous Sunday, was included in the band. There was a shaky two minutes quite early, but it was generally regarded as a good peal, being accomplished in 3 hours 20 minutes. The tourists had their share of luck. Arthur Mason was on the third, and this rope, carried by pulleys almost horizontally across the tower. Afterwards it was discovered that the rope was only held together by one strand. Pat Cannon conducted H. Tucker's composition and it was the first peal of Bob Royal in New Zealand. Among ringers who came to listen were Dr. Bennett, who at one time held office with the College of Campanology, and Captain Cleaton Stevens, R.N.Z.N. (ret'd.).

On one side of the Cathedral Square is the imposing "Press" building. Eight of the bells were given by the Rhodes family, who established "the Press." New Zealanders are prone to write letters of protest over the bells (there were some over Sunday's peal), but in view of this gift "the Press" are allies of the bells although probably the chief sufferers. The English visit, however, was welcomed generally. The eight are a Taylor ring, the other two bells being the gift of J. B. Miles of London. The bells were cast in 1881.

Christchurch Cathedral was designed by Sir Gilbert Scott. The Queen has twice visited the Cathedral, as have also the last two Archbishops of Canterbury—Dr. Fisher in 1950 and the present Archbishop this year. Dr. A. M. Ramsay was very complimentary to the Cathedral choir, which he stated was "the best in the Southern Hemisphere." Mr. L. C. Terrell has been verger here for 30 years and mentioned that the cathedrals at Oxford and Canterbury are both represented in the coat of arms. The Dean (the Very Rev. W. A. Pyatt) came into the tower to welcome the ringers before the peal.



CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL

WAR-TIME GIFTS

In the afternoon Tom Lock and the Editor paid a visit to Mr. George H. Claydon, of 73, Ottawa Road, Christchurch, who is now 85. George has been associated with Christchurch Cathedral since 1910 and was for many years Master of the Society. He learned his ringing at Sutton Coldfield and in his early life was associated with St. Martin's Guild. During the war George sent a food parcel to the Editor, which was distributed among the ringers at Holy Trinity, Guildford. In his thanks Tom told the donor what he had done. George replied: "I intended the parcel for you and not to be shared" and promptly dispatched another. A joiner by trade, George became a master builder. He was active until last year, when he had a stroke. The visit gave him great pleasure.

That afternoon there was ringing at St. Paul's Church, Papanui (a light five cast by Warners in 1880). Ray Idle is training six boys and a girl here. The bells are musical and easy to handle and are admirably suited for learning the rudiments of the art. Later that afternoon we had tea at Diocesan House and met the Bishop of Christchurch (the Rt. Rev. A. K. Warren).

An evening practice with local ringers followed. Now ringing here is Mrs. Barber, formerly of Glasgow, where her father was Master at the Cathedral and now lives at Morecambe, and her brother is at Workington. The belfry is rich in interesting portraits and groups. There is one taken in December, 1934, of the Great Adventure party that went to Australia—W. H. Fussell, W. Linter, J. Hardcastle and another of the jubilee of the Society in 1931. In both those years Mr. Claydon was Master.

Ringing today is Mr. J. Dunn, whose great-grandfather rang for the opening of the bells. Oldest active members are Dave Sloan (1917),

Nelson Sloan (1919), the latter having been secretary of the Society for 30 years. Trevor Whitty also welcomed the 1934 visitors. The Society now has 15 active members. Len Stilwell met an old friend from Balcombe, John Gardner, with whom he had rung a number of peals.

Practically all the company attended Evening song at the Cathedral. In our honour the choir sang the bell anthem. The day was the 42nd anniversary of the wedding of the Editor and Mrs. White. By a coincidence the organ voluntary was improvisations on a hymn sung at the wedding.

MAORI GIRLS ENTERTAIN

The Dean and Mrs. W. A. Pyatt gave a reception and social at their residence, which was attended by local ringers and visitors. Maori schoolgirls did action songs in costume, and the bellringing feature on television was watched. Honorary membership of the Christchurch Society was conferred on the tourists. Canon Thurlow's greeting to overseas ringers was played, together with recordings from a number of English towers. Mr. T. J. Lock presented the customary gifts, and Mr. Idle in reply said the Cathedral Society now realised how well the bells could be rung. They had had an uninterrupted record of service for 84 years and they strove to retain it. Before leaving, a warm expression of thanks was passed to our hosts, and recordings of impressions were given by selected members.

The next morning the Society ferried us to the airport. Before parting, Nelson Sloan produced the Union Jack presented to Christchurch Society by Mr. W. H. Fussell, and this was appropriately photographed. Somehow the party took with confidence to the Christchurch Society worthy to uphold change ringing in New Zealand.

(To be continued)

COVENTRY COLLEGES' GUILD

The Coventry Colleges' Guild was founded on October 27th at a meeting held in the Coventry College of Education. The purpose of forming the Guild is to provide a common meeting ground for students in Coventry, the present qualification for membership being membership of the College Union of the University of Warwick, the Lanchester College of Technology or the Coventry College of Education.

The constitution of the Guild was drawn up in outline and the 18 members present elected the following officers for 1965-66: Master, F. Shallcross; Deputy Master, Maryl R. Cross-thwaite; secretary, S. C. Walters; Treasurer, T. M. W. Weedon.

The Guild suffers at present from lack of a suitable tower for practice, and the weekly practice at Allesley is held on silent bells. In spite of this the attendance is usually very good, and the standard is gradually improving. Visits to local towers are being arranged on Saturday mornings, and this gives the Guild an opportunity to ring on open bells. It is hoped that service ringing will be undertaken when the standard of ringing is sufficiently high, subject to a suitable tower being found.

Any students in Coventry who are interested in joining the Guild should contact the secretary at 64, Anchorage Road, Sutton Coldfield. S. C. W.

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Coventry Cathedral Bells To Ring Again?

THE Coventry Diocesan Guild held their bi-annual dinner at the Lockheed Canteen, Leamington Spa, on October 9th. No ringing had been arranged for this occasion. After an excellent dinner the president, Mr. A. H. Beamish, who was in the chair, gave a welcome to all present and hoped they would have a pleasant evening. He was supported by the Provost of Coventry Cathedral, the Very Rev. H. C. N. Williams, the Rev. and Mrs. Graham Smallwood, Dr. Corydon-Budge, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens and other officers of the Guild with their respective wives.

The toast of "The Guild" was proposed by the president, who in his speech referred to a Holy Communion service broadcast from Coventry Cathedral at a time when he was incapacitated and unable to attend his own church. This gave him the opportunity of taking part in that service although he was in his own home. That service was taken by the Provost, who was their guest of honour.

He referred to the healthy state of the Guild, and in particular to the number of young people who were giving excellent support to ringing by their regular attendance at service ringing and meetings.

Replying, the Provost said that he thought the reason he had been invited to this dinner was to give him the opportunity of saying what was to happen to the bells of their Cathedral. The reason that nothing had been done was because of the many calls on their finances at this stage of the Cathedral development. He was now prepared to consider having the bells made into a pealable ring once again, providing the necessary money could be raised, and suggested that the Guild might make itself responsible for raising it. He pointed out that one very important factor in having the bells ringing again was the question of noise control, as the Cathedral was sur-

rounded by public buildings which were in constant use during the week. He had been assured that the noise could be controlled satisfactorily, and he trusted that this was so.

NATIONAL APPEAL

He said that he regretted that the bells could not have been hung for ringing in time for the consecration of the Cathedral, but he had so much to contend with at that time that he could not possibly face up to another project, although he realised that that was the right time to have had them done owing to the tremendous interest that was then being taken in the new Cathedral development. However, he was sure that if a national appeal was made the money would be forthcoming. He thanked them for inviting him and giving him the opportunity to address them.

"Our Guests" was proposed by the general secretary, Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, and responded to by Mr. R. S. Anderson, convener of "The Ringing World" Committee, who made special reference to "The Ringing World," reminding those present that it was their paper, and it was up to them to support it, not only by purchasing a copy but supplying news items. He said that the present circulation was about 5,600, and it ought to be double that number.

Mr. F. W. Perrens in his vote of thanks said how pleased he was to hear the Provost's remarks about the Cathedral bells, and thanked him for his presence with them. He thanked also those who had had the responsibility of organising the dinner as he was sure that everyone had enjoyed the evening.

Entertainment was provided by the Chilvers Coton ringers' choir, the Kenilworth Three, a course of Stedman Caters and the film of the creation of the Coventry Cathedral, which was much appreciated by all present. This brought a very pleasant evening to its close.

KENT/SURREY JOINT MEETING

On November 6th a very successful joint meeting was held at Edenbridge between the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association and the Southern District of the Surrey Association. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. after the belfry prayer of the Kent County Association had been read.

The service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Bartleet), was attended by over 40 people. The choir, of which many Edenbridge ringers are members, sang an anthem.

After the sumptuous tea in Church House, prepared by Mrs. E. C. Leigh and her helpers, the resident District secretary, Mr. W. H. Dobbie, welcomed the Surrey Association on what was, as always, a popular occasion in their calendar. Mr. T. Bird, Master of the Southern District, replied. Mr. Dobbie thanked the Edenbridge ringers for their hospitality and in conclusion expressed his hope that there would be a good response to the collection for the Tower Bell Fund, as they were now anticipating a major overhaul of the bells.

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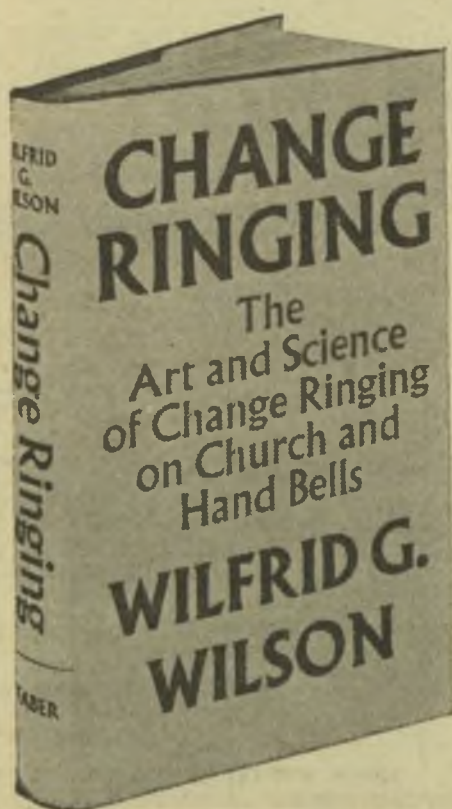
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Almost a century later the church came under the influence of its most famous benefactor, Sir John Fogge, treasurer of the Royal Household of Edward IV and a sheriff of the county. It was while he was Knight of the Shire that he restored and endowed the church, and also founded a college of priests. Sir John also encased the old tower and raised it to its present height of 120 feet. In poetry of design and beauty of proportion it still has few rivals in South East England.

JOSEPH HATCH'S WORK

Bells are first mentioned in 1552, when there were five large bells and a sanctus bell in the tower. We may accept the fact that these were probably given by Fogge in 1475 along with books, altar plate, vestments and other valuables, and that they almost certainly remained until 1620. In that year at least three of the bells were recast by Joseph Hatch, of Ulcombe, who added a treble to make six (the second ring of six in Kent, the bells at nearby Wye having been made six in 1594). This was during the incumbency of John Wallis, whose son, Dr. John Wallis, was destined to become the famous Oxford mathematician. Whether he discussed the matter of the hanging of the bells with Hatch is not known, but it seems a strange coincidence that Hatch decided to hang the bells in the middle storey of the tower, where they would exert less stress, and the six rope holes in the embossed tower ceiling show that the bells were rung from the ground floor with a 40ft. rope draught! In 1633 and 1652 the two remaining mediaeval bells were recast by Joseph and William Hatch, and the ring remained untouched until 1762.

In 1762 two trebles, cast by Lester and Pack, of Whitechapel, were added, and the whole ring rehung in a new oak frame in the upper storey of the tower, the bells being rung from the old clock chamber. The augmented ring was opened amidst great rejoicing on Monday, March 14th, 1763 (a board in the ringing chamber still records the occasion), and on the following day a band from Leeds (Kent) under the leadership of the famous James Barham rang a peal of 5,184 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hours 23 minutes. A local band was quickly trained, and they rang their first peal (Bob Major) in Dec., 1765.

LONG LENGTHS

In November, 1795, the tenor, being cracked, was sent to Whitechapel, where it was recast by Thomas Mears. The new bell, weighing 23½ cwt., came back in February, 1796, and was a maiden bell. It was during this period that the Ashford ringers really began to achieve distinction. They had already rung 6,000 Bob Major in 1792, and they went on to ring 6,720 of the same method in 1812. The zenith was really reached in January, 1830, when a peal of 10,304 Bob Major was brought round. It was conducted by John Friend, of Hythe, and the tenor was rung single-handed by Richard Carreck for 6 hours 25 minutes (the same band went on to ring 13,440 Bob Major at Hythe).

In 1878 it was reported in the vestry minutes that the sixth bell was cracked in the crown, but no action was taken. In 1885 it was decided to replace the clock and chimes. The original clock had been set up in 1688, and the chimes added a century later, being

cleverly constructed by a local builder. The copper face of the old clock was turned into jugs, and the 4ft. hour hand is still preserved in the church. The new clock and chimes were supplied by Gillett and Johnston, the latter playing a selection of 14 hymn tunes and popular melodies; two semitone bells were also added at this time to enable the National Anthem to be played on suitable occasions.

TROUBLE WITH THE TOWER

In 1898 the bells were obviously in bad repair, although the frame was quite sound. In this year the cracked sixth was recast and the canons removed from the remaining bells, which were rehung with new fittings throughout. The work was carried out by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the tower remained in good order until 1924. In this year the tower was found to be slightly cracked in two walls and an increase in tower movement was evident. Stitching of the walls was carried out, the bell-frame anchored more securely to new supporting beams, and the bells rehung on ball bearings by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

The tower now possessed a very good ring of bells that attracted the admiration of many visiting hands, and 34 peals in methods up to Spliced Surprise Major were rung up to 1964, bringing the total of peals up to over 60.

However, in the autumn of 1963 the warning signs appeared again, with an appreciable increase in tower-sway. Reports by Mr. Ranald Clouston and the church architect confirmed the presence of active cracks, due entirely to the stress of the swinging bells on the thin tower walls.

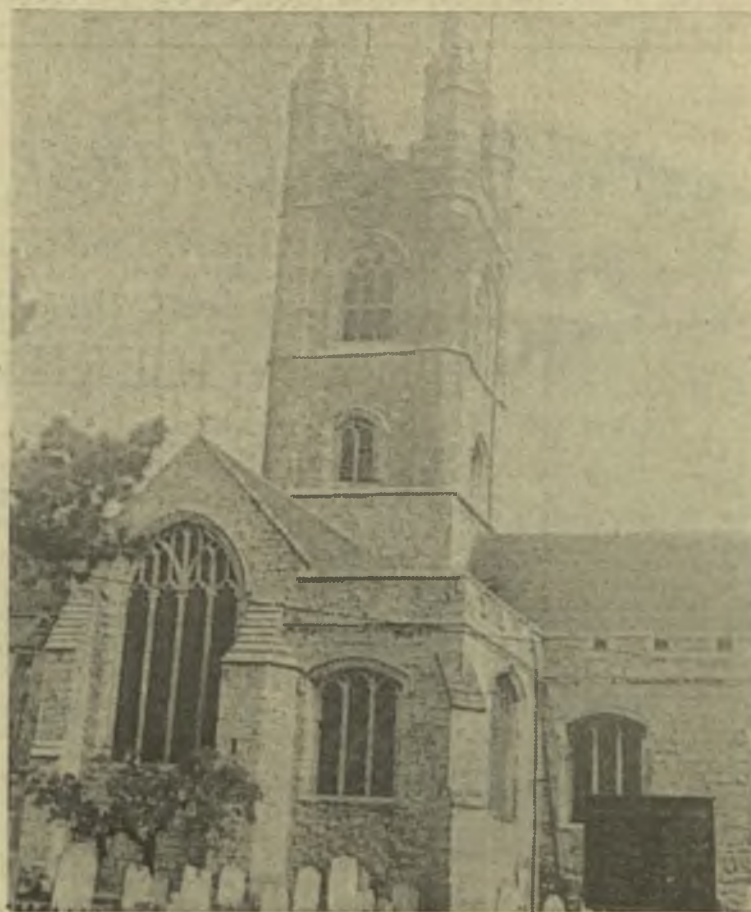
After a meeting between church officials, bellfounders and the architect, it was unanimously agreed that the tower should be restored and the bells hung at a lower level, and

the bells were eventually removed from their resting place of two centuries in January of this year. Two concrete ring-beams were installed to strengthen the tower, and the girders of the new two-tier ten-bell frame were firmly anchored to this base. Meanwhile the bells have been slightly retuned and one of the semitones which was cracked has been recast. (These bells are hung stationary outside the main ring.) The whole has been carried out very skilfully by Mr. Harry Parkes, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The bells now hang once again at the level where they were hung by Hatch in 1620, but the modern use of sound-deadening material has enabled the old ringing chamber to be retained.

REHALLOWED

The bells were rehallowed in the presence of a large congregation of ringers and parishioners at Evensong on October 3rd by the Rt. Rev. N. E. Clarke, Assistant Bishop of Canterbury, and an hour's ringing was enjoyed by visitors and local ringers after the service. Everyone spoke very highly of the rehanging and we were glad that Mr. Hughes and Harry Parkes could be present to receive congratulations for a first class job.

The people of Ashford have always been grateful to Sir John Fogge for the great heritage of their church and tower. It is now their turn to show that it will not be lost through their neglect and they have already raised £8,000 towards the cost of £11,000 for tower repairs. Repairs to other parts of the fabric will, however, bring the final expenditure to £25,000. Those who have rung at Ashford will realise that our fine church has been handed down to us through the loving care of those who have worshipped here through the centuries, and we hope that they will help us in our duty today to see that it is preserved for those who may come after us. Any contributions, however small, sent to me at 91, Faversham Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent, would be greatly appreciated and acknowledged.



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Letters to the Editor

THOSE NAUSEATING ADDRESSES

Dear Sir,—As one who was privileged to listen to the most stimulating address given by Canon Thurlow at Wokingham, I must thank you for publishing a digest of it, thus enabling me to absorb it at a more leisurely pace and allowing your readers who could not hear it to have the benefit of its wisdom.

It was most refreshing to hear a first-class sermon about a subject other than bells from the lips of one well versed in all bell matters in contrast to the dreary, repetitive addresses about bells from local incumbents who have no knowledge of bells or bell ringing. One gets thoroughly bored with hearing the local parson trot out with regularity (and the usual crop of inaccuracies) what he has obviously mugged up for the occasion from some encyclopædia or book about bells. He endeavours to grope his way through a subject much too vast for a short address and about which he has neither knowledge nor experience. Can it be wondered at that many ringers who do support Branch practices boycott the services?

May I plead with Branch secretaries when arranging the service at a practice meeting to suggest to the local Vicar, if he is to conduct the service, that he keeps right away from the subject of bells, unless he is himself a ringer. Many a ringing layman would achieve far more—but that would, I suppose, mean that the Bishop would have to be approached to give the man permission to preach the Gospel!

The best sermon I ever heard at a Branch practice was given at Chesham, Bucks, by a Church Army captain (not a ringer), who apologised for having to deputise for the incumbent.—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Stoke Poges.

RINGERS AND MEETINGS

Dear Sir,—If the correspondence generated by Mr W. W. Ring's letter is intended as a joke, I think it is rather a laborious one, and in rather poor taste. If, on the other hand, it is serious, I am sure it can only be doing harm and ought to be discontinued.

I do not wish to be involved in this controversy, but I should like to question a view put forward by Mr J. E. Spree in his letter. He criticises ringing at meetings at which participants are attempting things for the first time, and maintains: "Meetings are not practice nights."

I would say that one of the great values of meetings is that they do provide opportunities to ringers to attempt methods, etc., for which there is no chance in their own tower. Several of the young ringers in my own (six-bell) tower have had their first experience of ringing new Minor methods, Triples and Major at meetings, and we are now not far short of having a band capable of ringing a peal of Bob Major—almost entirely through experience gained at meetings.

I agree that it is of tremendous importance that a high standard of striking should be urged, and that the Ringing Master at a meeting should feel strong enough to regulate the composition of the band catching hold at any time, but I hope that ringing meetings will never become the preserve of experts giving demonstrations of perfect striking, but will always provide the opportunities to progressive-minded ringers in a district to widen their horizons and increase their experience.—Yours faithfully,

PETER T. ROBBINS.

Charing Vicarage, Kent.

MR. T. J. LOCK'S OTHER TOUR

Dear Sir,—The letter of your correspondent Mr. T. A. Bevis, in the issue of November 12th has challenged me to pen a reply. In the first instance, I acknowledge and respect the remarks he has made, and accept that his motives are quite sincere. So I trust that I may create a likewise impression.

In planning a ringing tour I always seek advice from local Association officers (including the purchase of an annual report), and am guided by their information. If my party goes on tour in any territory without prior knowledge of such people, then it is a regrettable omission on my part. In drafting out the ringing programme I make a provisional list of towers against which I note practice nights, market days and early closing days. A road map is then referred to and, with the list and noting whether each tower is in a town or a village, I choose the routes which generally cause the least amount of travelling. I always prefer to address my applications for the use of bells to the local correspondent or captain and for him or her to approach the incumbent of the church, and I word such applications in the best manner I am able; in other words, never to create an impression of having any right or privilege.

In the recent tour referred to, I would like to tell Mr. Bevis that we received a very cordial and warm welcome to Wisbech and that careful thought was given to local inhabitants, even to the extent that most of the peal must have been rung after normal office hours and finished before bed-time. Would Mr. Bevis know whether the curator at Wisbech likes or dislikes bells? Moreover, your correspondent should know that the Press often enjoy the exposure of complaints and prolong the matter as far as may be convenient to them. Regarding the last paragraph of the letter, if Mr. Bevis is persistent I would like to take him up on his conclusions as I just cannot agree with them.—Yours faithfully,

T. J. LOCK.

Hatfield, Herts.

S.O.S. FOR BELL ROPES

Dear Sir,—The response to my appeal for bell ropes for Bamber Priory has been terrific. Offers of ropes have come from towers all over the South of England, Canterbury, Northampton, Alvechurch, Birmingham, St. John's, Hackney, Hughenden, Standlake and Milton Malsor, whilst ropes have been sent from Chobham, Thurcaston and Duffield.

I have written personally to all these good Samaritans, thanking them for taking pity on an isolated tower with insufficient funds to pay for ropes of their own, and due to the generosity shown they will have the satisfaction of knowing these bells can be rung once again, reminding local inhabitants of the true purpose of the bells.

In answer to Mr. Dukes' letter, if he had visited the church on the Open Day and seen for himself its position up a rough old farm track, he would realise why the P.C.C. would not go to the expense of new ropes; the new slider we fitted has not yet been paid for. The set of ropes they now have will last them many years, and perhaps by the time others are needed a different state of affairs may be in evidence there. I sincerely hope so.—Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY DODD.

Highclere, Hants.

RINGING OR CHIMING?

A Question from Canberra

Dear Sir,—I should like to pose the question: Do we in fact "ring" changes or must we say that we are "chiming" changes? So that the question can be fully understood I will set out hereunder the procedure we adopt.

We have a set of eight bells which are hung for chiming by the pulling of ropes hung vertically four inches apart on a type of console attached to the wall. The bells, incidentally, were made by John Taylor and Co. and were presented in September, 1964, by Viscount De L'Isle, the then Governor General of Australia, as a memorial to his late wife. The tenor weighs 13½ cwt.

Owing to the impossibility of remembering complete touches we have written the various methods on a series of roller blinds, starting at the bottom of the blind, writing four changes across and then repeating the method four changes at a time up the blind. For ease in reading, the numbers one to four are in red and the others in black. Our repertoire at present is limited to the plain course in Stedman Triples, Double Oxford, Double Norwich, London Surprise and Superlative Surprise. We are about to embark on some longer touches in various methods.

On September 18th last, to mark the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells, Geoff Watson (aged 14) and I rang without pause the plain course of Double Oxford twice, Double Norwich four times, London Surprise twice and Superlative Surprise once. This took us 51½ minutes. I perhaps should have pointed out that it takes two to ring our way—one ringing bells 1 to 4 and the other 5 to 8.

We are most anxious to start on handbells, and would like to obtain, by whatever means possible, a set of 12 handbells—preferably secondhand. Perhaps there are some not now required that some Association or parish would let us have at a reasonable price.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN WATCH (Lt.-Col.).

61, Glossop Crescent,
Campbell, A.T.C.,
Australia.

FAMILY PEALS OF CINQUES

Dear Sir,—Your leading article of November 5th was most interesting and cleaned up a long-standing curiosity of mine in the name of "Trelawney."

I first came across this name on a village pub at St. Budeaux, near Plymouth, which I visited on several occasions when on holiday in Devonshire; then the name occurred again in that famous racehorse that won so many big races; and now I learn that the name belonged to a notable Cornish family of bell-ringers. A course of Grandsire Cinques was certainly a worthy performance by members of one family, especially in the year 1869, on handbells.

This brought to my mind another notable bellingring family, namely the Goftons, of Monkseaton, a holiday resort on the coast of Northumberland, only a few miles from Newcastle on Tyne.

This family rang a peal of 5,007 Stedman Cinques on handbells in 3 hours 11 minutes as follows: James E. Gofton 1-2, James A. Gofton 3-4, Thomas E. Gofton 5-6, R. Alder Gofton 7-8, Richard A. Gofton 9-10, William L. Gofton 11-12.

This was on December 9th, 1921. The first four are brothers and the last two are sons of R. Alder Gofton.

On November 3rd, 1920, the four Gofton brothers rang a peal of London Surprise Major on handbells, which was the first ever peal of London rung by four brothers; truly a remarkable performance.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN ANDERSON.

Newcastle upon Tyne.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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LETTERS—Continued

DISGRUNTLED AFTER 50 YEARS' RINGING

Dear Sir,—Letter "Lurking Around Kent" (page 704, by Mr. Wilfred Ring) and the replies thereto aroused my interest because of my experience when living for five years in the Canterbury district.

I retired to Kent determined to occupy my time in my only interest, "change ringing," and was prepared to go anywhere within reason to assist at either service ringing or practice. I was enthusiastic and I hope not unduly aggressive. I had been used to the high standard of ringing of Leicester and London and was not unaware of my own weaknesses. I found the state of ringing in the area absolutely appalling. Walmer, Deal, Ash, Wingham and Canterbury Cathedral were all of the same appalling standard, arising mostly from the same fault, lack of bell control.

I found the teaching of learners left wholly to persons who themselves had no idea how to handle a bell. It hurt me to see good material spoiled; a doctor at Ash, the Rector at Wingham, both would have been good ringers had they been properly taught, and numerous others. There was no dearth of learners, the membership of the District was going up by leaps and bounds. The District meetings were excellent social events but useless as ringing meetings. Out of a District membership of some 150 it was impossible to pick eight who could be relied upon to strike even a touch of Grandsire reasonably well; even bell ringing was out of the question. I could not resist on occasion offering a little friendly advice. That is when the trouble started.

"We can refuse you permission to ring." I was told by the District secretary at Canterbury. A grossly insulting letter from a Cathedral member and the cold shoulder, as only Christians, particularly Church of England, know how. For four years I walked two miles each way twice each Sunday to ring for service, often only four bells in rounds. I regularly attended morning service. Not once in all those years did any member of the congregation ever speak to me. No wonder people do not go to church. They were all busy "grinding their own axe."

I resolved, when I left Kent, never to enter a church again, not even for burial, as I think it wrong to ring church bells and not sometimes attend service. There are many I know who have no such qualms. I had perforce to give up ringing. It was a terrible strain to me. I had devoted all my spare time for 50 years to ringing and it took me several years to overcome the urge. I am completely weaned now, thank heaven, and have no interest whatever in either Church or ringing except to read "The Ringing World" to keep in touch with old friends. I have taken the paper regularly since the very first issue and the "Bell News" before that. Now that most of my ringing friends have ceased to be I am afraid I shall have to give up the paper at the end of this year. Ninety is too much.

W. BOTTRILL.

11, Kingston Road, Luton.

CRITICISM JUSTIFIED

Dear Sir,—In view of the recent correspondence concerning the Ladies' Guild peal attempt at Cheriton, Kent, I feel that the criticism is justified.

I was ringing the seventh and came very near to setting my bell once or twice. The way I felt the next day made me wish I had done so. I only continued to ring in the hope that the ringing would improve. — Yours sincerely,

Tenterden.

VIOLET ROLF.

IN SNOWDON'S "ROPESIGHT"

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Humphrey's letter (page 722) similar extents of Plain Bob Minor were published in Snowdon's "Ropesight," and there given as the compositions of J. F. Penning, of Safron Walden. They included extents with 42 singles and with the maximum number of calls (46).

Mr. Penning was a contemporary of Nathan J. Pittsow and did quite a lot of work on the composition of peals of Grandsire Triples before the appearance of Parker's 12-part peal. This latter peal, of course, superseded most of the earlier compositions and they and their authors are now largely forgotten.—Yours faithfully,

H. TURNER.

Shenfield, Essex.

HANDBELL RINGING

During the last few years the Ashton-under-Lyne Grammar School handbell team has had an annual outing to tune-ring with other schools in different parts of the country. On October 19th it was their turn to be hosts to these other schools. A minibus brought 15 ringers from the New Parks Boys' School, Leicester, and the Humphrey Perkins School, Barrow-on-Soar, Leicestershire, under the leadership of Mr. Michael White, while two cars travelled across the Pennines bringing nine ringers from Ecclesfield Grammar School, Sheffield, under the leadership of Mr. W. Mitchell.

After lunch at the school the Parish Church was visited, where the tower-bell ringers, assisted by a few local ringers, rang rounds on the 12 and a course of Grandsire Caters. This was followed by rounds and courses of Plain Bob Major and Grandsire Triples on the eight at St. Peter's, after which everybody returned to the school for the main purpose of the visit, that of tune ringing.

Perhaps the most interesting part of this was the contrast in style between the local and Sheffield ringers and of the Leicestershire ringers. The former ring from specially arranged music, picking their bells up as required while the latter ring "four-in-hand" style using a number rotation. After hearing how tunes such as "Grandfather's Clock" and "Green Hills of Tyrol" should be played, the teams interchanged to hear how they should not be played! Two hours quickly passed and after sandwiches, cakes and tea the visitors left on their long journeys home after expressing their thanks to Mr. Partington and his ringers for all the arrangements made to make the "get-together" so enjoyable and successful.

CHANGE RINGING (contd.)

the triple dodge in Yorkshire seem not only "less practicable in ringing" but also, in three cases, unsymmetrical. (A triple dodge needs eight rows, too.)

"Splicing Plain (Major) Methods" is an intriguing chapter and it completes the theoretical part of the work. Not least of the practical instruction not so far referred to is that on change ringing on handbells. The author favours the "relationship" system of learning double-handed change ringing rather than the "two blue line" one, and shows how a method can be rung by having a knowledge of the construction of it and of the position of the treble. Since he points out that this system would be simple, for the person who started his tower bell ringing by it, why doesn't he at least mention it in the earlier chapters? I know of more than one good ringer who learned to ring changes on tower bells using a handbell system, and one of the obvious advantages is that the importance of the ear and of rhythm is stressed rather than that of the eye.

Lastly, there are peal compositions for many of the methods dealt with (touches and quarter peals are generally included in the chapter on the particular method), a section on "Definitions"—selections from the Central Council's Handbook—and "The Organisation of the Exercise and the Duties of a Ringer," a fitting conclusion to the work, and indicative of the author's concern for much more than change ringing.

Here is a book to be recommended most strongly. If its price (63s.) seems high it must be remembered that it is not a paper back but a very handsomely bound volume which will outlive most of its contemporaries on ringing matters. There are two suggestions for those who do not want a copy of their own to start with (I think they will want their own soon enough): Get a copy for the tower library, or ask the local public library to buy it. A demand from several residents should be effective.

Congratulations to both author and publisher!
W. F. M.

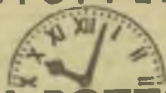
BARNSELY DISTRICT SOCIETY

Holmfirth, near Huddersfield, has one of Yorkshire's silent eight-bell towers and when the Barnsley and District Society met there on November 13th an appeal was made to local people to take up the art. If any were forthcoming the Society would give all the help they could. An excellent tea was served by ladies, who were also holding their sale of work.

Mr. Noel F. Moxon presided at the business meeting, at which Michael Platt (Saddleworth) was elected a member. It was announced that the hon. president, Canon Morley, of Barnsley, was retiring this month and towers were asked to send donations for a present. Messrs. E. Peace and C. Moxon reported on the Yorkshire Joint Council.

Next meeting: December 11th, joint with the West Yorkshire Association, at Dewsbury, when nominations for Barnsley officers will be received.

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CHANGE OF POLICY

TWO points of change in policy are noted in the bulletin of the College of Campanology: (a) The function of the College in regard to the three types of ringing course that the College initiated, and which are now generally being arranged locally, has become mainly advisory rather than organisational—a natural development in the circumstances. (b) The rendering of "annual returns" has been suspended, these having served their purpose in showing that the results of the work of the College, both at home and abroad, justify the continuation of that work.

Ringing Courses.—The three types of course that the College introduced are:—

- (1) The one-day instructors' course.
- (2) The week-end residential "all grades" course.
- (3) The three-monthly serial course for beginners.

The value of these courses has been proved, whether organised by the College or by local Societies in conjunction with local education authorities. Members can still promote College (advisory) aims in this respect by making it known in their district that the College will continue gladly to give advice on running these courses, as may be required. College Leaflet "C" gives detailed information.

Latest Summary.—Correspondents (local representatives 20; Tutors 36; Examiners 12; College Officers or Members in 35 counties in Great Britain, Northern Ireland and Eire; also in Southern Rhodesia, Tanganyika, U.S.A., Australia and New Zealand. Affiliated Schools of Ringing 5; Learners instructed 736; Beginners helped 542; Locations or centres of instruction active 16. Courses run by the College and/or individual Members 48. Recommendations to promote College activity 213. Talks (not courses) including broadcasts given on ringing subjects 163. Special efforts for Sunday service ringing (specified in College Constitution), now general among active members. Tower inspections and reports 143. Efforts by individual Members and Officers during the last "reported" year include over a dozen varied activities to advance the work of the College generally, and to assist neighbouring towers.

Publications.—As is known, a main objective of College activity is the compilation and publication of a "Ringers' Manual of Reference," in nine "parts." Part I has run through two editions—the second being entirely revised. Only about a dozen copies of this "standard" work in "Bell Handling and Control" remain unsold. Part II, "Method Structure in Change Ringing—an introduction to its Technology and Theory," has been in course of preparation for many years and is now ready to go to print. Part III, "Practical Method Ringing," is under way. It is not a major treatise on methods, but seeks to show the pupil how to acquire the art of method ringing, and the instructor how to draw up a progressive plan of advancement from one method to another. For learning details of design of specific methods, other works must be consulted. It is hoped to publish Part III next year. As to the remaining six Parts, promises of written contributions have been made, but one contributor of part of a particular script has since died. Written contributions are invited from those who might feel disposed to submit them. Even outline notes, for editing, would be very helpful. These remaining Parts are entitled as below, and until publication is effected alternative publications are recommended as indicated:—

Part IV.—Handbell Change Ringing." (Alternative—Central Council publication: "Change Ringing on Handbells.")

Part V.—"Composition and Proof." (Alternative—Miscellaneous articles in "The Ringing World," Jasper Snowdon Series, and some Central Council publications.)

Part VI.—"Calling and Conducting." (Alternative—Central Council publication: "On Conducting.")

Part VII.—"Historical—Bells, Towers, Ringing Records." (Alternative—"History and Art of Change Ringing" by the late Ernest Morris. Out of print but in some libraries.)

Part VIII.—"Belfry Maintenance." (Alternative—Central Council Publication: "Preservation and Repair of Bells.")

Part IX.—"The Art of the Carillon." (See public libraries for alternatives.)

Patron.—Members will probably have noted that the office of Patron has hitherto remained vacant. After some nine years' steady activity, it seemed fitting to approach a dignitary of the Church. Accordingly, an invitation to accept this office was extended to the Bishop of Portsmouth (the Rt. Rev. John H. L. Phillips) and he has graciously accepted the invitation.

Principal Officers.—President, Harry Miles; Vice-President and Senior Chaplain, Canon G. Thurlow; Assistant Hon. Chaplain, Rev. M. Melville; Hon. Consultants, Frederick Sharpe and R. Clouston; Principal, A. York-Bramble; Registrar, Mrs. Edna Jones; Bursar, Surgeon/Captain A. Lawrey, R.N. (ret'd); Press and Public Relations (office vacant); Governors (President and Vice-President ex-officio, with 12 others), A. L. Bennett, Prof. R. J. Brocklehurst, R. Clouston, Miss Marie Cross, G. Dodds, F. Dukes, A. Lawrey, C. W. Pipe, A. J. Pitman, F. Sharpe, R. I. Shepherd and A. York-Bramble.

Place of the College in the Exercise.—In endeavouring to interest ringers of varied attainment in the work of the College one is sometimes asked—"What good reason is there for joining the College?" Frankly, the answer is—"None at all, unless you are prepared to work in one or more of the several ways that further the declared objects of the College, as set down in the College Constitution, in Part I of the Manual, and in various leaflets issued by the College." This answer might well be followed up by the further question—"Are not ringers' associations and guilds doing this?" To which the reply is—"Yes, but only in part." Perhaps the three more important of these objectives are:

1. Raising the standard of tuition in bell-handling and control.
2. Building up "area" Panels of Tutors and Testers in the attainment of proficiency in elementary change-ringing.
3. Aiding in the production and distribution of the "Ringers' Manual of Reference." (Nine Parts.)

In a tour of some towers one can be surprised, if not shocked, at the exhibition of poor bell-handling, with consequent impairment of control. This is traceable, of course, mainly to lack of competent instruction, there being little organisation in some Associations for the training or guidance of instructors and the setting up of standards to which they should work.

Applications for College membership are invited.

ELSTOW, BEDFORDSHIRE

Organised by Miss M. Pettitt, the annual outing of the ringers of Elstow, Bedfordshire (John Bunyan's tower) took place on September 18th, when Northamptonshire and Leicestershire were visited.

First stop was at Cottesbrook, a village of great charm, where the bells of All Saints' were a pleasure to ring. The noble tower of St. Mary's, Lutterworth, contains a very handy ring of eight and these were followed by the heavier octave at Hinckley. Further ringing at Ibstock was followed by a delightful ride through the lovely Charnwood Forest to Barrow-upon-Soar, where another fine ring of six gave satisfaction.

The party are indebted to the ringers of Barrow-upon-Soar for an excellent tea. At Wanlip the best ringing of the day took place on a very fine light ring of six.

The leisurely journey home was broken for refreshment.

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the success of this most enjoyable trip. A. E. R.

HERTS AND ESSEX SOMERSET WEEK-END

THE Ted Rochester (Sawbridgeworth) week-end was another result of Audrey and Ron Short's kind preparation and the "surprise" that can now very often be expected awaited us at Gillingham: Brigadier Young joined us and with him was Mr. Smith from Leatherhead.

The Rochester/Goodman contingency spent Friday night at Cann Lodge Hotel, Shaftesbury, drifting on Saturday, and via a nostalgic inspection of Mere, into Gillingham.

Gillingham (8, 27 cwt.: "Dove" 25 cwt.). We were met by Mr. J. Ralph. A good rise and fall were our best efforts here. (Some of the party had travelled during the night.)

Bruton (6, 25 cwt.). A stately performance of London Minor restored our status quo and was remembered throughout the week-end. To those who collect spectacular churches, St. Mary's, Bruton, has a fine Greek Corinthian altar setting. This, with the rest of the chancel and roof, is eye-catching white touched with blue. The whole is freshly and heavily gilded.

Castle Cary tower is in splints, so we stopped in the town only to regale handsomely at Asher's Cafe.

North Cadbury (6, 19 cwt.) was a most satisfactory replacement for Castle Cary. Mr. W. Osborne, who welcomed us, was the consulting engineer to the Bath and Wells Association and his own bells here showed professional treatment.

Ditchat (8, 24 cwt.). Here we rang Grandsire Major at Brig. Young's suggestion. It is very simple but richly harmonious.

Evercrech (10, 21 cwt.). Our ten-bell highlight. After Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal and tea at the Bell, opposite, time was filled in on handbells.

Shepton Mallet (8, 25 cwt.). We were joined by two Brent Pelham learner ringers, John and Angela Keats, halting on their plover to Wales. They rang their first rounds ever away from their home (six-bell, 8 cwt.) tower.

Croscombe (6, 17 cwt.) was a good finish. We were feeling the strain by now. This must rank as one of the noisiest little towers, packed in amongst the houses, short draught, no noticeable insulation, and heads about 12 feet below the lips of the bells.

Wells, the Red Lion, was the next port of call. It is in process of restoration—an interesting ancient building.

On Sunday, towers were St. Cuthbert's (8, 27 cwt.) for morning service, this was the Keats' second tower for their collection and their round-ringing was a credit to them. They left our party after this tower but their faces were glowing. The week-enders took part in Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and three leads of Superlative (for Ted).

The Cathedral (10, 56 cwt.), the heaviest ten in the world. The ringing chamber is surprisingly small and unspectacular for such an imposing ring. It was good to see so many keen young people doing their willing utmost on bells of a powerfully independent character.

Andover. St. Mary's 15 cwt. eight are a lovely ring but we were too tired to do justice to them. The Evening Grandsire and Stedman Triples were unfortunately very rough.

Audrey and Ron Short have our greatest thanks for their painstaking work in making the arrangements.

YORK AREA HALF DAY

Ringers from Bradfield and Wentworth, in South Yorkshire, joined others from Stockton-on-the-Forest and St. John's College, York, for a half-day tour on October 24th. Failing to find the key at Wistow, the party pushed on to Tadcaster (8, 21 cwt.), and the ringing was much enjoyed.

After a picnic tea, a warm welcome was received at Bishopthorpe (4, 14 cwt.). Mr. Frank Horner met us at St. Stephen's, Acomb (6, 11 cwt.), and the cramped ringing space proved to be quite a challenge. The last tower was Stockton-on-the-Forest (4, 5 cwt.), and despite the fog home was reached safely.

VETERANS REASSEMBLE AT BISHOPSGATE



WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD STRIKING COMPETITION

Despite the disappointment of having the entry for the Guild striking competition halved by last-minute withdrawals, the committee decided to carry on with the fixture. The result was a most enjoyable contest at St. Michael's, Southampton, on October 30th, when over 70 members sat down to tea prepared by the ladies in St. Michael's Hall.

Immediately after tea Mr. C. H. Kippin gave to the company a full report of his afternoon's judging with comments on each team's performance. St. Mary's, Southampton, who rang Grandsire Triples, were the winners with 169 faults and will hold the Alliston Cup for the year. The remaining results were: Fareham (Grandsire Triples) 199 faults; Eling (Grandsire Doubles) 245; Ringwood (Stedman Triples) 276; Alton (Grandsire Doubles) 278.

The Master of the Guild, Canon K. W. H. Felstead, presented the cup to St. Mary's captain, Mr. John Faithfull, amid applause. He commiserated with last year's holders (Ringwood), who, after an immaculate start, sustained a trip about halfway through from which they never fully recovered. Mr. Kippin said the standard of ringing that afternoon was good and that competition ringing was improving and becoming more popular. He hoped that there would be a larger number of teams competing next year. Thanks were accorded to Mr. Kippin for acting as judge, to the ladies for preparing the tea, and also to the Vicar for the use of the bells. After tea there was ringing on St. Michael's bells in methods ranging from Grandsire to Bristol Surprise Royal. A.V.D.

TORRE, TORQUAY

The ringers of Torre, Torquay, held their annual outing on Saturday, October 23rd, when they were accompanied by friends from Babbacombe, Buckfastleigh and Whitchurch (Tavistock). Cornwall was the venue and the towers visited were St. Stephen's-by-Launceston, South Petherwin, St. Thomas', Launceston, Lawhiton, Linkinhorne (one of the best for the afternoon), Callington, St. Mellion and St. Nicholas', Saltash. The route across Dartmoor to Launceston was very much enjoyed. Tea was partaken at Callington, and thanks are due to Mr. K. E. Fursdon for the excellent arrangements made.

John Euston sends us a picture of this year's veteran gathering to add to a comprehensive series extending over many years. Almost traditional, this gathering took place at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, where the Rector the Rev. Stanley Moore extended his usual warm welcome and thanked those present for their loyal service to the Church—it went into thousands of years, as the average age of those present was 74. A solemn moment was when the Rector read out the list of those who had "passed on" during the year—gaps in the ranks most difficult to fill.

Mrs. Davis and her helpers provided the usual good tea. In the vote of thanks to the ladies and the Rector mention was made of absent friends, some of whom were at other meetings and outings, some too ill to come and others who could not afford the cost.

Mr. Euston concludes: "We can thank Tom Lock and all the party of Great Adventure II for what may prove to be the best 'goodwill mission ever.' Two of the veterans—Arthur Mason and Len Stilwell—can be seen in the back row, and we give our best thanks that they all returned safe and well."

"FILLING IN" THE POLDEN HILLS

On October 9th ringers from Worpleston, Crayford, Lichfield and Ghana (past members of Durham University Society) and some from Somerset gathered at Westonzoyle for a tour arranged under the above heading. The historic church was studied prior to ascending the tower, where Cambridge was successfully rung on these glorious bells. Over the aerodrome to Middlezoy, where the absence of the tenor was more marked than we expected. Here we had the best striking of the day, ringing from a card headed "Bob Singles Part One," which we know as Plain Bob Minimus! This should be an interesting ring when the tenor is put in order. Next was Keith Prime's tower at Ashcott, where tea was available in the Church Hall. The large ringing chamber at Shapwick was a joy to see and the bells were a joy to ring. Oxford Treble Bob being the height of our achievement. Over the hill to Moorlinch, where London (among other things) was mutilated.

We recrossed the Somerset and Dorset boundary at Shapwick Station and continued to Meare's tricky ring, where Horace Toogood fulfilled a long-standing ambition by pulling up the tenor for the first time, having learned to ring here years ago. Keith Prime turned it in to St. Clement's.

Our thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Prime, incumbents and those who freely provided transport. P.J.H.

BRIDGWATER RINGERS UP THE CREEK!

On September 25th members of the Bridgewater Branch of the Bath and Wells Association went on their first Branch outing to the River Dart. Fortunately, we were blessed with fine weather, despite almost continual rain the day before. Several hazards were encountered before we finally arrived home at 10.30 p.m.

The first occurred when we were trying to find the picturesque village of Cockington, near Torquay, the first tower of the day. After our coach had been successfully backed down a steep and narrow hill, the driver found the road so narrow as to be impassable. Inquiring the way, he was told: "Well, you could go that way," pointing to the road we had just backed out of! Eventually we arrived, to be greeted by a lady who was patiently waiting with the keys. "Ah," she said with a smile, "we know that you cannot bring coaches right into the village, but visitors don't! (Future visitors—you have been warned!)"

Half an hour of ringing followed and then it was on to Brixham, where we found the ringing chamber so spacious that our non-ringing friends were able to come in and watch us "perform." Some, however, preferred to remain downstairs to put sixpenny pieces into the slot of a working model of the church!

We crossed the Dart by ferry at Kingswear to Dartmouth and then boarded the "Cardiff Castle," which went straight back across to Kingswear before proceeding up the river. This trip the highlight of the day, was very enjoyable.

A break for tea came when we arrived at Totnes. Although tea had been booked at a cafe, they seemed to be surprised at our arrival, and one or two offers of help were eagerly accepted. One young man (married less than a year) disappeared into the kitchen with the proprietress to cook his own cheese-on-toast, whilst a certain policeman made a charming "waitress."

The third and last tower was Pinhoe, another elusive village. Darkness had descended when we left the church and we made straight for home, stopping only for refreshments.

Our thanks to the organisers for arranging such an enjoyable outing. We look forward to another adventure next year. V.S.

HESSLE, EAST YORKS.—On Oct. 31st, 1.20 p.m. Plain Bob Minor: R. Sharp 1, R. Horton 2, R. Jordan 3, V. Beaumont 4, R. Hawtree (cond.) 5, Rev. F. Ross 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 15th, 1.40 p.m. Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Lockwood (first in method on treble) 1, Christine Steward 2, M. Howes 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, Winifred Lockwood (first as cond. in method) 5, N. F. Whittell 6.

ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF MINOR METHODS

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"T"

TANKERSLEY TREBLE BOB

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 12.5. 6ths 34625.
Rung and named at Cawthorne.

TANNERS' PLEASURE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 3. 6ths 34625.

TATTERSHALL SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 5. 6ths 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

TAVISTOCK DELIGHT

See Pembroke Castle.

TAXAL DELIGHT

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.3. 2nds 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

TERLING SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 123 x 34 x 5. 2nds 65324.
Single change method.

TEWKESBURY (ABBEY) DELIGHT

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 1. 2nds 42635.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

THELWALL BOB

x 14 x 36.12.5. 2nds 42635.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

THORNE SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.5. 2nds 36245.

THORNHAM ALLIANCE

36.14 x 36.14 x 12.3. 2nds 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

THORNHILL SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.5. 4ths 36524.

THRYBERGH ALLIANCE

34 x 34.16 x 36 x 3. 6ths 64523.
First rung in a peal May 26th, 1961.

THURNSCOE SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.3. 4ths 54263.

THURTON TREBLE BOB

See Darton Treble Bob.

TIBENHAM ALLIANCE

x 16 x 16.34 x 34.5. 6ths 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

TICKHILL DELIGHT

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 1. 4ths 62534.

TINTERN DELIGHT

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 3. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931. Also called
Marsden Delight.

TOLLESBURY DELIGHT

36 x 34.16 x 12 x 123 x 12 x 5. 2nds 56342.
Single change method.

TONBRIDGE ALLIANCE

34.16 x 16 x 12 x 3. 6ths 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1961. Also called Wake-
field Alliance.

TORQUAY SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 1. 4ths 62534.

TOTTENHAM BOB

See Enfield Bob (II).

TREBLE BOB

See Oxford Treble Bob.

TREETON SURPRISE

36 x 36.14 x 56 x 36.14 x 14.5. 4ths 35642.
In A. Nash's notebook. (Is Reversed Lon-
don Surprise). Found in J. E. Sykes'
notebook (somewhat earlier) as Trenton
Surprise, although A. Nash's name is
probably correct. J. E. S. gives 2nd place
bob. Usual where 6th place would cause
four blows behind.

TRENTON SURPRISE

See Treeton Surprise.

TRINITY SUNDAY TREBLE BOB

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 3. 2nds 64523.
No name in C.C. Collection, 1907, al-
though the method had recently been
named. Also named Sandiacre Treble Bob
(1911) and Coventry Treble Bob (1910).

TROSTRE BOB

34.16 x 16.34.5. 6ths 65243.
Handbells, March 13th, 1965.

TROWELL TREBLE BOB

See Ockley Treble Bob.

TULIP DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 3. 2nds 36245.
"Campanologia," 1702. Also Annable's
notebook.

TULIP (MODERNISED)

See Francis Genius.

TUXFORD DELIGHT

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.5. 4ths 46325.

"U"

ULLSWATER BOB

Identical with City Bob. Rung as Ulls-
water on handbells September 6th/7th,
1964.

UNION MINOR

See Windsor Single (II).

UNION SCHOLARS' PLEASURE

In Annable's notebook. Identical with
Francis Goodwill.

UPSHIRE SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 123 x 34 x 5. 2nds 42563.
Single change method.

"V"

VALE ROYAL DELIGHT

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 5. 2nds 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

VELINDRE BOB

34.16 x 16.34.5. 2nds 54632.
Handbells, August 24th, 1964.

VENTNOR ALLIANCE

x 16 x 16.34.12 x 1. 6ths 56342.
False, as all rows with treble in 4ths and
5ths are the same (in)-course. This
method, together with four other false
methods, Walpole, Waverley, Wilfrid and
Wycliffe Alliance, was included in the
C.C. Collection, 1931.

VICTORIA SURPRISE

See Norwich Surprise.

VICTORIA TREBLE BOB

x 56 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 14 x 1. 4ths 35642.
In A. Nash's Collection.

VILLAGE BOB

36.16 x 36 x 3. 2nds 35264.
William Walker, "Bell News," 1882-83.
Contains three blows in 6.

VIOLET TREBLE BOB

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 1. 4ths 52643.
"Campanologia," 1702. One of the three
flowers of the publication (the others
being Old Primrose, i.e. Primrose II—and
Tulip) that have bloomed for almost
two and a half centuries. Cultivated now
only by connoisseurs. Found also in
Annable's notebook and many other
places.

VULCAN DELIGHT

See Pontefract Delight.

"W"

WAINFLEET SPECIAL ALLIANCE

34.16 x 12 x 16.34 x 12.5. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

WAKEFIELD SINGLE BOB

See City Bob.

WAKEFIELD SPECIAL ALLIANCE

See Tonbridge Special Alliance.

WAKEFIELD SURPRISE (I)

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 3. 6ths 46532.
Named and rung at Cawthorne.

WAKEFIELD SURPRISE (II)

x 56 x 14 x 56 x 36 x 34 x 16 x 34 x 36
x 56 x 14.36 x 36. 2nds 35624.
Asymmetrical, which in this case brings
up out-of-course lead ends. False, of
course.

WALCOT SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 123 x 34 x 5. 6ths 64523.
Single change method.

WALPOLE ALLIANCE

False cf. Ventnor.

WALSLEY'S VICTORY

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 3. 6ths 46532.
Rung at Wath and named after Charles
(Charlie) Walsh, who rang at Darfield and
Wath-on-Dearne.

WALSINGHAM ALLIANCE

x 16 x 16 x 12 x 5. 2nds 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

WALTHAM DELIGHT

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.5. 6ths 35264.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907. Also
called Sbelley Delight.

WARKWORTH SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 12.3. 6ths 42635.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

WARWICK (CASTLE) DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.1. 2nds 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

WASTWATER BOB

36.14 x 16.34.1. 2nds 36245.

WATERFORD TREBLE BOB

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.5. 6ths. 35264.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907. Also
called Shamrock.

WATERLOO DELIGHT

See Melandra Delight.

WATH DELIGHT (I)

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 3. 6ths 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907. One of
the methods in William Woodcock's note-
book. Rung at Wath-on-Dearne, Sunday,
November 6th, 1921, the earliest record
I can find of it in that tower.

WATH DELIGHT (II)

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.1. 4ths 45362.
An earlier version than (I), rung at
Wath-on-Dearne and described as Violet
and Sheffield Surprise, by A. Nash Dated
November 30th, 1903.

WATH DELIGHT (III)

x 36 x 14 x 56 x 36 x 34 x 3. 2nds 64523.
Also among A. Nash's Collection.

WAVERLEY ALLIANCE

False cf. Ventnor.

WAVERTREE COLLEGE BOB

x 16 x 36.12.3. 6ths 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

WEARMOUTH SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.1. 2nds 56342.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

WELLINGTON DELIGHT (I)

Recorded, amongst others, by William
Finch, of Wath-on-Dearne, in 1825. See
Francis Goodwill.

WELLINGTON DELIGHT (II)

See Barham.

WELLS SURPRISE

36 x 36.14 x 12 x 36.14 x 34.1. 2nds 42635.
"Clavis," 1788. Named correctly in C.C.
Collection, 1907.

WENLOCK COURT BOB

See Grandsire Court.

WESTLECOT BOB

x 14 x 123 x 5. 6ths 64523.
Single change method. Handbells,
November 23rd, 1961.

WESTMINSTER SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 3. 2nds 35264.
Westminster Bob in Annable's notebook.
Correctly named in C.C. Collection, 1907.

WESTMORLAND DELIGHT

36 x 34.16 x 12 x 123 x 14 x 1. 2nds 35264.
Single change method.

(To be continued)

OBITUARY

MR. COLIN HARRISON

The news of the sudden death of Mr. Colin Harrison at his home in Woodhouse Eaves, near Loughborough, on November 8th, will be received with regret by a very wide circle of friends who had come in contact with him at the Bell Foundry and in ringing circles. He was 68 years of age. On two previous occasions he had given his friends concern for his health, the first being when he had to give up ringing at the Parish Church, which to him was a part of his life.

Mr. Harrison joined the staff of Taylor's Bell Foundry in 1928, when he took up the appointment of assistant manager, a position he held until his retirement, only two weeks before his death. He will be remembered by many people, ringers and non-ringers alike, as for many years, especially before the war, practically every Saturday afternoon was spent either ringing, attending meetings or showing visitors round the Bell Foundry.

Mr. Harrison started his ringing career in Sheffield at an early age, his father, Mr. Robert Harrison, being a well-known Sheffield ringer. It was only natural therefore that on going to Loughborough he should join the Loughborough Parish Church bell-ringers, and he was their Ringing Master from 1934 to 1955. He rang 261 peals ranging from Doubles to Cinques and Minor to Maximus; his last peal, which he conducted, was the 1,000th peal on the Bell Foundry bells. It was in 1963 that Mr. Harrison had a serious attack of coronary thrombosis, from which he never completely recovered.

The funeral service and cremation was at Loughborough on November 11th and among a large congregation were representatives of Messrs. John Taylor and Co, the Leicester Diocesan Guild, the Parish Church and fellow Masons. During the service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on his own handbells by Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Staniforth and J. Jelly for the Leicester Guild, Mr. H. Marcon for the Bell Foundry, and Mr. L. W. Stevens for the Parish Church.

To his memory a quarter peal of Stedman Caters (his favourite method), conducted by Peter Staniforth, was rung with the bells half-muffled at the Parish Church on the following Sunday evening. Welcomed among the band was his son, Geoffrey Harrison. A half-muffled peal was rung at Hathers on November 13th to his memory and with sympathy for his wife and son.

AN APPRECIATION

Colin was a member of a ringing family and when he came from Sheffield to Loughborough he brought with him the conscientious duty expected of a Sunday service ringer—that he should give of his best to service ringing. To many he will be remembered as their guide and informant on the occasion of their tour of the Bell Foundry, where one would realise his excellent memory for facts and details. He was a member for many years of the old Midland Counties Guild and then the Leicester Diocesan Guild, of which he was a trustee until his death. L. W. S.

DERBY ASSOCIATION HOLD TOWER CAPTAINS' COURSE

Writing on the Derby Diocesan Association's course at Lee Green Youth Centre, Mr. Norman Chaddock, who was a guest lecturer, writes that it was an instructive two-day course for tower captains. The officers of the Derby Association are to be commended on the great efforts being made to encourage progress in the towers in their area, and the course was one of their many efforts in that direction.

"I was impressed by the friendly spirit amongst those present and the careful preparation which had been made by the organisers. We also had the pleasure of enjoying ringing on a delightful ring of eight nearby and the use of an attractive hostelry after our other energies were exhausted. It was a profitable week-end for all of us and will remain a happy memory for many years to come."

MR. W. H. HOLLANDS

The sudden death on November 5th of Mr. William H. Hollands, following a collapse while working at Gillingham Railway Station, is mourned by members of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association and at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, London, where he was a sidesman and churchwarden at the time of his death. He was 62.

Born at Upchurch, where his father was blacksmith and also a ringer, he was for 47 years in the service of the Southern Railway, being for many years an express driver on trains between Ramsgate and London. At the time of his death he was foreman at the Gillingham Depot. "Bill" was a man of fine stature and an excellent tenor man. While at Ramsgate he rang at St. Laurence, Thanet, for ten years, and then moved to Rainham to join St. Margaret's band. Other towers he joined in later years were Rochester Cathedral and St. Martin-in-the-Fields. He was a strong link with the Railwaymen's Guild in his part of Kent. The sympathy of the many friends is extended to his widow and family.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. James Clifford, Vicar of Rainham, at the Medway Crematorium, on November 11th. Besides family mourners and fellow workmates there were present friends from St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Mr. C. A. Bassett of Wadhurst, Ringing Master of the Railwaymen's Guild, and Messrs. F. J. Cheal and C. E. J. Norris, representing the Rochester District.

To his memory a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Margaret's, Rainham, that evening by Mrs. F. C. Cheal 1, Mrs. D. R. Wraight 2, G. Kenward 3, C. E. J. Norris 4, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 5, B. Sayers 6, R. E. Finch 7, W. Wood 8.

MRS. DOROTHY I. JACKSON

Scothern, Lincs, has lost a valued ringer and church worker by the sudden death on November 8th of Mrs. Dorothy Irene Jackson, aged 63. The previous day she rang for service.

Mrs. Jackson learned to ring in the early 20's and was one of the oldest members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. She had been a Sunday School teacher and member of P.C.C.

To her memory a quarter peal of Minor was rung half-muffled on November 14th, when some of her favourite methods were included.

RAMBLING AND RINGING

The Maidstone District's "Ringing Ramble" attracted 25 walking and talking ringers. The towers visited were Harrietsham (8), Hollingbourne (6) and Leeds (10), the day ending with a barbecue at John Betts' home at Harrietsham. Practically the entire route was by footpaths and tracks and provided some new and delightful views of Kent. The Pilgrims' Way along the Downs and the path through Leeds Castle were particularly pleasant parts of the journey. The organisers and Mr. and Mrs. Betts are sincerely thanked.

A WEEK-END IN CORNWALL

For the second year in succession Yeovil ringers have joined with Cornish friends in holding a ringing week-end, and they reached their base, "Parc Behah" Guest House, at Coverack, on the Lizard, on October 22nd.

Assembling next morning at Ludgvan were Mr. and Mrs. Coward, Derek Beaufoy, John Cornelius, Wilf Boucher and the "Launceston Lads," Brian Vince and Penny, Ted Langley, Tom Setter and Roger Fox.

After Ludgvan, towers visited were Gulval, Penzance, Paul, Madron, Towednack, Zennor and finally Sennen, where, after ringing, "The First and Last" Inn attracted most of the party before going their separate ways. Service ringing on Sunday was at Gwennap, and after lunch in Launceston two more towers were visited—Lewannick and South Petherwyn. Our route home took us across Dartmoor and as we crossed the border into Somerset we knew our week-end was almost over.

Gerry Coward, our organiser, Wilf Boucher and all tower captains and incumbents are sincerely thanked. J. C.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Michael Sutton, of Rodbourne Cheney, rang his first quarter on November 5th, seven days before his 12th birthday.

After a period of 13 months, Mancroft 12 rang out again on Sunday, November 14th, the work having now been completed by Messrs Taylors, of Loughborough, of replacing the broken H-section of the 11th.

The peals on the same day, November 13th, at Landewednack and Sennen by Mr. Alan Carveth's party, were rung in the most southerly and westerly towers in the British Isles respectively.

Bishop's Cleeve, Glos, had a day of celebration on November 7th, when a quarter peal in four Doubles methods was rung. It not only marked the dedication of the new organ but was rung by the new band trained by Miss Anna K. Sadowska, the average age of which is 15½ years.

Questions might be asked concerning the footnote in the South Collingham peal of Doubles, which is given as Simon Humphrey's 50th peal whilst ringing. It was the 51st he took part in as he conducted a peal at Loughborough whilst standing out.

Mr. D. P. Elsmore gave notice at the nomination meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Guild at Aldershot on November 13th that he would not be standing for re-election. Nominated for the post are Mrs. Beryl Simpson and Mr. J. Collier.

The United Kingdom Provident Institution is holding its 125th anniversary exhibition in London. On view is policy No. 1, held by Robert Warner, twice Master of the Bellfounders' Company, who founded the Institution in 1840 as a challenge to those who claimed that the teetotaler was a greater risk as an assured life than one who did not abstain.

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HIS 21st BIRTHDAY

David Herschell, Ringing Master of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, celebrated his 21st birthday on October 30th by calling his first peal of Royal at Guildford Cathedral. When the District met at Merrow later in the day double congratulations were extended to him. Highlights of the ringing were Cambridge and London Minor in the afternoon at Merrow and London Major at West Clandon.

The Rector (the Rev. A. E. Ford) conducted the service, and tea was served in the Church Hall. At the meeting the general secretary (Mr. C. Munday) reported difficulty in re-ordering badges as the present supplies had ceased to operate. The meeting agreed that the small gilt badge was the most popular and that it would be more economical to purchase just one type.

A DIAMOND WEDDING FROM DEVON

For some years hon. secretary and treasurer of the North East Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, Mr. C. G. Dymond and Mrs. Dymond, of Silverton, Devon, celebrated on November 4th the 60th anniversary of their marriage. The happiness was shed by a quarter of Grandsire Doubles rung by Mrs. C. Coombes 1. A. G. Selvey 2. H. Ransom 3. J. R. Hutchings 4. W. R. Richards (conductor) 5. F. S. J. Down 6. Mr. Dymond has been a member of the local band since 1932. He is now 82 but still manages to ring for Sunday service.

LADIES' PROFITABLE MEETING AT BRIDGEND

At the happy autumn meeting of the South Wales District at Bridgend on October 23rd most of the ladies present attempted and learned some change ringing of value to them.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Tom Jones, and Mrs. Evans was organist. All were asked to remember the life and example of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and suitable prayers were led by the Vicar. Members of the Mothers' Union very kindly gave the tea. These ladies were sincerely thanked by Mr. Trevor Roderick. Mrs. Coles, vice-president, thanked the Vicar and Mrs. Evans.

At the business meeting congratulations were expressed to Mrs. Lucas on her marriage, and to Miss Penny Welch on her engagement. New members elected were Mrs. Stella Clench, Mrs. Eileen Hughes and Miss Sarah Byford (Usk). Miss Louise Pewtner (Chepstow) and Miss Jane Griffiths (Bedwellty).

Next meeting (annual): Monmouth, January 29th (provisional).

ANOTHER UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Another University Society has been formed—the University of Essex Ringers' Society, which has 20 members, of whom 16 are beginners. The founder and president is Mr. Brian Downie, whose home tower is Aston, Birmingham. Other officers are: Vice-president, Mr. John Mattingley, Linton, Maidstone; secretary, Miss Antoinette Willets, Llandaff Cathedral; treasurer, Miss Penny Fleming, a newcomer to ringing.

Practices are held on Thursdays at St. Peter's, Colchester, under the direction of Mr. H. Millatts, the local Ringing Master, and the president. Hopes are entertained that the first quarter and then the first peal will not be too long coming.



WILFRID G. WILSON

Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson was selected by Faber and Faber to be the modern Troyte, and his product, "Change Ringing," is offered to the Exercise today. It is a book that will be passed from generation to generation and is a necessary text book for all public libraries.

A Londoner, as a schoolboy he came in contact with J. Armiger Trollope at Christ Church, Ealing. To him and the late Ernest Turner, Trollope imparted much of his knowledge of ringing and throughout this work there is evidence of this remarkable man's conclusions and deductions. As an author of ringing text-books Wilfrid Wilson has served a profitable apprenticeship in ways other than financial. His "Notes for Beginners" went into 3,500 copies and was then incorporated into the Central Council's "Handbook for Beginners," which maintains an annual sale of about 1,500. Another success is "On Conducting," a Central Council publication. Since 1959 he has been a member of the Editorial Committee of "The Ringing World."

Wilfrid is in great demand as an instructor and lecturer at courses, and recognition of his work in this direction came with his election as a vice-president of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. At one time associated with the Middlesex County Association, which he represented on the Central Council from 1936 to 1948, he has of late directed much of his energies, apart from his first love, the captaincy of Christ Church, Ealing, to the London County Association. With this body he has served as treasurer and he succeeded Mr. Taffender as Master, and he is one of their four representatives on the Central Council.

His working life has been spent with the London County Council in the clerk's department and with its successors in matters of planning—for he was on the Planning Committee maintaining a blue line to keep procedure to a recognised pattern.

THE MEETING POINT WAS CALGARY

There was an international flavour about the half-peal of Doubles at Calgary, Alberta, on November 6th, which is claimed to be the longest length rung in Canada for 20 years. Pat Laycock, formerly of Guildford, who is teaching at Edmonton for a year, came specially for this peal attempt and met her past pal, Wendy Nichols, of Sydney, who happened to be temporarily staying at Calgary. Two local men, Judge E. R. Tavender and J. A. Musselwhite—were ringing their longest length and they were sustained by Miss J. Midgley, formerly of Plymouth, and J. M. Simpson, the conductor, who was an enthusiastic peal ringer in the Grantham area. The failure to get a peal did not deter a pleasant evening, during which a tape recording was made about the band and the bells.

FOUNDER REMEMBERED

Eight members of the Ladies' Guild met at Harrow Weald to honour the memory of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, the founder of the Guild. The tower chosen was one where she had rung several peals. Here she called the first peal after the bells were augmented to eight, and here, too, she called a peal of Kent Treble Bob to celebrate the silver jubilee of the Ladies' Guild. The date of the peal rung to her memory, November 12th, would have been her 74th birthday.

BATS IN THE BELFRY

Bats in the belfry at Llanfeigan, Breconshire, have previously been mentioned in our columns. Their presence was the cause of a family peal failure on October 23rd and "Stand" was called after 1½ hours' good ringing! The band consisted of the two Stephens brothers of Ebbw Vale, their three daughters and three sons-in-law. It is hoped to arrange another attempt in the spring, when the bats may have migrated.

HIS PUPIL DAYS REMEMBERED

On the same day as Mr. J. D. Rock was elected as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths a compliment was paid to him in the tower where he learned to ring—Eardisland, Herefordshire. His instructor in those distant days, Mr. I. Evans, called a quarter of Grandsire Doubles, the band standing: S. Daniels 1. L. T. Mainwaring 2. P. Powles 3. F. R. Harris 4. I. Evans 5. G. Arnett 6.

DEVON OPEN DAY

Whitchurch, Tavistock, Devon, has now its bells back from John Taylor's of Loughborough after an absence of eight months and the bells go beautifully, reports our correspondent. An opportunity to test them will be afforded on November 27th, when an open day will be held. The local company has been holding regular weekly practices at different towers during the interim with an average attendance of 14. Such keenness among beginners is most encouraging.

CONDUCTOR WELL PLEASED

The peal of Plain Bob Minor at Hemington on November 13th was the conductor's (Mr. Alan F. Lee's) 140th peal and he had not rung many peals to heat it, as only three minor method trips occurred. The peal was the first of Minor for the ringers of treble, second and third and only their third peal. It was the second peal for the ringer of the fourth.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

LONDON, N.—At the Church of St. Anne, Stamford Hill.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in A.

Lester L. Gray Treble	V. David Jenner 5
Tudor P. Edwards 2	Thomas W. Hesketh 6
John H. Fielden 3	Kenneth J. Hesketh 7
Christopher K. Cooper .. 4	Peter S. Bennett Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Conducted by Kenneth J. Hesketh.

Rung to mark the 328th anniversary of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand.—At Christ Church Cathedral.

On Sun., Oct. 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 32 cwt. 7 lb.

Parker's (7th obs.) Treble	*Northely F. Reeve 5
*John N. Dunn 2	Dr. Robert G. T. Bennett .. 6
*Lynne Stevens 3	Raymond H. Idle 7
*G. Nelson Sloan 4	Colin H. Ward Tenor

Conducted by Raymond H. Idle.
 * First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. First peal in 84 years' history of the Christchurch Cathedral Society to be rung on the heavy eight.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KINGSBURY EPISCOPI, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Martin

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents Tenor 19 cwt.

Herbert G. Westlake .. Treble	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 4
Raymond P. Selway 2	Albert W. Dyer 5
Trevor A. Cross 3	William E. Turner Tenor

Conducted by William E. Turner.

ASH-IN-MARTOCK, Somerset.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

Raymond P. Selway .. Treble	Derek S. Beaufooy 4
Gilbert W. Rendell 2	William E. Turner 5
*Trevor E. Marks 3	Trevor A. Cross Tenor

Conducted by Trevor A. Cross.

* First peal of Surprise.

HEMINGTON, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F.

*Jennifer M. Durston .. Treble	David C. Hawkins 4
*Sandra Weaver 2	Julian E. Newman 5
*Robert J. Hawkins 3	Alan F. Lee Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* First peal of Minor. First of Plain Bob on the bells.

Rung to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Association, and also as a 15th birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Andrew the Great.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Carter's Odd-Bo Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. Treble	W. J. Ridgman (Queens') .. 5
J. A. Harrison (Sidney) .. 2	K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) 6
*E. N. Thomas (St. John's) 3	K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) .. 7
R. Shipp (Peterhouse) .. 4	† R. H. Youdale (Emmanuel) Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

FRODSHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Wed., Oct. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

Oswald Claybrook .. Treble	John Oultram 5
John E. Bibby 2	Walter Allman 6
Cyril Valentine 3	John R. Bibby 7
Fred Jackson 4	Francis Bibby Tenor

Conducted by John E. Bibby.

Rung to welcome the birth of a daughter to Pauline and William G. Bibby, a member of the local band.

PORT SUNLIGHT, Cheshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.

Donald Peers Treble	*Robert Peers 5
*Edwin Jones 2	David F. Moore 6
† P. Ann Freeman 3	Alexander J. Martin 7
R. Fraser Mack 4	H. Stewart Bailey Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Alexander J. Martin.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method "inside."
 Rung to welcome the newly inducted minister, Rev. D. A. Douglass.
 Also for the consecration of the first Bishop of Birkenhead and the new Bishop of Stockport.

CHESTER, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-on-the-Hill.

On Sun., Nov. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Michael Thomson .. Treble	Dennis Maddock 5
*Geoffrey Graham 2	William E. Allman 6
John Oultram 3	John R. Bibby 7
Harold Warroll 4	Walter Allman Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Walter Allman.

* First peal of Surprise.
 Rung by the Grappenhall Branch for the consecration of the Bishops of Stockport and Birkenhead, which had taken place, earlier in the day in Chester Cathedral.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

Kenneth Davenport .. Treble	Alan A. Potts 5
C. Kenneth Lewis 2	Edward Jenkins 6
Harold C. Lonyon 3	John Worth 7
Robert J. Warrilow 4	David J. Atkinson Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley.

Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

Rung for the wedding of William H. Dowse, which took place earlier in the day.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

Basil Jones Treble	Alan McFall 5
Derek E. Yates 2	Brian J. Woodruffe 6
Frank Osbaldiston 3	A. Peter Whitehead 7
Robert B. Smith 4	Michael W. Crowder Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies.

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

First peal in the method on the bells.
 Rung as a compliment to Joan Massey, of Macclesfield, and William H. Dowse, of Marple, who were married at this church earlier the same day.

THE GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS.

PRESTBURY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Fri., Nov. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*Rev. Thomas P. Hearn .. Treble	Rev. C. J. B. Marshall .. 5
Rev. Royston G. Bryant .. 2	Canon C. Elliot Wigg 6
† Rev. Eric B. Wood 3	Rev. Roger Keeley 7
Rev. John P. T. Homfray .. 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by Rev. Roger O. Fry.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Surprise Major. First peal of Yorkshire Major rung by priests of the Church of England.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

TITCHMARSH, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E

D. Mary Beresford .. Treble	*Ronald J. Sharp 5
Joan Beresford 2	Andrew J. Syrahdee 6
Peter Beresford 3	Derek E. Sibson 7
Peter M. Fleckney 4	Dennis Beresford Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed.

Conducted by Derek E. Sibson.

* 550th peal and 400th of Surprise.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, Devon.—At the Church of SS. Cyr and Julietta.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

Sidney F. Skinner .. Treble	*Andrew J. White 5
Colin D. Yates 2	Frank D. Mack 6
Margaret A. Bould 3	Clive G. Bryant 7
Bryan F. Coles 4	Christopher H. Rogers .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by Christopher H. Rogers.

* First peal of Major.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
DARLINGTON, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Cuthbert.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

*John R. Seagrave (John's) Treble	Roger S. Algate (St. Bede's) 5
Polly Kyme (Mary's) .. 2	William G. Wilson (Chad's) 6
Michael J. Harris (John's) 3	John O. Freeman (Grey.) 7
*Malcolm E. Johnson (Grey.) 4	David J. Marshall (Bede's) Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by John O. Freeman.
* First peal of Major. First of Major as conductor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
LEYTONSTONE, Essex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in G.

Frank V. Gant Treble	Michael J. Hallett 5
Joe E. G. Roast 2	James L. Towler 6
Ian R. Pantou 3	Donald E. Cobb 7
Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 4	John Armstrong Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe.
On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in eight methods: Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Single and Double Oxford, Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

Lesley Ward Treble	Neil V. Avis 4
Bernard W. Fairhead .. 2	Stephen D. Humphrey .. 5
Peter G. Pitt 3	Brian J. Vaughan Tenor

Conducted by Bernard W. Fairhead.

Rung by the Sunday service band on St. Leonard's Day.

DOWNHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
On Sun., Nov. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being the following extents: London, Wells, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich, Cambridge. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

Yvonne A. Murray .. Treble	Michael J. Cowling .. 4
Anne Edwards 2	James L. Towler 5
Joe E. G. Roast 3	Peter G. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Carol Kemp, of Danbury.

LITTLE WALTHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Martin.
On Fri., Nov. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 82 methods, viz.: (1) Mendelsham and Tonbridge Alliance, Pontefract, Donottar, Alderbourne, Wath, and Carisbrooke Delight, Childwall, Horsmonden, Thelwall, St. Clement's, College, Wavertree, Killarney, Lytham, London, Reverse, Fulbeck, Frodsham, Plain, Canterbury, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Double, and Windermere and Belvedere Little Bob (26 methods by H. Chant), (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Gladstone, Hemsworth, Campanulla, Royston, Penistone and York Minster Treble Bob, Beighton, Appleby and Redcar Surprise, Chepstow, Balmoral, Danbury, Fotheringay, Hatherop, Skipton, Rotherne, Wilmslow, Stisted, Bogedone, Pebmarsh and Knutsford Delight (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. Peake), (3) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Braintree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob (15 methods by A. G. Driver), (4) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham Surprise, (5) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise, (6) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, (7) Double Oxford and St. Clement's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

Peter G. Brown Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 4
Andrew S. Hudson .. 2	Joe E. G. Roast 5
*Claire Dillamore 3	Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* Most methods to a peal "inside." Most methods on the bells. Extent No. 2, in its arranged form, is believed to be rung in a peal for the first time.

THE GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5081 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

Walter F. Judge Treble	E. Trevor Newbury .. 7
Valerie Willard 2	William A. Farmer .. 8
Peter Baker 3	*Victor Griffin 9
*Gillian M. Hussey .. 4	†Leonard Edwards .. 10
Ivor Goulter 5	*Peter T. Hurcombe .. 11
Cyril A. Wratten 6	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by A. M. Tyler.

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First on 12. Completes the family for 4, 9, 10 and 11.

CHIPPING CAMPDEN, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. James the Great.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Richard W. Sweet Treble	Gerald C. Hemming .. 5
Alan Tubb 2	Rev. Roger O. Fry .. 6
Arthur C. Berry 3	Ralph G. Edwards .. 7
Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 4	A. Patrick Cannon .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.
First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.

On Wed., Oct. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

Richard W. Sweet Treble	James R. Taylor 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Alan Tubb 6
*D. John Hunt 3	John C. Slater 7
Richard J. Bowden .. 4	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by D. John Hunt.
* Has now "circled the tower." First in the method by all except the 5th.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Fri., Oct. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.

*Richard W. Sweet Treble	*Alan Tubb 5
*Diana M. Chapman .. 2	D. John Hunt 6
*Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 3	*John C. Slater 7
Gillian M. Hussey 4	Stephen J. Ivin Tenor

Composed by D. Knox. Conducted by Stephen J. Ivin.
* First peal of Bristol.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. George.

On Wed., Nov. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

John C. Slater Treble	†John T. Parsons 5
*Gillian Brearley 2	Alan Tubb 6
Gillian M. Hussey 3	*Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 7
*Derek B. Williams .. 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Nicholas W. H. Simon.
* First peal of Rutland. † First of Surprise Major.

LONGNEY, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sun., Nov. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In 28 methods, comprising 320 changes each of Bristol, London and Wordsworth, and 160 changes each of Acton, Apsley, Cambridge, Coddenham, Cray, Claybrooke, Eastcote, Edinburgh, Hereford, Hitchin, New Gloucester, Pudsey, Ripon, Rutland, Superlative, Tring, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Aldenham, Yorkshire, Heathcote, Langley, Lincolnshire and Lindum, with 154 changes of method.

Tenor 11 cwt.

Brian J. Luff Treble	Anthony R. Peake 5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	James R. Taylor 6
Michael J. Hobbs 3	Peter Bridle 7
Brian Bladon 4	Edward R. Venn Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.
The greatest number of Major methods to a peal by all the band, in the county and for the Association.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEOBLEY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Thurs., Nov. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Oxford Bob, (2) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (3) Oxford T.B., (4) Kent T.B., (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

Leslie Evans Treble	Austin T. Wingate .. 4
*Ralph C. Godsall 2	George Cousins 5
*Marcus C. W. Sherwood .. 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton

* First peal of Minor in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

CARRICKFERGUS, Co. Antrim.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 April Day, 1,440 Plain Bob, 1,440 Grandsire, and 1,440 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, change of method every 720, with maximum callings in each method. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*Aileen E. McAteer .. Treble	†Maud Austin 4
*Hugh B. McAteer 2	‡John Lindsay 5
*John Palmer 3	§James B. McAteer .. Tenor

Conducted by John Lindsay.

* First peal of Doubles in four methods. † First of Doubles. ‡ First of Doubles on tower bells. § First peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung by the Sunday service band to welcome the Bishop of Tuam, who was conducting the Parish Mission.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CRAYFORD, Kent.—At the Church of St Paulinus.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt, 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

*Ann P. Durent Treble	†Sheila M. Dobbie 5
Ann Jenner 2	Robin J. Elliott 6
Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. 3	Walter H. Dobbie 7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 4	Stanley Jenner Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivins.

Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

* First peal on eight. † 50th peal.

FAVERSHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary of Charity.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 LINDUM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt, in E

W. Arthur Riddington .. Treble	David S. Osenton 5
Herbert W. Woolven .. 2	*Brian E. Jemmett 6
Alexander Waddington .. 3	Russell S. Morris 7
Bernard F. L. Groves .. 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all the band.

WYE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Gregory and Martin.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt, 2 qr. 10 lb. in D.

Herbert W. Woolven .. Treble	W. Arthur Riddington .. 5
Roger D. Bailey 2	David S. Osenton 6
Alexander Waddington .. 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Christopher T. Osenton .. 4	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivins.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

Rung as an engagement compliment to David S. Osenton and Margaret A. Nurse.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sun., Nov. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt, 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Robert T. Lambert Treble	*Ernest J. Ladd 5
John R. Ketteringham .. 2	Dennis A. Hewitt 6
Thomas E. Sone 3	Eric Edmondson 7
David E. Rothera 4	Gerald Penney Tenor

Composed by William Barton.

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* 450th peal.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Nov. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 2. Treble	Tenor 7 cwt, 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.
Joan Beresford 2	Alison M. Mann 5
Elsie K. Hart 3	Susan E. Smith 6
Yvonne Edwards 4	Sheila M. Dobbie 7
Mrs. R. F. Deal 4	Doris E. Colgate Tenor

Conducted by Joan Beresford.

Rung in memoriam Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, founder of the Guild.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEWCHURCH, Lancashire.—At the Parish Church.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Mrs. Irene Mason Treble	Frank Brazendale 5
Michael Thomson 2	Sydney Leatherbarrow .. 6
John Ryder 3	Harold Worral 7
Kenneth Edwards 4	Sydney G. Osborne Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by Harold Worral.

Rung as a welcome to Kevin Albert Osborne, born October 19th.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's. Treble	Tenor 10 cwt, 19 lb. in G.
Nicholas M. Newby 2	Stanley Anderton 5
*David H. Garnett 3	James Blackburn 6
James E. Burles 4	Nicholas M. Newby jun. .. 7
Alan Capstick 4	Thomas F. Metcalfe .. Tenor

Conducted by Thomas F. Metcalfe.

* First peal of Major and first "inside."

PENWORTHAM, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Nov. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt, 2 qr. 6 lb. in A.

Dennis H. McCormick .. Treble	Richard Price 5
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 2	John Ascroft 6
Mrs. M. Crossthwaite .. 3	Tudor P. Edwards 7
Lawrence Walmsley 4	Cyril Crossthwaite Tenor

Conducted by Dennis H. McCormick.

First peal as conductor. First peal on newly recast bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to John Bailey.

AUGHTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Wed., Nov. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being two extents each Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents Plain Bob. Tenor 5½ cwt.

William E. Court Treble	†Douglas Warburton .. 4
Dennis R. Jones 2	Robert Larkey 5
*Edmund Rothwell 3	Jack N. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Jack N. Brown.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, Rev. Leslie Eyres, A.K.C.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Nov. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, in the following extents: (1) Norwich, (2) London, (3) Ipswich, (4) York, (5) Bourne, (6) Beverley, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 9 cwt, 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

William Johnson Treble	Laurence Watkins 4
Christine J. Stratford .. 2	John Watkins 5
R. Kingsley Mason 3	Michael E. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the restoration of this tower and spire.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

ALFORD, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfred.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt, 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Keith R. Davey Treble	Alan G. Payne 4
Janet E. Hubbard 2	Harold Barsley 5
Arthur R. Goldsmith .. 3	John R. Ketteringham .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan G. Payne.

ULCEBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Single Oxford, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt, 8 lb.

Arthur Pashley Treble	Geoffrey Bromfield .. 4
*Pamela A. Gill 2	W. Arthur Crowder .. 5
John H. Parker 3	Michael W. Crowder .. Tenor

Conducted by Michael W. Crowder.

* Most methods to a peal.

THE MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD.

SALFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt, in G.

David Dukes Treble	E. Andrew Harrison .. 5
Norma Coom 2	David J. Baker 6
A. Stephen Taylor 3	Roger L. Coley 7
Clive R. Calton 4	John W. Gander Tenor

Conducted by Roger L. Coley.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Clive R. Calton.

WILMSLOW, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Wed., Nov. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Single Oxford, two extents Cambridge Surprise, three extents Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt, in F sharp.

Margaret Whitehead .. Treble	Geoffrey R. Gardiner .. 4
A. Stephen Taylor 2	Alan Sharples 5
E. Andrew Harrison .. 3	John W. Gander Tenor

Conducted by John W. Gander.

Rung to congratulate Margaret Whitehead and Ron Warford, also Jean Allen and John Hallett, on their recent engagements.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
HARROW WEALD, Middlesex.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 QUEDGELEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Sara K. D. Woolley .. Treble	David E. Rothera 5
Elsie K. Hart 2	Bernard E. Matthews .. 6
Julia A. Fellows 3	Antony R. Kench 7
H. George Hart 4	D. Kay Adkins Tenor

Composed by Antony W. T. Cleaver. Conducted by Antony R. Kench
 50th different Surprise Major method to a peal on the bells.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.

WHITWICK, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
 On Mon., Nov. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5456 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt

Norman W. Cotton .. Treble	Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 5
Ron Hughes 2	Joseph W. Cotton 6
Edwin Deakin 3	Arthur E. Rowley 7
*Dan S. Pont 4	Roland Beniston Tenor

Conducted by Roland Beniston

* 75th peal.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

DRAYCOTT, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.
 On Sat., Oct. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb.

Eric Young Treble	*David J. Midgley 5
*Caroline Stewart 2	*William Harris 6
*Mandi McCallion 3	G. Arnold Moore 7
*T. Leslie Walley 4	William Watkin Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard. Conducted by G. Arnold Moore
 * First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

Rung for the 17th wedding anniversary of William Perkins, tower captain, and Mrs. Perkins.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
 On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

William H. Coles .. Treble	Richard E. Dean 6
Geoffrey Harrison 2	Dennis Knox 7
*Anthony K. Fortin 3	Derek Francis 8
†Lionel A. Timms 4	John Hill 9
Arthur Newton 5	Sydney M. Bailey Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. Conducted by Dennis Knox
 * First peal on ten. † First peal on a working bell.

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ABINGDON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 version. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

Claudia A. Critchley .. Treble	Denis Knox 6
G. William Critchley 2	Alan E. Bagworth 7
Frederick R. Scott 3	*David P. Hilling 8
Anthony G. Sansom 4	J. Keith Ward 9
Thomas J. Lock 5	John R. Mayne Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by John R. Mayne.

* 100th peal for the Guild. First of London Surprise Royal for the Guild.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. in D.

David R. Baxter .. Treble	Dennis Knox 5
Anthony D. Sansom 2	Frank W. Lewis 6
Maurice G. Ingram 3	Frederick R. Scott 7
David A. Cornwall 4	J. Keith Ward Tenor

Composed by Philip G. K. Davies. Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

WATLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 ICKNIELD COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

Joyce R. Barton .. Treble	Giles R. Shedden 5
Geoffrey K. Dodd 2	Sydney M. Bailey 6
Reginald W. Rex 3	William Birmingham .. 7
David A. Cornwall 4	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by E. A. Ridgway. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

The first peal in the method

Rung within the octave of the Feast of St. Leonard.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

NORTHLEIGH, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Nov. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Cambridge, one Kent T.B., one Oxford T.B. and three Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Mary A. Welsh .. Treble	Bruce Wakefield 4
†John M. Preston 2	Roger M. Heyworth .. 5
G Robert Mordaunt .. 3	Anthony P. Foster Tenor

Conducted by Bruce Wakefield.

* First peal. † First peal "inside."

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

Patrick I. Chapman .. Treble	Andrew J. Corby 6
Lucile M. Corby 2	Nicholas J. Martin 7
Judith M. Corby 3	Colin A. Tester 8
Hilary F. Hinde 4	Robert W. Hinde 9
Olive D. Tester 5	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Roderick W. Pipe. Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

WAREHAM, Dorset.—At the Church of Lady St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*Philip R. Keough .. Treble	†William T. Perrins 5
Mrs. F. J. Marshall say .. 2	John Hartless 6
Dorothy T. Gardiner .. 3	Lewis F. Cobb 7
†Jeffrey L. Cloughton .. 4	Ronald N. Marlow Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First of Major.

THE SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

DORE, Derbyshire.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt.

Richard J. Tibbetts .. Treble	Elizabeth M. Snell 5
Patricia Rogers 2	Kathleen M. Higgins .. 6
*Philippa J. Russell 3	C. Alan Friskney 7
John F. S. Eborall 4	Rodney H. French Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Rodney H. French.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

TARYBERGH, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Wed., Oct. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of York, London, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb.

Elizabeth M. Snell .. Treble	Richard J. Tibbetts .. 4
*Patricia Rogers 2	Rodney H. French 5
Kathleen M. Higgins .. 3	Richard E. Price Tenor

Conducted by Richard E. Price

* First peal of Minor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

GEDLING, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Hallows.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents, one each of Wells S., London S., York S., Beverley S., Surfleet S., Cambridge S. and Norwich S.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Margaret E. Chilton .. Treble	Peter R. Humphrey 4
John R. Pratchett 2	William L. Exton 5
Simon Humphrey 3	George A. Dawson Tenor

Conducted by William L. Exton.

First seven Surprise Minor by all the band.

A compliment to the Rt. Rev. Kenneth G. Thompson, installed as the first Suffragan Bishop of Sherwood.

ASPLEY, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being 1,440 and five 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in G.

Ian V. J. Smith .. Treble	Susanna Poppleston .. 4
Elisabeth J. Foster 2	George A. Dawson 5
*Susan Kerry 3	*Simon Humphrey Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson

* First peal attempt. † 50th peal.

Rung half-muffled.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. NORTH MUSKHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Wilfrid.

On Thurs., Nov. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 126 methods/variations, viz.: (1) Westminster II, Knapton, and Chesham, (2) Burton Joyce, Stoke Bardolph and Epperstone, (3) Lillingstone, Arnold and Swalcliffe, (4) Blackburn, Broughton and Lyng, (5) St. Hilary, Ockham and Intwood, (6) Brightwell, Sandford and Standlake, (7) Horsley, St. Cleer and St. Cecilia, (8) St. Remigius, Hascombe and Harpley, (9) St. Nicholas, Longford S.C. and Fundenhall, (10) Lapley, Sharesill and St. Mary, (11) St. John, Ryton and St. Crispin, (12) Winchendon Place, Thornborough S.C. and Haddiscoe, (13) St. Martin, Welford and Slapton S.C., (14) St. Leonard, Austrey and St. Lawrence, (15) St. Ninian, St. Felix and St. Austell, (16) St. Osmund, Longworth and Merton S.C., (17) St. Simon, Braywood and Rugby S.C., (18) Eynsham, Elford and St. Jude, (19) April Day, Seighford and Litchurch, (20) Plain, Candlesby S.C. and Boxford, (21) Reverse Canterbury, Dorton and Raveningham, (22) Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston and St. David, (23) St. Alkmund, St. Denys and Pleasley, (24) Shipway's, Beckingham and Colnbrook, (25) Grandsire, St. Margaret and Newark, (26) Newborough, Oxford and Southwell, (27) St. Helen, St. Valentine and Nazing, (28) Longparish, Freeland and Oxtun, (29) Daffodil, Isis and Pinxton, (30) Bluebell, Beckley and Quantoxhead, (31) St. Anne, Ray and St. Endellion, (32) Middleton Stoney, Stanton and Roxholme, (33) St. Quintin, St. Swithun and Saxondale, (34) Allestree, Antelope and Uttoxeter, (35) St. Lucy, Northleigh and Tuxford, (36) St. Frideswide, St. Cross, Vauxhall, (37) Ladbroke, Gresford and Waxham, (38) Zennor, St. Tydfil and Xanxene, (39) Keysoe, Jacobstow and Yaxley, (40) Pink's, Harbury and Zeal Monochorum, (41) Reverse St. Bartholomew, Rushall and St. Matthias, (42) Northrepps, All Saints and St. Philip.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.
Harold Stevenson .. Treble Simon Humphrey .. 4
Margaret E. Chilton .. 2 John R. Pratchett .. 5
George A. Dawson .. 3 F. William Midwinter .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

The greatest number of Doubles methods/variations yet rung to a peal.

A birthday compliment to Charles J. Copp

SOUTH COLLINGHAM, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Mon., Nov. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5160 DOUBLES

Being 43 extents in 135 methods/variations, viz.: (1) Westminster II, Chesham, Knapton, St. Hilary and Intwood, (2) Brightwell, Sandford and Standlake, (3) Lillingstone, Arnold and Swalcliffe, (4) Burton Joyce, Stoke Bardolph and Epperstone, (5) Blackburn, Boughton and Lyng, (6) Winchendon Place, Thornborough S.C. and Haddiscoe, (7) St. John, Ryton and St. Crispin, (8) Horsley, St. Cleer and St. Cecilia, (9) Lapley, Sharesill and St. Mary, (10) St. Nicholas, Longford S.C. Fundenhall, St. Remigius and Harpley, (11) St. Simon, Braywood, Rugby S.C., St. Osmund and Longworth, (12) Eynsham, Elford and St. Jude, (13) St. Ninian, St. Felix and St. Austell, (14) St. Leonard, Austrey and St. Lawrence, (15) St. Martin, Welford and Slapton S.C., (16) Plain, Candlesby and Boxford, (17) April Day, Seighford and Litchurch, (18) Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston and St. David, (19) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Dorton S.C. and Raveningham, (20) Shipway's, Beckingham and Colnbrook, (21) St. Alkmund, St. Denys and Pleasley, (22) Reverse St. Bartholomew, Rushall and St. Matthias, (23) Northrepps, All Saints and St. Philip, (24) St. James, Zeus and "X", (25) Fortune, Marchington and St. Guthlac, (26) St. Augustine, St. Hilda and St. Polycarp, (27) St. Blaise, St. Bede and St. Perpetua, (28) Grandsire, St. Margaret and Newark, (29) Newborough, Oxford and Southwell, (30) St. Helen, St. Valentine and Nazing, (31) Longparish, Freeland and Oxtun, (32) Daffodil, Isis and Pinxton, (33) Bluebell, Beckley and Quantoxhead, (34) St. Anne, Ray and St. Endellion, (35) Middleton Stoney, Stanton and Roxholme, (36) St. Quintin, St. Swithun and Saxondale, (37) St. Lucy, Northleigh and Tuxford, (38) Allestree, Antelope and Uttoxeter, (39) Frideswide, St. Cross and Vauxhall, (40) Ladbroke, Gresford and Waxham, (41) Zennor, St. Tydfil and Xanxene, (42) Keysoe, Jacobstow and Yaxley, (43) Pink's, Harbury and Zeal Monochorum.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A.

*Ian V. J. Smith .. Treble George A. Dawson .. 3
Margaret E. Chilton .. 2 Simon Humphrey .. 4
John R. Pratchett .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

* 50th peal. † 50th peal whilst ringing. The greatest number of Doubles methods/variations yet rung to a peal.

A birthday compliment to Ian V. J. Smith.

X is Grandsire Single as P.L. and P.L. Shipway's as bob.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 5 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 12720 DOUBLES

Being 106 extents in seven methods, viz.: (1-14) St. Simon, (15-28) St. Martin, (29-42) Winchendon Place, (43-56) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (57-70) Plain Bob, (71-84) Grandsire, (85-91) Antelope, (92-106) Plain Bob.

Margaret E. Chilton .. Treble Simon Humphrey .. 4
Elisabeth J. Foster .. 2 John R. Pratchett .. 5
George A. Dawson .. 3 Ian V. J. Smith .. Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

Umpire: Miss Susanna Poppleston.

Longest length by all.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. KINGSWINFORM, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt

Clive M. Smith .. Treble	J. Dennis Holden .. 5
*Christopher Lees .. 2	Derek K. Knowles .. 6
†Jonathan Chamberlain .. 3	Edmund Malin .. 7
Richard J. Warrilow .. 4	Eric E. Speake .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts.

Conducted by Eric E. Speake.

* First peal on a working bell. † First in the method.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

ELVEDEN, Suffolk.—At the Memorial Tower of SS. Patrick and Andrew.

On Tues., Nov. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*Raymond J. Fordham .. Treble	Roger J. Palmer .. 5
Janet I. Rogers .. 2	*Richard S. Seabrook .. 6
Andrew T. Beckwith .. 3	George W. Pipe .. 7
Richard Rose .. 4	Robin H. Rogers .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley.

Conducted by Robin H. Rogers.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

BREDFIELD, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in G.

Alan R. Walters .. Treble	Michael J. Howes .. 4
*Martin H. Whittell .. 2	Sandra L. Goodship .. 5
Robert J. Southgate .. 3	Neville F. Whittell .. Tenor

Conducted by Neville F. Whittell.

* First peal "inside."

LAXFIELD, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford T.B., and three each of Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in F.

Robert E. Lester .. Treble	William H. Cracknell .. 4
E. James Lockwood .. 2	Andrew T. Beckwith .. 5
Neville F. Whittell .. 3	Robin H. Rogers .. Tenor

Conducted by Robin H. Rogers.

In memoriam the fallen of two world wars.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

KILHAMPTON, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.

Parker's Twelve-Part (7th obs.)	
*Barbara J. Duck .. Treble	Anthony Locke .. 5
Frances M. Rickard .. 2	Rev. A. S. Roberts .. 6
Alan Carveth .. 3	†Derek A. Trethewey .. 7
†Graham F. Dunstan .. 4	Anthony J. Davidson .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

* First peal. † First peal on eight. The first peal of Triples on the bells.

CARBIS BAY, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints.

On Wed., Nov. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 9½ cwt.

Parker's Twelve-Part (7th obs.)	
Margaret Gollop .. Treble	Rev. A. S. Roberts .. 5
Alan Carveth .. 2	Derek A. Trethewey .. 6
Frances M. Rickard .. 3	*Anthony J. Davidson .. 7
Geoffrey W. Taysom .. 4	Dennis Stephens .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

* 50th peal for the Guild.

A farewell to Margaret Gollop, who is leaving in December to take up a nursing appointment in Sheffield, and a compliment to the Rev. A. S. Roberts, on his completion of 25 years as priest-in-charge and Vicar of Carbis Bay.

LANDEWEDNACK, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Wynwalloe.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman, eight of Reverse Canterbury, four of April Day, eight of Plain Bob, and 22 of Grandsire

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

Robert A. Southwood .. Treble	Arthur F. Burley .. 4
Anthony Locke .. 2	Alan Carveth .. 5
Rev. A. S. Roberts .. 3	Derek A. Trethewey .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

First peal on the bells.

Rung as a welcome to Timothy Paul Southwood.

SENNEN, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Senara.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

Alan Carveth .. Treble	Arthur F. Burley .. 4
Anthony Locke .. 2	*Derek A. Trethewey .. 5
Anthony J. Davidson .. 3	Robert A. Southwood .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

* First peal in the method "inside."

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.
On Fri., Nov. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb. in F sharp.

Peter J. Brown Treble	Geoffrey Westwood 5
M. Irene Ellsmore 2	Clifford A. Barron 6
John C. Eisel 3	*Robert Edwards 7
Martin D. Fellows 4	Michael J. Fellows .. Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Arranged by Henry Johnson.
Conducted by Michael J. Fellows

* First peal of Surprise "inside."

A 21st birthday compliment to Robert Edwards.

CLENT, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb. in F sharp.

Stephen W. Barton Treble	John H. Fielden 5
Maryl R. Crossthwaite 2	George E. Fearn 6
Michael J. Fellows 3	John C. Eisel 7
James Attwood jun. 4	Martin D. Fellows .. Tenor

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by Michael J. Fellows.

HAGLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sun., Nov. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A.

Percival C. Richards .. Treble	Peter J. Brown 5
M. Irene Ellsmore 2	Robert Edwards 6
John C. Eisel 3	Michael J. Fellows 7
Gillian A. Richards 4	Martin D. Fellows .. Tenor

Composed by George Hughes. Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.

WELLAND, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Thurs., Oct. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents Single Oxford Bob, and five of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

Joseph E. Lawrence .. Treble	*E. Dudley Wilson 4
Arthur A. Jopp 2	John Clements 5
Leonard J. Walters 3	R. George Morris .. Tenor

Conducted by John Clements.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Penelope Ruth) to George and Ruth Morris. Also a granddaughter (Catherine Cecilia) to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lawrence.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Oct. 21, 1965, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5060 PLAIN BOB CINQUES

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

Iris Lemare Treble	*Adrian C. Boorman 7
Roger J. Lumley 2	A. Barry Sullivan 8
James S. Webb 3	*Robin Brown 9
Arnold Cole 4	*Peter M. Dawson 10
Ronald H. Dove 5	*C. Barrie Dove 11
Harold B. Schofield 6	*Derek Cox Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal on twelve bells. First peal of Plain Bob Cinques by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

J. Alan Ainsworth .. Treble	Roderick W. Pipe 6
Alan McFall 2	Clifford A. Barron 7
A. William Kirkby 3	Leonard Goodall 8
A. Barry Sullivan 4	Robert B. Smith 9
Roger J. Lumley 5	A. Peter Whitehead .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

*Keith R. Taylor .. Treble	*George E. Bonham 6
Arnold Cole 2	Adrian C. Boorman 7
*Roy A. Ward 3	C. Barrie Dove 8
*Richard W. Sweet 4	Robin Brown 9
†Graham Elmes 5	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by C. Barrie Dove. Conducted by Philip Mehew.

* First peal on 10 bells. † First peal of Royal.

PONTEFRAC, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

A. Barry Sullivan .. Treble	*Roderick W. Pipe 6
Alan McFall 2	S. Barry Schofield 7
Roger J. Lumley 3	Clifford A. Barron 8
A. Peter Whitehead 4	J. Alan Ainsworth 9
Leonard Goodall 5	Robert B. Smith Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* 100th peal of Surprise Royal, and 50th as conductor.

BIRSTALL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E.

*Olivia A. Marshall .. Treble	Gibson Jackson 5
Howard Scott 2	Harold B. Schofield 6
Mrs. H. B. Schofield 3	William H. Jackson 7
*Adrian C. Boorman 4	Richard E. Price .. Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Richard E. Price.

* First peal in the method.

Rung in association with the wedding of W. Eric Critchley on November 4th, 1965.

NORTHOWRAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5280 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

John Potts Treble	Alan Sheppard 5
Iris M. E. Lemare 2	*Richard J. W. Tibbets .. 6
M. Susan Jackson 3	Cyril Rusby 7
Kathleen M. Higgins 4	J. Henry Fielden .. Tenor

Composed by Roger Baldwin. Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

* First peal of London.

SKIPTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,344 Superlative, and 1,248 each of Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, with 120 changes of method, and all the work of each method for every bell.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

Jeanne E. Bottomley .. Treble	W. Eric Critchley 5
Patricia Lockwood 2	Vernon Bottomley 6
Howard Scott 3	Neil Donovan 7
Ian North 4	Stuart Armeson .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

In memory of William Ambler, of Queensbury.

BATLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B. (no bobs). 720 each of Kent T.B., Oxford T.B. and St. Clement's, and 2,160 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*Angela Britton .. Treble	Lawrence Sheard 4
Robert Pygott 2	†Richard Box 5
Shirley A. Pygott 3	Kenneth B. Sissons .. Tenor

Conducted by Kenneth B. Sissons.

* First peal first attempt. † First peal "inside" first attempt. First in four methods by all except conductor.

KIRBY WISKE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Thurs., Oct. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in A.

Iris Lemare Treble	Arthur Bashforth 4
Trevor Tarbatt 2	Edward Hudson 5
Michael Staniforth 3	Wilfrid F. Moreton .. Tenor

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

*Marion Richards .. Treble	Richard W. Sweet 4
Roy A. Ward 2	John Weaver 5
James W. Belshaw 3	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal at first attempt.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CHEADLE HULME, Cheshire.—At 18, Hill Top Avenue.

On Thurs., Nov. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall 1-2	Neil Bennett 7-8
C. Kenneth Lewis 3-4	Gerald Moorhouse 9-10
Robert B. Smith 5-6	Giles B. Thompson 11-12

Arranged and Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

Rung as a compliment to Anne Moorhouse (daughter of the ringer of 9-10) and John B. Withers, who were married on October 30th at Cheadle Hulme Parish Church.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At "Bombay," 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.

On Thurs., Oct. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall 1-2	Robert B. Smith 5-6
C. Kenneth Lewis 3-4	Gerald Moorhouse 7-8
Giles B. Thompson 9-10	

Arranged and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.

HALF PEALS

AUDLEM, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 7th, 2,554 Plain Bob Minimus (5, 6 covering): K. Eaton 1, G. Edwards 2, J. Scott 3, L. Perry 4, L. Meredith 5, A. Perry 6. To commemorate the consecration as Bishops Suffragan of Stockport and Birkenhead, respectively of the Rev. Gordon Strutt and the Rev. Eric Mercer, by the Archbishop of York, Rung for Evensong.

CALGARY ALTA, CANADA.—On Nov. 6th, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: Judge E. R. Tavender (longest length) 1, Miss P. Laycock 2, Miss J. Midale 3, Miss W. Nichols 4, J. M. Simpson (cond.) 5, J. A. Musselwhite (longest length) 6. Longest length on the bells. Longest length of Doubles for all except the conductor. Believed to be the longest length rung in Canada for 20 years.

ABERGAVENNY, MON.—On Nov. 6th, 1,249 Grandsire Caters: D. G. Clift 1, Mrs. A. Bruten 2, Mrs. D. J. King 3, D. Pike 4, D. G. Clarke 5, R. S. Clench 6, D. J. Hughes 7, J. L. Fitzgerald 8, D. J. King (cond.) 9, G. Ward 10. First of Caters 6 and 7 To celebrate the birth of a first grandchild, Catherine to Mr. G. Ward, and the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Clench, of Usk.

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Wyatt 1, D. Reeves 2, C. A. Bennett 3, P. E. Powell 4, J. Carter 5, P. Davis 6, R. A. Reeves (cond.) 7, F. Churn 8. Runa for the 97th birthday of Mr. A. Jackman.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 24th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: R. Rayfield 1, Amanda Powell (first of T.B. "inside") 2, Carol Cousins 3, Wendy Wallace 4, C. H. Macve 5, E. Godfrey (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

AMBROSDEN, OXON.—On Nov. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: S. Thompson (first of Major) 1, R. Wilson 2, J. M. Preston 3, R. Wharton 4, B. Wakefield (cond.) 5, F. J. Nelson 6, G. R. Mordaunt 7, A. P. Foster 8.

ARMLEY, LEEDS, YORKS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: K. R. Taylor 1, G. Elmes 2, Mary Elmes 3, R. D. Bellamy 4, G. E. Bonham 5, A. C. Boorman 6, R. H. Dove 7, P. Mehew (cond.) 8.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): J. H. Cook 1, Mrs. D. Day 2, A. E. Hinman 3, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 4, J. L. Day 5, K. J. Panter 6. For the Festival of All Saints. Also on Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. H. Cook 1, Mrs. D. Day 2, A. E. Hinman 3, O. Homewood 4, H. T. Bonshor 5, R. H. Cook (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Doris V. Cook.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Arnold (first quarter) 1, A. Skilton (first "inside") 2, Diana Hayns 3, J. I. Symonds 4, Geraldine Piper 5, J. Hayes (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

ASTON INGHAM, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Stevens 1, Mrs. M. Stevens 2, L. Smith 3, F. Turner 4, K. Tyler (cond.) 5, Harold Meek 6.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: May Wingrove 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Gwendolyn C. Reeves 3, Dorothy R. Fletcher 4, Kathleen E. Fletcher 5, A. Brides 6, J. J. P. Ellams 7, H. J. Wingrove 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,296 Minor (Woodbine, Cambridge): R. Sharpe 1, L. Williams 2, D. Hammond 3, K. Flemming 4, R. Chapman 5, E. Jeffries (cond.) 6.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.—At St. Saviour's, Oxton, on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. H. Martin (first quarter) 1, D. Hobbs (first "inside") 3, Mrs. A. J. Martin 4, D. J. Heron 5, S. W. S. Pasterfield (first "inside") 6, A. J. Martin (cond.) 7, W. Harrison (first quarter, covering) 8. To mark the consecration in Chester Cathedral of the first Bishop of Birkenhead and the new Bishop of Stockport.

BISHOP'S LEEVE, GLOS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Linda Lawrence 1, Marilyn Jackson 2, Anna K. Sadowka (cond.) 3, P. Robertson 4, D. Field 5, K. O'Beirne 6, F. Whitaker 7, P. Mustoe 8. For dedication of the new organ.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Davies (first on eight) 1, W. Davidson 2, Christine Telfer 3, A. G. Craddock 4, J. Crowther 5, W. G. Wilson 6, D. J. Marshall 7, M. Maughan (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Kinsey 1, S. Christian 2, A. R. Walters 3, R. W. Lockwood 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Simon Christian. Also on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. L. K. Whittell 1, S. Christian 2, A. R. Walters 3, M. J. Howes 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (4, 6, 8 covering): G. Evans 1, R. Mayle 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, D. R. L. Jones 5, W. Gibbons 6, T. E. Hiddins 7, S. Henson 8. For Confirmation service.

BRISTOL.—At St. Ambrose's, on Oct. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): P. Saunders (first quarter) 1, P. Williams 2, Miss G. M. Hussey 3, R. W. Sweet 4, D. J. Hunt (cond.) 5, G. Hillman (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew's, on Oct. 24th, 1,344 Kent Treble Bob Major: K. J. Tripp 1, M. C. E. Hodge 2, R. H. Youdale 3, Jean Preston 4, R. Shipp 5, J. A. Harrison 6, V. Neuton 7, F. C. Hobson (cond.) 8.

CAMPSALL, YORKS.—On Nov. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Marguerite Battam 1, E. Dallingwater 2, H. Scott 3, E. H. Baldwin 4, H. Wagstaff 5, J. McCluskey 6, F. Jackson 7, G. Jackson (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment by the Doncaster ringers, to their Master, W. E. Critchley, and Dorothy Stocks.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 6th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. H. Rogers 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Mrs. J. Rogers 3, Miss E. Cansdale 4, L. D. Mills 5, D. L. Mills (cond.) 6.

CHARING, KENT.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Diana M. Bradford (first quarter) 1, P. J. Bagshaw (first "inside") 2, Betty Robbins (cond.) 3, Rev. P. T. Robbins 4, J. L. Anderson 5, R. N. Bagshaw 6. For Evensong.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Oct. 31st, 1,296 Hull Surprise Minor: Ann Blatcher 1, Jennifer Pavne 2, R. W. Hinde 3, Hilary Hinde 4, N. J. Martin 5, D. C. Manger (cond.) 6. First in the method by all. For the Festival of All Saints.

COOMBE BISSETT, WILTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judy A. Carter 1, Helen A. Hobbins 2, Brenda I. Wilkinson 3, J. N. Longridge 4, R. Haines (cond.) 5, D. A. Dawson 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Battin 1, S. G. King 2, S. J. Woodcock 3, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 4, Mrs. M. J. de Jong 5, L. R. O. Taylor 6, H. L. Parfrey (cond.) 7, L. W. Jewell 8. For Evensong on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

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COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Morgan 1, J. Alexander 2, R. MacPherson 3, I. Davies 4, D. Barrington 5, C. Ricketts (cond.) 6. On the back six, Rung half-muffled by Cowbridge Grammar School Society for the school's annual Remembrance service.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 7th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. F. E. Collins 1, E. J. Razzell 2, R. Davies 3, D. Brown 4, F. E. Mitchell 5, N. G. Steere 6, R. C. Stevens 7, F. E. Collins (cond.) 8.

DOWNTON, WILTS.—On Oct. 25th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: J. Russell 1, I. Ann Abrahams 2, F. L. Harris 3, W. Perrins 4, J. L. Cloughton 5, L. F. Cobb 6, J. Hartless 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8. First of Bristol 2, 4 and 5.

DYRHAM, GLOS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,320 Norfolk Bob Doubles: C. Gibbs 1, Myra J. Gibbs 2, A. W. Gibbs (cond.) 3, E. Owens 4, W. Lampard 5, B. K. Lewis 6. First of Norfolk for all. Also on Nov. 4th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: T. Newlands 1, D. Reynolds (aged 12, first "inside" and as cond.) 2, Miss G. M. Hussey 3, R. W. Sweet 4, F. J. Sampson 5, G. Hillman 6.

EXETER.—At St. Petrock's, on Nov. 7th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor: N. Mallett (cond.) 1, Miss D. Lissenden 2, F. Wreford 3, C. Yates, jun. 4, C. Yates, sen. 5, C. Bryant 6. First in method 2, 4, 5 and 6. For Evensong.

EYNHAM, OXON.—On Oct. 11th, 1,300 Doubles (five methods and variations): T. Gregory 1, A. E. Hicks 2, D. Floyd 3, J. List 4, C. Bennett (cond.) 5, A. Harris 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Mitchell 1, G. Boyd 2, R. Sturges 3, R. Hawkins 4, G. P. Cilliver 5, J. Gunstone 6, N. Haile 7, S. A. Scott 8, A. H. Sturges (cond.) 9, J. H. Hunt 10. To mark the induction of Rev. L. Chadd, Vicar of Fareham.

FILTON, GLOS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,499 Doubles (12 methods): Rachael M. Mose 1, Elizabeth A. Webb 2, Mary N. Haslam 3, D. C. Haslam 4, A. Howard (cond.) 5, M. E. Buckler 6.

GOOLE, W.R. YORKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the back seven): Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, H. Drake 2, D. Swann 3, G. Blackburn (first quarter) 4, J. J. Taylor 5, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 6, E. Philpot 8. A tribute to Mr. A. Barren, who recently completed 50 years' service as lay reader at All Saints' Church, Goole.

GUILDEN MORDEN, CAMBS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Eileen Fearn 1, R. D. Bellamy 2, J. Meredith 3, G. E. Bonham 4, G. E. Thoday 5, P. Mehew (cond.) 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Morris 1, C. Chapman 2, Sal Parrott 3, W. Parrott 4, R. Mills 5, M. Harbott 6, Adrienne Gibson (cond.) 7, B. Grover 8. Rung for Evensong by the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild as a compliment to the District Master, David Herschell, on reaching 21 years of age.

HALLING, KENT.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): C. T. Osenton (cond.) 1, P. R. Chidwick 2, D. Garrot 3, D. S. Osenton 4, P. S. Muchlinski 5, L. White 6. For the baptism of Heather Chilwick, and as a compliment to D. S. Osenton, on his engagement to Margaret Nurse.

HARLESTONE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,440 Minor (St. Clement's, Plain Bob): Shirley E. Ruddlesden 1, Delia M. Langton 2, R. W. Smith 3, M. R. Harvey 4, S. M. Ruddlesden 5, B. Hendry (cond.) 6.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Gilder 1, Valerie Bone 2, Christine Jennings 3, D. Jennings 4, A. D. Leach (cond.) 5, L. Boyles 6. First quarter 2 and 3. For morning service.

HAYNES, BEDS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): R. Sharpe 1, R. Chapman 2, K. Fleming 3, C. Mann 4, E. Jeffries (cond.) 5.

HERTFORD.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Doublet (Grandsire and Plain Bob), with two cover bells: P. Searies (first quarter) 1, Gwyneth James 2, Mrs. L. James 3, S. James 4, P. Owen (cond.) 5, B. Foley 6, D. Digby 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. C. Marshall, member of P.C.C., and Mrs. E. M. Dye, widow of Mr. D. Dye, former local ringer.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Mussett 1, S. Christian 2, A. R. Walters 3, R. L. K. Whittell 4, R. J. Southgate 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. M. Orme 1, Janet Carling 2, W. F. Todd 3, C. Anne Agg 4, E. W. Winters 5, J. R. Castledine 6, A. R. Agg (cond.) 7, J. Meredith 8. Rung half-muffled on the day of the funeral of Mr. W. R. Harvey, O.B.E.

QUARTER PEALS

HOLLOWAY, LONDON.—At St. Mary Magdalen's, on Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss D. A. Deverell 1, Miss D. M. Robotham 2, Mrs. G. G. Meyer 3, Miss M. E. Powell 4, J. A. Hales 5, C. W. Otley 6, C. M. Meyer (cond.) 7, A. J. Hampton 8. For Harvest Festival.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 All Saints Doubles: W. G. Wright 1, C. E. Hill 2, J. J. Waller 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones (cond.) 5. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

KILMERSDON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 20th, 1,440 Southwark Surprise Minor: E. J. Chivers 1, Diana Chapman 2, E. F. Lee 3, A. P. Beck 4, P. Budge 5, J. Brain (cond.) 6.

KIRK ELLA, EAST YORKS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 London, 720 Beverley): A. B. Cooper 1, G. K. Smith 2, F. C. Hobson 3, R. Ducker 4, R. Gibson (cond.) 5, J. S. Rank 6.

LAXFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 16th, 1,440 Double Court and Kent Treble Bob: R. Lester 1, A. Beckwith 2, E. Lockwood 3, W. Cracknell 4, N. Whittell 5, M. Rose (cond.) 6. Rung after attempt for a peal.

LEIGH-ON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela M. Withers 1, E. E. King 2, J. E. Metcalfe 3, B. C. Surland 4, D. J. Withers (cond.) 5, A. Kingston 6. Rung "open" in memory of Joseph T. Dyke, interred the same day at Christ Church, Downside.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 31st, 1,280 Cambridge S. Major: J. McPhail 1, Mrs. R. Deal 2, Miss P. Fox 3, G. Elmes 4, R. Smith 5, C. Hughes 6, C. Williamson (cond.) 7, W. Wilson 8. For Evensong.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's and Plain Bob): Anita Foden (first quarter) 1, Anthea C. Richards 2, P. G. Golder 3, J. H. Allen 4, M. W. Fairley (cond.) 5, D. W. Barr 6.

LLANFEIGAN, BRECS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Evans 1, I. Stephens 2, Audrey Bruten 3, Barbara Wilde 4, B. J. Wylde (cond.) 5, R. Stephens 6, A. Evans 7, D. Bruten 8.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Olive D. Barnett 1, A. Bagworth 2, Elsie M. Bagworth 3, Sheila M. Dobbie 4, N. S. Bagworth 5, W. H. Dobbie 6, E. A. Barnett (cond.) 7, P. D. Chapman 8. A farewell to Padre T. Ryder, and a welcome to Padre L. J. Ashton. Also at St. Clement Danes', on Oct. 31st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Mrs. T. J. Lock 1, Miss R. M. Foreman 2, Miss D. Robotham 3, Mrs. H. G. Hart 4, H. G. Hart 5, D. E. Rothera 6, M. F. Lock (cond.) 7, T. J. Lock 8. For Evensong. Also at St. Clement Danes', on October 10th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: M. Hatchett 1, W. Birmingham 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, M. T. Sprackling (cond.) 4, A. M. Stacey 5, J. Marks 6, R. Cadamy 7, A. H. Fulwell 8, W. Oatway 9, W. Knight 10.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Laura Grindrod 1, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 2, D. Ellisdon 3, I. L. Dear 4, R. J. Chapman 5, H. Duncan 6, D. G. Yeo 7, L. Derrick 8. First in rings of 1 and 6.

LONDON.—At Southwark Cathedral, on Nov. 7th, 1,346 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: Rosamund M. Rawlings 1, Christine Macnair 2, M. J. Bingham (first on 12) 3, I. Smith 4, A. E. Bagworth 5, C. H. Rogers 6, K. Newman 7, A. Stubbs (cond.) 8, R. N. Harris 9, A. R. Patterson 10, D. T. Darby 11, W. H. Jackson 12. First of Maximus 1 and 12. Rung for the London Transport Board service.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): B. Butcher 1, R. Birch 2, Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherton 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Family Communion service.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles Denise Liddicott (first quarter) 1, Hazel J. Giddins 2, M. A. Cattell 3, R. A. K. Glue 4, S. Cobbe (cond.) 5, M. Edwards 6. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 5.

MERTHAM, SURREY.—On Nov. 7th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. Rayfield 1, Wendy Wallace 2, D. Atfield 3, Carol Cousins 4, W. Dunn 5, C. H. Macve 6, A. Streeter 7, E. G. H. Godfrey (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 2, 4 and 6.

MERTON, SURREY.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. Eve 1, F. Seabright 2, G. Hawkes 3, N. Bagworth 4, A. Bagworth (cond.) 5. Rung to mark the opening of the 850th anniversary celebrations of the church.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. H. Rogers 1, Mrs. Janet Rogers 2, Mrs. W. Ivings 3, A. M. Barber 4, R. Rose 5, R. J. Palmer (cond.) 6, M. Rose 7, H. Ivings 8. First of Stedman 3, 4, 6, 7.

MILTON ERNEST, BEDS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Ames 1, Betty Marsh 2, Bunty Lovell 3, B. Makhum 4, F. Tysoe 5, J. Long (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam "Jock" Childs, a ringer at this church, R.I.P.

MINSTER, SHIPPEY, KENT.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: N. Yardy 1, Joan Hayward (cond.) 2, R. Yardy 3, P. Beal 4, N. Chesson 5, Joan Exeter 6. First quarter 1, 3 and 6. For Harvest Festival service.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Newton (first quarter) 1, H. G. Smith 2, J. E. Brough (cond.) 3, A. Merrill 4, F. Barnard 5, E. J. Bosley 6, F. Ollier 7, W. Smith 8. To commemorate the visit of Archbishop of York to Chester Cathedral to consecrate as Bishops Suffragan of Stockport and Chester, the Rev. Gordon Strutt and the Rev. Eric Mercer.

NECTON, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 30th, 1,320 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): H. Bennett 1, P. J. Woodcock 2, A. R. Wile 3, S. H. Waterfield (cond.) 4, W. J. Bailey 5, R. Harmer 6. A wedding compliment to Frieda (nee Frost) and George Heyhoe, ringers of Necton and Holme Hale.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Laverack 1, P. Raitby 2, P. Wakefield 3, Margaret E. Chilton 4, A. E. Chilton 5, F. G. Hooper 6, J. W. Rathby 7, H. Stevenson 8, G. A. Dawson 9, J. R. Pratchett (cond.) 10. For Evensong, and the 4th Sunday of Gopher.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: S. Skinner (cond.) 1, F. D. Mack 2, D. A. Wills (first of Stedman Doubles) 3, A. White 4, G. E. Reiter 5, A. Knight 6.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Trinder 1, A. Cantwell 2, S. Cantwell 3, V. Clifton 4, D. Floyd (cond.) 5, P. Trinder 6. For Harvest Festival.

OTLEY, YORKS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Marion Richards 1, R. W. Sweet 2, R. A. Ward 3, J. W. Belshaw 4, J. P. Cooper 5, C. Royal 6, J. C. Weaver 7, C. B. Dove (cond.) 8.

OXFORD.—At St. Thomas', on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Kempton 1, R. Wilson 2, S. Thompson 3, R. Burbery 4, B. Wakefield (cond.) 5, P. Coad 6. Also on Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Parry (first quarter) 1, Miss V. Rodrigues 2, A. Foster (cond.) 3, J. Preston 4, R. Wharton 5, P. Bradford 6. Also on Oct. 31st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss M. A. Welsh 1, A. P. Foster (cond.) 2, Miss E. Wills 3, J. M. Preston 4, P. A. Brand 5, G. R. Mordaunt 6.

PADBURY, BUCKS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. Thatcher 1, C. Gough 2, R. A. Vickers (cond.) 3, F. Vickers 4, W. A. Yates 5, A. Thatcher 6. For Harvest Festival.

PETERSTON-SUPER-ELY, GLAM.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Cook 1, F. J. Bailey 2, B. Williams 3, R. S. Price 4, W. E. Pearce 5, M. H. Williams (first as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 3, 4 and 5.

PITSFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Blundell (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Felce 2, D. Isaacs (first "inside") 3, F. Benfield 4, B. E. Frost (cond.) 5, P. Clewett (first quarter) 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival, and as a belated welcome to Rev. W. P. A. Malton as Rector.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Oct. 31st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. F. Mew (cond.) 1, D. C. Brookes 2, Julie S. Armstrong (first of Surprise) 3, Alison M. Mann 4, B. J. Bull 5, Margaret E. Fort 6, A. R. Millidge 7, A. R. Patterson 8. For Evensong.

REDBOURN, HANTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. L. Blake 1, J. Hobbs 2, G. A. Reading (cond.) 3, Miss G. S. Martin 4, A. Sykes (first of Doubles) 5, H. G. Walker 6.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Oct. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Kniepe (first of Major) 1, A. J. Bull 2, Joan Hanning (first of Major "inside") 3, M. Foster 4, G. Charlton 5, K. G. Game (cond.) 6, W. Inwood 7, A. T. Shelton 8. For Evensong.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. O. Coleman 1, W. T. Perrins 2, D. Wilson 3, J. L. Cloughton 4, W. E. Cheater 5, L. F. Cobb 6, A. W. Fry (cond.) 7, G. E. Turner 8. For Evensong.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: A. Howland 1, T. Douglas 2, Jessa Hollis 3, J. Bruce 4, D. G. French 5, S. Armeson 6, N. Donovan 7, P. Walker 8, J. N. D. Chaddock 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10. Longest of Royal 1 and 2. For Evensong.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, SWINDON, WILTS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Sutton (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Davidge 2, Dr. C. G. Roworth 3, E. Sutton (cond.) 4, W. W. T. Daniell 5, L. Picknell (first of Doubles) 6. Specially arranged for Michael Sutton to ring his first quarter before his eleventh birthday on November 12th.

RUDGWICK, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 27th, 1,440 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): I. Robinson 1, J. Davey 2, E. R. Ropley 3, D. D. Smith 4, G. Francis 5, W. L. Weller (cond.) 6. First in two methods 2. Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. J. Lanner, who is retiring to Heathfield after 14 years ministry at Rudgwick.

SCOTHERN, Lincs.—On Nov. 14th, 1,440 Minor (four methods): H. Radley 1, G. A. Dixon 2, W. R. Parker 3, W. S. Smith 4, J. M. Blaikie 5, C. V. Cude (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Dorothy Irene Jackson, ringer at this church for over 40 years.

SEEND, WILTS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Smith 1, H. Gummer 2, C. Smith 3, P. Busbell 4, J. Cottle 5, J. Abbott 6. Non-conducted. First by all as such except the 2nd ringer.

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SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At St. Marie's R.C. Church, on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. H. Rogers 1, Patricia Rogers 2, Kathleen M. Higgins 3, R. J. W. Tibbets 4, J. Hartley 5, C. Rogers 6, H. Rogers (cond.) 7, C. A. Friskney 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Rogers. Also at St. Marie's, on Nov. 4th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Elizabeth M. Snell 1, Patricia Rogers 2, R. J. W. Tibbets 3, J. Hartley 4, Kathleen M. Higgins 5, C. A. Friskney 6, J. G. Underwood 7, S. R. Armeson (cond.) 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Archbishop of Birmingham, the Most Rev. Dwyer, D.Div.

SHRUB END, COLCHESTER.—On Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. A. Schatle 1, D. Whent 2, D. Cobb (first "inside") 3, J. Good 4, K. B. Good (cond.) 5, C. Coulson 6. First attempt for quarter peal by a local band.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: D. P. Hilling (cond.) 1, J. Manley 2, P. J. Heritage 3, R. W. Rex 4, A. D. Sansom 5, M. M. Powell 6, W. Birmingham 7, S. M. Bailey 8, E. R. Venn 9, R. J. Foster 10. Rung after the wedding of the sacristan, Mr. David Jewell, and Miss Sylvia Smith.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Cross 1, T. Look 2, R. Parker 3, H. E. G. Jeanes 4, H. Gaylard 5, T. A. Cross (cond.) 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Janet Crocker and to Mr. Mervyn Hockey.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKS.—On Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Delphine Holman 1, J. J. Spraggett 2, T. G. Hill 3, R. Andrews 4, H. M. Johnson 5, R. W. Sherriiff (cond.) 6, J. F. Thorne 7, M. Hill 8.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Christine Broughton 1, June Wood 2, M. G. Wood 3, D. W. Stenson 4, K. H. Mildred (cond.) 5, Carol Norman 6. Rung to the respected memory of Mr. Percy Norman.

SPOTBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Toyn 1, Marguerite Batram 2, J. Thorley 3, E. Dalingtonwater 4, H. Wagstaff 5, J. McCluskey 6, G. Jackson 7, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 8. Also on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Jackson 1, H. Scott 2, Marguerite Batram 3, E. Short 4, H. Wagstaff 5, G. Jackson (cond.) 6, E. Dalingtonwater 7, J. McCluskey 8. Both for morning service.

STAMFORD, Lincs.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Matthews 1, E. Tyers 2, Dilys Gray 3, W. Beddow 4, V. Chamberlain 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

STAVERTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. V. Chown (cond.) 1, S. F. Webb 2, Dorothy A. Webb 3, Mrs. S. F. Webb 4, H. M. Johnson 5, M. Casey 6. First quarter 3 and 6. A 15th birthday compliment to ringer of the 3rd. Rung to celebrate the ruby wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. Franklin.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Oct. 31st, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. H. Watson 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, R. Smith 3, G. Westwood 4, M. J. Fellows 5, J. Warr 6, J. C. Eisel 7, M. D. Fellows (cond.) 8. By the local band for Evensong.

STURRY, KENT.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss D. Grayling (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Mackenzie (first "inside") 2, P. Harrison 3, Miss C. Bouldin 4, R. Button (cond.) 5, A. Pullin 6. For Evensong.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Newson 1, Miss S. Collins 2, W. Cousins 3, H. Follen 4, J. E. Fox 5, L. W. Houghton 6, C. Cousins 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. Rung for the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. Edward Atkin.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: S. W. Illidge (first of Major) 1, C. Slater (first of Major) 2, R. W. Humphries 3, W. G. Page 4, A. E. Timmins 5, A. G. Newman 6, P. G. K. Davies (cond.) 7, P. R. Johnson 8.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Brown 1, B. Turner 2, D. Everett 3, A. Haines 4, D. Drayton 5, H. Haines 6, W. Marsh (cond.) 7, C. Runham 8. Rung for combined Evensong with Methodist friends.

TOTTERNOE, BEDS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Plain Bob): Christine Smith 1, R. Stripp 2, R. J. Scott 3, R. Rowley 4, A. C. Stripp 5, I. Knox (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

UPPER BODDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): R. J. Edden 1, M. L. Baughan 2, R. W. Sherriiff (cond.) 3, J. F. Thorne 4, J. J. Spraggett 5. Believed to be the first quarter peal on the bells.

QUARTER PEALS

USK, MON.—On Oct. 31st, 1,334 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Byford 1, Miss J. Clench 2, F. A. Hobbs 3, G. Knight 4, L. T. Jones 5, S. Kear 6, D. Taylor (cond.) 7, R. S. Clench 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Clench, on their silver wedding anniversary.

WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. G. Rose 1, L. Wright 2, R. Rose 3, C. W. Hancock 4, E. Nice 5, M. Rose (cond.) 6. For Harvest Festival.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Nov. 7th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Laura Grindrod 1, June Whitcher 2, D. E. Cobb 3, M. C. Austin 4, I. L. Dear 5, D. Hawkins 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, H. Duncan 8, D. G. Yeo 9, L. Derrick 10. First of Stedman Caters 1, 2, 6 and 8. For Matins.

WANSFORD, Peterborough, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Culpin 1, Jane Waller (first quarter) 2, Gillian Waller 3, A. Waller 4, R. C. L. Brown 5. For Matins.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. T. Brown 1, Frances J. N. Brown (first of Grandsire) 2, Ruth A. Elmes 3, J. W. Blackwood 4, P. R. Keough (first quarter as cond.) 5, R. W. Young 6. For Evensong.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Stevenson (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. Denney 2, Hilary Knight 3, D. Issitt 4, L. Toseland (cond.) 5. For Evensong by the local band, and as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Denney, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of third.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,376 Plain Bob Major: A. J. Scott 1, G. H. Harding 2, R. D. Quartley 3, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 4, F. S. Slatford 5, G. S. Morris 6, J. T. Barrett 7, N. G. Knee 8. Rung after losing a peal attempt.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,440 Oxford Bob Minor: F. Cooke 1, R. Spencer (first in method) 2, Miss I. Cooke 3, H. T. Rooke 4, D. Whetton 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the Rev. Geoffrey Walton, on appointment as Vicar of Norwell, Notts.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 7th, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: P. Hull 1, G. Salmon (cond.) 2, J. Sheppard 3, R. Taylor 4, H. A. Usher 5, C. Jenkins 6, Miss S. Hallett 7, M. Bartlett 8, E. Skipsey 9, E. Coombes and P. Hancock (first quarter) 10. First of Caters for 3, 4, 6, 8 and 10. For Evensong.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Judith Evans (first quarter) 1, Kathleen Fuller 2, Christine Baldoek (cond.) 3, D. R. Fuller 4, A. Baldoek 5, J. W. Evans 6. First in three Doubles methods by all.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. E. Ambrose 1, F. W. J. Roper 2, Mrs. J. Poulter 3, E. Webb 4, R. Threadgold (cond.) 5, F. Marshall 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Lindy MacGowan, daughter of the Vicar, and Barry Robey.

WEST KIRBY, WIRRAL.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Jukes 2, Miss M. Newton 3, C. F. Pocock (first quarter) 4, C. J. Eden (first quarter) 5, Miss S. Jukes 6, I. A. Robertson (cond.) 7, K. G. Boyce (covering) 8. To mark the consecration of the first Bishop of Birkenhead and the new Bishop of Stockport in Chester Cathedral this day.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 14th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. E. Truman (cond.) 1, W. J. Chester 2, J. Chance 3, G. E. Green 4, J. Linnell 5, B. E. Saunders 6, T. E. Roberts 8. Also on Oct. 21st, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. E. Green 1, Delia M. Langton (first of Surprise) 3, C. E. Truman 4, B. E. Saunders 5, R. W. Smith (first of Minor as cond.) 6, B. R. Eaglesfield 7, A. A. Paul 8.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 7th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Mrs. J. Rees 1, Rev. C. J. Rees 2, J. D. Smith 3, A. Sharples 4, D. Mottershead 5, N. D. Lomas (cond.) 6. To mark the consecration this day of the Suffragan Bishops of Stockport and Birkenhead at Chester Cathedral by the Archbishop of York. Also on October 3rd, 1,320 Cambridge S. Minor: Miss C. Hale 1, Miss A. Baldwin 2, J. D. Smith 3, D. Mottershead 4, A. Sharples 5, N. D. Lomas (cond.) 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Oct. 24th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Marion Baulkwill 1, Rosamund Rawlings 2, Elizabeth Zass (first of Treble Bob) 3, Hilary Johnson 4, A. Bagworth 5, M. Bingham (cond.) 6.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—On Nov. 7th, at St. Mary's College, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): R. A. Orme (first on working bell) 1, K. Maundrell 2, B. R. M. Johnson 3, R. L. Underwood (first as cond.) 4, J. E. Spice 5, I. C. Holland 6.

WOLLATON, NOTTS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,365 London Surprise Minor: S. Humphrey 1, J. R. Pratchett 2, I. V. J. Smith 3, Elizabeth J. Foster 4, Susanna Poppleson 5, P. R. Humphrey 6. Conducted by S. Humphrey. First of London for all the band.

WOLVERCOTE, OXON.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (four methods/variations): Miss D. Smith 1, Mrs. M. Godwin 2, W. C. Godwin 3, N. D. Deam 4, P. J. Heritage (cond.) 5, K. E. White 6. A welcome to Fr. David Lane, the new curate.

WOODCHURCH, Birkenhead, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: June Griffiths (first quarter) 1, Barbara Garland 2, D. Anderson 3, June Price 4, W. Hall (cond.) 5, J. Hyden 6. Rung prior to the "Dedication and Blessing of the Plough" service. Also on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara Garland 1, R. Cleaver 2, S. Anderson 3, June Price 4, A. Wilkinson 5, W. Hall (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the consecration of the first Bishop of Birkenhead, which took place this day.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Sherwood 1, W. Savill 2, Janet E. Cleeve 3, Cardyn White 4, J. Collier 5, D. Tubbs 6, T. Page (cond.) 7, C. Slyfield 8. First in method 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Drusilla Pickard (first quarter) 1, M. Clark 2, Jean Parsons (first quarter "inside") 3, J. Evered 4, M. Gregory 5, P. J. Gardner 6, R. Cole (cond.) 7, N. Bull 8. For All Saints' Day.



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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at East Brent, Saturday, November 27th. Bells (6) available from 6-8 p.m.—M. Legg, Hon. Branch Sec. 8026

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Bowdon, November 27th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Imperative names for tea be sent to Mr. A. J. Brown, 30, Priory Road, Bowdon.—C. K. Lewis. 8017

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Chapel-en-le-Frith on Saturday, November 27th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea available.—Mrs. G. Richardson, Dis. Sec. 8006

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—St. Augustine's, Broxbourne, Saturday, November 27th. Bells 3 o'clock-4.30 p.m. Business and evening ringing 6 p.m. St. Paul's, Hoddesdon. Please make own arrangements for tea; cafes available in Hoddesdon.—P. M. F. Searles, Acting Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester and District Branch.—Annual meeting, Ludgershall, Bucks, on Saturday, November 27th. Ringing (5 bells) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, to C. Kinch, 3, The Causeway, Bicester, Oxon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Cookham, Saturday, November 27th. Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 7915

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers, Dorchester. Dorset.—Ringing Festival.—Saturday, November 27th, and Sunday, November 28th. Times of ringing: Saturday, November 27th 6.30-9 p.m., practice, open to all, visitors welcome. Sunday, November 28th, 7.30-8 a.m., Holy Communion service; 10.15-11 a.m., Morning Prayer, preacher the Rev. R. N. Longridge, Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild and Rector of Okeford Fitzpaine; 2.30-6.30 p.m., general ringing, open to all; visitors welcome. The tower will be open to the general public during Saturday and Sunday afternoons. 7979

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Beamminster, Saturday, November 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to J. Davis, Mount, Melplash, Bridport. 7982

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Mansfield District.—Meeting, Kirkby-in-Ashfield (5), Saturday, November 27th. Bells 3-8.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to Miss M. Green, 51, Vernon Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts. Please support.—D. J. Beach, Dis. Sec. 7980

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Central District.—Practice meeting, Worlingworth (8), November 27th, 6.30-9 p.m.—H. W. H. Leather, Dis. Sec. 7974

SUFFOLK GUILD.—South West District.—Annual general meeting at Lavenham, Saturday, November 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. M. E. Symonds, 1, Pit Meadow, Lavenham, Sudbury, Suffolk. 7924

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Henfield (8), Saturday, November 27th, not 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss S. G. Rice, 40, Fairfield Gardens, Portslade. 8008

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Practice meeting, Thursday, December 2nd, Stanton Harcourt, 7.30 p.m. Method: Plain Bob Minor.—E. D. Patching, Hon. Sec. 8033

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Branch.—Annual meeting, Yeovil, Saturday, December 4th. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Names for tea, please, by December 1st.—R. J. Fox, 109, Middle Street, Yeovil. 8030

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Chew Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Yatton on December 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at approx. 4.40 p.m., followed by business.—D. G. Yeo, Hon. Branch Sec. 8038

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wellington (8), Saturday, December 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please.—A. H. Reed, Mimosa, George Street, Taunton. 7988

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Bedford, Saturday, December 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Please make own arrangements for tea. Everyone made welcome.—C. M. Payne. 8047

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Meeting at Butlers Marston on December 4th. Bells 3 and 6 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea.—P. F. Bennett, College Farm, Bearley, Stratford-on-Avon. (Tel. Stratford 5701.) 8053

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WEST-MORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Practice meeting at Workington, Saturday, December 4th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. and Mrs. L. Boumphrey, 35, Brighbourne Drive, Seaton, Workington, by Tuesday, November 30th. 8024

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting, Cramlington, December 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. (approx.). Service. Names for tea by Thursday, December 2nd, to Miss G. Douglas, 5, Ross Way, Gosforth. 8032

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Over, Saturday, December 4th. Bells (8) 3 until 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30-5.30. Swavesey after tea. Service 6. Bells (6) from 6.30 p.m. Special methods: Double Norwich at Over, College Exercise at Swavesey. 8018

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Rural Branch.—A.G.M., December 4th, Westerleigh. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names before December 1st to Mr. J. Ferris, 11, Ivy Site, Westerleigh.—A. W. Gibbs, Branch Sec. 8020

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Branch annual at Bibury, December 4th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. Business 5.15. Service 6 p.m.—R. Wenban, Branch Sec., 21, Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Cirencester. Bibury 348. 8037

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Practice meeting, Stanmore, December 4th, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 8051

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Bentham on Saturday, December 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. T. Gerrard, 150, Thornton Road, Morecambe. 7994

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Annual meeting of Branch on Saturday, December 4th, at Standish, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Election of officers. Will all towers endeavour to send representatives. Names for tea to Mr. T. Grounds, 10, Cross Street, Standish.—D. R. Jones, Hon. Sec. 8023

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Blackburn Cathedral and Darwen on Saturday, December 4th. Cathedral bells from 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and after tea until 7.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Darwen bells from 7.45 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. J. Halliwell, 11, Westminster Road, Darwen, by Wednesday, please.—Brian Tomlinson, Branch Sec. 8054

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting December 4th. All Saints', Leicester.—Bells 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30. Meeting in Chancel Room 7 p.m. All subscriptions now due.—A. J. Poyner. 8027

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting to be held at the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, Stoke, on Saturday, Dec. 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea by Wednesday previous to Mr. J. G. Burton, 71, Bagnall Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.—D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 8036

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Gorleston on Saturday, December 4th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. F. High, 1, Long Lane, Bradwell, Great Yarmouth, by previous Wednesday. 7934

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Blechley on December 4th. Bells (8) 3-4.30 p.m. and 6.30-8 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to R. W. Sear, 37, Buckingham Road, Blechley, by December 1st. 8040

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—Meeting, West Haddon, Saturday, December 4th, 1965. Names for tea to J. E. Goddard, 45, Station Road, Long Buckby, Rugby, by Tuesday previous.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Practice meeting at Canford (6), Saturday, December 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Hampstead (6) 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, December 2nd, to Mrs. J. Pitman, 40A, Knighton, Canford, Wimborne. 8029

SELBY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Goole, December 4th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole, before December 1st.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8011

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Dronfield, Saturday, December 4th. Bells 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. D. N. Peers, 42, Lea Road, Dronfield (Tel. 3848).—J. Seager, Sec. 8035

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, December 4th. Shoreditch (12) 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Clerkenwell (8) 3.30 to 5 p.m. Tea at St. James', Clerkenwell, Church Hall 5 p.m. Bishopsgate (8) 6.30 to 8 p.m. Names to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, Putney, S.W.15, by December 2nd.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, December 4th. Basford (8) 3 p.m. Bulwell (8) 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. W. Carlisle, 227, Allendale Avenue, Aspley, Nottingham, by December 1st.—S. Adams. 8035

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Nomination meeting, Dorking (8), Saturday, December 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Miss E. Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking, by December 1st.—K. G. Game, Dis. Sec. 8005

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Hartfield, Saturday, December 4th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec., Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge, by Wednesday, December 1st. 8031

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual general, Sketty, on Saturday, December 4th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea, please, to J. A. Hoare, 3, Lon Derw, Tycoc, Swansea. 8003

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Quarterly meeting, December 4th. Bells at Hordle 2.30-4. Tea 4.30 at Milford. Meeting in vestry and ringing to follow. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. Heavens, Ivy Bank Cottage, Milford-on-Sea, by November 29th.—L. F. Cobb, Dis. Sec. 8046

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A memorial to the late John W. Jones will be dedicated at All Saints' Church, Newport, on the centenary of his birthday, Sunday, December 5th, at 3 p.m. Bells 1.30 p.m. Cups of tea after the service for those who notify Mr. L. Bainham, 186, Brynlgas Road, Newport, Mon.—M. J. Pryor, Hon. Sec. 7965

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch (Western Deaneries).—Monthly practice meeting at Hethersett, Saturday, December 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. G. Lofty, 7, Little Melton Road, Hethersett, Norwich (NOR 42X) by Wednesday, December 8th.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.E. District.—Quarterly meeting at Ipswich St. Matthew, December 11th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea no later than Wednesday, December 8th, to Mrs. E. J. Lockwood, 2, Chalk Pit Cottages, Offton, near Ipswich. 8000

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Dewsbury (8) on Saturday, December 11th, jointly with the **BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** Bells available 2.30 to 4.45 and after the meeting until 8.30. Tea will be available in the Parish Hall at 5, but only for those who notify Mr. V. Bottomley, 45, Westercroft Lane, Northowram, Halifax, by Tuesday, December 7th. The committee will meet at 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Sorry, but it is important that ladies do not wear stiletto heels in the belfry.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8045

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The heavy six at Northill were rung to some less familiar Minor methods during the meeting of the Biggleswade District on November 13th with Mr. C. D. Mann as Ringing Master. At the service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Jones, the District secretary, Mr. K. Fleming, read the lesson. After the business meeting, 85-year-old Mr. W. Wagstaff, of Ickwell, recounted an amusing ditty.

Next meeting: Blunham, December 11th.
A. R. A.

SEAL CHART, KENT

During their annual outing on October 23rd the ringers of St. Lawrence's, Seal Chart, visited the following six-bell towers in North Kent: Ash-by-Wrotham, Farningham, St. Mary Cray, Hayes, West Wickham and Biggin Hill. Local ringers who met them are thanked, especially John Muller, of Ash, and Maxwell Oakshett, of Hayes. G. T. A.

LATE NEWS

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Leslie C. W. Hunter, of 162, New Road, Chilworth, captain of Shalford, Surrey, 8035 ringers, on Friday, November 19th.

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5,088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

By P. G. K. DAVIES

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24536	—	—	BR
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35426	—	—	CCCCCY
42356	—	—	LCCCR
34256	—	—	YLLYR
24653	—	—	BBBBBBYYL
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62435	—	—	—
52634	—	2	—
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Repeated once.

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WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Fry 1, M. Gav (first "inside") 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, W. A. Hughes 4, R. G. Crosland (cond.) 5, A. S. Richards 6. The 150th quarter peal on the bells.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 13th, 1,320 Doubles (eleven methods): R. J. Burrell (first quarter) 1, J. S. Baker 2, G. Parsons 3, I. E. Trickett 4, F. R. Morton (cond.) 5, G. Green 6.

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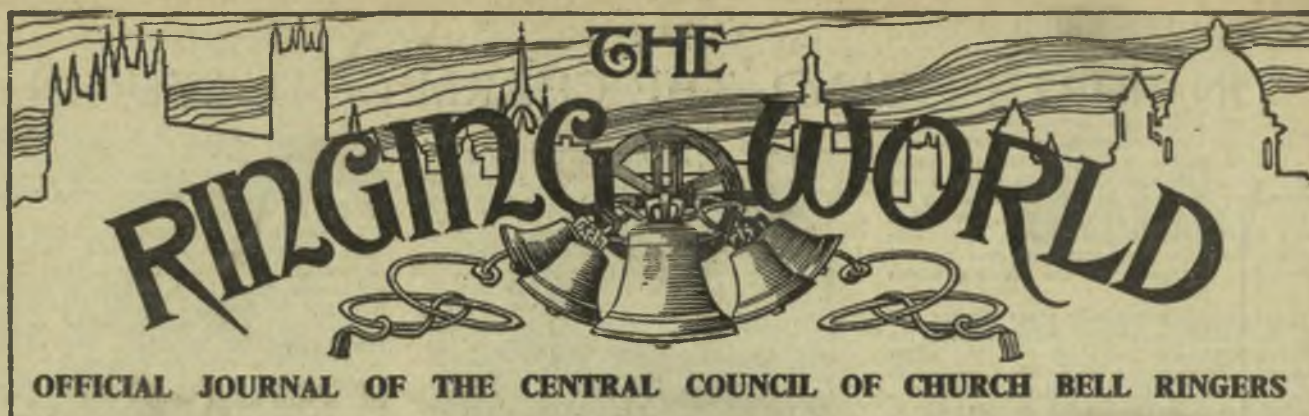
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HELP YOURSELF, PLEASE

By GROUP CAPT. G. J. L. READ, R.A.F. (ret.)

"We are very short of ringers—not enough to keep the bells going."

"You can't get people interested and even if somebody does start they soon give it up."

HOW often have we heard those sentences quoted in towers all over the country. Yet nearby, there are towers bursting with members. It is suggested that towers with too few members, or those which are unable to keep new recruits, have only themselves to blame. Moreover, in most cases it is laziness or selfishness, or both, on the part of the resident members.

Most ringers will agree that:—

- (a) In an undermanned tower, the constant calls for regular service ringing, weddings, and other functions and practice nights are a severe tie, often clash with personal affairs and usually result in only a few bells being used or, worse still, no ringing at all.
- (b) Ringing, and all that happens in a belfry, is a closed book and a mystery to the general public.
- (c) Learning to handle a rope and ring—more or less—in rounds is relatively easy, but that ringing methods and attaining accurate striking is difficult and can lead to frustration and disillusion unless there is maximum of encouragement, help and co-operation from all the experienced members.
- (d) Ringing is a fascinating and rewarding hobby and generates its own enthusiasm.

Examine these four points in detail. With the best will in the world we cannot all, at all times, be available for all ringing occasions. Illness, absence from home, inescapable social duties alone will prevent appearance at the belfry. And the best of us suffer from sheer personal disinclination at times. But supposing there were at least two members per bell? Then surely there would never be a lack of numbers. And since casualties do happen and numbers must be kept up, there should be some trainees in the pipeline. It is suggested therefore that every tower might well aim at having a basic minimum of members—15 for six bells, 20 for eight bells and so on. With these numbers available captains could always be sure of meeting every call with a full set of bells.

"Wonderful," you will say, "but how do we get these numbers when so few are interested or come forward?" Why should they come forward? Whoever takes any interest in bells? Somehow, when bells are wanted badly—weddings for example—they are available. We go to all sorts of lengths and ruses to meet urgent demands. It is like electricity, always there at the flick of a switch, but nobody asks how it gets there, who produces it or to what lengths the C.E.G.B. goes to get and train the necessary staff. How does the C.E.G.B. get its staff? It advertises, publicises, invites the public into its showrooms and exhibitions, visits schools and colleges and, by devious means, entices the public to have a look and get interested, and once it gets its hooks on to suitable material it goes to endless lengths to maintain its interest, train it and hold on to it.

Do we, as ringers, do anything like that? A few towers hold open days and get a recruit or two, but the majority are too lazy to bother. Have you ever seen an advertisement in a local paper or a poster at a church function inviting people to visit the belfry on a practice evening? How many tower captains have visited the local school to give a talk or to try and make ringing a school activity? Even more elementary, if somebody is interested how do they find out more? How many churches display the name and address of the captain or details of practice nights? It seems that very few of us try very hard to arouse interest. Perhaps we are just selfish and want to keep the available ringing time for ourselves.

Many will remember that delightful article "Ringingitis or Galloping Belmania" in "R.W." No. 2756, Vol. LX—the story of someone who had never even thought about ringing until he visited a tower and became a convert. We all have a large circle of friends and acquaintances—why not take it in turns to invite one friend along to "see what goes on" and even perhaps to "have a go"? One wonders how many visitors would then contract ringingitis. It is certain that if all of us bestirred ourselves just a little, almost all belfries could have a more than adequate membership. Just as Mahomet had to visit his mountain, so it is up to us to get out and find our recruits. Let us open our book to the general public.

Having gained our recruits what is going to happen to them? No doubt the unfortunate captain will be expected to, and will, cope with the early tied practices and handling exercises. Later the other members will help with rounds. It is at the next hurdle that so many towers fall down. In some towers the captain and one or two enthusiasts are expected to cope with trainees for the first half hour or so. The rest arrive that much later and expect, from then on, to take over all the ringing. The pupil stands and looks hopeful, finally loses hope and interest and goes, or perhaps at odd periods he gets a few rounds thrown to him like a bone to a dog. A good captain will always ensure that plenty of experienced ringers are there from the word go. Also that all the members join in to help the pupil right through the evening. At regular intervals bring in the pupil on only four or six bells or keep the back ones covering. Don't expect him to try and cope with all the bells. It may be fun for the other seven or more ringers, but the pupil gets lost, bewildered, ashamed and finally disheartened.

Perhaps tower captains could well take an honest and dispassionate look at the records over the last year or so. How many recruits have stayed on and how many dropped out. If too many have left, take a good look at the training methods. Are you being fair to the pupils? Are you and the members perhaps being too selfish? Has the whole tower joined in a combined team effort? If not, you know what to do.

These are just some random thoughts on what can be done to ensure that all the bells in a tower ring whenever the church wants them; how we might get more ringers; and above all, how we can keep them. Implementation will put a load of extra work on the captains, but if the tower works as a team much of that load can be shared. It could introduce many more to the fascination of ringing. Above all, it would point a finger at any tower which still produced those two opening quotations.

GREAT ADVENTURE II

IN NORTH ISLAND—THE CHARM OF HAMILTON

THE party was reduced to 11 at Christchurch as Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Burton were later in the day meeting their son-in-law preparatory to a long drive of 280 miles on the Friday to the south of the island. It was a short hop to Wellington and a taxi ride enabled some of the party to gain a very favourable impression of the Commonwealth Capital.

Hamilton was a relatively short journey and the air "field" was very different from the concrete expanses associated with the larger airports. There was a brief wait for the cars to convey us about five miles to the town, this service being performed by Mr. C. A. Caldwell, who has done so much for Hamilton ringing, and two lady assistants. There is a restful charm about Hamilton despite its wide main thoroughfares and parking meters for 3d. a quarter of an hour. The Commercial Hotel was well furnished with spacious lounges and dining room, and this was our headquarters. Within a few minutes we were again in the cars to be conveyed to the Church Hall just below St. Peter's Cathedral, where a typically English tea was awaiting us and we were welcomed by the Dean (the Very Rev. Clifford G. Palmer).

We had heard much of the bells of St. Peter's Cathedral of the Waikato Diocese, and we were not disappointed. The tenor of 20 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. was provided in 1931, but the eight was not completed until 1950, all the bells being cast by Mears and Stainbank. One of the bells was the gift of the Hebrew congregations of Auckland and Christchurch and another by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. A. Caldwell. The steel frame was designed by Mr. Caldwell, and Ken Chandler, son of the then Dean, was responsible for putting the bells in.

The ringing chamber is of great beauty and was panelled by Mr. Caldwell personally, the work taking about six months. Rimu wood, which has a fine polish, was used. There is a balcony on one side and the belfry bookcase contains bound volumes of "The Ringing World" from 1950. The first peal on the bells—Plain Bob Minor—was rung on October 22nd, 1950, conducted by Albert Lancefield, on the day following the dedication.

In the practice that evening we were joined by Mr. C. W. Martin, of Cheltenham, who is spending a year in New Zealand. The Ringing Master is Mr. David McAdam, and his wife, Pamela, also rings. The Editor and Mrs. White spent a pleasant evening with them and Mrs. Eileen (Mary) Bailey (née Foot), who formerly rang at Battle, Sussex. Five of the party made the 40 mile journey to the Waitomo caves, one of the wonders of the world, where millions of glow-worms "shed a celestial radiance to the glassy waters below."

Cambridge Surprise Major was selected for the peal attempt the next morning. Tom Lock gave his customary interview and promised with Anne Horsford to visit the television studio in the afternoon. The Bishop of Waikato (the Rt. Rev. John T. Holland) came and wished the ringers success in their venture. It was a good peal and was conducted by Tom Lock, the time taken being 3 hours 5 minutes.

Before the peal the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. McAdam climbed the steps to the ringing chamber and, to the delight of the company, presented two packets of raisins to Pat Cannon. A memory of 15 years ago was revived; Malcolm Melville was wrongfully accused for perpetuating the incident.



ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL, HAMILTON

While the peal was in progress Mr. Caldwell motored Mr. and Mrs. White around this attractive city with a beautiful river and lake with velvety lawns at the water's edge. Clumps of arum lilies—regarded as weeds—were to be seen near the river. Hamilton is a university city and is planning a new building. Among its more recent buildings is the theatre, seating 1,250 people, which was built by voluntary subscription and is self supporting. It has a spacious stage.

There was a cheer from below the hill on which the Cathedral stands when the bells



The ringing chamber panelled in rimu wood by Mr. A. C. A. Caldwell, personally. It took him six months to complete the wood-work in this beautiful room.

came round—whether of congratulation or relief we know not. In close proximity was the Supreme Court of Justice, and before the start Mr. Caldwell obtained from them permission for the peal to proceed.

The peal band were ready for lunch and they were the guests of Mr. Caldwell at the Swiss Restaurant. Barely an hour was left for sightseeing before it was time to collect our bags and be motored by our kind friends to the airfield. Anne had promised to sew on two buttons for Malcolm. The journey to Auckland was only 35 minutes by air. A humorous request was made for the journey to take a little longer so that Anne could complete her task. It was finished well within the time limit.

We said "goodbye" to Anne at Auckland. She had hired a car for the week and it was at the airport, but not the make she had ordered. Malcolm gave her a lesson on manipulating the gears. Ahead of her was a journey of approximately 300 miles—no light undertaking on a strange road with a somewhat imperfect map. The story of the drive to visit her uncle and relatives has yet to be told. Another member of the party, Mark Damerell, also had an uncle in New Zealand, and he met Mark at Hamilton Airport. This accounted for Mark's exclusion from the peal.

At Auckland we boarded the Qantas plane that took us to Nadi, in the Fiji Islands, where in the early hours we spent an hour ashore and then continued our journey across the Pacific to Honolulu. It was a hot morning and it seemed to sap one's energy. American health formalities were completed here; Customs having to be passed at San Francisco. Few of the party wandered beyond the confines of the transit halls, and the return to the plane and continuation of the journey towards home was really welcome. An air of home-sickness seemed to prevail.

(To be continued)

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The autumn meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch was held on November 6th at the unspoilt village of Worfield, which has a very fine parish church and graceful spire. Mr. Alan Jones, the Ringing Master, supervised the ringing, and the service, with address, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. G. C. Thompson), a former ship's officer and naval chaplain.

SUFFOLK GUILD

The Central District's annual general meeting was held at Earl Soham on October 23rd. The Ringing Master, Mr. R. E. Lester, was re-elected; the posts of chairman and hon. secretary were reversed, Mr. L. E. Last now being elected chairman, and Mr. H. W. H. Leather hon. secretary. The committee was re-elected.

Support by Central District members was very poor; thanks are due to visitors from outlying districts who helped to swell the numbers and make the meeting a success.

Ringing was enjoyed at Earl Soham during the afternoon, followed by a short service taken by the Rev. Mr. Foster, and an enjoyable tea at the Falcon Inn. Evening ringing was at Brandeston. H. W. H. L.

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DINNER-DANCE AT WINDSOR

SOCIAL life is prominent in the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and the fourth annual dinner and dance, held at the Thames Hotel, Windsor, on November 20th, was supported by a company of 126. These included the Branch president, the Bishop of Buckingham (the Rt. Rev. G. D. Savage) and Mrs. Savage, the Branch chairman (Canon Eric Perkins), the Master of the Guild (Canon C. Elliot Wigg) and Mrs. Wigg, the Rev. S. W. Doran (Bray) and the Rev. John Grover (Cookham).

The hall had been attractively decorated by Mr. E. Gosling, who with Miss Doreen Hague, the Branch hon. secretary, were responsible for the arrangements.

After an excellent meal and the loyal toast, the Branch chairman said these dinners and dances were the brilliant idea of one man (Mr. E. Gosling) and they had proved to be very worthwhile. He welcomed the Bishop, the Master of the Guild and other clerical colleagues, also Mr. T. W. White and Mr. Walter Knight, an Australian visitor who had been ringing at St. Mary's, Slough.

Canon Wigg presented a certificate to St. Mary's, Amersham, who came second in the Guild striking competition, and this was received by their conductor, Anthony Fortin. The chairman presented certificates for the Branch striking competition, which was also won by Amersham with Hughenden (conductor, David Cornwell) and Lane End (Colin Hagger) being the runners-up. Mr. George Gibbs was thanked for framing the certificates.

The Bishop of Buckingham, in proposing the toast of "Our Church Bell Ringers," said as their president he felt he should present his credentials as this was the first time he had met them. He thanked the Branch most sincerely for allowing his wife and himself to be present.

"I can say I know a little about change ringing and my skill in this noble art has been confined to places in the Diocese of Oxford.

I first learned to ring such a thing as change ringing when I came to Oxford and was inveigled to go to St. Thomas' Church. I found it interesting and not hard physically.

The Bishop said his next experience was at a theological college and they rang at Drayton St. Leonard's, and there were broken stays right, left and centre. He remembered that one of their number, who was now an Archdeacon, got the rope round his neck and it was only the foresight of one of the party, who got nold of the rope above him, that prevented a casualty.

While a naval chaplain during the war, he remembered when his ship was in the Indian Ocean they had on board Sub-Lieutenant A. R. Pink, who was now an outstanding personality in the Diocese. Wherever he went he took with him a little box, and he remembered him producing his handbells and putting them through it.

He had always been fortunate as a Vicar or Rector to have towers with good bells. At one tower the village blacksmith was a ringer and made him a crook, not that he had any gift of looking forward. But the Bishop added that he used this lovely crook Sunday by Sunday. He wanted to thank the Bucks ringers for ringing so nicely when he visited their churches.

Concluding, the Bishop said that was not the place to preach a sermon but to thank them for everything they did in their art. "Go on teaching this noble art to the younger generation and see that the towers are always manned for calling people to worship and in ringing out praises to God."

Mr. T. W. White replied and gave a brief résumé of ringing in Australia and New Zealand, in which he mentioned the generous hospitality those who took part in Great Adventure II received, and that Sydney ringers this month had rung a peal of Surprise and two quarters of Surprise. They could now produce a very capable band at Sydney.

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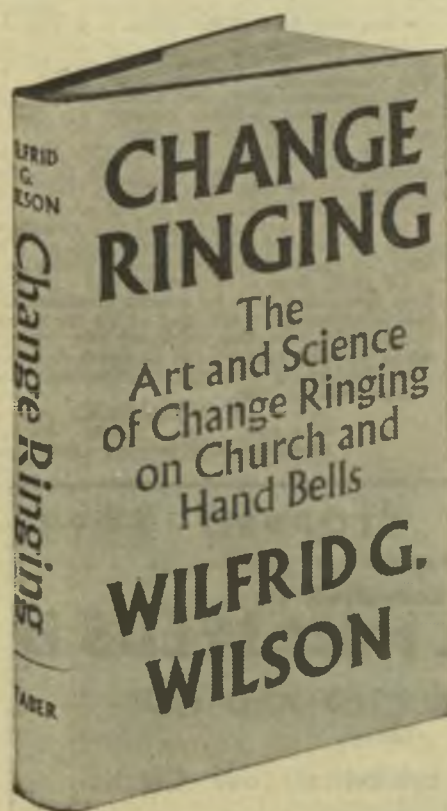
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Letters to the Editor

LIFE OF BELL ROPES

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. John Royal's letter from Kenilworth, I can only say that the rope he refers to as having to splice after less than a year's wear must surely be a poor rope or there must be some roughened surface on the wheel or in the garter hole that has chafed and frayed it.

The surface of the wheels of bells should be checked for absolute smoothness all the way round and any pulleys the rope runs over should be checked to see that they rotate properly and that the surface of the pulleys is also smooth. Any roughness found anywhere should be rubbed down. Even the slightest roughness will cause chafing of the rope, particularly in the garter holes. Fillet holes should also be checked.

The best ropes to be recommended are four-strand ropes, which are considerably superior to the three-strand ones, as they last longer and are much stronger.

In these days to help make ropes last longer leather sleeves can be obtained to put on the ropes where the wear occurs at the garter holes. If these tend to slip, then adhesive tape can be used to ensure they are kept in position. As a second best, adhesive tape can be wound round the rope where most wear takes place.

To harden the rope where the wear occurs and so lengthen the rope's life I would suggest rubbing in wax. I have not tried French chalk or castor oil as Mr. Royal suggests, but this may also help. Whatever method is adopted there would still be the need for adjustment up and down occasionally. For bells that may be exposed to the elements—and there are some, too—I would suggest the ropes be treated with some rope preservative.

In my own tower we have two sets of ropes at present for the eight bells. The old ropes are 11 years old and have only been spliced twice and are in use most of the time, and the new ropes are used for special occasions such as meetings, etc., also peal attempts (one hears too often of peal attempts being lost owing to a broken rope).

R. H. DUKE.

Tower Captain and Towerkeeper,
St. Peter's, Dorchester, Dorset.

Dear Sir,—We find that rubbing with Russian tallow is very effective. The life of our ropes averages 10 years. I would also advise moving the ropes up and down a few inches occasionally.

C. H. BAKER.

Gainsborough.

GUIDE BOOK TO COMPOSITION

Dear Sir,—I wonder if you could find space in your columns to put a correction I have found necessary in "A Guide Book to Composition"?

Page 27, para. 4, should read: "We know the relationship between rounds and Y to be the same as that between the false lead-head/end and X."

G. B. THOMPSON.

Chorlton-cum-Hardy,
Manchester.

AGAINST ADJUSTMENTS

Dear Sir,—I have found that there are four chief places at which wear of bell ropes occurs (assuming, of course, that the guides are in alignment). Two places are above the ringing chamber roof and two below.

Above: (1) The most wear naturally takes place at the hole through which the rope passes into the groove of the wheel. To minimise the wear here I have sewn round the rope a double thickness of drill or light canvas for a length of about three inches either side of the hole. Lubricate the rope at this point with castor oil and make sure that the hole itself has no sharp edges.

(2) See that the pulleys revolve freely and keep them oiled. I have found a pulley seized with a groove worn into it by the rope.

Below: (3) The rope should be protected from abrasion where it hits the floor. Soft mats are best for this purpose, but coconut matting is fatal; it will cut through the strands in no time.

(4) Stop ringers from "fiddling" with the adjustment of the length of the rope-ends. Adjust them for the ordinary ringer and keep them at that. Jabbing the strands apart with a marline spike damages them and starts a potential weakness; and for some unknown reason the original point where the end was tucked away seems to have been weakened.

Finally, I have found that there are two kinds of rope available. One seems to be made from short lengths of yarn, and another with long fibres. The latter takes longer to settle down, but I prefer it as it gives a better service and splices more easily.—Yours, etc.

Willesborough, Kent.

W. P. GARNER.

ONE-ARMED RINGER

Dear Sir,—Mr. D. R. Pope, of Kington, may well be encouraged to hear that Mr. Fred Hannington, of Cardiff, suffered the loss of his right arm in an accident shortly after the first world war. Since that time he has been a most regular ringer at St. John's, Cardiff. Fred's advice to Mr. Pope is to try on a ring of bells with a short length of rope and not to loop the tail end round his wrist in any way but to hold it in the normal manner. A little practice gives confidence.

In addition Fred is a very highly-skilled tapestry worker, and for 17 years served his Association as general secretary.

I am sure that all ringers will join me in wishing Mr. Pope every success in his efforts to overcome his disability.

M. J. P.

THE MYSTERIOUS X

Dear Sir,—I support your correspondent who would like the Central Council to deal with the mysterious symbol X. There was a resolution before the Council in 1956 condemning the wrong use of this symbol. It was proposed by me and seconded by Mr. P. A. Coroy. The total show of hands was greater than I have seen on some occasions, indicating considerable interest in this subject, with more against than in favour. I am not now eligible to try again. Another awkward question to be asked by a young student is "What is the difference between FCH and FCE?"—Yours sincerely,

Skegness.

JOHN SEGAR.

THE FILM "RINGERS REQUIRED"

Dear Sir,—The misleading statements which are likely to create misunderstanding and ill-feeling, which Mr. A. J. Collins makes in his letter headed "Ringers Required" in "The Ringing World" of November 19th, page 766, cannot go unchallenged.

After opening with a 12-line free advertisement in our Central Council journal he goes on to say that the machinations of the Central Council and its Education Committee are beyond him and refers to Great Adventure II and his film as instances.

Now the Central Council Education Committee has never at any time had anything to do with any aspect of Great Adventure II or any decision made by the Council concerning it.

As convener of the Education Committee, however, I was in 1961-62 involved in a great deal of work investigating the pros and cons of the Council itself producing a film on bellringing and my full report thereon appeared on page 409 of "The Ringing World" of June 22nd, 1962. I still have a file of correspondence, etc., about that investigation, including one or two letters from Mr. Collins, the contents of which he has perhaps forgotten. The Council decided not to undertake at that time the making of a film.

One of the reasons given was that Mr. Collins, who learned of my investigations and had himself secretly produced an amateur film on bellringing, requested that efforts to start another project be dampened down.

Mr. Barnett and I arranged for his film to be shown to members of the Central Council at Cardiff in 1962, the Council undertaking to bear the cost of projector hire, and the local Association bearing the expense of having a suitable room available for the purpose. Mr. Collins thus had a very influential audience for his film in that many of these representatives went back to the Associations and recommended the hire of his film on some future occasion.

The Council at that meeting commended his film and decided to refrain from competing with it.

Mr. Collins made it clear at that time that the film would be made available through sources that he would arrange, and that he "was not exactly willing for amateurs to get hold of it" (his £35 print) "and strip off all the perforations."

As numerous hirers well know, Mr. Collins made his film available through the Grass-hopper Group at 30/- per day.

It is not intended to criticise his film or photographic skill and he is to be commended (as he was at Cardiff in 1962) for producing an amateur film on this subject.

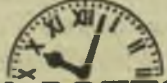
Mr. Collins has never asked this committee (nor, so far as I know, the Council) to take over the responsibility of handling his film.

Of what, then, is he complaining? If he is now dissatisfied with his present arrangements, which he himself made, and wishes the Council to take over this work or help him in some way, his method of approach is rather odd and, to say the least, ungentlemanly and tactless—Yours, etc..

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THE ROVING RINGERS' TOUR, 1965



In Green's Norton Playground (left to right): Adrienne Gibson, Gill Richards, John Brain, Alan Elsmore, John Slater, Roy Mills, Geoff Stevens, George Evenden, Charles Quarterly, Jonathan Nibbs, Janet Evenden, Andrew Slade, Fred Ellis, Roger Ashmore, Eunice Lewis, John Hayns, Rosemary Blyth, Bob Ashman, Alan Luxford, Diana Hayns, Sal Parrott, Janet Crane. Also on tour were David Nibbs and Stephen Wooler. [Picture by Frank Lewis.

ON Saturday, August 21st, the little town of Bletchley, Bucks, concentrated on surviving heavy showers of rain, little expecting that an even heavier shower of 25 Roving Ringers, tested old-stagers and welcome newcomers, was about to descend upon it. The Rovers had this year decided to blaze a trail through six counties, no less, and in Bucks, Northants and Warwickshire, in Worcestershire, Gloucester and Oxfordshire we left behind conquered towers, broken bicycle parts, thriving landlords and despairing youth hostel wardens.

As we passed on this first day through Stony Stratford, where there is a church which is very lucky to have any bells now, since other parts of the church were wickedly destroyed by fire, and through Towcester, we stuck to familiar paths like Stedman and Plain Bob, Grandsire and the A.5. There were those who embarked upon Erin and Cambridge, as there were also those who braved a steep short cut. But the ringing came round satisfactorily and the cycling also achieved its end as we arrived at Green's Norton to see the usual sight, comforting by virtue of its familiarity, of Fred Ellis, with his bike upside down, mending a puncture. The tour had truly started!

Green's Norton has a pleasant six and we rang them for morning service, refreshed by what John Slater repeatedly assured us was a "nourishing and filling youth hostel breakfast" and rejuvenated by a happy session in the adjoining playground (see photo). If we are honest we will admit that the roundabout was probably not designed for half a dozen sadists to spin the poor chap on it until he was ejected—bruised and nauseated—into the surrounding mud; but it supplied innocent

amusement for Rovers on the prowl and satisfied the blood-lust.

Despite the magnificence of Y.H.A. food, the ten miles to Daventry reshaped our appetites, and the one place in the whole town which offered anything to eat was invaded as by a swarm of locusts. We were impressed by the bells of Daventry and as we progressed through Grandsire Caters and Plain Bob Royal to Stedman and Cambridge, I think we did the bells justice. It was even worth facing the drizzle to hear them outside.

By Monday we had heard the rumour that it was National Accident Week and decided that our party of 25 should be able to make a substantial contribution thereto. It was left to Rosemary to start us off by slipping and damaging her ankle to an extent which was still unknown by the end of the tour. Bob ("The Wrecker") Ashman was biding his time.

THE RINGING FLOURISHES

Meanwhile at Warwick (St. Nicholas') Double Norwich Court Bob Major submitted reluctantly and with noisy protest to our efforts to get it round. However, Yorkshire was much more docile and we led the bells smoothly through an enjoyably rhythmical course. At Redditch in the afternoon some of our less experienced members tried to tame Cambridge with commendable success, especially considering it was a first attempt for two of them. We must not fail to mention here the welcome appearance at the evening's festivities, after the ringing at Chaddeley Corbett had finished, of an old member of the Society, David Beacham. The company in the Swan that evening was so large

and lively as to draw surprised comment from the wife of the warden of Chaddeley's hostel.

Tuesday dawned grey in contrast to our spirits. At Stoke Prior it would only need to have been a little darker for the bells justly to remind us of "things that go bump in the night." At Bidford-on-Avon we found some choice bells and descriptions to match. From John Slater's corner of the tower we heard the mumbled conviction that the second had masonry bearings, whilst John Brain, after ringing the treble, declared that it was mounted in quick-setting concrete.

WEDNESDAY, DAY OF TWELVES

The middle of the week had arrived and Evesham, Tewkesbury and Cheltenham heard the sound of Stedman Cinques, a sound which swells majestically on the bell tower's worthy twelve. A tribute must here be paid to our Master, George Evenden, for the way he organised the touches for the younger members and enabled those who did not feel at home on twelve to find their way through Stedman Cinques.

As evening sauntered towards us, Cleve Hill loomed like a malevolent ogre far above. But appropriately daunted, we walked and walked, then walked a little farther beside our halting bicycles; and eventually we reached the well-earned refreshment and the hostel at the top.

Our contribution to National Accident Week started on Thursday. It is nice to have a scapegoat. Well, rain, Bob Ashman and ungracious Fate comprise a formidable trio whom we might like to blame. Perhaps it was not Bob's fault when a car cut him close and his pedal scraped a neat line of paint off the side. Nor next day, when he was riding cheerfully along and one handlebar was found to be no longer attached to his bicycle. Nor was it discovered (I hope!) who was at fault when Andrew Slade and Roger Ashmore found themselves in a messy heap in front of a still messier heap of mangled bicycle. How justified were the oft-quoted words, once apparently heard from an eminent Somerset Rector, "Get off the road, you lout!" Still, it was all trade for the local bicycle shops. A little ingenuity even managed to cope with a full-scale blow-out in Adrienne's back tyre.

Such were our troubles. How pleasant, then, to be able to continue ringing in spite of everything at Swindon Village (more "things that go bump in the night"), to press on to Prestbury, Charlton Kings and Leckhampton, where a ladies' touch of Bob Major was successful, on Thursday. Then to have the pleasure on Friday of ringing at Watermoor, Fairford and Burford.

REINFORCEMENTS RALLY

The week-end brought many old members in and made a party totalling about 40 at The Elms, Ifley. As if the bells were giant magnets, the ringing on the way into Oxford at Witney and Eynsham gradually attracted the new arrivals. Merton College's precarious balcony supported the full party and thus was completed Saturday's ringing. The luxuries of the hotel were bliss to the hostellers, and the dinner and meeting proceeded successfully.

The party was still a goodly size on Sunday at All Saints' and St. Ebbe's on Magdalen College's splendid ten and at the Cathedral. A trip to Appleton to ring for Evensong made an enjoyable excursion, and the day's ringing finished at St. Mary's, the prodigious six that sound so far afield.

Monday's ringing on Abingdon's ten, at Dorchester and Wallingford brought to a close another very enjoyable tour. For the excellent arrangements we owe our thanks to John Cobb and are also grateful to all incumbents whose permission to ring we gained, M.R.A.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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OBITUARY

MR. J. A. HERBERT

The many friends of Mr. Jim A. Herbert, of Luton, will receive with great regret the news of his death, which occurred on November 7th at the age of 58.

He first learned to ring at Hadleigh, Suffolk, the place of his birth, and after settling in Luton in 1935 he joined the local band, of which he remained a regular member until his death.

The funeral service was held on November 11th at Luton Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, and attended by the local captain (Mr. H. Wood) and a large number of ringers, including two from Harpenden, where Jim was a frequent visitor. The Bedfordshire Association was represented by the president, who read the lesson. Cremation followed.

In the evening 1,259 Grandsire Caters was rung with the bells half-muffled, by the local band as a tribute to the memory of a loyal comrade.

AN APPRECIATION

Those who were so fortunate to enjoy the privilege of Jim Herbert's friendship will find it hard to believe that this very staunch character has left us.

It is just 30 years ago that Jim left his native Suffolk and settled in the busy industrial town of Luton. He never lost his love for the beautiful county of his origin, but that did not prevent him being loyal and faithful to the place of his adoption, and in the 30 years he served Luton Parish Church as a bellringer he was regular in his attendance and earnest about his work as an officer of the church. A. E. R.

MR. LESLIE C. W. HUNTER

For 36 years Leslie Charles William Hunter, popularly known as "Les", was tower captain at Shalford, Surrey, and during that time, by hard work and devotion to the cause, he was successful in keeping in being an efficient change ringing band there who, even if not renowned for the multiplicity of methods rung, were famed throughout the area for their accuracy in striking. In 1936, through his efforts, the rather bad-going and non-melodious six at Shalford were recast and augmented to eight, an eight now noted for their musical qualities and "go."

To the great grief of all who knew him Les died on November 19th at the age of 57 after an illness that had for years made itself manifest and which to a great extent had curtailed his ringing activities.

He could claim to be a founder member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, had served for years on the Executive Committee and acted as auditor for a long period. He also recently served the Guildford District as Ringing Master for a period of two years. Les had been associated with Shalford Parish Church all his life, serving as chorister from boyhood and in later years as a member of the Parochial Church Council there.

At a memorial service held in the Parish Church on November 24th, following cremation earlier in the day, there was a gathering of fellow ringers, fellow workers in the office of the Collector of Taxes, where he had been employed since leaving school, members of his family, relatives and friends, and in his address the Vicar (Canon W. R. Horth) referred to Les's sterling qualities, his devotion to Shalford bells, his service to the Church in other capacities and his great sense of loyalty, friendliness and regard for others, his gifts as a leader and his willingness to help his fellow man.

Les leaves a widow and son and a great company of fellow ringers, fellow workers, fellow churchmen and friends to mourn him. G. L. G.

AN APPRECIATION

Over the past few years the Guildford Diocesan Guild has lost many of its established characters and now in the death of Leslie Hunter it has suffered another tragic blow. He started his service to Shalford Parish at

a very young age as a choirboy and then learned to ring on the heavy six bells. During the next 40 or so years he watched the augmentation to eight and the constant training that is necessary to maintain an eight-bell band. He had been captain of the tower for 36 years and served the Guild in various capacities. He learned the more advanced methods with the late A. H. Pulling in Guildford and maintained at Shalford the precision striking he learned there.

It has always been a pleasure to visit Shalford whether one has been an unknown learner or an established ringer—the welcome was always warm and sincere. Les was truly a gentleman and instilled enthusiasm and unity in all with whom he came into contact. The happiness of his band, their annual family holiday together and the full ringers' pews were a constant reminder of the way he worked. He will be greatly missed by all, and our deepest sympathy is with his family and friends at Shalford. D. A. R. M.

MR. KEITH TAYLOR

With deep regret we report another loss to the Colehill belfry, Warwickshire, by the tragic death of Keith Taylor, killed on the road when returning from ringing practice at Kingsbury on November 12th. He was interested in many of the neighbouring towers and their ringers and he will be greatly missed, especially by some of the younger members of these bands.

Twenty-seven ringers attended the service at Yardley Crematorium on November 18th, and the following towers were represented: Coleshill, Kingsbury, Knowle, Yardley, Tamworth, Sheldon, Great Barr and Burton-on-Trent.

At Coleshill that evening 1,260 Bob Triples was rung, half muffled, by Miss R. Morgan 1, Mrs. D. Bennett 2, D. L. Lloyd 3, D. L. Hooper 4, L. L. Willis 5, E. H. Hill 6, G. Lane (conductor) 7, A. Ensor 8. This was followed by 1,260 Doubles, half-muffled, by Miss L. Deebank (first quarter) 1, K. Lane 2, N. Attaway 3, J. Belshaw 4, M. Edwards (conductor) 5, N. Ensor 6, H. Walker 7, H. Williams 8.

The Kingsbury ringers paid their tribute in their own tower on November 19th, when 1,260 of Plain Bob Minor was rung, half-muffled, by K. Cummings (first quarter) 1, N. Richards 2, N. Attaway 3, R. Farmer 4, K. Richards 5, G. Lane (conductor) 6.

All three quarters were preceded by a silence, and prayers were said.

The ringers of Knowle visited Coleshill tower on the Sunday afternoon, November 21st, and rang a peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled.

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WHITNEY, OXON. — On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Coggins 1, T. Hester 2, E. Hill 3, L. Oliffe 4, P. Pearce 5, B. J. Coggins (cond.) 6, W. Clarke 7, P. Beedie 8. For Harvest Festival, and as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Oliffe.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Godfrey, of Pulborough, have left for Ghana. They will be out of England for 18 months.

Miss Jean Dale, of St. Albans, rang her first peal on her new set of Dutch handbells. These are believed to be only the second set in this country made by Petit and Fritsen.

Mr. J. E. Jeater has received a postal order for 12s. in an envelope posted at Gloucester on November 22nd. He awaits instructions as nothing else was included in the envelope.

Mr. George E. Bonham calls attention that during his peal week a peal was rung at Brafield-on-the-Green and not Bradfield-on-the-Green. See page 765.

Mr. Noel D. Deam, of Marston, Oxford, fulfilled on October 16th a long-standing ambition by equalling the then record peal of 42 Doubles methods conducted by Mr. Alan R. Pink in this tower.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung half-muffled at St. Neots, Hunts, on November 13th, has particular significance, as the bells were recast and hung in an iron frame in 1919 in memory of the parishioners who gave their lives in the 1914-18 war.

A friend of a group of Southwell Guild ringers is Mrs. Drury, of Swinderby. For six years they have rung a peal in honour of her birthday, which on November 9th was her 82nd. Despite the ringers' request not to bother, she insisted on giving them a really good supper. Comments our correspondent: "She is one of the few who get pleasure in giving as well as receiving."

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WASHINGTON RING FOR PRINCESS MARGARET

The ringers of Washington Cathedral had the great honour, writes Richard S. Dirksen (Bellmaster) "to ring for H.R.H. Princess Margaret on November 16th, following a short service for her in the Cathedral. Rounds and call changes were rung on the Cathedral's ten (33 cwt.) as the Princess left the building and entered her limousine. Then, as her car drove away, a touch of Plain Bob Minor was rung on bells 1, 2, 3, 6, 8 and 9 with tenor behind.

"In the opinion of a number of educated listeners, the striking was superb, and the Bob Minor rung on those bells, though perhaps slightly unorthodox by Central Council standards, was a beautiful sound indeed.

"The Washington Press, refusing to be educated, commented '... and as the Princess descended the stairs, the Cathedral's ten-bell carillon broke forth.'

"I can only repeat how great an honour we felt it, to ring for English royalty, and how pleased we were to have the opportunity to welcome Princess Margaret 'in her native tongue,' as it were."

A record of these bells and also interviews with the band that rang at their opening is advertised on page 817.

SYDNEY'S SUCCESSFUL RUN

The Sydney ringers have had a successful run of late. Quarter peals of Cambridge, Lincolnshire and Superlative have been rung at St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Jude's, Randwick. Following these there was a half-muffled peal of Lincolnshire at Randwick on Remembrance Sunday. A peal of Minor has also been rung at Turramurra.

BELLS IN INDIA

Dear Sir,—In answer to the query by Mr. Claud Rush re "Bells in India and Pakistan," I was stationed in Delhi from 1914 to 1917 and from there visited many cities in India.

The only ring of bells I know of was in the English church at Poona. I was with the late Mr. Frank Green and we tried to get a band for a quarter peal but before this materialised we were moved to Bombay and Palestine.

I often wondered if they had been rung before then or since. We had enough for Grandsire Triples in our battalion, 1/4th Wiltshire Regiment, but were never able to ring.

We visited Bethlehem whilst in Palestine, but as you all know now the bells were only hung for swinging headstock high.—Yours truly,

W. C. WEST.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

THE CURATE'S PRANK

For a long time a resident West Cumberland band has been trying to ring a peal of Surprise Major. This area is not blessed with many opportunities or many ringers. On November 20th at Cockermouth the band was within sight of success. Two hours and 35 minutes of excellent ringing had taken place when, with only two and a half courses to go, the lights went out!

"Luckily nobody was injured and we clattered to a standstill," writes L. B. "Immediately afterwards we made inquiries and discovered that it was the assistant curate who had switched off all the lighting to 'play a joke' on the women who were cleaning the church. We did not laugh!"

MAXIMUS PEAL AT LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

An historic achievement in the art of peal ringing was the first peal of Maximus on the bells of Liverpool Cathedral on November 20th. It was Cambridge Surprise Maximus and was accomplished in the excellent time of 4 hours 16 minutes. To the conductor, Mr. Joseph Ridyard, and his Cathedral band drawn from Merseyside, the warm congratulations of many friends will be extended.

The peal was in honour of the retirement of the Bishop of Liverpool, the Rt. Rev. Clifford Martin. When the Central Council had its memorable meeting at Southport in 1959, Dr. Martin gave a most cordial welcome. He is not without practical experience of ringing, as he learned to handle a bell while at Plymouth, being a pupil of Mr. Tom Myers, and received his certificate of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

The Bishop attended the dinner given by the Lancashire Association on the evening previous to the Council meeting. He told the story that at one tower he rang they asked him which bell he would like. He replied "No. 5." After he had rung they put a little tablet inscribed "The Bishop's Bell."

PROMOTION FOR PORTISHEAD RINGER

Portishead tower is the poorer by the loss of Police Sergeant Fred Sandy, who is moving to Yeovil on promotion to inspector. Portishead bells are out of action at present while the clappers are being rebushed, and so a farewell quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung at the neighbouring tower of Wraxall by a representative band. Inspector Sandy's eldest son, Robert, has recently started to learn to ring, and they go with the best wishes of the Portishead band for their future in Yeovil.

OXFORD GUILD ORGANISE LEADERS' COURSE

Adequate support was forthcoming for the tower leaders' course at Charney Manor from November 5th to 7th. There were 28 people of vastly differing ages and ability present and the strength of the organisation lay in the adroitness of the very able tutors in adapting to the different standards of all their pupils. The tutors, to whom we are very grateful, were Messrs. F. Sharpe, W. G. Wilson, W. F. Moreton, M. Hatchett and P. J. M. Gray. A vast range of subjects was covered, including the history of bells, the technique of bell-control, the science of composition, the ringing of handbells, tower maintenance and the part played by the Guild.

Miss Marie Cross is sincerely thanked for organising the course, and the Society of Friends, the owners of Charney Manor, for being so hospitable.

T. J. K.

MIX-UP OVER TWO FIELDENS

Correction.—In regard to peals published on page 782, the ringer of the eighth at Leyland, the treble at Walton-le-Dale and the tenor at Adlington should be John H. Fielden, and not J. Henry Fielden as published. The error is regretted.

The footnote to the peal of London Surprise Major rung at St. Thomas', Heptonstall (page 784) should read: "Rung in the octave of All Saints' on the octave of St. Thomas'." Mr. J. Henry Fielden also asks us to state that he did not ring in the peals at Adlington, Leyland and Walton-le-Dale on page 782. These peals were rung by John H. Fielden.

NORTH BERKS' FIRST DINNER

One hundred and twenty ringers and friends met in Hagbourne Village Hall on November 19th for the first annual dinner of the North Berks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Towers represented included Abingdon, Appleton, Aston Tirrold, Blewbury, Cholsey, Hagbourne, Harwell, North Moreton, Radley, Stevenage, Wantage and West Hendred, and guests included the Rev. H. J. Pickles, the Rev. G. R. Wells and Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Wilkins. Canon C. E. Wigg, Miss M. R. Cross and Mr. F. Sharpe were also invited but unfortunately had to decline.

The toast of "The North Berks Branch" was proposed by the Rev. Martin F. Gibbs, the Rural Dean, who recalled some amusing eccentricities of Bishop Sheddin; Mr. Alfred H. Webb, the Branch Ringing Master, replied. Mr. Claude Corderoy, the Branch hon. secretary, proposed the toast of "The Guests and Friends," and the Rev. G. R. Wells made a well-received musical reply. Mr. Kenneth Leach, the Branch vice-chairman, proposed votes of thanks to those who had organised the dinner, and to Messrs. Bees Catering Service of Oxford for an excellent spread.

After the dinner the assembly was entertained by the Appleton Handbell Ringers (Alf Webb, Harry White, George Bishop, Cliff Garlick and Miss Peggy East) and the evening concluded with enthusiastic community singing. So successful was the evening that it is hoped to make it a regular annual event.

M. B.

THE DEVON ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting was held in the Diocesan Board Room, Exeter, on November 20th, when some 40 towers were represented.

After the routine business had been transacted and Mr. E. J. Cole, of Ashreigney, re-elected hon. secretary, the choice of towers for the 1966 festivals was made as follows: April 23rd, Bovey Tracey (eight-bell); May 7th, Stokenham (six-bell—south); May 21st, Bickleigh (six-bell—north); June 11th, St. Budeaux, Plymouth (six-bell—final).

Mr. Bartlett reported briefly upon his attendance at the meeting of the Central Council at Northampton and the welcome which he had found there and announced that he hoped to arrange the usual June six-bell competition by invitation at, subject to permission being formally obtained, Blackawton. The festival held at Bridford last summer resulted in almost £60 being handed to the P.C.C. to help in the repayment of a loan from the Historic Churches Preservation Trust.

B. E. B.

DISS POPULAR WITH NORFOLK RINGERS

The Southern Branch visited Diss, always a favourite tower for a meeting, on October 30th. As usual, there was a large attendance, well over 50. A warm welcome was received from the new Rector (Canon E. L. Corbell), who conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. S. Collins (Rector of Bunwell).

At the business meeting, which was presided over by Mr. Nolan Golden, president of the Association, Canon Corbell was elected an honorary member.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector, organist and Mr. A. G. Harrison, who made all the arrangements for the meeting.

Branch annual meeting: February 5th, at Saxlingham.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION.
RANDWICK, New South Wales.—At the Church of St. Jude.

On Thurs., Nov. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. in F sharp.

*Edmund J. Fowell Treble	*John C. Sheehy 5
Enid L. Roberts 2	*Ralph L. Clark 6
*John H. Fryer 3	Thomas W. Goodyer 7
*John J. Cummins 4	William D. Watson .. Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed. Conducted by William D. Watson.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal as conductor. First peal in the method for all the band and in New South Wales. First peal of Surprise and of Major by a resident band in New South Wales.
Rung half-muffled in Remembrance

TURRAMURRA, N.S.W.—At the Church of St. James.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

G. Kenneth Stacey Treble	† John R. Rainsford 4
Enid L. Roberts 2	Ralph L. Clark 5
*Jennie Smith 3	Thomas W. Goodyer .. Tenor

Conducted by Thomas W. Goodyer

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal. First peal on the bells by a resident N.S.W. band.

Rung on the anniversary of the donor of the bells, Edmund S. Paul, died November 13th, 1951.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHEWTON MENDIP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Consisting of 25 methods, comprising 480 Cambridge, 320 each of Claybrooke, Bristol, Loncon, Pudsey and Wordsworth, and 160 each of Acton, Apsley, Coddensham, Cray, Eastcote, Edinburgh, Heathcote, Hereford, Hitchin, Lincolnshire, Lindum, New Gloucester, Ripon, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley and Yorkshire, with 154 changes of method

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

Cyril A. Wratten Treble	Anthony R. Peake 5
Elisabeth A. G. Bowden .. 2	Edward R. Venn 6
*Michael J. Hobbs 3	Victor Griffin 7
*James R. Taylor 4	Brian Bladon Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman. Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* 50th peal together. The greatest number of Major methods in the county and for the Association.

WEST LYDFORD, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

David J. Orledge Treble	Arthur Callow 4
Mrs. D. Crocker 2	*Robert G. Field 5
*David C. M. Hill 3	Francis J. White Tenor

Conducted by Francis J. White.

* First peal of Minor

Rung by Cary Branch members for the 75th anniversary of the Branch.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

Valerie Willard Treble	Joseph Marks 6
*Alan W. Jeffs 2	† Roger Cadamy 7
Diana M. Frost 3	William A. Yates 8
Henry B. Whitney 4	Roy Woodruff 9
Alan J. Frost 5	George W. Holland .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by George W. Holland.

* First peal on ten. † First of Royal.

ODELL or WOODHILL, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.
On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720 (C.C.C. Nos. 57, 54, 56, et var., and 32).

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Ronald J. Sharp Treble	Keith H. Fleming 4
Robert L. Piron 2	Martyn J. Marriott 5
Anthony H. Smith 3	Philip Mehew Tenor

Conducted by Philip Mehew.

OLD WARDEN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Leonard.

On Thurs., Nov. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, one each of Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's College Bob and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

George E. Bonham Treble	Roy H. Jones 4
Ralph Chapman 2	John Meredith 5
Robert D. Bellamy 3	Harold S. Peacock Tenor

Conducted by Harold S. Peacock.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
CHESTER-LE-STREET, Co. Durham.—At the Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Cuthbert.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

John E. Anderson Treble	James Crowther 5
*Andrew G. Craddock 2	Denis A. Bayles 6
Eric N. Harrison 3	Michael Maughan 7
William Davidson 4	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed by James W. Washbrook. Conducted by Michael Maughan.

* First peal in the method.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ST. NEOTS, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in D flat.

Robert D. Bellamy Treble	John S. Rank 5
Eileen M. Fearn 2	George E. Bonham 6
James H. Edwards 3	J. Richard Castledine 7
*R. Frank Baker 4	Jack S. Dear Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by J. Richard Castledine.

* 75th peal.

Rung half-muffled on the eve of Remembrance Sunday, in memory of those who lost their lives in the world wars.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

GREAT YARMOUTH, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Comprising 13 courses Tittums, 13 courses Handstroke Home and 12 courses Inverted Tittums. Tenor 30 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in D.

*Edna M. Cooper Treble	Christopher K. Cooper .. 7
Claire Dillamore 2	Martyn L. J. Jordan 8
Hadley Hunter 3	Kenneth J. Hesketh 9
Susan Rothera 4	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 10
Philip Rothera 5	S. Clarke Walters 11
Andrew S. Hudson 6	Peter J. Eves Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Andrew S. Hudson.

* First peal.

MISTLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Nov. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In the following methods, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain, Single Oxford and Plain.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Alfred E. Honeywood .. Treble	Stephen D. Humphrey .. 4
Lesley Ward 2	Neil V. Avis 5
Brian J. Vaughan 3	Peter G. Pitt Tenor

Conducted by Neil V. Avis.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At Christ Church with St. Ewen.

On Mon., Nov. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CLIFTON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

Gillian M. Brearley Treble	Alan Tubb 6
Diana M. Chapman 2	James R. Taylor 7
Philip M. J. Gray 3	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 8
Gillian M. Hussey 4	John C. Slater 9
John H. Gilbert 5	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by J. R. Mayne.

First in the method on the bells and by all the band

CHIPPING CAMPDEN, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

*Richard W. Sweet Treble	Gerald C. Hemming 5
Alan Tubb 2	Rev. Roger O. Fry 6
Arthur C. Berry 3	Ralph G. Edwards 7
Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by A. Craven.

Conducted by Gerald C. Hemming.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 30 cwt. 108 lb. in D.

*Roy D. Mills Treble	*Charles W. Munday 6
† Sally Parrott 2	† John C. Davidge 7
† Peter J. Munday 3	† David J. Herschell 8
*Adrienne Gibson 4	† Alan D. Elsmore 9
*John L. Hayns 5	Tom Page Tenor

Composed by H. J. Tucker.

Conducted by David J. Herschell.

* First peal of Royal. † First on ten. ‡ First in method. First on ten as conductor. First in method on the bells.

Front eight by members of Leatherhead District

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEATHERHEAD, Surrey.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

Susan E. Smith Treble	Lawrence Smith 6
Thomas E. Sone 2	John R. Ketteringham .. 7
Ruth M. Foreman 3	Dennis Hewitt 8
Kenneth Warner 4	Alfred J. House 9
David J. Herschell 5	C. Martin Press Tenor

Composed by Bernard Jealous. Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.

EAST MOLESEY, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Christopher D. J. Webb Treble	Dennis G. Blows 5
*Genebeth C. Webb 2	John F. M. Maybrey 6
*Peter Henry 3	Roy Collins 7
Jill M. May 4	Douglas A. R. May Tenor

Composed by David J. Marshall. Conducted by Douglas A. R. May.

* First peal in the method. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.
Rung for the centenary of the church.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEW RADNOR, Radnorshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

Frederick R. Harris Treble	Reginald J. Preece 4
M. Irene Ellsmore 2	A. Bryan Ellsmore 5
Lawrence T. Mainwaring .. 3	Thomas Bound Tenor

Conducted by A. Bryan Ellsmore.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 lb. in A flat.

J. Richard Castledine Treble	Jean Sanderson 5
Andrew C. D. Mayes 2	Ernest W. Pye 6
John G. Gipson 3	William E. Pye 7
Barry J. Couzens 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Philip Mehew.

A farewell peal for Andrew Mayes, a former ringer at this tower, upon his moving to Luton, Beds.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

LEEDS, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.	
Judith M. Corby Treble	*Thomas Cullingworth 6
*Ann Jenner 2	*†Doris E. Colgate 7
Ralph Bird 3	Stanley Jenner 8
Ian H. Oram 4	Dennis A. Chapman 9
Arthur S. Richards 5	*Philip A. Corby Tenor

Arranged by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* 50th peal together. † 50th peal together. ‡ 100th peal together.

ELTHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Percy J. Spice Treble	*Robert W. Hinde 5
Lucile M. Corby 2	*D. Paul Smith 6
*Judith M. Corby 3	*Andrew J. Corby 7
*Hilary F. Hinde 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Andrew J. Corby.

* First peal in the method.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods: (1) Norwich Surprise, (2) St. Clement's and Double Oxford, (3) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) Oxford T.B., (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Kent T.B., (7) Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

Percy J. Spice Treble	*Tony Lewis 4
Richard G. Crosland 2	*D. Paul Smith 5
*Michael H. O'Callaghan .. 3	Ian H. Oram Tenor

Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* Most methods to a peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL, Lancashire.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 4 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 84 cwt.

Thomas Hesketh Treble	Thomas Horridge 7
Ronald Kenrick 2	Joseph Ridyard 8
Alexander J. Martin 3	Edwin C. Birkett 9
John Bibby 4	Cyril Crossthwaite 10
Norman Heaps 5	John H. Fielden 11
Tudor Edwards 6	Kenneth Hesketh Tenor
	Walter Allman

Composed by Fred Dench. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.

First peal of Maximus on the bells.
Rung in honour of the retirement of the Lord Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev. Clifford Martin.

HEYWOOD, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

*John P. Partington .. Treble	Geoffrey Cheetham 5
Margaret E. Fort 2	Jeffrey Kershaw 6
†Dennis Latham 3	Cyril Crossthwaite 7
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 4	Harry Parkes Tenor

Composed by E. Bankes James. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

* 200th peal for the Association. † First of Grandsire Triples.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Harry Partington, father of the treble ringer, former churchwarden and ringer at this church for 40 years, who died September 18th, 1965.

RAINFORD, Lancashire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.	
*James Hedgecock Treble	William F. Green 4
John R. Austin 2	Thomas D. Roughley 5
Rev. Christopher Herbert .. 3	Eric Roughley Tenor

Conducted by Eric Roughley.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since being rehung.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT OXENDON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, being eight extents Plain Bob, eight St. Simon's, eight St. Martin's, six Stedman and 12 Grandsire.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in B.

Arnold S. Goad Treble	Judy Morris 3
George Simpkin 2	Edward W. Martin 4
	Raymond H. Martin .. Tenor

Conducted by Raymond H. Martin.

First peal in five methods by all the band.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5005 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in D.

*Alan Bridges Treble	Walter Tomlinson 7
Jack L. Millhouse 2	*Michael W. Crowder 8
Rev. Frederick Ross 3	Jack Bray 9
Frank G. Bloomfield 4	*Peter A. Sharp 10
John Walden 5	Geoffrey R. Parker 11
*John Hall 6	Geoffrey Paul Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Cinques. ‡ 50th peal of Stedman.

SURFLEET, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 12 cwt.

Delia E. Heppenstall .. Treble	Edwin A. Barnett 6
Jean F. Woolford 2	Frank I. Hairs 7
Norah M. Randles 3	George H. Randles 8
John Freeman 4	James A. D. Woolford 9
A. Robin Heppenstall .. 5	John Walden Tenor

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by John Freeman.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Patricia Mary Wayman and Paul Anthony Collier, which took place at Surfleet on this day.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

MESSINGHAM, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
On Mon., Nov. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Primrose S., Hull S., Norwich S., Bourne S.,
Cambridge S., College B. and Single Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.
*Roger Hippisley Treble William Bains 4
Melvyn Rose 2 John Hall 5
Maurice Lings 3 Harold Judd Tenor
Conducted by John Hall.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mary and Michael Whiting, on the birth
of their first child, Mark Nicholas.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BAGLAN, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catharine.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 ST. WERBURGH DELIGHT MINOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.
Penelope J. Welch Treble Gwyn I. Lewis 4
J. Arthur Hoare 2 Brian J. Woodruffe 5
David J. Llewellyn 3 Robert B. Smith Tenor
Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

First peal in the method.

CADOXTON, Neath, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being four different extents and a 2,160. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B.
Patricia A. Jenkins .. Treble Gwyn I. Lewis 4
*Elizabeth J. Watkins .. 2 Brian J. Woodruffe 5
John F. I. Turney 3 David J. Llewellyn Tenor
Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal of Surprise "inside."

COITY, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.
Graham A. Evans Treble D. R. Lynn Jones 4
*Raymond J. Mayle 2 Thomas E. Hiddins 5
William T. Petty 3 David L. Hughes Tenor
Conducted by William T. Petty.

* First peal "inside."

Rung as a wedding compliment to Margaret Ferguson and Roger
Farr.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NORTH ELMHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin
Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.
Edward Howes Treble Kevin Hohl 5
Nolan Golden 2 H. William Barrett 6
Ernest H. Mastin 3 David E. House 7
Sidney Marshall 4 Peter Adcock Tenor
Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

DEREHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Tues., Nov. 16, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Sidney Marshall Treble Martin Cubitt 5
H. William Barrett 2 Kevin S. Hohl 6
Nolan Golden 3 Peter Adcock 7
*George P. Adams 4 David E. House Tenor
Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.

* 100th peal.

Rung as a farewell compliment to Canon Noel Boston, Vicar of
Dereham, a lover of bells and a friend of ringers, who was inducted
Canon Residentiary of Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral on Saturday,
November 20th. Tenor 22 cwt. 105 lb. in E flat.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

APPLETON, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Laurence.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.
J. Roger Mitty Treble Frederick A. H. Wilkins 6
Norman H. Leslie 2 Brian R. White 7
Dennis A. Leslie 3 Frederick C. White 8
John Drewitt 4 Francis A. White 9
John W. T. Hibbert 5 Edwin Drewitt Tenor
Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Brian R. White.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the fallen, especially the father of
the ringer of the tenor, killed in action 49 years ago this day.

KIDLINGTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Nov. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 23½ cwt.
Elizabeth A. Stevinson .. Treble Edgar J. Smith 5
Walter F. Judge 2 Francis A. White 6
Frederick A. H. Wilkins .. 3 Victor Griffin 7
Brian R. White 4 Alan R. Pink Tenor
Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to the conductor.

HIGH WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Nov. 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.
Robert H. Newton Treble Sydney M. Bailey 5
Joyce I. Barton 2 Dennis Knox 6
Anthony K. Fortin 3 David A. Cornwall 7
John Young 4 Lionel A. Timms Tenor

Conducted by David A. Cornwall.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Colin Harrison.

KINGHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.
*Terence J. Hester Treble *Brian W. Hall 5
*J. M. Elaine Dixon 2 Peter J. Heritage 6
Michael Hatchett 3 *D. Kay Adkins 7
*Frederick W. Soden 4 Alan R. Pink Tenor
Composed by P. G. K. Davies. Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.
* First peal in the method.

Rung to mark the wedding between Rev. Peter Newing, of Blockley,
and Miss Angela Grainger.

MARSTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Oct. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 42 methods/variations, consisting of 120 changes each of (1) St.
Blaise, (2) St. Augustine, (3) St. Polycarp, (4) St. Perpetua, (5) St.
Bede, (6) St. Hilda, (7) St. Frideswide, (8) St. Helen, (9) St. Quintin,
(10) St. Lucy, (11) St. Miles, (12) St. Luke, (13) St. John, (14) St.
George, (15) St. Giles, (16) St. Thomas, (17) St. Mary, (18) St.
Sylvester, (19) St. Jude, (20) St. Alban, (21) St. Ignatius, (22) St.
Laurence, (23) St. Peter, (24) St. Paul, (25) St. Leonard, (26) St.
Guthlac, (27) St. James, (28) St. Matthias, (29) St. Philip, (30) St.
Clement, (31) St. Thomas-the-M., (32) St. Olave, (33) St. Saviour,
(34) St. Epworth, (35) St. Columba, (36) St. David, (37) St. Veronica,
(38) St. Christopher, (39) St. Edwin, (40) St. Neots, (41) St. Radigund,
(42) All Saints.

Garth Porter Treble Leonard Porter 3
Roy H. Jones 2 Noel D. Deam 4
Alec Gammon Tenor
Conducted by Noel D. Deam.

First peal in 42 methods by all the band. Most number of methods
by all the band.

The peal is dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Costar as a belated golden
wedding anniversary compliment.

LONG WITTENHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-
Virgin.

On Wed., Nov. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven extents, being one Cambridge S., three Plain Bob, two St.
Clement's, and one Plain Bob and St. Clement's. Tenor 9 cwt.
*Richard Poole Treble Melvyn J. Hiller 4
Christopher I. Rowson .. 2 David R. Baxter 5
†Heather Alford 3 Anthony D. Sansom Tenor

Conducted by Anthony D. Sansom.

* First peal. † First "inside." First of Minor as conductor. First
in three methods by all except tenor.

DORNEY, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sun., Nov. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise, two extents of Plain Bob
and one each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.
Frederick R. Scott Treble Frank W. Lewis 4
Eunice Lewis 2 David R. Baxter 5
Anthony D. Sansom 3 J. Keith Ward Tenor
Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

ASCOTT-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of the
Holy Trinity.

On Mon., Nov. 15, 1965, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge, Plain Bob,
Single Oxford, Double Oxford and St. Clement's. Tenor 7½ cwt.
Terence J. Hester Treble Peter G. Holden 4
Frederick W. Soden 2 Brian W. Hall 5
*James F. List 3 D. Kay Adkins Tenor
Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

* 25th peal.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Fri., Nov. 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.
Malcolm J. V. Chown .. Treble Roger W. Smith 6
Richard F. B. Speed 2 John K. Foot 7
*L. Michael Callow 3 Patrick I. Chapman 8
*Shirley E. Ruddleston .. 4 †Barrie Hendry 9
*Robin Wilson 5 Alan A. Paul Tenor
Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First in the method away from
the tenor. 200th peal as conductor.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
WICKEN, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 NEW GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR

Graham C. Paul Treble	Roger W. Smith 5
Barry E. Saunders 2	Alan A. Paul 6
Patrick I. Chapman 3	George E. Green 7
Charles E. Truman 4	Richard F. B. Speed .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed.
The first peal in the method for the Guild and for all the band except the conductor. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SALISBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation.	Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.
Jack Mussell Treble	Rev. Roger Keeley 5
*John N. Longridge 2	Raymond Haines 6
I. Ann Abrahams 3	Reginald T. Jones 7
Peter Scholfield 4	Ronald N. Marlow Tenor

Conducted by Ronald N. Marlow.

* First peal.

HEYTESBURY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Graham B. Davis Treble	Charles P. Quartley 4
Jonathan H. Nibbs 2	Frederick W. Box 5
David L. Nibbs 3	† Brian Carter Tenor

Conducted by David L. Nibbs.
* First peal. † First peal on tenor. First peal as conductor.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWINDERBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Nov. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In 11 methods/variations, viz., four extents each of All Saints, Rushall, Southrepps. Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Seighford and two extents Grandsire. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

Margaret E. Chilton .. Treble	Ruth Blackshaw 3
William L. Exton 2	Maurice W. Harrison .. 4

F. William Midwinter .. Tenor
Conducted by William L. Exton.

Rung for the Patronal Festival, and an 82nd birthday compliment to Mrs. Drury.

ORSTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being five methods/variations, viz., 12 extents Plain Bob, 10 each of All Saints and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and five each of Southrepps and Kennington. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

Ruth Blackshaw Treble	Maurice W. Harrison .. 4
Robert D. Marsh 2	David Oliver 5
*Roy Whitworth 3	Albert Foster Tenor

Conducted by Maurice W. Harrison.

* First peal "inside." Rung on the Festival of St. Edmund.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABERAVON, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

*Elizabeth J. Watkins .. Treble	Thomas Yeomans 5
*Raymond J. Hosking .. 2	Gwyn I. Lewis 6
Penelope J. Welch 3	Brian J. Woodruffe 7
J. Arthur Hoare 4	David J. Llewellyn Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First of Surprise Major "inside."

CADOXTON, Neath, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Catwg.

On Sat., Oct. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being a 2,160 and four different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B.

William Thomas Treble	Brian J. Woodruffe 4
*Patricia A. Jenkins 2	Raymond J. Hosking .. 5
J. Arthur Hoare 3	Gwyn I. Lewis Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal of Surprise.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BARNSELY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Nov. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

Eileen Jenkinson Treble	Peter Carbutt 5
Christine M. Saville 2	Trevor Tarbutt 6
Christopher Moxon 3	Eric Stainrod 7
Arthur Dunn-Birch 4	Harry Mann Tenor

Composed by A. Champion. Conducted by Eric Stainrod.
Rung to mark the retirement of Rector and Rural Dean of Barnsley, Canon A. P. Mozley, after 17½ years at Barnsley.

PENISTONE, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. John.

On Mon., Nov. 8, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

David Nichols Treble	Cyril Rushby 5
Iris Lemare 2	J. Henry Fielden 6
Kathleen M. Higgins .. 3	Frederick Jackson 7
Richard J. Tibbetts 4	Stuart Armeson Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Stuart Armeson.

QUEENSBURY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Wed., Nov. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*Stuart Longbottom Treble	Adrian C. Boorman 5
J. Henry Fielden 2	Sam Longbottom 6
Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 3	Harold B. Schofield 7
Frederick A. Munday .. 4	Vernon Bottomley Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Vernon Bottomley.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute to William Ambler, ringer at Queensbury for over 50 years, who died on November 4th.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.—At the Belfry of Christ Church.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall 1-2	C. Kenneth Lewis 5-6
Robert B. Smith 3-4	A. Peter Whitehead 7-8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

COVENTRY.—At 68, Warwick Avenue.

On Wed., Nov. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

Ernest Sibley 1-2	Hubert E. Ashley 5-6
Frank W. Perrens 3-4	Geoffrey Pratt 7-8

Hubert G. Summers .. 9-10
Composed by J. E. Groves. Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At 17, Queen Street.

On Tues., Nov. 9, 1965, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*Jean Dale 1-2	† Geoffrey Dodds 3-4
Joyce Dodds (cond.) ..	5-6

* First peal first attempt. † 100th handbell peal.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the belfry of SS. Philip and James' Church.

On Fri., Oct. 29, 1965, in 1 Hour and 44 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor size 11 in G.

Maud Austin 1-2	*John T. Dunwoody (cond.) 3-4
John Lindsay	5-6

* 150th peal.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At "Glebeland."

On Tues., Nov. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 17 in E.

*Frank Bloomfield 1-2	Jack Bray 5-6
George E. Feirn 3-4	† Michael W. Crowder .. 7-8

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Jack Bray.

* First peal "in hand." † 150th peal.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—At 4a, Ladbroke Square, W.

On Mon., Nov. 8, 1965, in 1 Hour and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Oxford and two extents each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

Paul S. Roys-Jones .. 1-2	† Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3-4
Timothy G. Pett	5-6

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—At Mor-Awelon, Lon Derw, Tycloch.

On Sun., Oct. 3, 1965, in 1 Hour and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MORNING STAR TREBLE BOB MINOR

A 2,160 and four different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3-4
J. Arthur Hoare	5-6

First peal in the method.

Remembrance Sunday Quarter Peals

REMEMBRANCE DAY HALF PEAL

(Nov. 14th, 1965)

OXFORD.—At the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: V. Rodriguez 1, R. Yeates 2, G. R. Mordaunt 3, P. A. Brand 4, A. P. Foster (cond.) 5, R. M. Heyworth 6.

REMEMBRANCE DAY QUARTER PEALS

(Nov. 14th, 1965)

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gaynor Wallace 1, Amanda Powell 2, Carol Cousins 3, R. Rayfield 4, Wendy Wallace 5, E. G. H. Godfrey (cond.) 6.

ALDERTON, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pauline M. Kingston (cond.) 1, Rev. B. Fernyhouse (first "inside") 2, F. E. Hall 3, Daphne Webb 4, G. Kingston 5.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Lonsdale (first of Triples) 1, C. Hughes 2, D. Hewitt 3, A. Faulkner 4, C. Williamson 5, A. White 6, D. Ellsdon (cond.) 7, R. Nash (first quarter) 8.

BATHWICK, BATH, SOMERSET.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Craner 1, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 2, Mrs. J. Stubbs 3, J. E. Newman 4, A. Wrigley 5, J. E. David (first of Triples "inside") 6, K. G. Harrison 7, P. R. Stubbs 8. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss M. Stubbs 1, Mrs. M. Harrison 2, K. G. Harrison 3, Mrs. J. Stubbs 4, J. E. David 5, D. J. Orledge 6, R. M. Stubbs (cond.) 7, P. R. Stubbs 8. First of Plain Bob Triples for all except 6th.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—1,260 Doubles (St. Simon, Plain Bob and Grandsire): D. Stocker 1, Mrs. B. van-Assel 2, Mrs. B. Stocker 3, R. C. Kift 4, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 5, H. L. Williamson 6.

BRAMPFORD, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Johnson (first quarter) 1, R. L. K. Whittell 2, R. W. Lockwood 3, A. R. Walters 4, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Canterbury and Plain Bob): Lyn Wilson 1, L. Penfold 2, R. Padbury 3, G. Sweet 4, D. Harding (cond.) 5, H. Padbury 6. Also in memory of D. Cain, A. Hodgkinson and A. Shepherd, three Reigate Grammar School boys, all of this parish, who died as the result of a road accident. Also Ian Brodie, another boy of the parish, who died this week.

CAMBRIDGE.—1,344 Superlative Surprise Major: E. N. Thomas 1, K. J. Darvill 2, V. Nutton 3, J. M. H. Hunter (cond.) 4, F. C. Hobson 5, J. A. Harrison 6, K. J. Triplow 7, S. P. Darvill 8.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. T. L. Griffith-Jones 1, C. F. Longridge 2, O. H. Saville (first "inside") 3, B. W. Pocock (first as cond.) 4, H. I. Pitman 5, H. S. A. Raperport 6. First quarter 1 and 2. Also for Confirmation.

CHALGROVE, OXON.—1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): L. Cooper (first quarter) 1, A. Nixey 2, C. Woodwards 3, B. G. F. Gray 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5, T. Huxst 6.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—1,320 Minor (Reverse Canterbury Pl., Oxford, Plain Bob): A. W. King 1, Carol Wickens 2, J. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier 4, A. J. Fide 5, I. Wickens (cond.) 6. First in three methods by all. Also in memory of three Reigate Grammar School boys, killed November 12th.

CLEATOR MOOR, CUMBERLAND.—1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Richardson 1, R. D. Wetenhall 2, Miss V. C. Bell 3, G. McKay 4, G. Tembey 5, J. Brownrigg 6, L. Boumphrey (cond.) 7, H. Wilson 8.

COLLINGTON, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Doubles (seven methods): G. A. Atkins 1, Jenny Saunders 2, J. Warwick 3, W. Mawby 4, S. Newman (cond.) 5.

COOKHAM, BERKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hartley 1, E. Eldridge 2, J. Dieppe 3, P. Cracknell 4, T. Toocock 5, J. Muller 6, M. Barton (cond.) 7, W. Spicer 8.

EGHAM, SURREY.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Summerhayes 1, Marion Hunt 2, S. Elliott 3, A. Flood 4, W. A. Peck 5, D. E. Parsons 6.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Dawson 1, J. R. Pratchett 2, Margaret E. Chilton 3, D. A. Osbourne 4, D. Surman 5, R. Adey 6.

GORLESTON-ON-SEA, NORFOLK.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. N. Toone 1, D. Toone 2, S. Toone 3, A. Fulkner 4, A. Cooper 5, S. F. High (cond.) 6.

HASLEHIRE, SURREY.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Quick (first quarter) 1, F. Bowden 2, Mrs. E. Weatherley 3, Mrs. K. E. E. Bowden 4, H. A. May 5, A. Betsworth 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, R. G. Burford 8.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—1,320 All Saints Doubles: W. G. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, R. Blackshaw (cond.) 3, D. Barker 4, M. W. Harrison 5.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janet Ingram 1, C. E. Hill 2, W. G. Wright 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, R. G. Jones 5.

KEELE, STAFFS.—1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: P. C. Kimber 1, J. Tandy 2, Felicity Webber 3, M. J. Robinson (cond.) 4, A. P. White 5, H. S. Wonnham (first quarter) 6. First quarter for the University of Keele Change Ringing Society.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hepburn 1, G. Harniss 2, R. Drower 3, C. Robinson 4, B. Peckham (cond.) 5, M. Stone 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', 1,277 Grandsire Caters: M. Sprackling 1, M. Hatchett 2, Mrs. W. Oatway 3, A. M. Stacey 4, C. A. Hughes 5, Mrs. J. Rose 6, F. Ranson 7, A. Fulwell 8, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 9, W. Oatway 10.

LYMPNE, KENT.—1,320 Doubles (three methods): R. Butcher 1, Mrs. R. Wratten 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherton (cond.) 5, T. C. Uden 6.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—At All Saints', Boyne Hill, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Foord 1, Mrs. Pearl Gibson 2, Ann Gardner 3, S. Gibson 4, E. Gosling 5, D. Young 6, G. Lister (first as cond.) 7, A. Horne (first quarter) 8.

MARSTON, OXON.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. R. Porter (cond.) 1, R. H. Jones 2, N. D. Deam 3, G. A. Porter 4, A. Gammon 5.

NEWTON NOTTAGE, GLAM.—1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: C. M. Davies 1, P. C. Fenton 2, M. J. Thomas (first "inside") 3, T. M. Roderick (cond.) 4, Rev. D. E. Ford 5, N. Williams 6.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—1,260 Doubles (two methods): A. R. C. Clarke 1, Miss N. Kempwell 2, G. Charlton 3, A. J. Bull 4, W. Dunn (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—1,260 Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Doubles: C. Wyatt (first on treble) 1, T. Smith 2, Janet Woodman 3, H. Badger 4, I. Ross (cond.) 5, Jane Wyatt 6.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Tipper 1, Janet Walker 2, K. Tipper 3, H. DeCombe 4, B. Walton (cond.) 5, K. Sansom 6.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. E. Hoodless 1, Jennifer Smith 2, R. I. Bowron 3, G. Love 4, A. A. J. Buswell 5, K. P. Gilliver (cond.) 6, A. Lamb 7.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS.—1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Hillier 1, W. B. Kynaston 2, M. J. Stanley 3, D. Dancy 4, D. J. Carr (cond.) 5, M. A. New 6.

ROTTERHAM, YORKS.—1,350 Grandsire Caters: T. Douglas 1, Tessa Hollis 2, Elsie Chaddock 3, J. Bruce 4, D. G. French 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6, J. N. D. Chaddock 7, D. Nichols 8, N. Donovan 9, P. Walker 10.

SALFORD, LANCs.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Margaret Whitehead 1, Juliet Stamper 2, A. S. Taylor 3, R. Warford 4, P. Coddington 5, J. Hughes 6, C. R. Calton (cond.) 7, J. W. Gander 8.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Christine J. Stratford 1, K. Isaacs (first "inside") 2, Rita M. Stratford 3, L. Watkins 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6.

SAVERNAKE, WILTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Roffe 1, C. N. Tilley 2, R. Huxley 3, J. Fuller 4, Rev. R. Keeley (cond.) 5. Run to mark the completion of 25 years as churchwarden by C. N. Tilley.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: B. Holland 1, R. Birch 2, J. J. L. Gilbert 3, R. S. Long 4, D. Armstrong 5, J. Seager 6, L. Smith 7, A. Friskney 8, G. K. Chaddock 9, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 10. Also as a compliment to the tenor ringer, on his 60th birthday.

SHENSTONE, STAFFS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Janice MacDonald 1, A. P. Sheldon 2, Audrey F. Birch 3, C. M. Smith 4, D. R. Starkey (first as cond.) 5.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Johnson 1, W. Brown 2, D. Taplin 3, H. Wittering 4, L. Cooper 5, D. Gullick (cond.) 6, W. Lawrence 7, W. Munson 8.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Linda Dent 1, R. Fry 2, R. J. White (first as cond.) 3, Sheila M. Haskins 4, D. White 5, Eileen Martin 6, A. R. Peake 7, W. E. Gearing 8.

SYDNEY, N.S.W.—At St. Mary's Basilica, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Clare Mansfield 1, R. Clark 2, J. Cummins 3, J. Sheehy 4, J. Fryer 5, Enid L. Roberts 6, T. W. Goodyer 7, W. Watson (cond.) 8. First in method for all except conductor.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.—1,260 Stedman Triples: M. Turner 1, Miss I. Gocher 2, J. Smith 3, I. Robinson 4, D. D. Smith 5, P. Miles 6, G. Francis (cond.) 7, T. Latham 8. First of Stedman for all except 3 and 7.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.—1,440 Plain Bob Minimus: C. Stevenson 1, Pam Denney 2, Hilary Knight (first as cond.) 3, D. Whitchell 4. First of Minimus for all the band.

WENTWORTH, W. YORKS.—1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. H. Cherrv 1, A. King 2, E. P. King 3, M. King 4, D. Huxton (25th quarter) 5, M. A. Beaumont (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Drusilla Pickard 1, M. Clark 2, Jean Parsons 3, P. J. Gardner 4, J. Evered 5, S. Cole 6, R. Cole (cond.) 7, N. Bull 8.

OTHER QUARTER PEALS

DATE TOUCH

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 20th, 1965 Stedman Triples (composed by J. Topp): E. C. Wadman 1, R. E. Beck 2, E. J. Chivers 3, H. D. Mackay 4, F. Savage 5, A. P. Beck 6, R. G. Beck (cond.) 7, E. J. Targett 8.

ALBURY, SURREY.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Bailey (first on treble) 1, H. Mackman 2, B. Savill 3, D. Lodge 4, H. Arthur (cond.) 5. A compliment to Mr. Bailey on retirement.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Mark's, on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Davis (first of Minor) 1, J. Nibbs 2, B. Carter 3, F. Box 4, D. Nibbs 5, C. P. Quartley (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Grandfield 1, Maxine Lush 2, Wendy Coombes 3, W. C. Shute 4, P. D. Rumney 5, E. H. Amey (cond.) 6. First of Minor 1 and 3. A compliment to Colin and Mrs. Grandfield, on the birth of their daughter, Paula, October 25th.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Bryant 1, C. Baverstock 2, J. Baverstock 3, D. Tiller 4, P. Waterman (cond.) 5, C. Kimber 6. Half-muffled in memoriam John Ashley Densham, Vicar's warden, cremated this day.

ECCLESFIELD, W. YORKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. King 1, E. P. King 2, M. King 3, P. Wood 4, D. Huxton (first as cond.) 5, R. Nalliah (first quarter) 6, T. Cairns 7, R. Plant 8. On the eve of Remembrance Sunday.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 All Saints Doubles: R. Adey 1, G. A. Dawson 2, Miss M. E. Chilton 3, D. Osbourne 4, D. Surman 5, J. Dawson 6. To celebrate the deliverance of Carlton U.D.C. from the hand of Nottingham C.C.

HEYTESBURY, WILTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. B. Davis 1, J. H. Nibbs 2, D. L. Nibbs (cond.) 3, C. P. Quartley 4, F. W. Box 5, B. Carter 6. A peal attempt abandoned through fraying rope.

LOUGHTON, BUCKS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. Jones (cond.) 1, E. W. Wagstaff 2, G. E. Bonham 3, R. Bellamy 4, J. Meredith 5. A birthday compliment to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Young (first quarter, first attempt) 1, H. Clayton 2, W. Clapp 3, P. Sanders 4, R. Manton (cond.) 5. Run on Nov. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 bells.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Nov. 7th, 1,440 Little Bob Minor: Miss Nancy Kempwell 1, Mrs. M. Dalliam 2, A. J. Bull 3, G. Charlton 4, W. Dunn 5, G. Oliver (cond.) 6. For Matins. Also on Nov. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Nicholson 1, D. Apfield 2, L. Wilson (first "inside") 3, J. Nicholson 4, J. Wickens (cond.) 5, P. Kidson 6. Run half-muffled in memoriam three Grammar School boys who died on November 12th.

PETERSFIELD, HANTS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Tipper (first of Triples) 1, R. A. Stone 2, Mary White 3, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 4, K. A. Tipper 5, B. R. Walton 6, D. M. Hughes 7, K. Sansom 8. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. N. H. Bassett.

RANDWICK, N.S.W.—On Nov. 7th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: E. J. Favell 1, Enid L. Roberts 2, J. H. Fryer 3, J. J. Cummins 4, J. C. Sheehy 5, R. L. Clark 6, T. W. Goodyer 7, W. D. Watson (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

WITCHCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Salway 1, Mary Mack 2, F. D. Mack 3, H. Crisp (first of Stedman) 4, J. H. Glanville 5, D. A. Wills 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Knight (first of Stedman Triples) 8.

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PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Savory have had to go to America for business reasons. No correspondence can be dealt with during absence from Marchwood. They will probably be away four months. 8078

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MISCELLANEOUS

BILSTON, STAFFS.—St. Leonard's.—Dedication of peal board (Little Bob Major) during Evensong, Sunday, December 5th, 6.30 p.m. Ringing 5.30 and 7.45 after the service. All visitors welcome. 8080

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

—S. and W. District.—Mid-week practice meeting at Hillingdon, Monday, December 13th. Ringing 7.45–9.30 p.m. All welcome.

—W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8042

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Will members please note the followings principal Guild events for 1966: January 15th, general meeting at Elveden; April 16th, annual general meeting; May 7th, Striking Competition at Theberton. 8043

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—There will be a Christmas social for ringers at East Clandon Village Hall on December 11th at 8 p.m. All welcome. Tickets 6/6 at door.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY.

—Instructors' Course (2)—Starting Change-ringing, Wednesday, December 8th, St. Bartholomew's, Wednesbury; same again, Monday, December 13th, St. Giles', Willennall. Both 7.15. All cordially invited.—P. Davies. 8028

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Warwick Archdeaconry District. — Meeting at Butlers Marston on December 4th. Bells 3 and 6 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea.—P. F. Bennett, College Farm, Bearley, Stratford-on-Avon. (Tel. Stratford 5701.) 8053

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Over, Saturday, December 4th. Bells (8) 3 until 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30–5.30. Swavesey after tea. Service 6. Bells (6) from 6.30 p.m. Special methods: Double Norwich at Over, College Exercise at Swavesey. 8018

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol City Branch. — A.G.M. Saturday, December 4th, St. Stephen's (City). Bells (10) 3 p.m.–4.45 p.m. No service. Tea 5 p.m. with meeting to follow in St. Stephen's Common Room. Branch Corporate Communion, Sunday, December 5th, Christ Church (City—Broad Street) 8 a.m.—D. J. Hunt, Branch Sec. 8092

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District.—Practice meeting, Stanmore, December 4th, 6.30 p.m.—G. W. Seaman, Dis. Sec. 8051

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Blechley on December 4th. Bells (8) 3–4.30 p.m. and 6.30–8 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.45 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to R. W. Sear, 37, Buckingham Road, Blechley. 8040

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Practice meeting at Canford (6), Saturday, December 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Hampreston (6) 6.30–8 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Pitman, 40A, Knighton, Canford, Wimborne. 8029

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Dronfield, Saturday, December 4th. Bells 3–5 and 6–8 p.m. Names for tea, please. To Mr. D. N. Peers, 42, Lea Road, Dronfield (Tel. 3848).—J. Seager, Sec. 8035

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, December 4th. Basford (8) 3 p.m. Bulwell (8) 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. W. Carlisle, 227, Allendale Avenue, Aspley, Nottingham. — S. Adams. 8035

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Hartfield, Saturday, December 4th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec., Norman Cottage, Park Corner, Groombridge. 8031

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A memorial to the late John W. Jones will be dedicated at All Saints' Church, Newport, on the centenary of his birthday, Sunday, December 5th, at 3 p.m. Bells 1.30 p.m. Cups of tea after the service for those who notify Mr. L. Bainham, 186, Brynglas Road, Newport, Mon.—M. J. Pryor, Hon. Sec. 7965

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, December 6th at 7 p.m. Special method: Rutland S.M. 8069

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on Tuesday, December 7th at 8.15 p.m. Forthcoming practices, all at 6.30 p.m.: December 7th, Cripplegate; December 14th, Bow; December 21st, Holborn; December 28th, Southwark Cathedral. —J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 8081

BARNESLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY and YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Western District).—Joint meeting, Dewsbury, Saturday, December 11th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea only to those who notify Mr. Vernon Bottomley, 45, Westcroft Lane, Northowram, Halifax. not later than December 7th. 8083

BEDEFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—An evening meeting at Blunham (6) on Saturday, December 11th. Ringing from 5.30 p.m. Everyone made welcome.—K. Fleming, Dis. Sec. 8066

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY and YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Eastern District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, December 11th. Kirk Ella (6) 2.30–4.30 p.m. Tea, business meeting and service Cottingham (8) 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards to 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Munday, 28, Dene Road, Cottingham, by December 8th. 8072

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District. — Landbeach and Chesterton, Saturday, December 11th. Landbeach (4) 3 to 4; Chesterton (6) 3 to 5 and 6 to 8. Service, Landbeach, 4. Tea, Chesterton, 5, followed by meeting.—B. D. Threlfall, Dis. Sec. 8084

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, December 11th, at Christ Church, Swindon. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. E. Jaques, 50, Eastcott Road, Swindon, by December 8th. (Tel. 6824.) 8062

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Andrew's, Chippenham, December 11th. Ringing 5.30-6.30. Service 6.30. Business meeting in tower 7 p.m. Ringing 7.30-9 p.m. 8094

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual general meeting at Leckhampton (8) on Saturday, December 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Hall and meeting and more ringing. Names for tea to Rev. J. Homfray, Staverton Vicarage, near Cheltenham (Combe Hill 307), by December 8th. 7873

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, St. David's, December 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 p.m. in St. David's Vestry. Meeting following. Numbers to G. Skinner, 38, Manston Road, Exeter. 8048

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting at Ewell on Saturday, December 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey, by previous Wednesday.—A. Gibson, Hon. Sec. 8074

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth and Ludlow Branches.—Combined evening practice Much Wenlock, December 11th. Bells (8) 6.30-8.30.—Joan Bennett. 8091

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—King's Langley (8) December 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. B. Barker, 7, Watford Road, King's Langley. 8095

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, December 11th, at Kendal. Bells (10) 2.30 to 7. Please make own arrangements for tea.—T. F. Metcalfe, Branch Sec. 8071

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Meeting at Hoghton, Saturday, December 11th. Important: Please send names for tea to Mr. W. Illsley, Woodside, Station Road, Hoghton, Preston, by Monday, 6th. Preston-Blackburn Old Road bus 244; also 298 to Brindle Bar.—W. Walmsley. 8061

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Leonard's Parish Church, Middleton on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Free tea at 5 p.m. Everyone welcome.—G. Cheetham, Branch Sec. 8073

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Meeting, Barwell, Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea to Mr. A. Hough, 6, Oxford Street, Barwell, by Wednesday previous.—V. Watts, Dis. Sec. 8089

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Glen, December 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m., Crown Inn, Great Glen. Last meeting for subscriptions.—L. W. Allen. 8090

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Meeting at Barrow-upon-Soar, Saturday, December 11th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. For tea, please notify Miss C. Everard, 108, Sibley Road, Barrow-upon-Soar, by Wednesday, December 8th.—M. D. Barsby, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8089

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting, December 11th, at Whitwick. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Constitutional Club. Names for tea not required. 8041

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Hoby, December 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Mitchell, Chapel Lane, Hoby, Melton Mowbray, by previous Wednesday.—M. Stimson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8086

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch (Western Deaneries).—Monthly practice meeting at Hethersett, Saturday, December 11th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. G. Loft, 7, Little Melton Road, Hethersett, Norwich (NOR 42X) by Wednesday, December 8th. 8087

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Long Crendon (8), Saturday, December 11th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to J. W. Hall, 44, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Blechley, Bucks, by Wednesday, December 8th. 8060

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—City Branch.—Annual meeting, Old Marston, Saturday, December 11th. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Jones, 118, Oxford Road, Old Marston, Oxford. 8087

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Chalfont St. Giles, Saturday, December 11th. Bells 4 p.m. Tea provided if names received by 14th.—Miss Hague, 6, Stompits Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 8093

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Harpole, Saturday, December 11th. Names for tea to Mr. B. Hendry, Plot 12, Carrs Road, Harpole, Northampton, by Monday previous.—F. W. Hancock. 8057

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting, Sherborne, Saturday, December 11th. Abbey bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. All welcome. Names for tea essential by Tuesday, December 7th.—R. N. Langridge, Okeford Fitzpaine Rectory. Tel. Childe Okeford 311. 8070

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. and ringing after tea till 8 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 6 p.m. Nominations for officers for 1966 are invited at this meeting. Anyone requiring teas reserved for them please send names to me at 12, The Crescent, Hodnet, Market Drayton, by December 10th.—E. Morris, Sec. 8077

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.E. District.—Quarterly meeting at Ipswich St. Matthew, December 11th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea no later than Wednesday, December 8th, to Mrs. E. J. Lockwood, 2, Chalk Pit Cottages, Oulton, near Ipswich. 8000

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Joint meeting with Southern Division at Upper Beeding on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and after tea, Service at 4.30. Tea at "The Old Tollgate," Bramber, at 5.15. Please notify for tea as soon as possible to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidesham, Chichester, Sussex. 8000

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting at Dewsbury (8) on Saturday, December 11th, jointly with the **BARNLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**. Bells available 2.30 to 4.45 and after the meeting until 8.30. Tea will be available in the Parish Hall at 5, but only for those who notify Mr. V. Bottomley, 45, Westercroft Lane, Northwam, Halifax, by Tuesday, December 7th. The committee will meet at 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Sorry, but it is important that ladies do not wear stiletto heels in the belfry.—R. J. Lumley, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ringers' Social at Bramford, Saturday, December 18th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 5/-; schoolchildren 2/6. Good entertainment, good refreshments and good company. All welcome; don't miss it. Would all raffle ticket sellers please return counterfoils to H. W. Egglestone before December 11th.—W. L. 8064

LATE NOTICES

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting at Kewstoke (6) on Saturday, December 11th, 5 p.m.—M. Legg, Hon. Branch Sec. 8096

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Chatterfield District) and **EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting at Clay Cross, December 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. W. Price, 1, Strand Avenue, Clay Cross, by Wednesday, December 8th, if possible, but please note—no same no tea. Special methods: London and Double Oxford.—M. Phipps and T. H. Radford, Secs.

QUARTER PEALS

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Nov. 14th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): B. Butcher 1, R. Birch 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherston (cond.) 5, R. Harman 6. For Evensong.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Knipe 1, A. J. Bull 2, K. G. Game (cond.) 3, W. Dunn 4, M. Foster 5, W. Inwood 6, A. T. Shelton 7, Joan Hanning 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. M. Spurrell, onetime churchwarden.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: G. Hodges 1, H. Wooley 2, G. Acott 3, S. King (cond.) 4, G. Godfrey 5, R. Taylor 6. For the dedication festival, and the wedding of Barbara Ann Ridgers to Major Patrick Gardener, M.C., Royal Marines.

SYDNEY, N.S.W.—At St. Mary's Basilica, on Nov. 7th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Sue Wright 1, R. Clark 2, Sandra Clark 3, J. Sheehy 4, J. Frver 5, Enid L. Roberts 6, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 7, W. Watson 8. First in the method for all, for A.N.Z.A.B. and in Australia.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDY.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Anita Nickells 1, Margaret Westcott 2, Marie Simmott 3, Pamela Brown 4, Dr. A. J. Muir 5, N. F. Edwards 6, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 7, A. D. H. Slade 8. First quarter 1 and 3. First of Bob Triples by all. Rung for the visit of the Dean of St. Paul's, the Very Rev. Dr. W. R. Matthews, for the 25th anniversary celebrations of the church, and as a farewell to the ringer of the 8th, on his departure for the West Indies.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. E. Billings 1, H. G. Blanchard 2, E. E. Norris 3, E. C. Shepherd (cond.) 4, L. K. Grey 5, F. S. Slatford 6, N. G. Knee 7, H. E. Blacker 8. First of Stedman Triples 1, 2, 5 and 8.

WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. E. Bissat 1, M. Crowle (first quarter) 2, C. Mutton (first quarter) 3, B. G. D. Vince 4, H. Stacey (cond.) 5, H. Heard 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. A. North 1, C. H. Webber 2, Rev. A. J. Eyles (first of Triples) 3, I. G. Hughes 4, P. J. Kingscote 5, A. J. Alderman (first quarter) 6, D. T. North (cond.) 7, F. H. Morris 8. A compliment to Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Eyles on the birth of a son.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. W. Knight 1, P. J. Gardner 2, L. Derrick 3, S. G. Smith 4, R. J. Gale (first of Triples in method) 5, F. Sandy 6, Rev. R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, D. J. Gale 8. Rung as a farewell to Inspector F. Sandy, on his moving to Yeovil.

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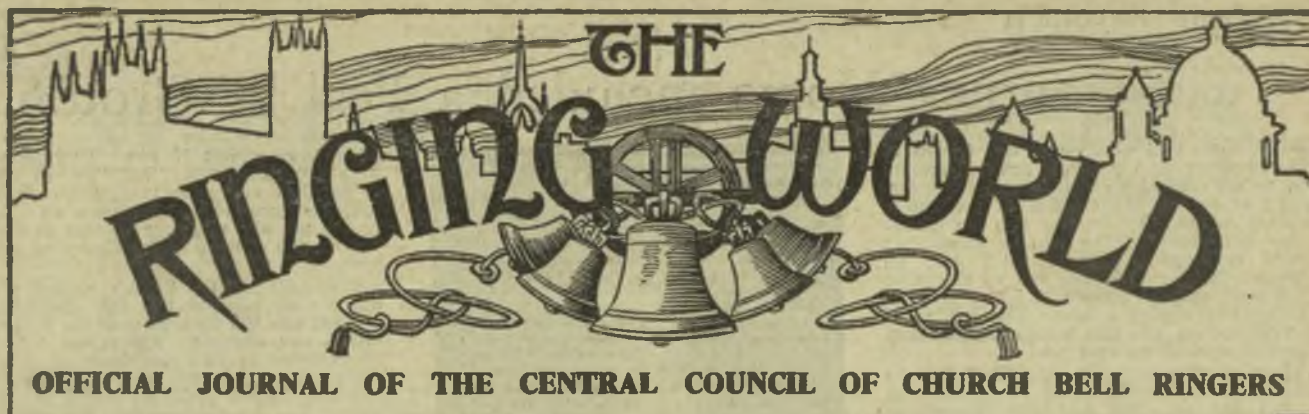
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AN HISTORIC PEAL

IN recent years there are three peals which will go down to posterity—the extent of Bob Major at Loughborough, the peal of Stedman Cinques which followed the funeral of Sir Winston Churchill and the peal of Stedman Caters at Washington Cathedral rung by a selected team of English ringers who crossed the Atlantic by air for this memorable event.

Through the initiative of Mr. Douglas Hughes, a tape recording was taken of the various stages in the Washington peal from the preliminary meetings to excerpts of ringing during the peal itself. From these tapes, Record Books, Ltd., have made a twelve inch long playing record entitled, "The Washington Peal," which is available at 26/6d.

The value of this record is two-fold. From an historical point of view it will enable future generations of ringers to assess the scene, the bells and ringing and, furthermore, to hear the voices of the band, men who, masters of their craft in 1965, will probably in 50 or 100 years time be held in veneration and toasted at such gatherings as the College Youths' anniversary dinners. (And what would many of us today give to hear say the voice of Jasper Snowdon or the Rev. F. E. Robinson speaking after say a failure of Appleton!). The other is that the audible presentation of the scene supplements and heightens the pen picture told so vividly by George W. Pipe in "The Ringing World" of June 17th, 1964. To all associated with ringing it has high interest value.

The record opens with a touch of Grandsire Caters on hand-bells, rung when the Washington ringers met for the first time on March 14th, 1965. The second half of this two minute piece of track is good rhythmic ringing.

Mr. Douglas Hughes now enters the record and introduces in turn the ten ringers. This homely chat occupies 14 minutes and we regard the personal background as essential if a true picture is to be presented.

The scene changes to St. Giles', Cripplegate, with the ringers at practice. Mr. Hughes talks during the ringing of the environments of St. Giles' and the echo effect experienced in English towers.

The second side of the record is devoted to proceedings in America, and opens with the Dean, who has recently been in London, giving the Washington prayer which unfortunately is affected by interference. Recordings of the peal of Stedman Caters are taken from both inside and outside the ringing chamber and the eleven minutes recorded from the outside are from a ringing point of view the highlight of the record. The concluding five minutes of the peal are devoted to the peal of Cambridge Royal at Groton School.

This record should certainly be preserved in the library of the Central Council and among the archives of Washington Cathedral.

LONDON'S OLD BELLS

Thoughts inspired by two recent letters to "The Ringing World" by Messrs. Cattermole and Cawley.

The bells of St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield, are always called England's oldest complete ring. But in reality they are Dissolution. The other five heavier bells went almost certainly only five of the ten bells which were in the Priory before the to St. Sepulchre, Holborn, where they have since been recast into the present unringable ten. The remaining five are generally said to date from 1510. But this cannot be very accurate. It is merely the sole surviving date we have for their founder, Thomas Bullisdon—the date when he cast a bell for St. Mary-at-Hill.

Are the two bells at St. Bartholomew-the-Less the oldest in the City as Mr. Crawley suggests? I think not. I believe there were at least three other runners for this title. But first I think we can be a little more accurate than the date c. 1400 that Mr. Cawley suggests in his letter. The larger bell (the tenor of the ring) bears the shield of Robert Crouch, who was founding to our knowledge between 1439 and 1450. The other bell (the second of the ring of three) is older. By its shield it was cast by John Langthorne, who operated between 1379 and 1405.

The three bells that I would now like to enter for "oldest City bell" are all out of their towers. The first one has been recently much in the news. This is a 15th century Flemish bell which hung in the 15th century tower of All Hallows, Staining, with five sisters, until the body of the Church was demolished in 1870. In 1890, its five 17th century companions were recast for the Grocers' Company by Mears and Stainbank to form the six at St. Paul's, Homerton, Hackney. The Flemish bell was preserved in the Grocers' Hall. It is a very beautiful casting and its inscription tells us that it was cast in 1458.

Number two for the claim of oldest bell is really a sly intruder. In 1933 the three bells of the ruined Church of Avenbury, in Herefordshire, were purchased by St. Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe, and hung in that tower. After the Blitz they were examined and all found to be cracked. The oldest bell has been preserved in St. Andrew's. It's one of the famous "royal-head" stop bells, a very fine casting from the Worcester foundry between 1415-20 under monastic supervision.

Lastly, the bell which I believe should bear the prize. This formerly hung in the Rolls Chapel which was demolished in the late 19th century to make way for extensions to the Public Record Office. It is now inside the Office. It is a very long-waisted bell and must be 14th century at the latest and very possibly earlier. This, I should say, is London's oldest bell.

We arrive then at something like the following:

Rolls Chapel Bell	c. 1300
St. Bartholomew-the-Less, 2nd	c. 1379-1405
St. Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe	c. 1415-1420
St. Bartholomew-the-Less, 3rd	c. 1439-1450
Grocers' Hall Bell	1458
St. Bartholomew-the-Great, 5 bells	c. 1500

GREAT ADVENTURE II

The Journey Home included a Peal at Groton

WHEN we said goodbye to our friends at Hamilton at 5 p.m. on Friday, October 8th, we all realised we were bound for home. Ahead of us was the crossing of the Pacific and the Atlantic Oceans, and also the United States but, incredible as it may sound, we landed at London Airport at 7 a.m. on Monday, October 11th, and out of that time spent more than 30 hours at Groton, sleeping, relaxing and ringing a peal. The answer to this conundrum was that we gained 24 hours when we crossed the date line.

Most of us beforehand anticipated that the crossing of the Pacific would be tedious, but it was not so. We said our farewell to Auckland and New Zealand at 8.30 p.m. travelling by Qantas Airlines. Nadi, the big airport of the Fiji Islands, was reached shortly after midnight and we spent an hour in the roomy transit hall, refreshments being served by tall, skirted Fijians.

On the journey to Honolulu forms for entry into the United States had to be filled in to the satisfaction of a critical air hostess and even the so-called brainy ones of the party were requested to do their "homework" again, to the delight of the non-scholastic.

ON AMERICAN SOIL

For some inexplicable reason, when we landed at Honolulu we were conscious that we had landed on foreign soil. Although only 9.30 a.m. it was oppressively warm. The health authority were polite and firm, and there were no difficulties with the customs officers. While we had a break of an hour and a half before resuming our travel, the airport was too distant from the town for any sight-seeing. Somehow we felt limp: content to sit about until we took our place in the queue to enter the bus to drive us to the distant Qantas. Perhaps what lingers in memory was many nationalities travelling with a preponderance of bemedalled American troops. A few of the honoured guests were wearing garlands.

Darkness had fallen when we reached the gigantic airport of San Francisco, which is 17 miles from the city. The expeditious way heavy cases were dealt with on a circular conveyor belt and the exit doors that opened as one approached them were new to many of the party. No custom difficulties were encountered.

Leaving Len Stilwell and Arthur Mason to watch the luggage, the remainder, guided by Malcolm Melville who had been to San Francisco before, boarded the coach to the city. Bright lights and skyscraper buildings and a maze of streets were the first impressions. It all had an air of mystery. Malcolm introduced us to the cable car that clattered with much noise and the continuous sounding of a warning gong up and down steep hills. Having crossed Sydney bridge a number of times we wished to see the famous bridge of San Francisco across the sea. It was longer than Sydney's, but the density of traffic was not so great and in the night light the Australian masterpiece seemed to be more exciting. Two taxis were commissioned for the journey. On the way to the city terminal Mark Damerell left us to have a second ride on the cable tram, probably clinging to the side and getting more excitement from the journey than his staid and elderly companions.

We had time for supper when we reached the airport—a light affair, as another heavy



WARREN MORLEY II

meal was served soon after the 'plane set off on its long journey across America, although it was after midnight. Arthur Mason, however, put the rest of the company to shame by having his shoes cleaned before leaving. We watched him perched high as a coloured man demonstrated that if you cannot shine at one end you shine at the other.

About 5.30 a.m. we touched down at Chicago and stretched our legs; shops at the airport were open.

ENCHANTMENT

Just before 10 a.m. we were at Boston, the airport being on a flat peninsula jutting out to sea. Russell S. Young gave us an all-smiles welcome; besides his car he had the school bus. The drive to Groton, over 40 miles was, after the city had been left behind, one of enchantment. Eights were paddling in the river opposite Harvard. The autumn tints of the well-wooded New England countryside were of great beauty and here and there nestling among them would be white-wooden houses with expansive porches. Most of the route was on a dual carriageway. Occasionally one met a roadside fruit and vegetable stall with masses of pumpkins.

Groton School is a community on its own, away from the village and set among extensive grounds. Houses are provided for married members of the staff and there is a roomy habitation known as the Parents' House, where our party were accommodated. It was intended to attempt a peal that afternoon, but the band was travel-weary, and it was postponed until Sunday immediately after morning service.

Lunch was taken with the school and immediately afterwards we were able to have a short ring. The tower might well have been transported from Somerset. It has a lofty dignity and is regarded as one of the most beautiful Gothic towers in America. The ringing chamber is very pleasant.

ONE PREVIOUS PEAL

The old eight at Groton were shipped to Whitechapel in March, 1962, and recast into a lighter ring of ten, with a tenor of about

18 cwt. as against 22 cwt. They were hung in a new steel frame. The "go" of the bells is excellent and their tone good. Only one peal had previously been rung on the bells by the ten who made the journey to Washington for the opening of the Cathedral bells last year.

Practically all the English visitors went to bed for an hour or two that afternoon, but while it was still light parts of the school were visited and admired. The school was joined that evening by two coachloads of girls for a college dance. At the same time there was a two-hour cinema show, for which Mr. Russell Young was also responsible. The majority of our party were in bed by 10.30, but two or three were motored to the village for a nightcap at the counterpart of the local at home.

An hour's ringing preceded 11 a.m. chapel. Mr. Russell Young's brightest joined in various touches and some of them tackled Stedman Caters for the first time. The experience was most encouraging and it was likely that Caters will soon be rung regularly at the school.

The peal was timed to start at the conclusion of morning chapel, sandwiches being provided for our seven peal ringers and Warren Morley II, who was selected by Mr. Young to complete the band. It was after the door was locked in the traditional style that the method was selected—Double Norwich Court Bob Major, the bells going into changes at 12.37 p.m. Warren had not rung the treble to Double Norwich before, and his record so far as anything beyond a short touch was a quarter of Stedman Doubles. Before starting he was given a tip or two to help him in his hunting. It was a big risk, as an easier alternative would have been for him to ring the tenor or even "inside" to Stedman. Warren quickly felt at home and there was some good ringing; the peal being scored in 2 hours and 56 minutes. Thus Warren, at the age of 16, became the first Groton boy to ring in a peal in the school tower. Two other boys—Oliver Edwards and John R. Chandler—rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Upham, Hants, last year, and in 1961 Samuel Parkman Shaw rang in a peal at Pulham Market, Norfolk.

A DEFAULTER

At lunch that day to the school the headmaster, the Rev. Bertrand Honea, called attention to the peal attempt then in progress and wished the ringers every success. He also mentioned the honour conferred on Warren in being the first Groton boy to stand in a peal attempt in the school chapel. But Warren should have been wearing a white coat and serving at table. In the excitement of being selected to participate in the peal he had neglected to obtain permission to be absent, and it was a matter for school-boy speculation as to whether the appropriate punishment would be administered or in the honour he had brought to the school it would be overlooked. The peal had the distinction of being the first of Major on tower bells in America.

To Tom Lock the peal brought great pleasure. Not only was it a successful conclusion to an historic tour but his 900th peal. Groton was Len Stilwell's 250th tower for a peal and he had "circled" to peals in 30 towers. After the peal the question was asked, how many citizens of the United States had rung peals? The late Mrs. Shurcliff, who was a

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Letters to the Editor

STANDARDS WANTED FOR SURPRISE RINGING

Dear Sir,—Why does the Exercise continue to accept as standard methods certain Surprise methods which in fact are grossly sub-standard?

Fairly recently there has been a great increase in the number and complexity of the methods rung to peals. For better or for worse, space-age technology and more especially our modern educational system are having an appreciable effect on campanology today. The average ringer is more knowledgeable and probably more able than his counterpart of three decades ago.

We are accustomed to change in all aspects of our daily lives, so we should not find it too much of a wrench to give up some of the old traditional standbys in favour of methods better suited to fulfil the necessary requirements of a standard method.

What are these requirements? Standard methods are rung frequently on practice nights, at meetings and to peals. They should therefore have a musical plain course, a large variety of compositions should be available, and they should not be of such a degree of complexity that they stand little chance of coming round when attempted by an average band at a meeting. None of our present selection fails on the last point. I would like to examine the others in more detail.

I do not wish to try to lay down the law on what constitutes a musical method. Most people would agree that a change such as 75684123 (London) is more musical than 64382157 (Lincolnshire). So many of our standard methods have nothing worth listening to below the treble. Above the treble, I suppose "Cambridge up" is preferable to Pudsey, and suitably combined with music below the treble it can produce a good method, e.g. Yorkshire. Nevertheless, it is not the best available.

With regard to variety of compositions, our standard methods are an average bunch, with two notable exceptions: Bristol (better) and Cambridge (disgusting). Surely the fact that we continue to ring an unmusical, unworkable method such as Cambridge is due to apathy rather than intent? It was this assumption that provoked me to embark on this letter.

Why should our standard methods be other than the best our ingenuity can devise. We have no reason to suppose that ringing will not be as popular a thousand years hence as it is today; indeed, with increased leisure time it will probably be more popular. Unless something constructive is done, the standard methods of today will be the standard methods of the future. This is a depressing prospect; two middles, two wrongs, three homes, ten million times repeated.

There are many better methods than Cambridge, Pudsey and Lincolnshire (for example) and we certainly have the bands to ring them. Can we not democratically decide on our standard methods now that we are in a position to do so, and reject our hidebound traditions?—Yours faithfully,

P. J. WYCHERLEY

Timperley, Cheshire.

VALUE OF RUSSIAN TALLOW

Dear Sir,—Regarding "Life of Bell Ropes" (page 776), I would advise Mr. John Royal to use Russian tallow in the garter holes and also a spliced rope; it will help to stop dry rot. Castor oil is very good for bearings. Russian tallow is very cheap, a pound will last two years or more.—Yours sincerely,

E. P. INSKIP.

Bhomham, Beds.

"A GLORIOUS 46 YEARS"

Dear Sir,—The letter of Mr. W. Bottrill (page 795), which is aptly headed "Disgruntled After 50 Years' Ringing," appears to show that your correspondent has had a "chip on his shoulder," if only a small one. Apart from one or two instances, Mr. Bottrill's ringing career has been singularly most unfortunate. I cannot claim to have had such a bad time; indeed, taking all in all, I have had a glorious 46 years of ringing.

I attribute my success to being attached to three "Christian" towers during my lifetime, where in each case all the ringing potential was, and is in my present tower, drawn from the church. We work very closely with the other organisations of the church, such as the Choir, Bible Class, C.E.M.S., Youth Club, etc., and the congregation I find is extremely friendly.

At present I am privileged to be the appointed captain of St. James' tower and from time to time the congregation are invited to visit the ringing chamber to see for themselves. It does no harm and, in my case, a "power of good." I have always been "Church of England" and I have yet to meet an "axe-grinding" churchgoer. Regrettably, it is true, that there are many non-church-going ringers, some holding office in Associations' branches, yes, and even captains of the towers. This ought not to be and should be remedied. Perhaps this may have been the cause of Mr. Bottrill's experience. And although he claims to have been weaned from the church and its bells after 50 years, I am sure that it is not to the point of "no return."

That the church and its bells in Luton await him is a certainty, where possibly a current "Ringing World" would be on loan to him.—Yours truly,

R. BEALE.

Taunton.

LADIES AT CHERITON

Dear Sir,—As the ringer of the tenor in the Ladies' Guild peal attempt at Cheriton, I write in reply to Miss Violet Relf and in support of the conductor, Mrs. Chapman.

As one certainly inferior in skill and experience to Miss Relf I hesitate to question her judgment but I do feel her criticism is, at this point (five months after the attempt), unnecessary and certain to cause bad feeling.

Mrs. Chapman has already stated that she was satisfied with the performance and the knowledge that the band had done their best; if this best is not good enough for Miss Relf it is a great pity. Four of us in the attempt are under 20 with few peals to our credit and would have welcomed a constructive criticism either from Miss Relf or from the conductor if she had found criticism necessary. Disappointment after the peal attempt was keen and discouragement now can only serve to embitter. I must also add that if Miss Relf had felt the seventh to be too much for her to manage I am sure one of our number would have changed with her, thus allowing her to ring a lighter bell.—Yours faithfully,

RACHEL J. SINDEN.

Folkestone.

CORSLEY, WILTS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grand-sire Doubles: C. Bartlett 1, C. M. White 2, E. C. Shepherd 3, N. G. Knee (cond.) 4, L. E. Hawkins 5, G. Ledbury (first quarter) 6.

AN OLD BLUE RECALLS

Dear Sir,—Mr. R. W. H. Hayes and any other Old Blue ringers may be interested to know that I was at Christ's Hospital, Horsham, from 1945 to 1952. At that time, as now, I counted W. Leslie Weller as my closest friend, but whereas he went to a day grammar school and was able to devote some of his time to learning to ring, such extra-mural activities were frowned on at my boarding school. This, despite the fact that we lived at Itchingfield, a bare mile from Christ's Hospital. I doubt if there are many Old Blue ringers who rang while at "Housie," though I do recall one or two who came to Monday evening practices sometimes about three years ago; I wonder if they are still ringing.

To return to the Itchingfield ringers of my schooldays, my father, as Rector, was instrumental in restarting the ringing there. Predominantly youthful, the enthusiasm was great and I well remember the envy I felt when they set out for their first week-long tour of South Wales—by bicycle! At the peak of their efficiency in their late teens, this little five-bell tower with a tenor of 6½ cwt. could boast a competent Surprise Major band, and the standard of service ringing was very high.

In 1956, at Christmas, I came out of the Forces and visited Leslie Weller as the band were preparing to go out ringing carols on the handbells, so I went along to hold their music. From then on I had no option but to join them and learn to ring, and at the hands of George Francis and Leslie Weller (now Masters of the Northern and Western Divisions of the Sussex County Association) and the strong band then at Itchingfield, I was fortunate to make good progress. Another member of the band was "Bunny" Burroughs, whom I married in 1960; anybody else dating a girl who is ringing Cambridge Major while he is struggling with rounds has my sympathy, but it is worth persevering with!

The marrying bug was nearly Itchingfield's undoing. George Francis and Leslie Weller married girls and moved to Warnham and Billingshurst respectively. Barwell Dibben went to Canada and came back for just long enough to snatch away our secretary, Shirley Richardson. This kind of wastage went on over a few years but was matched by recruiting, and by 1962 ringing was very buoyant with a completely changed band, although the standard was not much above Plain Bob or Grandsire. Jim Nelson and I were joint Masters, and Mrs. K. Hoare had the dual advantage of being a very able secretary and of bringing the other four members of her family to swell our numbers.

The cycle is coming round again though. This spring Fred Weller (Leslie's father), who had been tower captain throughout, gave up ringing at Itchingfield, the valuable Hoare family moved to Pewsey, Wiltshire, and my wife and I moved to Pulborough, so halving the strength of the band. Ringing continues, and we trust that a third band will soon be thriving. I'm sure they will be glad to see any ringers visiting the district, as they have a nice little ring of bells with a cosy ringing chamber, and are worth a visit.

This has strayed rather from the subject of Old Blue ringers, but they may find it of interest as Itchingfield is the nearest tower to Christ's Hospital.

In closing, I wonder if there are any frustrated ringers in Ghana and Nigeria, as my company has sent me, Bunny and our little son to West Africa for 18 months. If so, we hope to make contact.—Yours faithfully,

CHRIS M. GODFREY.

Waterfield near Pulborough.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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GREAT ADVENTURE II—contd.

member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, was probably the first. Others mentioned were Dr. and Mrs. Dickenson and Mr. Warren Sturgess, the first Ringing Master at Groton, and finally Captain Marybelle Nissly, of the American Air Force, who returned to America this year after learning to ring with the Ely Diocesan Association, and also the four boys associated with Groton.

A 10 MINUTE STORM

After some refreshments the peal band packed and were photographed. Then came the farewells to Groton and Mr. Russell Young, and another master motored us to Boston Airport. We were in good time, and after the preliminaries of luggage being weighed were settled, we went off in groups for a light meal. The journey home was by Pan American and after being airborne about an hour we encountered a storm. In consequence the captain postponed the serving of dinner for about 10 minutes, and by that time normal travel conditions prevailed. Few of the party really slept that night—thoughts were very much on home and when we heard the captain announce we were travelling over Ireland there was happy relief. A light breakfast of cake and coffee was served and then below us were the twinkling lights of Bristol and later Swindon.

Promptly, according to schedule, we made a smooth landing at 7.10 a.m. All of the 27 landings that most of the party made were smooth (Len Stilwell, Mark Damerell and Pat Cannon made 29 as they had a second journey to Adelaide). The passage through the customs was expeditious. Our leader was welcomed by Mrs. Lock, his son and Miss Ruth Foreman, Mrs. Cannon was waiting for Pat, Mrs. Damerell for Mark and the Editor and Mrs. White were escorted back to Guildford by their son, Mark. Throughout the tour a fine spirit of comradeship prevailed and a reunion in February is now eagerly awaited.

(Concluded)

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

Six months having elapsed since the consecration of Guildford Cathedral bells, a meeting was held on November 19th to appoint the officers of the Cathedral Society and to discuss ringing arrangements for the future. The Dean (Bishop George Clarkson) graced the meeting with his presence and the chair was taken by the Guild Master, Mr. D. A. R. May.

It was decided to request the Ringing Masters of the four Diocesan Guild Districts to be responsible for organising the ringing for one Sunday each month. This and the help of visiting ringers should guarantee good service ringing. On the question of a resident band for the Cathedral the Dean said he would prefer to have a Cathedral band but he realised that the training of one would be a lengthy process. To this he agreed to ask for recruits to learn to ring and the Society promised to teach them. Some felt that the bells should always be rung by Diocesan ringers. The Dean assured the meeting that all ringers would always be welcome even if a resident band could be formed.

Practices at the Cathedral will continue to be held on Fridays, their frequency depending on the support forthcoming. The Dean generously offered 12 extra practices a year, these to be arranged in consultation with the Dean and Chapter. The Dean volunteered the information that his telephone ear was rapidly becoming deaf so ringers need not fear that complaints would silence the bells.

As soon as the boxes of books are removed from the ringing chamber a thorough cleaning will be undertaken with the aid of an electric polisher which the Dean authorised. In addition, electric heaters are to be purchased.

Cathedral Society officers were elected as follows:—

Captain, D. R. Tubbs (Holy Trinity, Guildford); joint steeplekeepers, D. Davidge (Epsom) and M. Harbott (Ashted); secretary, S. G. Ponting (Holy Trinity, Guildford).

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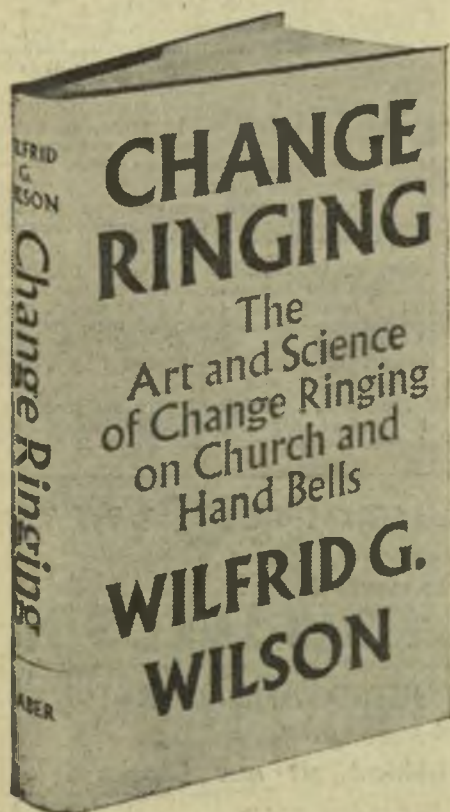
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WRATTEN'S WRINGERS' WEEK-END, 1965

WRATTEN'S WRINGERS' annual peal week based on Cheltenham has now become a regular event and so has the reunion week-end in the autumn, but its location varies from year to year. A new member, Ted Venn, was deputed to arrange this year's week-end in Oxfordshire from November 12th to 14th.

This year various members were unable to attend for reasons ranging from monetary through mechanical to matrimonial. Those who were able to come enjoyed (?) the first really cold snap of the winter; the writer accordingly noted with relief that his advancing years and evident fragility entitled him to the hotel's only hot-water bottle.

Proceedings started on Friday evening at St. Ebbe's Oxford where we found ourselves forced to ring 8-Spliced as Ted Venn hadn't looked up anything else to call. John Hunt managed to keep the 4½ cwt. tenor up for the 2 hours 24 (or was it 25?) minutes. Ted needed to get through all the bobs and changes of method he had learned, most of which he called in the right place.

At Churchill on the following morning we found George Thoday waiting for us, having driven from East Anglia in time to arrive half an hour early at the church. Belgrave was the method here and, apart from an occasional extra dodge from someone trying to splice Yorkshire in to the composition, this presented little difficulty on the easy-going and tuneful eight.

After a quick drink and a meal it seemed appropriate on the eve of Remembrance Sunday that we should visit Sir Winston Churchill's last resting place at Bladon. And so the three cars drew up by this small country church on its little rise above the busy road, with the older houses of the village clustering close around, and with its view from the foot of the tower across the fields and through the trees to Bleinheim Palace. We stood for a moment in silence by the simple grave before retracing our steps to the cars and passing on our way.

The tower for the afternoon's peal, Great Milton, was approached with some trepidation, as nobody seemed to expect an easy task here. Cambridge had been chosen for safety, so Ted elected to call it, and Victor Griffin was placed on the tenor. The result was a surprisingly fast peal, on bells that proved to be both sonorous and ill-struck. Mr. Allen, who had met us and had rung his first peal at Great Milton as long ago as 1902, was delighted at our success—which was, incidentally, the 50th peal by the Wringers.

Service ringing on Sunday morning was at Oxford Cathedral—where a complete set of new ropes was a little disconcerting—and at various other city towers. We were unlucky in our efforts to get a ring at St. Mary-the-Virgin's and at Merton College after lunch. At the former a half peal was in progress, and at the latter the belfry key was unaccountably missing.

We were no luckier with an attempt for a peal of Surprise Minor on the half-muffled

bells at Northleigh—the conductor missed a bob just before halfway and thereby gained the doubtful fame of being the first to lose a Wreunion peal. As we had promised to ring for Evensong, he was given an opportunity of redeeming himself by calling a "peal" of call changes. The closed hand-stroke leads for "Sixty on Thirds" proved tricky, as did an extent of Bastow Little Court that followed. We finished with ringing perhaps more suitable for Remembrance Day—whole-pull Bob Doubles and a six-score of Stedman, George Cousins adding a touch of finesse to the former by ensuring that a clip at handstroke was "echoed" by a clip at back.

And so into the cold to make our various ways home, with another week-end behind us and the prospect of the 1966 week ahead. Our thanks go to Ted for making the arrangements so well (we might even let him do it again sometime), to Peter Heritage for standing in the Saturday peals to fill a sudden vacancy, and above all to the various incumbents and Ringing Masters who allowed us to use their bells.

C. A. W.

ANDOVER DISTRICT STRIKING CONTEST

The annual contest of the Andover District for the Aird Cup was held on the six bells of Barton Stacey on November 20th and despite a very wet day teams from four towers competed.

The draw for first place was made by Kingsclere "B," next came Andover, who were followed by the much favoured Kingsclere "A." The holders of the cup for four years, Burghclere, were next in line, and it seemed that luck was not with them, as they had to make a second start. The last team to compete was Longparish, who also had some trouble when one member of the team failed to arrive. After a hasty conference of team captains it was agreed that Longparish could borrow a ringer to complete their team. This was duly done and brought the contest to a close. The judge, Mr. R. F. Crook, Ringing Master of the Andover District, announced the results, and the Longparish team were delighted to hear that they were the new holders of the Aird Cup. The judge's comments on the winning team were: "A very good performance, with only 18 faults." In second place came Kingsclere "A" with 24 faults, then came Andover (42), Burghclere (43), Kingsclere "B" (48).

General ringing followed under the direction of Mr P. Murduck and the afternoon ended with a service conducted by the Rector. After tea in the Village Hall Mr. Crook commented on the contest and said that the standard of ringing had been very high, and he hoped that more towers in the area would enter next year. The Rector then presented the cup to the Longparish captain, Mr. F. Tonge. The pleasures of the contest were completed when Mr. Tonge filled the cup with a "celebration beverage" and passed it round.

G. B. E.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The tenth annual meeting of the Guild took place in London on November 20th. The extreme misery of the weather did not prevent a good attendance—though it could always be better—and some of the ringing was amongst the best the Guild has enjoyed. We began on the six of St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, where most things went well except a touch in Spliced Plain Minor methods.

St. Giles', Cripplegate, now almost hedged in by large new buildings and contractors' hoardings, is difficult to find. The hour spent here went quickly and, in the main, melodiously, and we left only because we were due to appear at St. Mary-le-Bow. We were met here by several members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, to whom we were and are most grateful, for the 12 are not amongst the most easy for the uninitiated. Ringing here included a course of Grandsire Caters by doctors only—or almost—the Master's daughter kindly obliging on the treble.

The annual general meeting in the evening was preceded by an excellent meal at the George in the Borough, to which 25 sat down. At the meeting the secretary was able to report a good and active year, and from the variety of suggestions for the future it would appear that 1965-66 will be just as interesting. With the election of two new associate members the full strength of the Guild is now 66. It could, of course, be greater, for not only are there other ringing doctors and medical students, but no doubt nurses and others working in the medical field as well.

The officers were returned unopposed, viz. C. G. Roworth, president; D. J. Neal Smith, Master; and D. R. Gullick, secretary. However, broad hints were dropped about a change next year.

After the customary vote of thanks, proceedings closed with the emergence of handbells. These were still going when I left for home—and very well, too.

D. L. G.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

Despite the wintry conditions there was a good attendance for the meeting of the Newark District at North Muskham on November 20th.

A shortened Evensong was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Snow, at which he said how pleased he was to welcome the Guild officially, and to see so many.

A blazing fire and the customary buffet spread soon warmed everyone up in the Newcastle Arms, and the business meeting, though short, was very lively.

Mr. J. W. Raitby, the Guild treasurer, said that £50 had been donated towards the cost of rehanging the five bells at Coddington, and the rededication service of these and the dedication of the new treble had taken place the previous Monday. Several ringers had been present.

The meeting was closed after a comprehensive vote of thanks, and further ringing took place until 8 o'clock.

B. N. R.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

About 70 people were present for the service and tea at the meeting of the Ashford District, held jointly with the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild at Charing on November 20th.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev P. T. Robbins. Mr. D. Maskell was the organist and the choir was in attendance. The Vicar prefaced his address by saying that Charing was one of the 15 founder towers of the Kent County Association, and that this was the first meeting of the Ashford District there since it had been reunited with that District, to which it belonged many years ago.

An excellent tea was enjoyed in the neighbouring Church Hall and was kindly given by the Charing ringers and friends. At the short business meeting which followed, the chairman, Mr. J. Willis, welcomed the Ladies' Guild and the many distinguished visitors. Mrs. Mitchell responded. Five new members were elected to the Association.

During tea, a sinister-looking parcel, addressed to Mrs. D. A. Chapman, was smuggled in from Bethersden, containing what, at first sight, looked like a hand grenade, but on closer inspection turned out to be a small Christmas pudding from Wilfred W. Ring, in appreciation of her efforts in "The Ringing World," page 760.

On behalf of the visitors a vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Lyn Garraway to all those who had contributed to making the meeting such an enjoyable one. After a course of Bob Royal on the handbells the gentlemen adjourned to the tower, and later to Little Chart, where the bells were also kindly made available, leaving the ladies to hold their own meeting. But none of them could be persuaded to divulge what sanctions they proposed to apply against the treasonable, illegal, independent declarations of those Bethersden cads! C.T.H.

JOINT MEETING AT ENFIELD

An excellent time with good ringing was enjoyed by the N. and E. District members of the Middlesex County Association and the S.W. District of the Essex Association at St. Andrew's, Enfield, on November 20th.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Christopher Lamb with Mr. Eric Pask accompanying at the organ. This was followed by tea in the Church Hall and was of the usual high standard when members of the local band are responsible for its preparation.

Mr. H. G. Hart welcomed the Essex Association, and Mr. C. Willington, Master of the S.W. Essex District, suitably replied and noted that visitors were present from Yorkshire and Lincolnshire.

Mr. J. D. Duggan, a stalwart of the St. Andrew's band, is shortly leaving the district for St. Albans, and the chairman wished him every success in his new sphere in Hertfordshire.

The bells of Christ Church, Southgate, were put to good use for an hour in the afternoon. E.H.K.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

When the North West Branch held its annual general meeting at Westleigh on November 13th the Ringing Master, Mr. C. Sangwin, arranged a variety of ringing extending from call changes to Cambridge Minor. The Vicar, the Rev. J. Shepherd-Wilwyn, conducted the service, at which the Guild president, Preb. J. H. B. Andrews, preached.

The business meeting followed tea in the Church Hall. All the officers were re-elected and nine new members admitted. Next year's meetings are at Chittlehampton, July 30th, and the annual meeting at Bridgerule on November 12th. Thanks were expressed especially to ringing friends from Plymouth, Launceston and the president from Chittlehampton.

The evening's ringing was on the eight at Bidford.

OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR J. YORK

The death occurred suddenly of Mr. Arthur J. York on Monday, November 22nd, at the age of 87. He had been a ringer at Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, Northamptonshire, since 1896, and although he only rang three peals during his long connection with the tower, his greatest contribution to the art of bellringing was his regular Sunday service ringing over this period of 70 years, and by this he will be most remembered. He leaves a widow and son.

A peal attempt failed after an hour's good ringing but a well-struck half-muffled quarter peal of his favourite method, Grandsire Triples, was rung on November 27th by the following ringers: Miss J. Clipstone 1, G. Wright 2, Mrs. M. Coleman 3, John Mitchell 4, B. Austin 5, James Mitchell 6, M. A. Coleman (conductor) 7, E. Storey 8.

May he rest in peace.

B. A.

MR. PETER DAVIS

With great regret we record the passing of Peter Davis, of St. Peter's Church, Croydon, on November 24th. Although his health had not been good for 12 months and actual ringing at times proved too much for him, he kept up his connections and continued to do all he could for St. Peter's tower, of which he was the leader.

He learned to ring at West Wickham, Kent, and came to Croydon in 1947, when he joined St. Peter's Church. Peter was not a prolific peal ringer and did not make a study of the higher methods. He enjoyed more the social side and a quarter peal occasionally for Sunday service. He was one of the stalwarts on whom the Exercise largely depends, regular and punctual for Sunday service ringing, regular at practices and always willing to help and teach learners, with whom he showed remarkable patience. For a period he served the Surrey Association as assistant general secretary.

At the funeral service on November 29th the Association was represented by ringers from his own tower and the neighbouring tower of St. John's who, together, later in the day, rang a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Caters to his memory.

Peter will be a sad loss to St. Peter's tower and will be greatly missed in the District.

F.E.C.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Southern District

The November quarterly meeting was held at Thorne (8, 14½ cwt.) on November 20th. Ringing from call changes to a course of Superlative preceded the excellent tea taken in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting mention was made of the Yorkshire Council of Ringing Societies' Festival, which is being held on May 21st, the District's usual date for their annual general meeting. It was resolved that members of the District who did not possess one of the old membership certificates could have one if they asked the secretary before the next meeting, which is to be held, all being well, at Ecclesfield on February 19th.

Further ringing took place and it was good to see the young members of the local band present. M.K.

NEW DOUBLES VARIATIONS

Dear Sir,—The Doubles variation employing a Reverse St. Bartholomew plain course and a Shipway's P.L. as a bob, which Mr. G. Dawson used in his peal on November 4th at South Collingham and called "X" has been named previously. It was rung in a peal at Blackwell (page 299) and given the name "Kirkby Doubles." In fact the explanation of variations rung in that peal was printed directly beneath a similar set of Mr. Dawson's own explanations.

Could we please, sometime, have explanations of the numerous names of variations which have appeared over the past year which were not in the collection printed through the summer of 1964?—Yours sincerely,
Manchester, E. A. HARRISON.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. William Dixon, Ringing Master at St. Oswald's, Guiseley, and a ringer there for over 55 years, has now "circled the tower."

Some good work in Spliced Minor is being done by the Essex Association. A peal in 100 methods was rung at Stisted on November 26th.

Mr. George Vickers, the tireless secretary of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Guild, has been laid low by pneumonia. His friends send all best wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery.

From the "Irish Bell News" we learn that Fred E. Dukes met with an accident to his crippled ankle and was on two sticks for some weeks. We all trust that Fred has now fully recovered.

Dr. P. J. Perry, of Henderson Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne, is joining the Department of Geography, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, in January. We feel certain he will receive a warm welcome from the Cathedral ringers.

Mr. K. R. Holton writes that the claim for the first quarter peal of Doubles at Upper Boddington, Northants (page 809) is incorrect. The first quarter on the bells was rung on September 12th, 1953, by C. L. Catlin 1, M. Angela Carter 2, K. R. Holton 3, M. J. V. Chown (conductor) 4, H. S. Cloke 5.

EXCLUDED FROM HERTFORD COUNTY RECORDS

Dear Sir,—The peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Peter's, St. Albans, on Saturday, May 15th, 1965, has not been included in the records of the Hertford County Association, since the belfry election of non-resident life members did not conform with Rule 4 of the Association.—Yours sincerely,

S. CLARKE WALTERS.

Sutton Coldfield.

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CHRISTMAS BELLS

For 25 minutes, immediately after the 9 a.m. News on Christmas morning the Home Service will be broadcasting seven rings of bells from various parts of Britain followed by the bells of the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem.

The bells are being recorded by B.B.C. Outside Broadcast engineers and arranged into a complete programme to be introduced by Ronald Fletcher of the B.B.C.'s announcing staff.

The bells selected are:—

St. Paul's, Bedford.
St. James', Paisley.
St. Gwendoline's, Talgarth, Brecknockshire.
St. Nicholas', Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim.
St. Calixtus', West Down, Devon.
St. John's, Cleator Moor, Westmorland.
St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth.
Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem.

RINGERS AS QUEEN'S GUIDES

When, on November 26th, Alison Brown was presented with her Queen's Guide badge, she became the fourth member of the Stoke Bishop (Bristol) band to gain this high and rare distinction in the past four years. The others are Susan Carter, Valerie Vincent and Gillian Thomas. Valerie's elder sister, Jonthia, also came close to receiving the award but passed the age limit just too soon. These girls are, in fact, the only ones of their company to gain the distinction, so the moral seems to be: "If you want to be a Queen's Guide, become a bellringer." P. G.

YOUTH AND AGE

The quarter peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Peter's, Petersfield, on November 20th, was to honour the 80th birthday of Mr. N. H. Bassett, who has been a member of the tower for some 40 years, during many of which he has been steeplekeeper. Five members of the Guild of St. Peter's took part and the quarter peal was conducted by his son.

The treble ringer, Ronald Tipper, son of St. Peter's tower captain, rang this his first quarter of Triples at the first attempt and made a good job of it. The lad is 13 years old and previously had rung only two quarter peals, both of Doubles.

PEAL MILESTONES

Mr. George E. Fearn, the popular secretary of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, has been passing milestones recently with his 200th peal of Maximus and 300th of Royal. His 300th peal of Royal was the 300th peal for Michael J. Fellows. Details:

Maximus.—Cambridge 121, Yorkshire 33, Londinium 6, Pudsey 6, Superlative 8, Lindsey 3, Lincolnshire 3, Prittlewell 3, Belgrave 2, Solihull 2, Albanian 2, Kent T.B. 2, Plain Bob 2, one each of Spliced—two methods, nine methods, 12 methods—Birmingham, Pontefract, Lyddington and Lambeth. Total 200.

Royal.—Cambridge 140, Yorkshire 76, London (No. 3) 30, Pudsey 9, Lincolnshire 6, Solihull 4, Sliced (two methods) 3, Spliced (three methods) 2, Oakham 2, Prittlewell 2, one each of Rochester, Selby, Pontefract, Langley, Staffordshire, Harborne, Warwickshire, York, Birmingham, Painswick, Aldenham, Lindsey, Albanian, Rutland, Belgrave, Saltley Delight, Kent T.B., Little Bob and Plain Bob 8. Total 300.

RINGING FOR DIAMOND WEDDING



Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hughes, of 19, Evesham Road, Norton, Evesham, Worcestershire, celebrated their diamond wedding recently. Now 81 years of age, Mr. Hughes has been ringing at St. Egwin's, Norton, for 65 years and is the tower captain. The occasion was marked by ringing by his own band and the following day a peal was rung at Norton by members of the Worcestershire and Districts Association to mark the happy event.

[Photo. P. Reynolds, Evesham.]

READING UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

On November 24th a minibus and two cars transported members and friends of the Society to local Berkshire towers for an enjoyable half-day outing.

Pangbourne, Bradfield and Midgham were visited before tea, and after an excellent meal provided by the Master's mother in Thatcham Church Hall the party moved on to Shaw. To conclude the evening they joined the Thatcham band for their weekly practice, and this proved most enjoyable.

Ringing ranged from rounds for learners, and Cambridge Minor to Plain Bob Major, Oxford Bob and Stedman Triples at Thatcham. M. A. W.

A QUOTE FROM BELLS

A ringer has kindly pointed out the appropriate reference to bells in the notes of the Bible Reading Fellowship for the last week of November in illustrating the struggle against evil. The reference goes:—

"If you have ever been in a belfry when the bells are being rung you will know that in that confined space the sound of the bells is too much for your ears, and you only hear noise. Similarly, in this life we are so near to conflict that we see only the struggle; in the spiritual sphere, which we call heaven, the music is heard and the conflict is seen in its triumphant sense."

PEAL BOARD MEMORIAL TO CANON WILKINSON

During a bellringers' service at St. Giles', West Bridgford, Nottingham, on November 21st, a peal board was dedicated in memory of Canon R. F. Wilkinson.

The peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on March 4th, 1961, to mark the retirement of the Canon from the chairmanship of the Southwell Diocesan Guild and on his retirement as Rector of the parish. Five of the original eight ringers were able to attend—William Midwinter, William Exton, Harold Stevenson, Brian Mills and Wilf Ratcliffe, who is tower captain and steeplekeeper at St. Giles'.

The lessons were read by Mr. Midwinter, chairman of the Guild, and Mr. Else, who is a ringer at West Bridgford. The peal board was dedicated by the Rev. A. B. Jordan, a lifelong friend of the Canon and vice-chairman of ringers. The sermon by the Rector, Rev. F. E. Worwood, outlined the history of the bells, whose rehanging and augmentation to eight was the work of the Canon. He also thanked Wilf Ratcliffe for all his hard work.

Several other ringing friends, Sid Adams and Roy and Jane Blackler, joined in the Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major which were rung before and after the service. P. M.

DANEHILL "ANNUAL"

Ringers came from all parts of Sussex and beyond for the fourth annual ringers' service at All Saints' Church, Danehill. The Vicar, the Rev. I. Paton Horter, conducted the service, the lessons being read by Mr. R. V. Johnson, Master of the Sussex County Association and Miss Peggy Butcher of the Danehill ringers. Handbells were twice introduced into the service. A course of Bob Major was rung by Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dobbie, and Grandsire Caters by a band of resident Sussex ringers.

Local ringers afterwards served refreshments in the Memorial Hall to about 80 guests and good use was made of the handbells. The Master thanked those responsible for the excellent arrangements. The co-operation of Mrs. Hairs, the Northern District secretary, in making these services a memorable date in the ringing calendar is much appreciated.

SUCCESSFUL COURSE AT WOLVERHAMPTON

About 50 ringers from as far afield as Enville and Kingswinford met at Wolverhampton on November 8th for the second course of instruction organised by P. G. K. Davies and M. W. Fairey. The main idea of the course was to instruct tower captains and instructors in the correct way to handle and teach learners. Many of the ringers were learners and beginners, and so the course was especially helpful to them. The response was excellent and the general opinion is that the course has fulfilled its object, as well as meeting the need for a course of this type. The next stage in the instruction programme is a course on elementary change ringing at Wednesbury on December 8th, to be repeated at Willenhall on December 13th.

GOFTON PEAL

Mr. John Anderson informs us that the ringer of 3-4 in the peal of Stedman Cinques (see page 794) was Joseph A. Gofton, and not as printed.

WRATTEN'S WRINGERS' WEEK-END**ALL PEALS FOR THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

OXFORD.—At the Church of St Ebbe.

On Fri., Nov. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 768 each of Bristol, London and Rutland, and 576 each of Cambridge, Pudsey, Yorkshire. Superlative and Lincolnshire; with 144 changes of method.

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

Charles Coles Treble	Brian Bladon 5
Victor Griffin 2	Anthony R. Peake .. 6
Gillian M. Hussey .. 3	Edward R. Venn .. 7
Cyril A. Wratten 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

CHURCHILL, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in G.

Brian Bladon Treble	*Edward R. Venn .. 5
Gillian M. Hussey .. 2	Cyril A. Wratten .. 6
*Peter J. Heritage .. 3	George E. Thoday .. 7
*George T. Cousins .. 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivins.

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.

* First peal in the method.

GREAT MILTON, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

Cyril A. Wratten Treble	Edward R. Venn .. 5
Gillian M. Hussey .. 2	George E. Thoday .. 6
George T. Cousins .. 3	D. John Hunt 7
Peter J. Heritage 4	Victor Griffin Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton.

Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

OTHER PEALS**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**

CITY OF LONDON.—At the Church of St. Vedast, Foster Lane, E.C.

On Wed., Nov. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in F.

Michael W. Coleman .. Treble	Robert E. J. Dennis .. 4
Timothy G. Pett 2	Alan J. Frost 5
Richard O. Humphries .. 3	A. Patrick Cannon .. Tenor

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

TWERTON-ON-AVON, Bath, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp

Alan A. J. Buswell .. Treble	Alan Tubb 5
Alan Carveth 2	Alan R. Baldock .. 6
Alan F. Lee 3	Alan R. Patterson .. 7
*Alan D. Elsmore 4	Alan R. Pink Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley (No. 3).

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* 25th peal. First "Alan" peal of Surprise

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., Nov. 22, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Stephen Ivins Treble	Anthony H. Smith .. 6
James H. Edwards .. 2	Robert L. Piron .. 7
Diana M. Frost 3	C. Michael Orme .. 8
Arthur Gibbs 4	Alfred E. Rushton .. 9
Jack S. Dear 5	Alan J. Frost Tenor

Composed by Henry W. Haley.

Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., Oct. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

Holt's Original.	Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.
*Roger Amos Treble	Robert L. Piron .. 5
†Gillian C. Browne .. 2	Alan S. Smith 6
Arthur Gibbs 3	Stephen Ivins 7
Anthony H. Smith .. 4	Keith H. Fleming .. Tenor

Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

* First peal. † First on an "inside" bell.

WOBURN, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 19 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Dennis Knox Treble	Robert R. Churchill .. 5
Diana M. Frost 2	Norman V. Harding .. 6
Alfred E. Rushton .. 3	C. Edward Jeffries .. 7
Ronald J. Sharp 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Dennis Knox.

Rung to mark the wedding this day of Angela Grainger and Rev. Peter Newing; also as a welcome to the new Vicar.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Beds.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sun., Nov. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in D.

Ronald J. Sharp Treble	Alan J. Frost 5
Diana M. Frost 2	Norman V. Harding .. 6
Robert R. Churchill .. 3	Dennis Knox 7
Keith R. Fleming 4	Stephen Ivins Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivins.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL (No. 3)

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D.

E. N. Thomas (St. John's) Treble	K. J. Triplow (Selwyn) .. 6
F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's) 2	F. C. Hobson (St. John's) 7
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) 3	S. R. Darvill (Downing) 8
W. J. Ridgman (Queens') 4	K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) 9
V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 5	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity) .. Tenor

Conducted by F. Charles Hobson.

First peal in the method for the Guild.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

FRODSHAM, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Wed., Nov. 24, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 1,280 London, 1,280 Cambridge, 1,280 Superlative and 1,312 Bristol; all the work of each method for each bell.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Oswald Claybrook .. Treble	Fred Jackson 5
*John R. Bibby 2	Cyril Valentine 6
*John Oultram 3	Walter Allman 7
John E. Bibby 4	Francis Bibby Tenor

Composed by A. J. Pitman.

Conducted by Walter Allman.

* First peal of Spliced.

CHURCH LAWTON, Cheshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Nov. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8½ cwt.

Frank R. Morton Treble	Harold Dowler 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Dennis Latham 6
Raymond J. Ballard .. 3	Roy Worrall 7
Barry Corbishley 4	Ivor R. Nichols Tenor

Composed by J. W. Washbrook.

Conducted by Ivor R. Nichols.

HOLMES CHAPEL, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Luke.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

*Andrew Morrey .. Treble	Terence E. Trickett .. 4
†Ian D. Edmunds 2	Gerald Parsons 5
John E. Brough 3	Frank R. Morton Tenor

Conducted by John E. Brough.

* First peal. † First "inside."

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

HOPE, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Sidney Hough Treble	Eric Roughly 5
Geoffrey R. Gardner .. 2	Kenneth R. Davenport .. 6
Joyce Grainger 3	Denis Mottershead .. 7
Christine Andrew 4	Neil D. Lomas Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard.

Conducted by Neil D. Lomas.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

DUDLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Thomas.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E flat.

*M. Irene Elsmore .. Treble	C. Frederick Jukes .. 6
Yvonne Edwards 2	Frederick G. Handley .. 7
Clifford Skidmore .. 3	†A. Bryan Elsmore .. 8
Geoffrey Westwood .. 4	John C. Eisel 9
Michael J. Fellows .. 5	Martin D. Fellows .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Martin D. Fellows.

* First peal of Royal. † First on ten bells.

Rung to mark the 1,000th anniversary of the founding of the Church of St. Edmund, King and Martyr, Dudley.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURN, Cambridgeshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

Frank Harper Treble	Ernest W. Pye 4
Jean Sanderson 2	John G. Gipson 5
William Pye 3	Barry J. Couzens Tenor

Conducted by Barry J. Couzens.

To celebrate the birthday of the ringer of the treble.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Peter,

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In eight methods, comprising 768 London and Rutland, 640 Bristol and 576 each of Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey. Superlative and Yorkshire; with 142 changes of method. Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

Joe E. G. Roast Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds 5
*Peter G. Brown 2	Philip J. Rothera 6
*†Susan Rothera 3	Ian R. Panton 7
Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 4	†James L. Towler Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* First peal of 8-Spliced. † 200th peal. ‡ 150th peal. First of 8-Spliced on the bells.

COLCHESTER, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints, Shrub End.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 4½ cwt.

Martin H. Whittell Treble	Percy May 4
Keith W. Whittell 2	Ronald W. Steward 5
Jennifer M. Andrews .. 3	Alan R. Andrews Tenor

Conducted by Alan R. Andrews.

STISTED, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints,

On Fri., Nov. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 100 methods, viz: (1) Stonehouse, Bramfield, Harmondsworth, Lamberhurst, Wordsley, Blaxhall, Ringstead, Iver, Hayes, Ellacombe, Mitcham, Beckford, Winchcombe, Sharnbrook, Stanhoe, Stratton and Buxton Alliance, Little Bob and Crayford Little Court (19 methods by A. G. Driver, arranged by C. A. Wratten); (2) Mendelsham and Tonbridge Alliance, Pontefract, Donottar, Alderbourne, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight, Childwall, Horsmonden, Thelwall, St. Clement's, College, Wavertree, Killarney, Lytham, London, Reverse, Fulbeck, Frodsham, Plain, Canterbury, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Double and Windermere and Belvedere Little Bob (26 methods by H. Chant); (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Gladstone, Hemsworth, Campanulla, Royston, Penistone and York Minster Treble Bob, Beighton, Appleby and Redcar Surprise, Chepstow, Balmoral, Danbury, Fotheringay, Hatheron, Skipton, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Stisted, Boge-done, Pebmarsh and Knutsford Delight (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. Peake); (4) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Brantree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob (15 methods by A. G. Driver); (5) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham Surprise; (6) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise; (?) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

Peter G. Brown Treble	Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 4
Andrew S. Hudson 2	Joe E. G. Roast 5
Claire Dillamore 3	Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

Most methods yet rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BRISTOL.—At the Priory Church of St. James with St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 28 cwt. in C sharp.

Richard J. Bowden Treble	D. John Hunt 6
Malcolm E. Wade 2	*Frank D. Mack 7
Gillian M. Hussey 3	Roland H. Cook 8
William A. Lacey 4	A. Maxwell Lindsay .. 9
Philip M. J. Gray 5	R. Kingsley Mason .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. Darby.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

TYTHERINGTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In eight methods, being five extents each of Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, Rev. Canterbury, St. Simon, St. Martin, Plain Bob, Rev. St. Bartholomew and five extents and one 240 Grandsire (Morris').

Tenor 12 cwt. 18 lb. in G.

*Jeffrey L. Hillman Treble	†Hugh N. Evans 3
Alan F. Lee 2	†John H. Taylor 4

†Andrew Howard Tenor

Conducted by Alan F. Lee.

* First peal. † First in eight methods.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

EARDISLEY, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

On Mon., Nov. 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Reverse Canterbury, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

Thomas Wood Treble	Austin T. Wingate 4
Leslie Evans 2	John W. Hope 5
George T. Cousins 3	Robert A. Hatcher Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.

Rung as a compliment to J. D. Rock, formerly of Eardisland, on his election as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

STRETTON GRANDISON, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Fri., Nov. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 15 methods/variations: two extents each of Old, All Saints, Windrush, Wychbold, Little Aston, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Kennington, Seighford, April Day, Northrepps, Rev. St. Bartholomew and six extents Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Grandsire. Tenor 10½ cwt.

E. Charles Biggs Treble	John Clements 4
*C. William Nutt 2	*James Ward 5
†Leonard J. Walters .. 3	*George Gwyne Tenor

Conducted by James Ward.

* Most Doubles methods to a peal. † Most methods on a working bell. 25th peal for the Guild by the conductor.

Rung with the compliments of the band to George and Mrs. Gwyne and Mr. and Mrs. R. Pitt for their silver wedding anniversaries.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ASHWELL, Herts.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Michael J. Sherrick .. Treble	A. Trevor Hawkins .. 4
Keith J. Walpole 2	Anthony R. Carter .. 5
*Andrew W. R. Wilby .. 3	Frederick W. Ellis .. Tenor

Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.

* First peal of Minor. † First as conductor.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

HILLSBOROUGH, County Down.—At the Church of St. Malachi.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 20 cwt.

*Harry Brown Treble	†Gerald D. Brown .. 5
†Maud Austin 2	†John Lindsay 6
†William A. Patterson .. 3	†John T. Dunwoody .. 7
Jean Jeffery 4	§Walter Mann Tenor

Composed by Sir A. Heywood (5-part). Conducted by Harry Brown.

* 25th peal of Stedman. † First in the method. ‡ 150th peal for the Association. § First peal.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Wm. Pratt, former president of the Irish Association.

WATERFORD, Co. Waterford.—At the Cathedral of the Blessed Trinity.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5160 DOUBLES

Being 43 extents in 42 methods/variations, being one each of St. Simon, St. Alban, Cassington, Eynsham, Elford, St. Martin (two extents), St. Paul, St. Peter, St. Leonard, Austrey, St. Nicholas, St. Giles, St. Thomas, Lapley, Sharnhill, Winchendon, St. Miles, St. Luke, St. John, Ryton, Grandsire, Newborough, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Seighford, Old, Dedworth, Buttercup, Primrose, Violet, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford's Pleasure, Southrepps, Little Aston, Wallflower, Wychbold, Honeysuckle, Cowslip. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 lb. in E.

*Peter W. Brown Treble	Colin A. Lewis 4
Gillian E. Graney 2	R. Anthony Vere Hodge 5
E. Ann Sadler 3	*Harry H. Brown Tenor

Conducted by Colin A. Lewis.

* First peal. Greatest number of methods/variations rung to a peal in Ireland?

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

BETHERSDEN, Kent.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sun., Nov. 14, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

		Tenor 15 cwt. in F.	
*John E. Spree	Treble	Wilfred W. Ring	4
Violet I. E. Relf	2	*Gordon Stewart	5
Elizabeth Stewart	3	Crawford T. Hillis	Tenor

Conducted by Crawford T. Hillis.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Peter Jarvis, ringer at this church for many years.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sun., Nov. 21, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 REDCLIFFE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 24 cwt.

*Edward Jenkins	Treble	*J. Colin Ashworth	6
*Philip J. Crossthwaite	2	*Jeffrey Kershaw	7
*Margaret E. Fort	3	*Cyril Crossthwaite	8
*Peter J. Wycherley	4	Derek Butterworth	9
Neil Bennett	5	Tudor P. Edwards	Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

Conducted by Neil Bennett.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells, and by the Association.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancs.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sun., Nov. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No. 1.		Tenor 12 cwt 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.	
Jeffrey Kershaw	Treble	Harry Parkes	5
Christopher J. Jones	2	†Donald Bateman	6
*Margaret E. Fort	3	Derek Butterworth	7
John P. Partington	4	James E. Andrews	Tenor

Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

* 100th peal. † First of Stedman "inside."

Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leicestershire.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Nov. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt, 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. Ronald Edwards	Treble	Joseph W. Cotton	5
Richard J. Clifton	2	Arthur E. Rowley	6
Dan S. Pont	3	John A. Underwood	7
*Edwin Deakin	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal in the method.

HATHERN, Leics.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in four methods: one each of Kent T.B. and Cambridge, two Single Oxford and three Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt, 2 qr. 12 lb.

*Alan Wright	Treble	David Swift	4
Valerie Carter	2	Ron Carter	5
Charles Woods	3	Tom Harris	Tenor

Conducted by Tom Harris.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Colin Harrison

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, Lincs.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Nov. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent T.B., Single Court, Plain Bob and one of Single Oxford.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

H. Reginald Woods	Treble	Andrew J. Colborne	4
Roland W. Morant	2	H. Leslie Squires	5
Frederick W. Pinchbeck	3	Denis A. Frith	Tenor

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

A farewell to the Rev. J. L. Heygate.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARNES, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

On Sun., Nov. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dennis Hewitt	Treble	Anthony K. Fortin	5
Ian G. Campbell	2	C. Martin Press	6
*Nina B. Thomas	3	Alan R. Patterson	7
David E. Rothera	4	John R. Ketteringham	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by John R. Ketteringham.

* First peal of Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt, 2 qr. 20 lb. in G.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Nov. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Richard J. Clifton	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Rev. M. C. C. Melville	2	Dan S. Pont	6
*Edwin Deakin	3	Derek P. Jones	7
Joseph W. Cotton	4	G. Ronald Edwards	Tenor

Composed by C. H. Martin.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal in the method.

Tenor 6 cwt, 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Nov. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt, 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Richard J. Clifton	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
*Edwin Deakin	2	G. Ronald Edwards	6
*Dan S. Pont	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Roland Beniston	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by H. Dains.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal in the method.

A tribute to Colin Harrison, of the Bell Foundry staff, who passed away the previous day.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.—At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

On Tues., Nov. 16, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 PACKINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt, 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

Edwin Deakin	Treble	Arthur E. Rowley	5
Roland Beniston	2	G. Ronald Edwards	6
Dan S. Pont	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
*Richard J. Clifton	4	Derek P. Jones	Tenor

Composed by George Lewis.

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* 200th peal on the bells. First in the method for the Guild, and by all except ringers of 4 and 7.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

BROUGHTON, Staffs.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt, 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

David J. Midgley	Treble	†T. Leslie Whalley	5
*Caroline Stewart	2	G. Arnold Moore	6
†Phillip E. Jones	3	Andrew Thompson	7
*Eric Young	4	William A. Harris	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by William A. Harris.

* First peal of Kent Major. † First peal. ‡ 25th peal. G. A. Moore has now "circled the tower" to peals. First as conductor. A compliment to Albert H. Lawton on his 81st birthday.

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

BLEWBURY, Berks.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Fri., Nov. 19, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

Vanessa C. A. Rodrigues	Treble	G. Robert Mordaunt	5
Roger M. Heyworth	2	Anthony P. Foster	6
John M. Preston	3	Bruce Wakefield	7
Richard Wharton	4	Peter M. Bradford	Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker.

Conducted by Bruce Wakefield.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

IRCHESTER, Northants.—At the Church of St. Katharine of Alexandria.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt, 1 qr. 20 lb. in D.

Patrick I. Chapman	Treble	Barry R. Eglesfield	5
Roger W. Smith	2	Charles E. Truman	6
*George F. Roome	3	James Linnell	7
Barry E. Saunders	4	Alan A. Paul	Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven.

Conducted by Alan A. Paul.

* First peal of Yorkshire. First of Major as conductor.

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TITCHMARSH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E.

Joyce M. Clipstone Treble	Brian A. Vickers 5
Sheila J. Staley 2	Terry G. Smith 6
Jean Marlow 3	Richard J. Cowley 7
Edward C. Buckley 4	Eric J. Chapman Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard.
First peal of Bob Triples for all. First as conductor.
Rung with the compliments of all the band to Eric J. Chapman upon his 50th birthday this day.

HASELBECH, Northants.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F sharp.

Roger W. Smith Treble	*Barry E. Saunders 5
James Linnell 2	Alan A. Paul 6
Christopher C. Clarke 3	Charles E. Truman 7
*Barry R. Eglesfield 4	George W. Holland Tenor

Composed by C. J. Sedgley.
* First peal of Rutland. Conducted by Charles E. Truman.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Nov. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

J. Alan Ainsworth Treble	John C. Eisel 7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite 2	George E. Fearn 8
Norman J. Goodman 3	Roderick W. Pipe 9
James Insley 4	Martin D. Fellows 10
Graham C. Paul 5	Michael J. Fellows 11
Richard J. Parker 6	Peter Border Tenor

Conducted by Peter Border.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Nov. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Roderick W. Pipe Treble	Edward W. Colley 7
Maryl R. Crossthwaite 2	*Richard C. Stevens 8
Norman J. Goodman 3	Martin D. Fellows 9
Michael J. Fellows 4	George E. Fearn 10
John C. Eisel 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
Richard J. Parker 6	Peter Border Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

* First peal of Maximus.

Rung as a compliment to John E. Anderson and Iris Thomson on their engagement.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Tues., Nov. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Henry Johnson's variation of Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt.

Graham C. Paul Treble	Richard J. Parker 5
*Mark Androlia 2	Peter J. Stretton 6
John R. Insley 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
James Insley 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

* First peal of Surprise on an "inside" bell.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

CROPWELL BISHOP, Notts.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In three methods, being ten extents All Saints and 16 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

*Neil Handley Treble	David Oliver 3
Ruth Blackshaw 2	Maurice W. Harrison 4
Sydney Adams Tenor	

Conducted by Sydney Adams.

* First peal.

A welcome to Steven Richard Hoyle, first grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Adams.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

MARCHINGTON, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven differently-called extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

*Angela Bagnall Treble	Cyril T. Collins 4
†Paul C. Bowen 2	Clive M. Smith 5
Derek P. Jones 3	Clifford W. Bowen Tenor

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal. † First "inside."

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

HARTEST, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sun., Nov. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

Janet I. Rogers Treble	Richard S. Seabrook 4
*David J. Reeve 2	Harry J. Clarke 5
†Frederick J. Payne 3	Donald L. Mills Tenor

Conducted by Donald L. Mills.

* First peal attempt. † First of Minor "inside."

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in D flat.

Leonard Stilwell Treble	Peter J. Came 6
Raymond J. Talbot 2	R. Ian Vaughan 7
Angela M. Wright 3	Bernard J. Stone 8
Albert W. Bond 4	Bernard G. North 9
*Ivor N. Pett 5	*Douglas P. Snoswell .. Tenor

Conducted by Raymond J. Talbot.

* First peal of Caters. First as conductor.

Rung by friends as a compliment to Mr. Peter Newing and Miss Angela Grainger, married at this church earlier in the day.

RUSPER, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sun., Nov. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt.

A. Patrick Cannon Treble	Brian J. Luff 5
Robert C. Kippin 2	Geoffrey K. Dodd 6
Stanley G. Ponting 3	David P. Hilling 7
Malcolm M. Powell 4	J. Keith Ward Tenor

Composed by W. Banton.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

CADOXTON, Neath, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Cattwg.

On Thurs., Oct. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and a 720. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B.

Harry Boyce Treble	†John F. I. Turney 4
*William J. Thomas 2	Gwyn I. Lewis 5
J. Arthur Hoare 3	Brian J. Woodruffe Tenor

Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal of Surprise "inside." † First of Surprise.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

Alan E. Bagworth Treble	Alan R. Patterson 5
Anthony D. Sansom 2	William S. Deason 6
David J. Forder 3	David P. Hilling 7
Robin G. Leale 4	Michael J. Thomas Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

CROPTHORNE, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 32 extents of Plain Bob, six of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and four of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

Ronald J. Stephens Treble	Richard G. Bateman 4
Arthur C. Berry 2	Martin J. Boskett 5
Raymond J. Adams 3	*Anthony M. Amphlett .. Tenor

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry

* First peal.

STRENSHAM, Worcs.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sun., Nov. 14, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Single Oxford Bob and five of Plain Bob.

Martin J. Boskett Treble	Richard G. Bateman 4
Raymond J. Adams 2	Arthur C. Berry 5
Peter Robertson 3	James Attwood, jun. .. Tenor

Conducted by James Attwood, jun.

Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ELLAND, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Having 5678 in the handstroke home position for two courses.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F

K. Brian Sissons Treble	Arthur Rogers 5
M. Susan Jackson 2	John Potts 6
Arlene Smith 3	David Smith 7
Alan Sheppard 4	J. Henry Fielden Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. Henry Fielden.

QUARTER PEALS

APPLEFORD, BERKS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Cowley 1, C. I. Rowson 2, R. Hutchfield 3, D. R. Baxter (cond.) 4, E. C. Turner 5, M. J. Hillier (30th quarter) 6. By Culham College Campanological Society for Evensong.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Whitehead 1, J. W. Gander 2, A. S. Taylor 3, W. Riddle 4, E. A. Harrison 5, P. Coddington 6, R. L. Coley (cond.) 7, A. Twyman 8. By Manchester University Society.

AVON DASSETT, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Delphine Holman 1, R. W. Sherriff (cond.) 2, R. J. Edden 3, J. F. Thorne 4, J. J. Spraggett 5. First quarter peal on the bells, hung 1868. A 21st birthday compliment to Margaret Ruth Sherriff.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean L. Kimber 1, N. Thomson (first "inside") 2, Juliet Stoy 3, L. A. Bance 4, J. Schofield 5, F. D. Jennings 6, S. F. Kimber (cond.) 7, R. J. Lee 8.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: Mrs. H. Moore 1, Miss J. Quilter 2, A. Syder 3, H. Moore 4, P. Le Count 5, Mrs. J. Syder 6, R. Suckling (cond.) 7, R. Lindsell 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Alice Rogers, wife of Dean Rogers.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elizabeth Page 1, B. Carter 2, F. W. Box 3, G. Parsons 4, G. Carter 5, P. S. Gaisford (cond.) 6. For Evensong, and as a farewell to the Page family.

BRIGSTOCK, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: T. Height 1, K. Clipston 2, M. Hawkins 3, S. Bell (cond.) 4, J. Clipston 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

BRISTOL.—At Christ Church on Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Johns 1, Angela Hawes 2, Pauline Bligh-Cheesman 3, Susan Jenkins 4, J. T. Parsons (cond.) 5, J. Stallard 6, N. W. H. Simon 7, B. Mozley 8. First of Grandsire Triples 1, 2, 4, 8, and as conductor. Rung by U.B.S.C.R.

BRISTOL.—On Nov. 14th, at the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Pauline Bligh-Cheesman 1, Christine Webb 2, Gillian M. Brearley 3, Mrs. Elizabeth Bowden 4, M. G. R. Zobel 5, A. Tubb 6, R. Bowden 7, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 1 and 2.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Helen Gilbert 1, Rosemarie A. Frith 2, Marion R. Pantom 3, T. J. Sheahan 4, P. Gibson 5, I. R. Pantom (cond.) 6. Also on Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Linda Groves (first quarter) 1, Rosemarie A. Frith 2, P. Gibson 3, A. R. Groves 4, M. J. Cowling 5, I. R. Pantom (cond.) 6. Half-muffled.

CAMBRIDGE.—At Great St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 14th, 1,294 Stedman Cinques: J. H. Freeborn 1, S. F. Brown 2, F. E. Haynes 3, C. R. F. Muncey 4, C. M. P. Johnson 5, P. D. Laurence 6, L. Pizzeby 7, B. D. Threlfall 8, T. R. Dennis 9, H. C. Foster 10, P. J. Bergdahl (cond.) 11, J. S. Rank 12. For Remembrance Sunday, and for the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): Judith Skinner (first quarter) 1, Carol Wickens 2, J. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier 4, I. Wickens (cond.) 5, D. Nicholson 6.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: B. Mozley (first of Major) 1, A. Hawes 2, C. Webb 3, M. Simons 4, G. Brearley 5, M. Gilbey 6, M. G. R. Zobel (cond.) 7, D. B. Williams 8. By the U.B.S.C.R. for Evensong.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Rogerson (first quarter) 1, J. Vickery 2, K. Todd 3, W. Shute 4, R. S. Skelton 5, W. Tyson (cond.) 6, C. Ratcliffe cover. For Evensong, and to honour Canon Arrowsmith.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 7th, 1,440 Doubles (Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire): I. R. Nicholas (cond.) 1, Miss C. Johnson 2, G. A. Packer 3, W. Kerr 4, Miss A. D. Edwards 5, Mrs. B. Sherry 6. A compliment to the Suffragan Bishops of Birkenhead and Stockport, consecrated this day.

EALING, MIDDY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. A. Rose 1, M. Sprackling 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Susan Davis (first of Stedman) 4, Mrs. J. Rose 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, W. G. Wilson (cond.) 7, F. Bishop 8.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's, on Nov. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Carol Pacey 1, Pamela Brown 2, Anita Nickells 3, Marie Simmet 4, P. Henry 5, H. Blagden 6, P. Felton 7, R. Collis (first as cond.) 8. First of Bob Major 1, 3, 4, 8. A 19th birthday compliment for Miss Jean Henderson.

EARL'S CROOME, WORCS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Grindle (first quarter) 1, M. Hawkes (cond.) 2, J. Warner (first "inside") 3, P. Robertson 4, R. Johns (first quarter) 5, A. J. Holt (first quarter) 6. Half-muffled on the eve of Remembrance Sunday.

EASTHAM, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: V. Longshaw (first quarter) 1, C. Dearden 2, G. Edwards 3, T. Pope 4, R. Winstanley 5, K. Edwards (cond.) 6. Rung for the consecration of the first Bishop of Birkenhead and the new Bishop of Stockport.

EMPINGHAM, RUTLAND.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Minor (Cambridge, Oxford T.B. and Plain): Hilary Knight 1, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 2, E. T. Chapman 3, K. R. Davey 4, J. C. Hudson 5, A. G. Payne 6. Rung to mark the 70th anniversary of the first peal in Rutland, which was rung in this tower.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At St. Martin's Church, on Nov. 13th, Caters: M. Kingsley 1, Jill Oakshott 2, Rosemary Astridge 3, Sal Parrott 4, M. Morris 5, Adrienne Gibson (first of Caters as cond.) 6, R. Mills 7, J. Helder (first "inside") 8, J. Davidge 9, S. Warren 10. First of Caters 1, 2, 5.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Keates 1, Miss D. Symonds 2, H. D. W. Bishop 3, J. T. Barrett (cond.) 4, H. Vine 5, K. Knight 6. First quarter 1 and 2.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Martin 1, S. Waters 2, P. T. Spencer-Phillips 3, Claire Dillamore 4, J. P. Brandon 5, A. S. Hudson (cond.) 6, H. Carter 7, B. Howard 8. A compliment to Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips on his 83rd birthday.

ILKESTON, DERBYS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Stokes 1, Mrs. S. Fokett 2, C. Towers 3, G. Rigby 4, E. F. Gobeby (cond.) 5, S. Fokett 6, D. Stainsby 7, H. Dale 8. For Evensong.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): R. Armstrong 1, A. Fillary (first quarter) 2, R. Welch 3, G. Norcliffe 4, J. T. Locke 5, E. White 6, J. Cornelius (cond.) 7, W. Smith 8. In memoriam Mr. F. R. Carpenter, headmaster of the Boys' Grammar School and chairman of the Somerset Football Association.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDY.—On Nov. 14th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Jean Anderson 1, Carol Pacey 2, M. Thomas 3, H. Blagden 4, M. Harrison 5, Olive Rogers 6, R. Collis 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8, P. Felton 9, N. Felton 10.

KINGSTON, DORSET.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Young 1, J. L. Cloughton 2, Ruth A. Elmes 3, P. R. Keough 4, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 5, J. W. Blackwood 6, R. N. Marlow 7, L. T. Perrins 8.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Oct. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jennifer Brown 1, Deborah Hopkins 2, Alison M. Mann 3, W. H. Jackson 4, R. Collis 5, D. Sibson 6, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 7, K. Newman 8. Rung for the christening of Richard Halliday Jackson.

LANCHESTER, DURHAM.—On Oct. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Thompson 1, J. Tonks 2, Miss L. Moore 3, A. Walker 4, H. P. Thompson (cond.) 5, R. Jackson 6. Also on Oct. 17th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss A. Whaley 1, J. Tonks (cond.) 2, Miss L. Moore 3, R. Jackson 4, H. P. Thompson 5, A. Walker 6. Also on Nov. 7th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss C. Thompson 1, J. Tonks 2, Miss A. Whaley (first "inside") 3, R. Jackson 4, A. Walker (cond.) 5, J. Stephenson 6. All for Evensong.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on Nov. 28th, 1,296 London S. Minor: Susan Smith 1, R. E. J. Dennis 2, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 3, E. D. Elderkin 4, R. W. Powell 5, T. G. Pett 6. For morning service by U.L.S.C.R.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—At the Church of All Saints, on Nov. 14th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 1, P. L. Taylor 2, E. Weaver 3, G. Harrison 4, H. Marcon 5, J. Saddington 6, L. W. Stevens 7, T. Harris 8, P. J. Staniforth (cond.) 9, E. Briggs 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Colin Harrison, for many years a ringer and captain of the band at All Saints' Church.

LYMPNE, KENT.—On Nov. 28th, 1,320 Doubles (three methods): B. Butcher 1, R. Birch 2, Elizabeth Todd 3, H. P. Yates 4, R. P. Brotherton (cond.) 5, R. Gemmel 6. For Evensong.

MONKEN HADLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Soper 1, R. Taylor (first of Triples) 2, C. Ward 3, Miss P. Mant (first quarter) 4, C. King 5, W. Bradbrook 6, T. Pink (cond.) 7, W. Langley 8. A compliment to the ringer of 8, who celebrated his 85th birthday in October.

NAILSEA, SOM.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire (ten extents): L. Childs 1, L. Derrick 2, C. Kortwright (cond.) 3, J. Evered 4, H. Hardwidge 5, J. Mitchell 6. A birthday compliment to L. Derrick, tower captain.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 24th, 1,440 Kent T.B. Minor (7-8 covering): A. Merrill 1, T. S. Astbury 2, J. E. Brough (cond.) 3, H. G. Smith 4, F. Barnard 5, E. J. Boffey 6, W. Smith 7, D. Allman (first quarter) 8. First quarter in method by all the band.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. O. Coleman 1, R. J. Cooles 2, J. L. Cloughton 3, C. J. N. Dalton 4, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 5, W. T. Perrins 6, W. E. Cheater 7, L. T. Perrins 8. For Evensong.

ST. FLORENCE, PEMBS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Roberts (aged 10, first Minor) 1, M. E. Lewis (first Minor) 2, Betty M. Rogers 3, P. C. Rogers 4, A. Johns 5, Rev. R. W. Thomas (cond.) 6. A compliment to those members of St. Florence Church recently confirmed. Also on Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Roberts 1, K. Salisbury 2, A. Johns 3, M. E. Lewis 4, Rev. R. W. Thomas (cond.) 5, P. Kraus (first quarter) 6. A compliment to Miss Jane Hughes, organist, who leaves for work in a Dr. Barnardo Home.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Duck 1, C. W. Jose 2, A. J. Davidson 3, A. Locke 4, G. F. Dunstan (cond.) 5, A. Beattie 6. For Harvest Festival. Also on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods/variations): Barbara Duck 1, C. W. Jose 2, A. J. Davidson (cond.) 3, A. Locke 4, G. F. Dunstan 5, A. Beattie 6. For Advent Sunday.

SALFORD, LANCs.—At Sacred Trinity Church, on Oct. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. J. Jukes 1, Margaret Whitehead 2, W. Birmingham 3, R. L. Coley (cond.) 4, A. S. Taylor 5, E. A. Harrison 6, J. W. Gander 7, C. R. Calton 8.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At St. Mary's, Walkley, on Oct. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. J. L. Gilbert 1, G. W. Pilkington 2, R. Tibbets 3, C. Rusby 4, F. J. Jackson 5, M. King (cond.) 6. First quarter since about 1905, and rung to mark the restoration of the bells to a ringable state, and for Harvest Thanksgiving.

SMARTEN, KENT.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods): Sylvia Knight 1, H. Payne 2, Carol Wood 3, H. Deacon 4, B. Johnson (cond.) 5, J. Clifton 6. First in more than one method by all the band. For Evensong.

SOBERTON, HANTS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Rolph 1, G. J. Gammon 2, Betty Daysh 3, L. D. Duguid 4, G. Love 5, Rev. J. Henstridge 6, K. P. Gilliver 7, W. F. J. Cope (cond.) 8.

SOUTHGATE, LONDON, N.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Gates 1, R. Hunt 2, E. Beauchamp (cond.) 3, S. G. Peck 4, C. Ward 5, A. Snreadbury 6, J. Weaver 7, L. G. Gates 8. For Confirmation, conducted by the Bishop of Willesden.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Oct. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: John S. Croft (first quarter) 1-2, K. S. B. Croft (cond.) 3-4, Madeline M. Croft (first quarter "in hand") 5-6.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON.—At the Cathedral, on Oct. 17th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: Mrs. O. L. Rogers 1, C. M. Press 2, M. T. Sprackling 3, D. Boniface 4, D. P. Smith 5, D. Ellison 6, C. M. Meyer 7, J. W. Smith (cond.) 8, H. W. Rogers 9, C. T. Richards 10. For nave Evensong.

STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. F. Edmans 1, R. A. Vickers 2, M. Jamieson 3, W. A. Yates 4, A. H. Wood 5, G. W. Holland (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge Minor 3 and 5.

STEVENTON, BERKS.—On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Hutchinson 1, E. C. Turner 2, D. R. Baxter 3, R. Hutchfield 4, M. J. Hiller 5, A. D. Sansom (cond.) 6. By Culham Campanologist Society.

STURRY, KENT.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mary Mackenzie 1, Barbara I. Durkin (first quarter) 2, R. C. Button 3, Christine M. Bouldin 4, P. A. Harrison (first as cond.) 5, A. E. Pullin 6. In remembrance.

SUTTON-ON-HULL, YORKSHIRE.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Rodmell 1, Linda Sherwood 2, Vivien Richardson 3, Iris Piner 4, Alfreda F. Ducker 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. First quarter 2 and 3. An 86th birthday compliment to H. Rodmell.

WARWICK.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Stone 1, H. E. Ashley 2, H. G. Summers 3, G. Pratt 4, S. H. Dearden 5, J. W. T. Taylor 6, E. Holdsworth (cond.) 7, J. L. Garner-Hayward 8.

TWYNING, GLOS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (Rev. St. Bartholomew, Grandsire): Iris Milton (first quarter) 1, F. Hawkes 2, R. Johns 3, W. Williams 4, M. Hawkes (cond.) 5, D. Williams 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

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PERSONAL

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MISCELLANEOUS

BATH ABBEY.—Ringing practice at Bath Abbey will in future be on the first, third and fifth Monday in each month commencing January 3rd, 1966, 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Owen, Tower Master. 8110

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Members are reminded that nominations and notices of motion for the A.G.M., 1966, should reach the secretary by February 1st, 1966. (Rules VI and IX).—P. W. Saltmarsh, Hon. Gen. Sec. 8125

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Surprise Royal practice at Guildford Cathedral on Friday, December 10th, at 7.30 p.m. Methods: Cambridge, London and York-shire. 8128

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL.—There will be no Monday evening practices on December 20th or 27th next, or any first Monday in any month. Peals: Only four per annum—1966 booked up, but last year's applicants should now re-apply to C. M. Smith, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs. Tel. LICH 4539. 8068

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
—S. and W. District.—Mid-week practice meeting at Hillingdon, Monday, December 13th Ringing 7.45–9.30 p.m. All welcome
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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION (Ches-terfield District) and **EAST DERBYS AND WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION.** — Joint meeting at Clay Cross, December 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. J. W. Price, 1, Bertrand Avenue, Clay Cross, by Wednesday, December 8th, if possible, but please note—no name no tea. Special methods: London and Double Oxford.—M. Phipps and T. H. Radford, Secs.
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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Nomination meeting at Ewell on Saturday, December 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. C. W. Munday, 37, Bradford Drive, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey. — A. Gibson, Hon. Sec. 8074

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—King's Langley (8) December 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. B. Barker, 7, Watford Road, King's Langley. 8095

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Monthly meeting, December 11th, at Whitwick. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Constitutional Club. Names for tea not required. 8041

SUFFOLK GUILD.—North West District.—Practice meeting at Ixworth (6) on Saturday, December 11th. Bells 6.30 to 9 p.m.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 8075

SUFFOLK GUILD.—S.E. District.—Quarterly meeting at Ipswich St. Matthew, December 11th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea no later than Wednesday, December 8th, to Mrs. E. J. Lockwood, 2, Chalk Pit Cottages, Offton, near Ipswich. 8000

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division — Joint meeting with Southern Division at Upper Beeding on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. and after tea, Service at 4.30. Tea at "The Old Tollgate," Bramber, at 5.15. Please notify for tea as soon as possible to R. Wake, 28, Keynor Estate, Sidlesham, Chichester, Sussex. 8137

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting on Saturday, December 11th, at New Alresford (8). Bells available 6 p.m. 8120

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Practice meeting, Tuesday, December 14th, at 7 p.m., Mildenhall.—T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 8137

LADIES' GUILD. — Western District.—Practice meeting, St. Michael's, Bath (8), Wednesday, December 15th, 7.30–9 p.m. 8115

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Meeting, Husbore Crawley, Saturday, December 18th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names to Mr. R. Churchill, 33, Turnpike Road, Husbore Crawley. Annual District meeting at Luton on January 22nd, 1966. 8123

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CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at West Hartlepool. Saturday, December 18th. St. Aidan's (8) 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Oswald's (10) 3.30 onwards. Names for tea to P. Wishart, 8, Fairfield Avenue, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. 8107

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—A.G.M. at St. Peter's, Derby, on December 18th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—M. A. Willis, Dis. Sec. 8129

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Monthly practice and annual meeting. Saturday, December 18th. Usual arrangements. Tea and business, St. Albans Hall. Names, please.—E. Cribble, France Lynch, Stroud. 8136

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Radlett, December 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. W. M. Clouston, 1, Canons Close, Radlett.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 8122

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — N. and E. District. — Meeting, Saturday, December 18th, St. Lawrence Jewry. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and business in Staff Luncheon Room, Guildhall. Evening ringing at St. Andrew's, Holborn, from 6.45 p.m. to 8.15.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 8100

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Chalfont St. Giles. Saturday, December 18th. Bells 4 p.m. Tea provided if names received.—Miss Hague, 6, Stomps Road, Holyport, Maidenhead. 8093

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ringers' Social at Bramford. Saturday, December 18th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 5/-; schoolchildren 2/6. Good entertainment, good refreshments and good company. All welcome; don't miss it. Would all raffle ticket sellers please return counterfoils to H. W. Egglestone before December 11th.—W. L. 8064

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. S. Johnson 1, K. Kirk 2, C. Holmes (first "inside") 3, A. B. Cooper 4, G. K. Smith 5, L. F. Bailey (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles: Juanita Fuller (first quarter) 1, J. Fuller 2, A. Johnson (cond.) 3, D. Lee 4, Rev. R. Keeley 5, R. Huxley 6.

WENTWORTH, YORKS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (Oxford and Kent): M. King (100th quarter peal) 1, D. Hunton (first "inside" T.B.) 2, Miss E. Snell 3, M. A. Beaumont 4, M. R. Meadows 5, A. King (first of T.B. as cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Marlborough Branch

Congratulations tinged with regret were extended at the annual meeting of the Marlborough Branch at Marlborough to Mr. R. A. Inglis, of Marlborough College, who is going to Cambridge University very shortly. He has been a tower of strength to the Branch, said Mr. A. Palmer (the hon. secretary) in his annual report. During the year ten meetings and the annual outing had been held.

The Rev. Roger Keeley, Ringing Master, reported that six peals and ten quarters had been rung—a considerable advance over previous years. With a good proportion of young people in the Branch he looked forward to a successful future. Ten new members from Aldbourne, Marlborough and Chisledon were elected. The chairman (Mr. G. Newman), the hon. secretary and the Ringing Master were re-elected. Mr. Fred Read, of Aldbourne, was elected vice-chairman in place of Mr. Lee, and the Rev. R. Keeley to the Guild Committee following the resignation of Capt. J. D. Mansfield-Robinson.

The chairman thanked the Rector for his address, and all who had helped in the arrangements, especially the tea hostesses. Ringing continued at St. Mary's until 8 p.m.

HISTORY OF A KENT TOWER

A very readable short history of the bells of Cranbrook Church, Kent, has been prepared by M. A. Legg and is being sold by John Hilton, of Haulow, Tonbridge, for 1s 10d. (See advertisement on Notices page.) The records of these bells go back to between 1525 and 1530 and there is a connection of 350 years with Whitechapel Foundry.

At times the ringers were at loggerheads with the Vestry. In 1746 the steeple needed repairing and the Vestry, through lack of funds, postponed the work for a year and ordered the bells not to be rung. It appears that the Vestry was defied, as the churchwardens' account shows that 1s. was paid for a warrant for the ringers and 5s. for a journey to Maidstone with the ringers. By some means a compromise was reached, for another item that year in the accounts reads "gave the ringers for not ringing 5s."

The work of Cranbrook ringers is appreciated. Daniel Leane, a farmer, who died on January 24th, 1935, left £100 to be invested and the interest to be used for the payment for an annual dinner for the bell-ringers of St. Dunstan's Church, Cranbrook. Owing to inflation, an annual dinner is no longer possible but the author records that the event is held when the interest is adequate and the one he attended proved to be a most enjoyable occasion.

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OUTING

TWERTON-ON-AVON

On November 6th the Twerton-on-Avon ringers, joined by friends from Batheaston, Bath and Warmley, had the pleasure of a day's outing in glorious weather, ringing in famous towers and some not so well known.

West Camel set us off to a good start, the five being very pleasant to ring and to listen to outside, but very noisy inside. On to the famous 37 cwt. six at Queen Camel; nine took part in the grand rise in peal and all the bells went up right stroke. Some slow Minor, including Cambridge, was really enjoyed.

Trent is situated in North Dorset but comes under the Bath and Wells Association and the bells were augmented to six in 1953 for the Coronation by J. Taylor; the back five are still on plain bearings but although a trifle noisy are really worth a visit.

We have always wanted to ring at Sherborne Abbey, as our oldest ringer at Twerton (Edmund King) learned to ring here in 1901. The local band, who had been ringing for a wedding, joined in some Triples. We followed this up with some Bob Major and a course of Cambridge Minor on the back six rung at about the "five-hours-for-a-peal pace."

We found the tall tower of Corton-Denham with the aid of the moon, and after a search for the "key-owner" found boards with call changes written on them on the floor in front of each bell. The five are a little off-key but are very easy to ring.

The last tower was North Cheriton, where Preb. Skipwith had kindly left the lights of the church and churchyard on. The first ground-floor ring—five bells that go very well.

Ringing for the day ended with an excellent fall—the average age of the band being 14 years.

Thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the outing. A. F. L.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Plain): Miss S. Collins (cond.) 1, W. Cousins 2, R. Newsom 3, J. Fox 4, L. Houghton 5, C. Cousins 6, J. Coles cover. Before Evensong, for the 17th birthday of H.R.H. Prince of Wales. Also on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Harrop 1, Miss S. Collins (25th quarter as cond.) 2, W. Cousins 3, R. Newsom 4, C. Cousins 5, N. Harding 6, L. Houghton cover. Before the Deanery Communion, at which the celebrant was the Lord Bishop of Norwich.

QUARTER PEALS

ALREWAS, STAFFS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Angela Bagnall (first on eight) 1, Margaret Ellwood (first on eight "inside") 2, P. C. Bowen 3, N. C. Bowen 4, C. W. Bowen 5, J. E. Dolman (first on eight) 6, L. E. Monk 7, C. M. Smith (cond.) 8.

CLAPHAM PARK, LONDON.—On Nov. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Smith 1, A. Horsford 2, R. Cooles 3, A. Clayton 4, M. Uphill 5, T. Lewis 6, J. Smith 7, C. Barnes 8. A.M.D.G., and to mark the Patronal Festival of All Saints, Tooting Graveney.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On Oct. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Mudge (first on eight) 1, Miss B. M. Boyle 2, Miss Y. C. Porter 3, Margaret Bould 4, Colin Reeves 5, Frederick Sangwin 6, Derek Jewell 7, D. R. Bould (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the 102nd birthday of Miss Hainon, of Combe Martin.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: O. Claxton (first on eight) 1, A. G. Harrison 2, A. Foreman (first on eight) 3, J. Mowle 4, C. Catchpole 5, E. G. H. Mavnard 6, F. Sutton 7, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 8. Rung to welcome the new Rector of Diss, Canon E. L. Corbell, and Mrs. Corbell. Also on Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: O. Claxton (first of Triples) 1, A. W. Bird 2, A. Gook 3, C. Catchpole 4, F. Sutton 5, C. Orves 6, H. B. Fuller (cond.) 7, H. Hines 8. Rung immediately after the institution and induction of Canon Corbell.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): C. E. Hill 1, W. G. Wright 2, J. J. Waller (cond.) 3, W. T. Hill 4, R. G. Jones 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Walter J. Ellis, a former churchwarden and vice-president of this Guild, who died the previous Sunday.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mary Garrard 1, Elizabeth Holmes 2, J. G. Newman 3, B. L. S. Hulatt 4, N. Garrard 5, A. J. Smith 6, G. Hawkins 7, H. Wood 8, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 9, C. McCartney 10. In memoriam Jim A. Herbert, for 30 years a ringer at this church.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.—On Oct. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. W. Jupp (first quarter) 1, Miss C. Everitt 2, J. Portman (first of Grandsire Doubles) 3, D. Wills 4, G. E. Retter (cond.) 5, C. C. Deem 6.

MIDDLESBROUGH, YORKS.—On Nov. 14th, at 29, Farley Drive, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss E. Lawson 1—2, Mrs. M. Lawson 3—4, K. Lawson 5—6, Miss A. Lawson (first quarter as cond.) 7—8.

SIDDBURY, DEVON.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Spliced Triples (Oxford Bob, Grandsire): Miss M. Retter 1, Mrs. R. Woodley 2, Mrs. G. E. Retter 3, K. Clarke 4, R. Woodley 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, E. R. Retter 8. First of spliced 1 and 2.

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CHRISTMAS

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

THESE familiar words from the Christmas hymn sum up one of the truths about God's coming into our world—that, when He comes, He comes quietly, without any fuss and almost unnoticed. When Jesus was born, there was no great commotion; his birth took place in the stable of an inn, somewhere in "the little town of Bethlehem." A few shepherds came down from the hillside where they had been looking after their sheep. Beyond that, little notice was taken.

Later, Jesus grew up in the same quiet atmosphere: the carpenter's shop at Nazareth, the unknown thirty years of preparation for his ministry of teaching and preaching. When eventually, He comes on to the public stage, it is around the shores of Galilee—hardly the place to catch the public eye. Even then, so often He wanted to avoid publicity by withdrawing into the quietness of the countryside or by asking people whom He had healed not to talk about it too much. Jesus seemed to be afraid that people might follow Him for quite the wrong reasons, that they might want to belong to His "set" because He was someone to be reckoned with in the world. And even when He is crucified, it is not a very spectacular event; He hangs on a cross along with two others. His executioners numbered Him among the transgressors and this emphasised again the ordinariness of the situation. Even His death was not deserving of any special circumstances.

Thinking about Our Lord's life and teaching, we can see that so much of it was concerned with the homely and the ordinary, with the same kind of situations that we have to face. His home at Nazareth and the devotion of His mother speak to us of family life. His friendship with the twelve disciples reveals the same kind of joys and sorrows that we experience in friendship—companionship,

enjoying meals together, being let down, misunderstandings, forgiving and being forgiven. On his journeys, He met so many people on this same ordinary level—the sick who wanted to be healed, the anxious and worried who needed the assurance of love; the hungry who simply required a meal before they set out for home; thousands of people who came to listen to the stories taken from the ordinary life which they knew. In all His dealings with people, Jesus was meeting them at their level.

Surely, this is what Christmas is about—God getting down to our level, to the lives of people, to lives which are ordinary, very much routine, sometimes dull and monotonous, but always full of situations in which we can know the love of God. It is a great temptation for us to think that God comes into the world with a great "bang" and that, therefore, He's not going to use us and our little lives because we are so insignificant. We might be tempted to compare ourselves with people who have a bit of influence and authority and come to the conclusion that God is much more likely to use them rather than us. If we give way to that temptation, we miss the meaning of Christmas—that, because God comes to share human life we must expect to find Him entering in at every point where we are ready to receive Him. This seems to be the meaning of something Jesus said to His disciples when He was talking to them about His second coming. "When I was hungry, you gave Me food: when thirsty you gave Me drink: when I was a stranger you took Me into your home: when naked you clothed Me: when I was ill you came to My help: when in prison you visited Me... anything you did for one of My brothers here, however humble, you did for Me." In other words our concern for other people involves us in a meeting with Jesus: He comes to share in our friendships: He knows our anxieties and sufferings: He sees our need to forgive and be forgiven. When we give or receive love, we are treading in His footsteps. It is into this ordinary world, the world in which we live, that Jesus comes at Christmas: and not only then, but whenever we shall receive Him.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray:
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas Angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

Miss Angela Grainger Married at Brighton



THE ringing world is a small one, and it became a little more close-knit on November 20th with the wedding of Angela Grainger and Peter Newing, both of whom have many ringing friends throughout the country.

Angela began ringing at home in Woburn, Bedfordshire, and continued while at Bristol University and at the Sussex Royal County Hospital, Brighton, as a medical physicist. Peter comes from Littlebourne, near Canterbury, and is well known by ringers from Kent to Durham, where he did his degree and theological training. He was ordained in Gloucester Cathedral in September, and is now curate at Blockley, near Moreton-in-the-Marsh in the Cotswolds.

The marriage service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon J. N. Keeling, at St. Peter's Parish Church, Brighton, and Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rev. R. O. Osborne, former Vicar of Woburn. The bride was given away by her brother, the Rev. Bruce Grainger, and attended by two small bridesmaids, Jane and Amanda Sefton-Ullmer. The best man was John Baldwin, a ringing colleague of the bridegroom in Kent and of the bride in Bristol and Brighton. The bride wore a long dress of nylon organza and carried red roses, and the bridesmaids wore short dresses of red velvet with swansdown headbands and carried posies of white flowers.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Peter's immediately before the service, and a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung there in the evening.

[Picture by courtesy of the "Brighton and Hove Gazette" and Pagana Pictures.]

WATFORD DISTRICT OUTING

On a recent foggy Saturday morning a coach load of ringers (including a record number of learners) and friends headed west for a day out. Driver Don Bartholomew coped well with the conditions and was eventually rewarded by the sun's appearance.

After coffee in Marlborough we continued to Bradford-on-Avon. We liked the 30 cwt. eight here and if our ringing resembled the curate's egg, at least the good parts were good, including a half-course of Cambridge. Regrettably, there was no time for more as a bride was at the church door. Lunch at the Green Tree Cafe was first class, after which a quick look at what we could see of this fascinating stone town.

Melksham's pleasant eight sounded well to Grandsire, Stedman and Yorkshire, and for the second time we rang a bride to church. We were pleased to meet the Melksham ringers, assembling to ring her away. At Urchfont in the quiet downlands we enjoyed ringing and listening to the unusual and, we thought, rather majestic 21 cwt. eight. (For the writer, this place stole the show!) Upavon's really grand six went well to everything we tried, and tea prepared by the local ringers in the Village Hall was greatly enjoyed. Despite a broken stay (which just "came off" in someone's hand!) some of the best ringing of the day was on the excellent eight at our last tower, Thatcham. A most successful outing made possible by Geoff Seaman's able organisation, the people who met us and fed us, good bells, good weather and a timetable that really worked. Many thanks to all concerned. R. G. B.

RECORD ATTEMPT FOR YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir—I wish to give notice that, by kind permission of the incumbent and local ringers at Accrington, an attempt will be made to ring 17,248 Yorkshire Surprise Major on Saturday, December 18th. Ringing will be conducted by Neil Bennett and will commence at 8 a.m.

The following ringers will take part: Neil Bennett, Jeffrey Brannan, John H. Fielden, Basil Jones, Alan McFall, Robert B. Smith, Giles B. Thompson, Brian J. Woodruffe.

The composition is by Richard J. Parker and is appended.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. SMITH.

Marple, Cheshire.

17,248 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By Richard J. Parker		M	W	H	23456
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	4ths, Out	—	—	—	453762
	4ths, Out	—	—	—	346725
	4ths, In, In, In, In	—	—	—	524673
	Out	—	—	—	265743
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—		—	—	—	563742
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3	—	—	—	—	25463
3	Out	—	—	—	56234
	4ths	—	—	—	427536
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3	—	—	2	—	56423
3	—	—	—	—	36245
3	—	—	—	—	56342
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"A"					23456

77 courses.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD Mansfield District

The Mansfield District meeting, held at Kirkby-in-Ashfield on November 27th, was a "great little meeting" well supported by our "regulars." The Kirkby ringers were excellent hosts and the young ladies were congratulated on preparing a most enjoyable tea in spite of the bakery strike.

During the business meeting a moment's silence was observed in respect to the late Vicar, the Rev D. A. G. Brinn, also to Mr. R. Lucas, of Warsop. K. Hill, R. Braddow and Miss J. Wood, of Kirkby, were elected ringing members.

The fine bells were used extensively in the interests of beginners at various stages, with rounds, "Original," Plain Bob and Grandsire, but a mysterious three-score of Double Grandsire and an extent of Stedman rounded off an extremely pleasant meeting.

Next meeting: Mansfield, District Annual, January 22nd. D. J. B.

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"RINGING TOWERS" for November has a complete coverage of Great Adventure II compiled by Editor W. B. Pitcher from reports by Basil Potts (Perth), Helen Henderson (Melbourne), Warne Wilson (Ballarat), Bill Robinson (Bendigo), John Smith (Hobart), Ivan Page (Canberra/Yass), Tom Goodyer (Sydney), Nelson Sloan (Christchurch) and Athol Caldwell (Hamilton).

Commenting on the visit the Editor writes: "Apart from the speed of their passage, we in Australia and New Zealand surely have no regrets and we hope and believe that this applies also to the Great Adventurers of 1965. For a great adventure it was, and a notable event in the history of bellringing on this side of the world. We had 11 accomplished ringers, and the charming wives of two of them, in our midst for almost five weeks, and it was our good fortune that included in their number were several whose reputations as outstanding figures in the Exercise was well established. For them it was a brief and hectic journey to the other side of the world to gain first hand knowledge of Australian and New Zealand ringing, to ring in all ringable towers—and perhaps to score on some particular tenors or in some particular towers.

For us it was indeed a notable event; one which will always hold a special place in our memories. It was a great pleasure to have the party with us, to entertain them in some of our homes and, of course, to ring with them. Practice times in most places were all too brief, but it was highly instructive to see the way the Great Adventurers went about things, to see their attitude to ringing, the way they dealt with difficult bells and to learn from them some aspects of belfrymanship (not in the Rodney Meadows sense!). They were

also ready to give us the benefit of their knowledge and experience and the amount of encouragement we received is incalculable.

Another difference between this and the previous tour is that today ringing in Australia and New Zealand is much more advanced than in 1934 and many of us were able to stand in with our visitors as equals to standard methods and beyond, with a resultant greater appreciation. There were few peals on eight bells or more that did not contain one Australian or New Zealand ringer in the band. Many of them, Jim Pipe in particular, were full of technical know-how, and one thing which quickly became evident was that our store of technical knowledge with regard to the bells themselves and their fittings is rather too slender. A direct result of this realisation is the commencement of a series of articles on steeplekeeping . . .

Of the friendships formed we need say little, except that if the strength of the ties can be measured by the amount of talk they will surely never be severed. This is as we hoped it would be. The fine spirit of fraternity prevailing between Australia and New Zealand towers now reaches much further afield and our interest in and understanding of matters pertaining to ringing and the spirit in which it is carried on in the Ringing Isles has been widened and deepened; and we think that the obverse is also true. The value of Great Adventure II to all who were associated with it cannot yet be estimated. The contacts made and the friendships formed will reach into the future. Ringing on this side of the world is at a stage where the visit has benefited us enormously and we shall not be surprised if some day we are able to look back and discern that certain worthwhile developments originated in the visit of 1965 of Tom Lock and his party on Great Adventure II.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD Bicester and District Branch

Ludgershall, Bucks, has now an excellent ring of five, with a fourth cast by Richard Keene in 1658, thanks to the work of Mr. F. White, of Appleton. Because of this the Bicester Branch held its first annual meeting at Ludgershall on November 27th and enjoyed the ringing. The stairs to this tower are only suitable for the very slim; in consequence recruits will be taught on Piddington bells.

The Rector, the Rev. D. Wheaton, conducted the Guild service, and the lesson was read by Mr. F. Sharpe, with Mrs. Burnell as organist. Officers elected were: President, Canon W. Henry Trebble; vice-presidents, Mr. F. Sharpe and the Rev. D. Wheaton; hon. secretary, Mr. C. H. Kinch, Mesdames East and Faulkner were thanked for providing a first-class ringers' tea.

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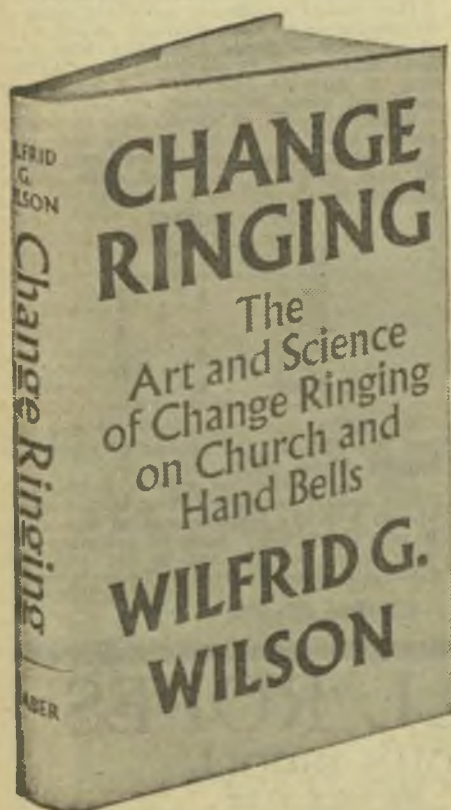
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"CHANGE RINGING"

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed a little space (this time) to thank publicly Mr. Wilfrid Moreton for his review of "Change Ringing"? He had very clearly spent much time and trouble and used his expert knowledge both of ringing and of teaching over the task and has, like any honest reviewer, not shirked criticism.

I know, of course, that much was omitted—had the book included all I would have wished, its price would have been ten guineas and it would not have been published. As it is, it is longer and more expensive than the original intention of the publishers.—Yours faithfully,

WILFRID G. WILSON.

London.

ROPEMAKER'S VIEW

Dear Sir,—Mr. Duke's letter in your issue of December 3rd sums up very well the causes of wear in bell ropes, particularly at the fillet hole, for which there appears to be no cure. The only point with which I cannot agree with him is with regard to four-strand ropes; the breaking strain is less than a three-strand of equivalent diameter—I quote from Messrs. Wright's ropes leaflet on ropes in general.

From my experience the average life of a bell rope is six to eight years, but a lot depends, of course, on the amount of use, how many pulleys or guides the ropes pass through, and the climatic conditions.

I recently had a repeat order from a customer who has had his previous set for 19 years, but this is exceptional.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN NICOLL.

Ferndown, Dorset.

AN ANSWER TO A "DISGRUNTLED" RINGER

Dear Sir,—I think one should always restrain from making any undue criticism, but when a person "leads with his or her chin" then he or she should fully expect it to be hit.

I refer to the letter written by W. Bottrill ("Ringing World," page 795). He will surely receive a barrage of "punches" from the Canterbury area of Kent.

Mr. Bottrill says of himself "... I hope not unduly aggressive."—I wonder!!! Mr. Bottrill also says of himself that he offered "... friendly advice."—I wonder!!! Mr. Bottrill was told that he could be refused "permission to ring."—I wonder why!!! Mr. Bottrill says that he received "a grossly insulting letter."—I wonder why!!! Mr. Bottrill also claimed that not once in four years "did any member of the congregation ever speak to me."—I wonder why!!!

From the above points one can only assume that Mr. Bottrill will have us believe that he was always right and everybody else wrong.

In this particular area of Wiltshire there is an abundance of keen youngsters eager to learn the ancient art of change ringing. Some grasp it far more quickly than others, nevertheless they are all treated as human beings and not as pieces of machinery.

The only conclusion one can draw from Mr. Bottrill's letter is that he should fully examine his own limitations as a person and human being, because at the moment they outnumber the limitations of the Canterbury and district ringers by about 20 to 1.—Yours faithfully,

J. A. ABBOTT.

Seend, Wilts.

"HELP YOURSELF, PLEASE"

Dear Sir,—It is not laziness or selfishness on the part of the resident members that results in the shortage of ringers. I have examined the four points made by Group Captain Read. My views are:

(a) No band; no ringing at all.

(b) Agreed.

(c) Learning to handle a rope and ring more or less in rounds is not relatively easy. That is why many learners leave us. Give all the encouragement and co-operation, and you cannot make them stay with you.

(d) Agreed.

We have a very young and keen captain in Mr. Robert Lindsell, of Braintree. In the last four years he has been at the tower at 7 p.m. on Mondays for practices. In all, about 25 or more have been to learn, but some left after a year when able to ring a course of Plain Bob Major; only two of our old company are left who are able to ring. Of all the learners, no boys have stayed, but we have five very good lady ringers, two of whom can ring Surprise when we get help. We have eight bells. If all learners had stayed we should have had three companies. It is all right to talk about giving a pupil a few rounds—where are the other older ones coming from to help them? We have lost in the last few years a Surprise band, including my eldest brother, L. W. Wiffen. Our captain, Mr. R. Lindsell, could well take an honest passionate look at the records of his pupils with, after months of hard work only a few left. It is up to individuals to help themselves. —

Yours truly, ALBERT WHIFFEN.
Braintree, Essex.

VICAR BEST RECRUITING AGENT

Dear Sir,—Group Captain Read's article in last week's "Ringing World" (page 813) has prompted me to write supporting his cause. In his questions as how to encourage ringers to start, I have discovered that the best advertising agent is the Vicar. At Merstham, the bells were rehung and augmented to eight and the ringing level was moved down to the ground floor.

We faced two problems. Firstly, how could we raise a band to ring eight bells when we often had difficulty to find enough to ring the six? The Vicar's answer was to announce at all his services for a month during the rehanging of the bells, that ringers were wanted. The second problem was, what would the congregation think of having the bellringers on the ground floor? Events have shown that this has met no opposition. In fact, while the ringing is in progress prior to services, an interested group of people gather round to watch.

Youngsters came forward to learn at an amazing rate, and the experienced core of half a dozen ringers had a great deal of hard work in teaching them. There are now over 20 ringers capable of ringing rounds and call changes, and others still waiting to learn. Progress is being made in method ringing but the lack of enough trained method ringers slows the pace of advancement a little. Our tower captain welcomes learners and experienced ringers alike.

The answer, therefore, to Group Captain Read's letter seems to be to ask the Vicar to canvass support for the bellringers: the response should soon be forthcoming and of the right material to found a strong and reliable band.—Yours sincerely,

COLIN H. COOK.

Merstham, Surrey.

A STEEPLEKEEPER EXPLAINS

Dear Sir,—With reference to your correspondent's letter in "The Ringing World" of November 19th, re the life of bell ropes, I certainly agree that with care and attention bell ropes should last at least ten years. When John Royd speaks about ropes requiring splicing after only one year then something certainly requires to be done.

I think I can speak with a bit of experience as I was towerkeeper at one church for 27 years and at another for over nine years—and this is my method for looking after the ropes. In all I had four new sets—and I always treated them with linseed oil and tallow. Warm the tallow and mix in with the linseed oil to make it workable. Then rub the mixture into the ropes—starting just above the sally, and continue right to the end of the rope—giving an extra bit of attention to the part which is continually running through the wheel hole—and also to the portion of the rope which is exposed to the weather. This mixture should be well rubbed in. I have found this to be most helpful in obtaining the longest possible life from the ropes.

Of course the ropes should be continually inspected for wear—and if, as John Royd says, wear is noticed in the first year, then it would appear that something is wrong with the pulley or the wheel hole, and these may require attention. When I have noticed any wearing of the ropes, I have usually obtained a small roll of "Cling Fast" tape from one of the sports outfitters' shops and wound about a 6in or 9in. length round the worn portion—and this has usually extended the life of the rope considerably.

Of course a lot depends upon the quality of the ropes, as this can affect the length of the rope's life—I have always believed in getting a good quality rope from a recognised ropemaker—the last set I had cost £43 for a set of ten.

However, I am sure if John Royd will try the method which I have always used, he will extend the life of his ropes very considerably.—Yours, etc.,

E. H. SIMPSON.

Shipley, Yorks.

A BRISTOL COMPOSITION WANTED

Dear Sir,—I should like to offer a word of congratulation to those members of the Central Council Methods Committee who have been instrumental in producing the "Collection of Surprise Methods." It is a very good and useful publication.

Whilst in print, I should like to ask if readers know of any two-part (or even one-part) compositions of Bristol with only 45 to 50 bobs (fourth's place) and other similar qualities to the following three-part:—

4.992 BRISTOL			
By H. DAINS			
23456	M	B	W H
32654	x	1	2
36524		1	2
36245	x		1
64235	1	x	
52436	1		1
23564	x		

By calling the third course of any one part 2M 2W 1H, the number of changes is brought up to 5,120.

This composition has only 4, 5 and 6 in sixth's (except for having three there between M and B in the fourth course of each part). It uses the "M-B" piece of conjuring only three times in all; and it has over 100 C.R.U.s (102 to be exact).—Yours faithfully,

D. MOTTERSHEAD.

Wilmslow, Cheshire.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
SEE BACK PAGE

OBITUARY

MR. A. PADDON SMITH

Birmingham has lost an outstanding public servant and ringer by the death of Mr. Arthur Paddon Smith on December 7th, aged 84 years. He was Lord Mayor of Birmingham in 1950 and during his year of office rang a peal of Stedman Cinques "in hand" in the Mayor's Parlour. In his younger days he was secretary of the St. Martin's Guild for 20 years and a C.C. representative for 40 years.

The funeral service was at St. Mary's Church, Handsworth, on Saturday, Dec. 11th. A memoir will appear in our next issue.

MR. WILLIAM PHILLIPS

The news of the passing of Mr. William Phillips, for over 50 years a member of the Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, Newport, and for many years Deputy Master, will be received with deep regret by the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, with whom he was an active member and at one time auditor.

Mr. Phillips was a Devonian by birth—West Down—and often spoke highly of the ringers and their standard of ringing. Six of his nephews, who acted as bearers, had travelled from North Devon. Members of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association rang the bells half-muffled to touches of Grandsire Caters and Triples before and after the service, which was conducted by the Dean of Monmouth, the Very Rev. R. Ellis Evans.

Truly 50 years' service is to be admired and a fine example to others. Whilst not a prolific peal ringer, he rang many; he was devoted to Sunday service ringing and regular at practice. His example and record will always be remembered and respected by those who were privileged to make his acquaintance.

P. R. M.

MR. JOHN WALE

The untimely death on November 21st of Mr. John Wale, after a short illness in hospital came as a great shock to members of the Leicester District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild of Bellringers and ringers at Blaby Parish Church, where he was a greatly respected honorary member. He was 55.

Mr. Wale was known to the ringers of Blaby as a dynamic man who gave his whole self to what he knew to be right. Although never wishing to take credit for the restoration of the five bells at Blaby in 1961, Mr. Wale was a prime mover of the work, and it was through his untiring enthusiasm that a young, enthusiastic team of ringers now exists. He was a life member of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and for a short period a committee member of the Leicester District.

As superintendent of the Blaby Church Sunday School Mr. Wale had to curtail his ringing activities in order to give his attention to the rapidly expanding Sunday School. Nevertheless, whenever the ringers wanted any advice Mr. Wale was only too willing to help.

In his address at the funeral, on November 25th, the Rector (the Rev. J. R. H. Prophet) mentioned Mr. Wale's activities in the church and expressed grief at not having many more happy years of serving God, together with Mr. Wale.

MR. ALBERT E. SCOTT

The Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild has suffered a great loss in the death, on November 23rd, of Albert ("Tubby") Scott, of Morton, at the age of 72.

A native of Morton, Albert had been a ringer at the Parish Church for over 50 years. He had taken part in 163 peals. A close personal friend of the late Horace M. Day, he took part in many of the Spliced Surprise Minor peals which Horace conducted, including the then record peal of 32 methods in 1936.

When ringing recommenced after the war he continued taking part in peals of Spliced Surprise conducted by Horace Day and later by Cecil Wade, a peal in 29 methods being rung at Morton in 1955. He was particularly proud of his 100th peal—Cambridge Surprise Major at Edenhall in 1953, conducted by Philip A. Corby.

Of a quiet and modest disposition, Albert was known as a first-class striker and a notable six-bell tenor man. Until prevented by ill-health, he had regularly attended the Saturday evening practices held in the Bourne District and most of his ringing friends, together with many from Morton, attended his funeral at St John the Baptist Church on Saturday, November 27th, following which he was interred close to the tower.

After the burial Morton bells were rung half-muffled. Finally six friends with whom he had rung peals rang a quarter peal of Single Court and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

MR. W. V. WEBB

For over 60 years Mr. Walter Vincent Webb, better known as "Walt," served as a chorister, ringer and member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in four parishes. He was ever constant at practice and at church for service and ringing.

Walt was born at Blewbury, Berkshire, in 1894 and it was here that he started his ringing career under the steady guidance of that other faithful servant of the Exercise, the late Fred James, assisted by Tom East, of East Hagbourne. In 1914 he enlisted in H.M. Forces and was soon overseas on active service as a sergeant in the 4th Battalion of the Royal Berkshire Regiment.

On his safe return from the war he continued in the choir and ringing until 1922. He then moved to East Hagbourne, where he married the sister of another well-known ringer, Jim Butler. At Hagbourne Walt served in the choir and tower for another ten years. His next move was to Wallingford, and he again joined the choir and ringers at the nearby village of Brightwell.

For the last 25 years Walt spent a happy life at Sutton Courtenay with his beloved wife and daughter and grandson. He continued to enjoy a full life in the choir, tower and garden up to last July, when ill-health took the upper hand and he was only able to ring once on the bells after they had been rededicated. After weeks of severe

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REDEDICATION

ALL SAINTS', CODDINGTON

All Saints', Coddington, Notts, saw the culmination of a long dream when the bells were restored and rededicated by Bishop Mark Way on November 15th. Originally, five bells were housed in the squat stone tower but for many years these have been in poor condition and difficult to ring. Great credit is due to the local band who have rung the bells regularly despite the poor "go."

It was long felt that the old wooden frame should be replaced by a modern steel frame and the bells rehung with modern fittings with a new treble bell to complete the ring of six. An appeal was launched and within a comparatively short time from one source or another the whole of the money was raised and Bishop Mark Way had the pleasure of rededicating the bells in the knowledge that they were free of debt. The Barron Bell Trust generously gave the new treble, the Southwell Diocesan Guild contributed £50 from their Bell Restoration Fund and money in large and small amounts trickled in until the full amount had been raised.

After the dedication, Bishop Mark Way handed the ropes to the five local ringers, John Kirton, Derek Kirton, Derek Tysie, Miss Jean Moore and Mrs. Joyce Phillips, who, with Mrs. Beryl Reed, the local District secretary of the Southwell Guild, rang the first rounds on the bells. Later, visitors from the Southwell Guild rang various touches and all pronounced the "go" of the bells excellent.

With a tenor of approximately seven cwt., the Southwell Guild has a fine new ring of bells, very similar to the sister church at Barnby-in-the-Willows. Assistance is forthcoming and plans are in hand to help train the local band in the art of change ringing.

J. W. R.

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illness he died at his home on St. Andrew's Day, November 30th, at the age of 71.

The funeral took place at Sutton Parish Church on Thursday, December 2nd, when the Vicar paid a great tribute to Walt's wonderful love and devotion to his church and family.

Half-muffled tributes were rung in the evening on the bells at Blewbury, Hagbourne and Sutton Courtenay. We thank God for a life so full of love and devotion to his home and duty.

Alf.

Quarter peals rung half-muffled in memoriam:—

Blewbury. — 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Dunsden 1, H. Bishop 2, C. Corderoy 3, J. Grace 4, M. Bishop 5, R. Blond (conductor) 6, J. Napper 7, W. Corderoy 8.

East Hagbourne.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. White 1, Miss P. Hibbert 2, Mrs. P. Apin 3, L. Cox 4, C. Hibbert (conductor) 5, J. Hibbert 6, C. Garlick 7, E. Sawyer 8.

Sutton Courtenay. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Leyland 1, G. Allum 2, A. Webb (conductor) 3, G. Bishop 4, W. Hives 5, R. Leyland 6.

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AROUND ERIN IN TWO MINIBUSES



By a Lake in Galway.—Back row (left to right): Paul Coddington, Roger Coley, Stephen Taylor, Brian Tomlinson, David Baker, John Hallett, Jean Allen, Ron Warford, Margaret Whitehead, John Hartley. Seated: Ian Goldthorpe, Bob Mordaunt, Richard Tibbetts, Norma Coom, John Pilkington, John Rank, Roger Shea.

MANCHESTER University Guild's summer tour was in the Republic of Ireland and most of the party met at Holyhead on Friday, August 27th. The rendezvous was the foot of Nelson's Pillar, Dublin, 12.30 on Saturday, and here assembled 17 people, 10 being members of the Guild. Transport was provided by two minibuses.

The afternoon was spent buying provisions for the week. The first ring was that evening at St. George's, Dublin, where we managed a passable course of Bristol before retiring to Dublin Youth Hostel for the night.

A tour of Dublin towers was arranged for Sunday, starting at St. Patrick's Cathedral and followed by the nerve-racking ring at St. John the Evangelist R.C. Church. Here we climbed the iron staircase to a great height, in full view of the congregation, to find at the top an anti-clockwise ring of 10 and another English party on their last day in Ireland. We had great difficulty in ringing anything well, and quickly adjourned for lunch. Christ Church Cathedral followed and here we fared only slightly better than at St. John's.

The party divided for the afternoon, some preferring the hospitality of Tony Vere Hodge, who showed us round Trinity College, to a swim in the sea at Bray. An uneventful night was spent at Knockree Youth Hostel except for John Pilkington, who found his blankets inhuman.

On Monday we drove over the Wicklow Mountains to ring on the seven at Bray—they would have been a nice ring of eight if the tenor clapper had not fallen out the previous week. The second ring of the day was Arklow. Unfortunately some of the party had to leave early to arrange accommodation at Arthurstown before ringing at Waterfield Cathedral. As it was, a number had to sleep on the floor at Arthurstown Youth Hostel owing to lack of beds.

PEAL ATTEMPTS LOST

Two peal attempts had been arranged for Tuesday—Yorkshire at Kilkenny and Minor at Doneraile, 60 miles further on. At Kilkenny, where the bells were barely audible outside, but could be heard inside, the attempt came to grief after 2 hours 35 minutes. No sound was coming from the church when this party arrived at Doneraile, but a note read: "The key is in the pub, the nearest." It was, in fact, the second pub, with a happy band of bellringers who had given up their peal attempt after three false starts. That

night was spent in the palatial youth hostel at Cork, with hot water for those who were prepared to pay 1s. for the privilege.

The next morning we had a good ring at the Church of Ireland Cathedral, Cork. Because we lost our way we could only spend 20 minutes at Blarney Castle, where the ladies of the party kissed the Blarney Stone; the men declared they were not superstitious and refused. We rang after lunch on the nice six at Bandon. That night was spent at Killarney.

Different routes were taken on Thursday to Limerick, one via Kerry and the other more direct through Tralee. An hour was spent ringing at Mount St. Alphonsus before going to the Church of Ireland Cathedral, where we were locked in, but eventually found a key to a small door at the rear. The night was spent at Mountshannon, where all managed to get a roof for the night.

There was no ringing the next day. Lunch was at Galway, where the recently consecrated Cathedral was visited, and the night in Roscommon—some in accommodations, others in a minibus in a field, and Roger Shea in his own tent. It was raining most of the way to Drogheda on the Saturday. Here we met Mr. Fred Dukes, who had kindly arranged the towers for us, and many joined the Irish Association. Five-Spliced was rung in the tower and a 720 on handbells in the churchyard before returning to Dublin. The crossing to Holyhead was rather rough but we did try to cheer our fellow passengers by ringing handbells; they, alas, did not seem to appreciate our good intentions.

We are grateful to Roger Coley, who organised our end of the tour, and Mr. Dukes and all the Irish ringers who made us so welcome.

A. S. T.

BELLS OF INDIA

Dear Sir,—It may be of interest to Mr. Claude Rush re "Bells of India and Pakistan" that the eight bells of Colaba, Bombay, were (while I was stationed at the nearby camp) in 1944 chimed for Sunday services.—Yours faithfully,

Bridport, Dorset.

J. DAVIS.

SHALFORD, SURREY.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Nancy Butler 1. Mary Davy 2. P. Saunders 3. W. Enticknap 4. F. W. Housden 5. A. Hunter 6. D. A. R. May (cond.) 7. A. Rooke 8. In memoriam Leslie Hunter, captain of this tower for 36 years.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSN. INCREASE SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association has a rule that its president may not hold that office for more than three years consecutively and so at the last annual general meeting in Darlington Mr. E. P. Rock retired and Mr. W. Tyson, of Consett, was elected as his successor.

Mr. Rock reviewed the last three years and spoke of a happy term of office in which he noted several good things. The courses of instruction at Lumley Castle had gone from strength to strength and the social side had been catered for by the Christmas parties and the revived cricket matches. There had been activity in bell restoration and more was in prospect. Shincliffe, with about 20 ringers for three bells, was a shining example to other towers.

Mr. Tyson's membership of the Association goes back almost 40 years and his father had been a member before him. He was greeted with enthusiasm and Mr. Tyson thanked those who had conferred the honour upon him.

Ringings took place at Heighington and the three towers in Darlington—St. Cuthbert's, St. John's and Holy Trinity. A service was held in St. Cuthbert's conducted by Canon Wansey, assisted by the incumbents of the other two churches.

The business meeting followed tea in St. Cuthbert's Hall. In the election of officers one new trustee and a new editorial secretary were elected in addition to the new president. Mr. N. I. Wright retired because of too many other commitments, and Mrs. Lee, better known until her recent marriage as Miss Elaine Murcott, was about to emigrate to Tasmania. Best wishes were expressed to Elaine and Frank for their future happiness. With the other officers re-elected, the list for 1965-66 is thus: President, W. Tyson; secretary, D. A. Bayles; treasurer, N. I. Wright; Ringing Master, K. Arthur; editorial secretary, K. W. Cheeseman; auditor, F. Ainsley; trustees, J. Anderson and T. Cooke.

Messrs. K. Arthur and D. A. Bayles were re-appointed as the Central Council representatives for the coming three years.

The peal report showed that 49 peals had been recorded during the year, 37 on tower bells and 12 "in hand." Morpeth was the most frequent tower of the 23 that had been used, and Michael Maughan was the leading individual ringer and conductor with totals of 32 and 19 respectively. Andrew Craddock, who rang in 29 peals had also conducted 11 out of the 12 "in hand." Among the 47 ringers involved there were 10 first-pealers. One peal was rung silent and non-conducted.

The Ringing Master and the secretary gave comprehensive reports on events throughout the year.

The treasurer presented the audited accounts. These showed that the overall balance had declined from £93 15s. 7d. to £75 3s. 4d. due mainly to the purchase of a new stock of badges, but the committee thought it desirable to increase income by raising the annual subscription from 4s. to 5s. and the non-resident subscription from 5s. to 7s. 6d. The first part had been passed at the previous meeting and the second part was given effect later that day.

Ten new ringing members and one clerical member were elected.

D. A. BAYLES,
Hon. Gen. Sec.

AFRAID OF LURKERS

Dear Sir,—May I beg a few lines as a call change service ringer for over 50 years. I have been to many District meetings and have heard good and bad, and I do think it would be far better if Wilfred W. Ring dropped into the tower ready to assist any learner in trouble than to stay lurking around outside seeking trouble. We all like good striking and I think we all try to get it. I am afraid that some young ringers will be shy to take a rope in fear of the lurking around and will be no help to service ringing or the Exercise.—Yours sincerely,

REG E. PELLET.

Woodchurch, Kent.

ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF MINOR METHODS

Compiled by H. CHANT

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WESTON ALLIANCE

x 14 x 16.34 x 34.1. 6ths 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

WHAPLODE SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 1. 6ths 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

WHICKHAM SPECIAL ALLIANCE

36.14 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.5. 2nds 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

WHISTON SURPRISE

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.1. 6ths 34625.

WHITE ROSE

See Evening Pleasure.

WHITLEY SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 36 x 14 x 1. 6ths 35264.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

WICKEN COURT

See Stedman's Slow Course.

WICKHAM SKEITH SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 16.34 x 12.3. 6ths 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

WIGGENHALL DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 123 x 14 x 3. 2nds 35264.
Single change method.

WILBURTON ALLIANCE

34.16 x 16.34 x 14.5. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

WILFRID ALLIANCE

False cf. Ventnor.

WILLESBOROUGH SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 36.12 x 14.3. 6ths 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

WILESSEN DELIGHT

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.5. 2nds 42635.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907. Also
called Grove Delight.

WILMSLOW DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 5. 2nds 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

WINCHOMBE ALLIANCE

x 14 x 123 x 34 x 5. 2nds 42635.
Single change method.

WINDERMERE BOB

36.14 x 36.12.5. 2nds 35264.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

WINDSOR BOB

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 1. 4ths 62534.
Really a Delight method. In Annable's
notebook. See also Kettering Delight (II).

WINDSOR SINGLE (I)

See Annable's.

WINDSOR SINGLE (II)

x 16 x 16 x 16 x 16 x 14 x. 2nds 35642.
Asymmetrical. In Annable's notebook.
Also called Union Minor; cf. Triples.

WINDSOR TREBLE BOB

x 36 x 14 x 56 x 16 x 34 x 3. 6ths 52364.

WINTERTON ALLIANCE

x 16 x 16.34 x 14.3. 2nds 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

WISTASTON SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 36.12 x 34.1. 6ths 56342.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

WITCOMBE ALLIANCE

x 16 x 12 x 123 x 12 x 3. 2nds 42635.
Single change method.

WONSTON SPECIAL ALLIANCE

36.14 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.3. 2nds 42635.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

WOODBINE TREBLE BOB

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 1. 6ths 52364.
First appeared in Oxford Triple Bob in
"Campanologia," 1677; Old Oxford
Treble Bob in Annable's notebook.

WOODCOCK'S DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 34 x 1. 4ths 46325.
In William Woodcock's notebook. Rung
a great deal in the South Yorkshire area
early in the century. See also Darfield
Delight.

WOODCOCK'S VICTORY

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 5. 6ths 56342.
William Woodcock's notebook. No name
C.C. Collection 1907. Recorded as a
720 at Wath-on-Dearne December 25th,
1926, although probably rung earlier both
here and at Darfield. The only "regular"
method arranged by William Woodcock
that still bears the name he gave it.

WOODGROVE DELIGHT

34 x 34.16 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.5. 6ths 34625.

WOODHEAD SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 12.3. 6ths 52364.

WOODMAN'S EXERCISE

34.16 x 36.12.3. 2nds 36245.
In the notebook of J. E. Sykes.

WOODSIDE DELIGHT

See Elstone Delight.

WOOLER SURPRISE

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 36 x 34 x 3. 6ths 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

WOOLWICH TREBLE BOB

x 56 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 34 x 1. 2nds 42635.

WORCESTER DELIGHT

x 34 x 16 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.3. 6ths 34625.
Published in "Clavis," 1788. Also in
Annable's notebook.

WORDSLEY ALLIANCE

x 14 x 16 x 14 x 5. 6ths 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

WORTLEY DELIGHT

34 x 36.14 x 12 x 16.34 x 14.3. 2nds 36245.

WRAGBY DELIGHT

x 34 x 14 x 12 x 16.34 x 34.5. 6ths 64523.
No name C.C. Collection, 1907.

WRANGLE SPECIAL ALLIANCE

x 14 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 1. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1961.

WRENTHAM ALLIANCE

34.16 x 36.14 x 34.5. 2nds 64523.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

WYCLIFFE ALLIANCE

False cf. Ventnor Alliance.

"X"

XANTEN COURT BOB
Rung on handbells under this name, Feb-
ruary 22nd, 1965, but identical with
Magnus Double.

"Y"

YANLEY ALLIANCE

x 14 x 16 x 14 x 1. 2nds 35264.
C.C. Collection, 1931.

YNYSTAWNE BOB MINOR

34.16 x 36.14.3. 2nds 65324.
Handbells, February 14th, 1965.

YORK DELIGHT

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 5. 6ths 34625.
Also called College Youths' Delight.
Salisbury Bob in Annable's notebook.

YORK MINSTER TREBLE BOB

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 16 x 12 x 5. 6ths 65243.
Found in Wm Woodcock's notebook, but
has been a great favourite for a long time.

YORK SURPRISE

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 36.14 x 14.2. 2nds 35264.
"Clavis," 1788, also Annable's notebook.
Correctly named in C.C. Collection, 1907.

YORKSHIRE COURT

x 14 x 36 x 16 x 16 x 16 x. 2nds 56342.
Asymmetrical, 2nds place variation of
"Court Bob," both arranged by Hubbard
and found in his book. It was also in
Wm. Walker's Collection in "Bell News,"
1882. Snowden included it in his early
editions of "Standard Methods," but
pointed out in his 4th Edition that it was
false with an explanation as to why this
was so. It may be as well to stress that
all asymmetrical Minor methods are, under
ordinary circumstances, false.

YORKSHIRE GLORY

x 34 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 14 x 1. 6ths 56342.
Wm. Walker, "Bell News," 1882-3.

YOUTHS' EXERCISE

x 34 x 16 x 56 x 36 x 12 x 1. 6ths 42635.
Found in Addy's notebook, 1865.

"Z"

ZYLVERNE BOB MINOR

x 16 x 36.14.5. 2nds 65324.
Handbells, February 18th, 1965.
(Corrections to follow)

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Latest to complete the Surprise Major
alphabet in the Lincolnshire ringer, Raymond
H. Daw. Appropriately, he kept "Z" for
Zeals till last.We regret that we ascribed Whittlesey one
of the best rings of eight to Lincolnshire in
the report of Falmouth Surprise rung there
on November 1st. (See page 782.)A pair of gloves was left behind after a
quarter peal at Otley, Yorks, in October. Will
the owner communicate with Mr B. W.
Ashurst, 18, Inglewood Drive, Otley, giving
a brief description of the gloves.We are indebted to the Rev. Michael Free-
man Vicar of Goxhill, Lincs, for our front
page Christmas article. Mr. Freeman is
brother of the vice-president of the Central
Council.The Lincoln Guild has lost, with much re-
gret, a loyal supporter by Miss Valerie Hum-
phrys, of Sleaford, leaving to take up a
nursing appointment at Manchester Infirmary.
She took part in a farewell peal of Treble
Bob at Heckington on November 27th.Quarter peals of Yorkshire, Pudsey and
Lincolnshire Surprise Major were rung on
July 25th, August 1st and August 8th respec-
tively at St. Andrew's, Cambridge, conducted
by G. E. Thoday. The same conductor
called peals of Surprise Minor in two methods
at Harston and Sutton, Cambs, on October
13th and 31st respectively.Regarding the eight bells at St. John's
Church, Colaba Bombay, mentioned in our
last issue, Mr. F. J. Lewis, of Cirencester,
writes that he used to chime them for evening
service during 1917-18. "The bells were
hung for ringing but the wheels had not been
fitted. The Padre told me the tower would
not stand the strain. I believe Mr. Pat
Cannon visited there during the last war."

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"CONVERSATIONS" BY THE BELLS

On November 27th the bells of Caldicott Parish Church, Mon., were rung for the wedding of the daughter of the Methodist minister. There would be nothing unusual about this except that the wedding took place not in the Parish Church but in the Methodist Church. It is believed that this is the first time the bells of the Parish Church have been rung for a service of any sort in the Methodist Church, but the gesture reflects the greatly increased co-operation between the two churches recently. For the past five years a common magazine has been circulating to the extent of some 800 copies monthly.

When the bride's mother was overheard expressing a wish that her daughter should have the bells, the ringers readily responded to their Vicar's request to ring. The Vicar's wife was the liaison officer signalling the exit of the bride and bridegroom from their church. The letter of thanks from the bride's parents hangs in the ringing chamber as a proud testimony to the call of Caldicott bells to all within their sound to unite in worship of God and service of man.

SHENSTONE'S NEW BELLS PEAL

The recent peal of Doubles at Shenstone, Staffs, was the first peal on the new bells, but the last peal in the tower rung for the Stafford Archdeaconry Society was of Grandshire Triples, in March, 1937, when there was a ring of eight. In the early 1950's the old eight were exchanged for three bells from Loughborough, and in 1960 they were augmented to a "minor" five. A local company has rung the bells on Sundays since, and three of them took part in the peal, whose first it was. It is hoped, funds permitting, it will not be too long before the local company will add Minor methods to their present repertoire of Doubles.

ST. DAVID'S GUILD COMING-OF-AGE PLANS

St. David's Guild celebrates its 21st birthday in 1966, and a special meeting of the committee was held at St. Peter's Church, Carmarthen, on November 20th, to consider an appropriate commemoration. It was decided to produce a comprehensive handbook containing a history of the Guild, details of every tower, peals and quarter peals and articles of interest to ringers by well-known personalities of the Exercise. The handbook should be ready by the annual general meeting in September and orders should go to the secretary, Mr. R. C. Warburton. Approximate price, 2/6 to 5/-.

NORTHERN UNIVERSITIES AT NEWCASTLE

Nine universities were represented at the meeting of the Northern Universities in the Newcastle area on November 27th, when the maximum temperature only reached 37 degrees. Ringing covered a wide compass from rounds to Cambridge Royal and Grandshire Cinques. Towers visited were St. Andrew's, Sutherland (10), St. John's (8) and the Cathedral (12), Newcastle. All Saints', Gosforth (10), Fenham (8) and Chester-le-Street (8).

Universities represented: Durham, Hull, Keele, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Nottingham and Sheffield.

GNOSALL CHILDREN AGAIN ON TV

The Gnosall St. Lawrence Junior Handbell Ringers, who are well known to viewers in the Midlands, will be making another appearance on the television screen on Christmas Eve. This time they will be seen on A.T.V. at 6.15 p.m. in the "Today" programme.

The filming and recordings were taken in the Collegiate Church of St. Lawrence, forming a most fitting setting. The children were filmed during the playing of three well-known carols, and judging by "still" pictures which have been sent to us by I.T.V., writes B. G. Key, the programme will contain some interesting shots of the east end of this picturesque church while showing these talented youngsters.

THE DIARY

Indispensable to all ringers is "Ringers' Notebook and Diary" and with each new edition there are improvements—corrections made to a false touch and the introduction of new ones. Because of production cost increases, the price has had to be raised slightly —6/6 for a plastic copy and 8/- for leather. The pages this year are a little wider to give better margins. To William Viggers and Maurice Hodgson the Exercise is indebted for a useful companion. When in doubt consult "Ringers' Notebook and Diary."

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S NEW OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Oxford University Society on November 30th the following new officers were elected: Master, R. M. Heyworth (University); secretaries, Miss M. A. Welch (St. Hilda's) and A. P. Foster (St. John's); treasurer, W. R. Wharton (Jesus); steeplekeepers, R. A. Yeates (Christchurch) and S. K. Thompson (Hertford).

SUSPECTED TROUBLE AT BOSHAM

The six members of the band who rang a peal at Bosham, Sussex, on November 17th, arrived with several torches, a hurricane lamp, oil lamp and candlestick holders in case there was a power cut. On arrival they found that instead of a power cut the fuses had gone and so the peal was rung using two candles, a hurricane lamp and an oil lamp. Elizabeth Smith can say that she will not forget her first peal.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

A general meeting of the Liverpool University Society was held on November 19th to complete the election of officers for the session 1965-66. The following were elected: Deputy Ringing Master, D. F. Moore; committee member, J. White.

Miss Julie Lethbridge was elected Fresher representative earlier in the term, the other officers elected at the annual general meeting in May being: Ringing Master, J. J. Fox; secretary, Miss P. A. Freeman, 1, Hillside Road, Grange, West Kirby, Cheshire; treasurer, D. G. Wilford.

The Society is numerically stronger, although not as experienced as in past years. This year's summer tour was in Leicestershire.

A RECORDING FROM CALGARY

A tape recording of Calgary bells has been received by the Editor from Mr. J. M. Simpson, and introduced to him were members of the band who rang in the recent half peal of Grandshire Doubles. These included Miss Patricia Laycock, a Guildford school teacher, and Miss Wendy Nichols, from Sydney. A history of the bells was given by Judge Tavender, who rang the treble. Miss Judy Midgeley, who had been eight years in Calgary, spoke of the difficulties in making progress. The only time Grandshire Triples had been rung, she stated, was when they had visitors from British Columbia. John Muslewhite, who rang the tenor, has not yet reached his 14th birthday; he hopes to go to college to study music.

Mr. Simpson, whose address is 921—18th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alta, Canada, is collecting recordings of bells and asks particularly for Tewkesbury Abbey. Mr. S. G. Ponting hopes to obtain for him recordings of Guildford Cathedral and other bells in West Surrey. Much of the recording was like a fireside chat of ringers, and records such as Brahms' "Lullaby" and "Bless This House" were introduced to give variety in a programme that exceeded 30 minutes.

MISAPPREHENSIONS

The Bishop of Buckingham is the Rt. Rev. G. P. C. Pepys, and he attended the East Berks and South Bucks Branch dinner-dance on November 20th, as president, in succession to the Rt. Rev. Gordon Savage (now Bishop of Southall). Mr. Ernest Gosling was not responsible for the decorations of the hall. The chairman, when he mentioned decorations at the dinner, was referring to the Branch plaque and the Guild and Branch Striking Certificates which Mr. Gosling decorated.

GROTON'S CHRISTMAS BROADCAST

Mr. Russell S. Young sends us three quarters of Stedman Triples rung by the boys of Groton School, Mass. He adds: "We are trying to perfect Stedman Caters now, hopefully for the Christmas broadcast."

"COMPLETED THE CIRCLE" AFTER 20 YEARS

The Warminster and Frome area Surprise Major practice band rang a peal of Yorkshire at North Bradley on November 27th. This enabled Eric Hitchins to "complete the circle" in the tower where he rang his first peal 20 years ago. Another member of the band said it was his first decent peal of Yorkshire, but perhaps it would be wise not to identify him for his own safety.

MR. SINKINS REMEMBERED

Bucks County Health Committee propose to call a new old people's home at Slough "Sinkins House." The reference is to Mr. Sinkins, who developed the Mrs. Sinkins pink, which he raised at Slough, where he was previously a workhouse master.

We, of course, know Mr. Sinkins better as a well-known ringer, at one time at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, and later at St. Mary's, Slough, where he did much towards the adding of two trebles to make Slough the only ring of ten in Bucks.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

HILLINGDON, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

Alan F. Thirst Treble	David T. Darby 6
Kenneth J. Hesketh 2	David P. Hilling 7
John Hill 3	Noel J. Diserens 8
G. William Critchley 4	Frank E. Darby 9
Antony R. Kench 5	Wilfred Williams Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Wilfred Williams.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, Preb. F. C. Tyler.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

ST. ALBANS, Hertfordshire.—At the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St. Alban.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

F. C. Hobson (St. John's) .. Treble	S. P. Darvill (Downing) .. 7
K. J. Darvill (St. Cath's) .. 2	R. W. H. Hayes (Caius) .. 8
K. J. Triplov (Selwyn) .. 3	F. E. Haynes (St. Cath's) .. 9
J. M. H. Hunter (Trinity) .. 4	V. Nutton (Selwyn) .. 10
A. S. Hudson (Clare) .. 5	S. C. Walters (Pembroke) .. 11
E. N. Thomas (St. John's) .. 6	B. D. Threlfall (Trinity) .. Tenor

Composed by Hadley Hunter. Conducted by Kenneth J. Darvill.
Contains 6 courses backstroke, 8 tittums, 6 inverted tittums and 18 hand stroke.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARTHOMLEY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Bertoline.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

Joyce Grainger Treble	Harold Dowler 5
Norman Sherratt 2	Denis Latham 6
Felicity Webber 3	Paul J. Atkins 7
Geoffrey Gardner 4	Roy Worrall Tenor

Composed by Richard J. Parker. Conducted by Norman Sherratt.
First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

EATON SOCON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F.

*Robert D. Bellamy .. Treble	James H. Edwards 5
George E. Bonham .. 2	Donald F. Murfet 6
Anthony H. Smith .. 3	Geoffrey A. Lucas 7
J. Richard Hough .. 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 25th peal.

BUCKDEN, Huntingdonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Oct. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Tenor 15½ cwt.

Being 42 extents (four callings).	Tenor 15½ cwt.
George E. Bonham .. Treble	David E. Prescott 3
Edmund W. Wagstaff .. 2	Robert D. Bellamy 4
George E. Thoday Tenor	

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

Rung for United Nations Day.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MALDON, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Wed., Oct. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Anne Edwards Treble	John Clark 5
Ian V. Foster 2	*Michael J. Cowling .. 6
Yvonne A. Murray .. 3	George E. Thoday 7
James L. Towler 4	*Peter G. Brown Tenor

Composed by J. M. Hadley Hunter. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* 25th peal together

THAXTED, Essex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb. in E flat

Yvonne A. Murray .. Treble	George E. Bonham 5
*Josephine A. Quilter .. 2	J. Richard Castledine .. 6
†Anne Edwards 3	*George E. Thoday 7
James L. Towler 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by M. S. Bruce. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First of Major "inside" and of Surprise. † First in the method.
75th peal of Surprise as conductor.

GREAT DUNMOW, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Oct. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Donald F. Murfet Treble	James L. Towler 5
*Peter G. Brown 2	Geoffrey A. Lucas 6
J. Richard Castledine .. 3	George E. Thoday 7
Jack S. Dear 4	Philip Mehew Tenor

Composed by N. Smith. Conducted by George E. Thoday.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Ipswich, Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.

Peter G. Brown Treble	*Yvonne A. Murray .. 4
*Rosemary A. Frith 2	George E. Thoday 5
Anne Edwards 3	James L. Towler Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* First peal in seven methods.

DANBURY, Essex.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

On Tues., Nov. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of York London, Wells, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

Peter G. Brown Treble	James L. Towler 4
Anne Edwards 2	Chris K. Cooper 5
*Yvonne A. Murray .. 3	George E. Thoday Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* First peal of seven Surprise † 125th for the Association.
Birthday compliments to Miss Marion R. Panton and Miss Yvonne A. Murray.

DOWNHAM, Essex.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Fri., Dec. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 105 methods, viz.: (1) Stonehouse, Bramfield, Harmondsworth, Lamberhurst, Wordsley, Blaxhall, Ringstead, Iver, Hayes, Ellacombe, Mitcham, Beckford, Winchcombe, Sharnbrook, Stanhoe, Stratton and Buxton Alliance, Little Bob and Crayford Little Court (19 methods by A. G. Driver, arranged by C. A. Wratten), (2) Mendelsham and Tonbridge Alliance, Pontefract, Donottar, Alderbourne, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight, Childwall, Horsmonden, Thelwall, St. Clement's, College, Wavertree, Killarney, Lytham, London, Reverse, Fulbeck, Frodsham, Plain, Canterbury, Cumberland, Ennerdale, Double and Windermere and Belvedere Little Bob (26 methods by H. Chant), (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, London Scho'ars Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Gladstone, Hemsworth, Campanulla, Royston, Penistone and York Minster Treble Bob, Beighton, Appleby and Redcar Surprise, Chepstow, Balmoral, Danbury, Fotheringay, Hatherop, Skipton, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Sisted, Bogedone, Pebmarsh and Knutsford Delight (27 methods by H. Chant, arranged by A. Peake), (4) Dronfield, Retford, Minehead, Spalding, Purleigh and Quendon Surprise, (5) Newdigate, Marple, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Humber, Willesden, Brantree, Clarence, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Taxal and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob (15 methods by A. G. Driver), (6) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York and Durham Surprise, (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise. Peter G. Brown Treble Dennis A. S. Symonds .. 4
Andrew S. Hudson 2 Joe E. G. Roast 5
Claire Dillamore 3 Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. Tenor

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

Most methods yet rung to a peal by all the band, on the bells and for the Association. Tenor 7½ cwt. in B flat.

GREAT BROMLEY, Essex.—At the Church of St. George.

On Thurs., Dec. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Double and Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford T.B., St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

Miss Leslie Ward .. Treble	Neil V. Avis 4
*Robert J. Isgar 2	Frank B. Lufkin 5
John Avis 3	Peter G. Pitt Tenor

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* Most methods to a peal.
Rung in memory of Leonard E. Sharp, of Kirby-le-Soken, life member of Essex Association.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PETERCHURCH, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, being one extent of Kent Treble Bob, and three each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

John W. Hope Treble	*Thomas Bound 4
*W. John Clayton 2	Robert A. Hatcher 5
Frederick R. Harris .. 3	*Reginald Preece Tenor

Conducted by Robert A. Hatcher.

* First peal of Minor in three methods.
Rung to celebrate the christening of Vivian David, son of John W. Hope, Master of the Clifford District.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREAT BERKHAMSTED, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

Roger D. R. Brown Treble	Christine M. Rimmer 5
Julia A. Fellows 2	Keith J. Walpole 6
*Susan D. Cowan 3	Andrew W. R. Wilby 7
Nina B. Thomas 4	Frederick W. Ellis Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Roger D. R. Brown.
* First peal on tower bells and first of Major.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SOUTHGATE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Stanley Jenner Treble	D. Paul Smith 5
Hilary A. Swallow 2	*Edward J. Jenner 6
Ann Jenner 3	John W. Smith 7
Hilary F. Hinde 4	Robert W. Hinde Tenor

Composed by John L. Morris. Conducted by Stanley Jenner.
* 125th peal. First peal in the method by all the band.
A birthday compliment to Andrew J. Corby.

GILLINGHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

*Shirley P. Town Treble	†Brian E. Jemmett 5
Martin L. Howe 2	Colin A. Tester 6
Olive D. Tester 3	Bernard F. L. Groves 7
†Peter S. Muchlinski 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.
* First peal of Major. † First of Surprise "inside." ‡ First in the method.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LANCASTER, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 23 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Being 6th place bobs

Tenor 31 cwt. 14 lb. in D flat.

Cyril Crossthwaite .. Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw 5
Christine Andrew 2	Jeffrey Brannan 6
Margaret E. Fort 3	Derek Butterworth 7
Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 4	Tudor P. Edwards Tenor

Composed by E. A. Barnett. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

OSWALDTWISTLE, Lancashire.—At the Church of Immanuel.

On Sun., Nov. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5280 REAL DOUBLE SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

Cyril Crossthwaite .. Treble	Jeffrey Kershaw 5
Tudor P. Edwards 2	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 6
John P. Partington 3	Edward Jenkins 7
Margaret E. Fort 4	Derek Butterworth Tenor

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
First peal in this variation by all the band and for the Association.
The composition, composed in 1926 and comprising 282 bobs, is now rung for the first time.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MONKS KIRBY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Edith.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CHILTERN SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

Malcolm E. Wade .. Treble	Howard C. Palmer 5
William A. Lacey 2	Samuel J. Haines 6
W. Ernest Rawson 3	Denis A. Frith 7
A. Maxwell Lindsey 4	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by William A. Lacey.
First peal in the method by all the band.

AYLESTONE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Tues., Nov. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

David G. Farrar .. Treble	S. John Haines 5
Sandra E. Chesterton .. 2	Brian S. Chapman 6
Russell S. Morris 3	Roland H. Cook 7
B. Stedman Payne 4	A. James Poynor Tenor

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by A. James Poynor.
Rung on the Patron Saint's Day, as a welcome to Rev. S. A. Jackson, who was inducted as Rector of Aylestone on Thursday, November 27th, 1965.

SAPCOTE, Leicestershire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Dec. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

Frederick Watson .. Treble	Ernest W. Rawson 4
Michael E. Brown 2	Brian S. Chapman 5
Christopher M. Sturgess .. 3	R. Kingsley Mason Tenor

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

The conductor has now twice "circled" this his home tower, and called a peal of Surprise from each bell.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160 blocks and one 720. C.C.C. nos. 50, 57 and 32.

Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in D

Timothy G. Pett .. Treble	John Pladdys 4
Anthony H. Smith 2	Robert E. J. Dennis 5
Michael W. Coleman 3	Roger D. Bailey Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey

A birthday compliment to Derek Elderkin.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

HECKINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in E flat.

Norah M. Randles .. Treble	*Walter Weston 5
*Valerie R. B. Humphrys .. 2	George H. Randles 6
Jack L. Millhouse 3	Peter A. Sharp 7
John R. Ketteringham .. 4	Geoffrey R. Parker .. Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

FULNEY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Mon., Nov. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 ZEALS SURPRISE MAJOR

Janet E. Hubbard .. Treble	Alan G. Payne 5
Denis Woods 2	Brian Harris 6
Edwin T. Chapman 3	Cyril R. Burrell 7
Raymond H. Daw 4	George W. Massey Tenor

Composed by Arthur Craven. Conducted by George W. Massey.
First peal in the method by all. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

WILLESDEN, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 MARSHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in A.

C. Edward Lankester .. Treble	Ruth M. Foreman 5
Joan Beresford 2	G. William Critchley .. 6
Claudia A. Critchley 3	Thomas J. Lock 7
Alick Cutler 4	John Hill Tenor

Composed by Richard F. B. Speed

Conducted by G. William Critchley.

First peal in the method. Rung with 4th place bobs.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PULHAM MARKET, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Howard C. Palmer .. Treble	Peter Adcock 5
Richard D. Gibson 2	Leslie F. Bailey 6
*Robin Churchill 3	David E. House 7
Ronald Ducker 4	David S. Johnson Tenor

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by David S. Johnson.
* First "blow" in the method. First of Surprise Major as conductor. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HARWELL, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-Part.	Tenor 16 cwt.
*Patricia E. Hibbert .. Treble	Norman H. Leslie 5
John W. T. Hibbert 2	Dennis A. Leslie 6
Clifford J. Garlick 3	John H. Napper 7
Frederick A. H. Wilkins .. 4	William Corderoy Tenor

Conducted by John W. T. Hibbert.

* 25th peal.

HIGHWORTH, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

J. Keith Ward .. Treble	*David Floyd 5
Edward R. Venn 2	Peter J. Heritage 6
Peter G. Holden 3	Anthony D. Sansom 7
James F. List 4	Frederick R. Scott Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton. Conducted by Edward R. Venn.
* First peal of Surprise Major. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

MARSHAM SURPRISE MAJOR.

x 58 x 16 x 12 x 36 x 12 x 58 x 14 x 18 L.E. 5738264.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THATCHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5392 GRANTA TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

Robert M. Ashman Treble	John C. Baldwin 5
Denby P. Murduck 2	Philip Murduck 6
Reginald W. Rex 3	Reginald F. Crook 7
Walter Hunt 4	Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. Law James. Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal in the method by all the band.

WEST WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Lawrence.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's trans. of Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 16 cwt.	
Sydney M. Bailey Treble	Michael Hatchett 5
Frederick R. Scott 2	*J. Keith Ward 6
Edward R. Venn 3	David P. Hilling 7
*Anthony D. Sansom 4	Giles R. Shedden Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

* First peal of Triples

OXFORD.—At the Church of St. Ebbe.

On Tues., Nov. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in B flat

A. James Adams Treble	Frederick W. Soden 5
Edward R. Venn 2	Anthony D. Sansom 6
G. Robert Mordaunt 3	Charles Coles 7
Brian W. Hall 4	Peter J. Heritage Tenor

Composed by Henry Dains. Conducted by Edward R. Venn.

MIDGHAM, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew.

On Thurs., Nov. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, and four extents of Plain Bob.	
Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.	
*Janet Butler Treble	†Maurice G. Ingram 4
Marilyn C. Smith 2	Frank W. Lewis 5
Reginald W. Rex 3	Geoffrey K. Dodd Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal. † First in four methods.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

DAVENTRY, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of the Holy Cross.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

William J. Chester Treble	Patrick I. Chapman 6
Charles E. Truman 2	William A. Yates 7
Ravmond A. Vickers 3	Frederick Vickers 8
Christopher C. Clarke 4	George W. Holland 9
Barry E. Saunders 5	James Linnell Tenor

Composed by John Cox. Conducted by William A. Yates.

NASSINGTON, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5160 DOUBLES

Being 43 extents in eight methods. (1) Winchendon Place, (2) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (3) Reverse St. Bartholomew, (4) St. Simon, (5) St. Martin, (6) April Day, (7) Plain Bob, (8) Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt. approx.

Alfred Waller Treble	Percy Amos 3
Ronald Russell 2	Raymond Daw 4
John H. Bluff Tenor	

Conducted by John H. Bluff.

Rung for the Festival of Remembrance.

WARKTON, Northants.—At the Church of St. Edmund.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of St. Martin's and April Day and 12 each of Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*Christopher N. Stephenson Treble	Keith R. Davey 3
Hilary Knight 2	Alan G. Payne 4
J. Martin Thorley Tenor	

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

* First peal.

In memoriam Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, founder of the Yorkshire Association.

WHITTLEBURY, Northants.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Nov. 21, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 9 cwt.	
David Burbidge Treble	William A. Yates 3
William J. Chester 2	James Linnell 4
Charles E. Truman Tenor	

Conducted by William J. Chester.
Rung in honour of the 100th birthday of Lord Penrhyn.

THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

ST. DAVID'S, Pembrokeshire.—At the Bell Tower of the Cathedral of St. David.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

J. Arthur Hoare Treble	*M. Jack Pryor 5
*Mary E. Pryor 2	Gwyn I. Lewis 6
*Raymond J. Hosking 3	*Brian J. Woodruffe 7
*John F. I. Turney 4	Edmund J. Morris Tenor

Composed by John Carter (Even-Bob One-Part No. 13).
Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First of Stedman Triples on the bells. The conductor now completes Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in D.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. TEWKESBURY, Gloucestershire.—At the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 27 cwt.

George E. Fearn Treble	Graham C. Paul 7
Iris M. E. Lemare 2	S. Clarke Walters 8
Susan Rothera 3	Norman J. Goodman 9
John A. Anderson 4	Rev. Roger O. Fry 10
Philip J. Rothera 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
Richard J. Parker 6	Ralph G. Edwards Tenor

Arranged by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D

Roderick W. Pipe Treble	Edward W. Colley 7
Muriel Reay 2	Michael J. Fellows 8
Norman J. Goodman 3	Eric N. Harrison 9
Martin D. Fellows 4	George E. Fearn 10
Graham C. Paul 5	J. Alan Ainsworth 11
George S. Deas 6	John A. Anderson Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border. Conducted by J. Alan Ainsworth.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Nov. 25, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5000 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Mary Pryor Treble	John C. Eisel 6
J. Alan Ainsworth 2	Roderick W. Pipe 7
Graham C. Paul 3	*George E. Fearn 8
Norman J. Goodman 4	†Michael J. Fellows 9
Martin D. Fellows 5	Peter Border Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* 300th peal of Royal. † 300th peal.

SHIRLEY, Birmingham.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

Susan Chew Treble	Mark Androlia 5
W. J. V. Conduct 2	Paul McEvilly 6
Charles A. S. Webb 3	Alan Burbage 7
Michael Elson 4	David J. Purnell Tenor

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Alan Burbage.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BRADLEY, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Norman G. N. Knee .. Treble	George W. Massey 5
David T. H. Robertson .. 2	Eric J. Hitchins 6
David A. Burt 3	Laurence E. Hitchins 7
Edgar C. Shepherd 4	*Frederick S. Slatford .. Tenor

Composed by Michael S. Bruce. Conducted by George W. Massey.
* First peal in the method. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

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COLESHILL, Warwicks.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sun., Nov. 21, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

*Miss B. Sawden Treble	J. Belshaw 5
J. C. Alexander 2	G. C. Cox 6
†Miss M. Hutchings 3	G. J. Lightfoot 7
M. Edwards 4	*R. A. Hutchings Tenor

Conducted by G. J. Lightfoot.

*First peal. †First "inside." ‡First on tenor.

Many ringers in other parts of the country will remember Keith Taylor's unobtrusive, happy helpfulness. Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

GREAT COMBERTON, Worcs.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Single Oxford, four of Spliced Single Oxford and Plain Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

Martin J. Boskett Treble	Peter Robertson 4
Richard G. Bateman 2	Raymond J. Adams 5
Arthur C. Berry 3	James Attwood jun. .. Tenor

Conducted by Arthur C. Berry.

A 21st birthday compliment to Ian Lloyd, of Pershore.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

GUISELEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Oswald.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Ian North Treble	*Robin Brown 5
Patricia Lockwood 2	C. Barrie Dove 6
Irvin Slack 3	Jeffrey P. Cooper 7
William Dixon 4	Allan Wear Tenor

Conducted by Allan Wear.

*25th peal for the Association. The fourth ringer has now "circled the tower."

Rung as a farewell to Mrs. E. Smith, who returned to Australia on the S.S. "Himalaya" on November 19th, after her first visit home for 46 years. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At Bombay, 24, Ridge Crescent, Hawk Green.

On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

*†Alan McFall 1-2	Gerald Moorhouse 5-6
Robert B. Smith 3-4	*Giles B. Thompson 7-8

Composed by Joseph W. Parker (C.C.C. No. 6).

Conducted by Robert B. Smith.

*First peal of Oxford T.B. Major on handbells. †25th "in hand."

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of SS. Philip and James' Church.

On Fri., Nov. 19, 1965, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*Maud Austin 1-2	John T. Dunwoody (cond.) 3-4
†John Lindsay 5-6	

*First peal in the method. †First in the method "in hand."

HOLYWOOD, Co. Down.—In the Belfry of SS. Philip and James' Church.

On Fri., Nov. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 4 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

Maud Austin 1-2	John T. Dunwoody (cond.) 3-4
John Lindsay 5-6	

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor size 15 in C.

*Cyril S. Jarrett 1-2	Bernard F. L. Groves 5-6
*Christopher T. Osenton .. 3-4	Edward J. Beer 7-8
Stuart Sandford 9-10	

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

*First peal of Royal "in hand." First of Bob Royal as conductor.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire.—At Bettyfold.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 21 extents Plain Bob, and 21 extents Grandsire.

Tenor size 11 in G.

Joseph Whalley 1-2	Mary Whalley 3-4
*Kevin Price (cond.) 5-6	

*First peal in two methods.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NETTLEHAM, Lincolnshire.—At Iona, Sudbrook Lane.

On Tues., Nov. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Gwen T. Bloomfield .. 1-2	Peter A. Sharp 5-6
Geoffrey R. Parker .. 3-4	Jack L. Millhouse 7-8

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.

*First peal on handbells. Tenor size 15 in C.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire.—At Glebeland.

On Fri., Nov. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

Gwen Bloomfield 1-2	Jack Bray 5-6
George E. Feirn 3-4	Michael W. Crowder .. 7-8

Composed by N. J. Pistow. Conducted by Jack Bray.

NON-ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—At 4a, Ladbroke Square, W.11.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 1 Hour and 32 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Edward D. Elderkin .. 1-2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3-4
Robert E. J. Dennis .. 5-6	

*First peal "in hand." Tenor size 14 in D.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

LONDON.—At 4a, Ladbroke Square, W.11.

On Mon., Nov. 15, 1965, in 1 Hour and 42 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Double Bob and one each of Double Oxford and Single Oxford, two of St. Clement's, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

Paul S. Royds-Jones .. 1-2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3-4
Timothy G. Pett 5-6	

LONDON.—At 4a, Ladbroke Square, W.11.

On Fri., Nov. 26, 1965, in 1 Hour and 39 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent in each of the following seven methods: (1) Double Oxford, (2) College, (3) Reverse Bob, (4) Double Bob, (5) Oxford Bob, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 14 in D.

Paul S. Royds-Jones .. 1-2	Richard A. J. Bower (cond.) 3-4
Timothy G. Pett 5-6	

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—All rung at Morawelon, Lon Derw, Tycloch.

On Thurs., Oct. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5052 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 780 Gainsborough Little Bob and 4,272 Plain Bob, with 130 changes of method. Tenor size 18 in G.

*Raymond J. Hosking .. 1-2	J. Arthur Hoare 5-6
Brian J. Woodruffe .. 3-4	Edmund J. Morris 7-8

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

*First peal in this arrangement.

On Sun., Oct. 10, 1965, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 EVENING STAR DELIGHT MINOR

Being four different extents and a 2,160. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3-4
*J. Arthur Hoare 5-6	

*200th peal for the Guild. First peal in the method on handbells.

On Sun., Oct. 17, 1965, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 COVENTRY DELIGHT MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3-4
J. Arthur Hoare 5-6	

First peal in the method on handbells.

On Wed., Oct. 20, 1965, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 EVENING STAR DELIGHT MINOR

Being four different extents and a 2,160. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3-4
J. Arthur Hoare 5-6	

On Wed., Oct. 27, 1965, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 DISLEY DELIGHT MINOR

Being four different extents and a 2,160. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3-4
J. Arthur Hoare 5-6	

First peal in the method on handbells.

On Sun., Oct. 31, 1965, in 1 Hour and 54 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 WALSHINGHAM ALLIANCE AND LITTLE BOB MINOR

Being seven differently spliced extents, 30 changes of method.

Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3-4
J. Arthur Hoare 5-6	

First peal of Alliance and Little Minor by all and for the Guild. Believed to be the first peal in the methods.

On Wed., Nov. 3, 1965, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SHELFOED DELIGHT MINOR

Being four different extents and a 2,160. Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1-2	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 3-4
J. Arthur Hoare 5-6	

First peal in the method on handbells.

DATE TOUCH

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 4th, 1965 Stedman Triples (comp. by J. Topp): P. Hull 1, Miss S. Hallett 2, Mrs. A. Short 3, Miss M. Legg 4, V. Roberts 5, G. Salmon 6, G. Prescott (cond.) 7, R. Short 8.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 21st, 1,296 Cambridge S. Minor: E. G. H. Godfrey 1, Amanda Powell (first of Surprise) 2, Katharine Macve 3, Carol Cousins 4, C. H. Macve 5, A. M. Macve (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, on Nov. 28th, conducted by E. G. H. Godfrey.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1, 3 leading): J. Cuss 1, T. Gilligan 2, J. Oliver (first quarter) 3, H. Craig 4, A. Palmer 5, F. Read (cond.) 6, G. Newman 7, L. Foote 8. Rung half-muffled.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Painter 1, Miss M. Westwood 2, M. J. Mulvey 3, S. Larcombe 4, M. W. Faircy (cond.) 5, C. Gall 6. Rung half-muffled on the day of the funeral of Mrs. C. Westwood, member of the P.C.C., mother of the ringer of second.

ALRESFORD, HANTS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. Hoar 1, L. Tremere (cond.) 2, Prisca Hornby 3, Kay Tremere 4, W. Bone 5, R. Thomas 6, R. Collis 7, J. Huggins 8. First quarter 6 and 8. For Alresford Deanery Evensong.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Pettit (first quarter) 1, J. Orme 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, J. Dear 4, D. Salisbury 5, E. Buck (cond.) 7, S. Hutton (cover). Also on Nov. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples R. Pettit (first of Triples) 1, J. Orme 2, J. Dear 3, M. Orme 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, R. Castledine 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, S. Hutton 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael with St. Paul, on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Miss S. Clifford 1, Miss J. Webber 2, Miss C. Mitchell 3, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 4, D. C. Hawkins 5, A. Swatton 6. For Morning Prayer.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,250 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: Elizabeth J. Foster 1, Ann Harris 2, J. G. Hallett 3, R. C. Woodward 4, I. V. J. Smith (cond.) 5, P. Woolven 6, S. Humphrey 7, D. R. Ingram 8. First quarter in the method for all except D. Ingram. Rung by the Nottingham University Society for morning service.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Bourner 1, H. Pavne 2, F. Goodearl 3, Miss C. Wood 4, H. Deacon 5, L. Sweatman 6, B. Johnson (cond.) 7, R. Benstead 8. For Missions Sunday.

BISHOP'S SUTTON, HANTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dorothy Huggins (first quarter) 1, Prisca Hornby 2, A. Hoar 3, Kay Tremere 4, L. Tremere (cond.) 5. Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Dunsden 1, H. L. Bishop 2, C. Corderoy 3, E. J. Grace 4, M. Bishop 5, R. B. Blond (cond.) 6, J. H. Napper 7, W. Corderoy 8. Half-muffled in memory of Walter V. Webb, of Sutton Courtenay, one time ringer at this church, whose funeral took place this day.

BRISTOL.—At St. Michael's, on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Walter (first quarter) 1, M. Simons 2, G. Breatley 3, M. Gilbey 4, M. G. R. Zobel 5, D. B. Williams (cond.) 6. By the U.B.S.C.R. for Matins.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of St. Mary-the-Great, on Oct. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Maximus: P. H. Pigg 1, J. W. R. Quinney 2, H. J. F. Muncey 3, C. R. F. Muncey 4, B. D. Threlfall 5, C. M. P. Johnson 6, P. D. Laurence 7, E. G. Hibbins 8, T. R. Dennis 9, H. C. Foster 10, P. J. Bergfahl (cond.) 11, S. F. Brown 12.

CATTISTOCK, DORSET.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Gorringe 1, E. Gorringe (first of Minor) 2, J. W. Rose 3, B. Kerr 4, G. Abbott 5, E. H. Amey (cond.) 6, H. Gorringe cover. A compliment to George and Mrs. Gorringe, on their 23rd wedding anniversary.

CAWTHORNE, BARNESLEY.—On Nov. 27th, 1,440 T.B. Minor: I. Crossland 1, A. Dunn-Birch 2, H. Rusby 3, P. Carbutt 4, N. Moxon (cond.) 5, H. Mann 6. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Broadhead.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.—On Dec. 5th, 1,440 Doubles (five methods): Judith Skinner 1, Carol Wickens 2, J. Nicholson 3, E. Brazier 4, I. Wickens 5, A. J. Ede 6. Conducting shared by all except the treble. Rung for the retirement of A. J. Ede, former captain. Also for the Patronal Festival, and birthday of ringer of 5th.

QUARTER PEALS

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 5th, At the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,440 Kent T.B. Royal: N. S. Bagworth 1, R. Davies 2, D. G. Brown 3, E. J. Razzell 4, N. G. Steere 5, K. Taber 6, M. Parry 7, R. G. Abbott 8, R. G. Stevens 9, F. E. Collins (cond.) 10. First T.B. Royal 5, 6, 7 and 9.

CHARING, KENT.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Diana M. Bradford 1, Mrs. P. T. Robbins 2, Rhian N. Bagshaw (first as cond.) 3, P. J. Bagshaw 4, Rev. P. T. Robbins 5, J. L. Anderson 6.

CULHAM, OXON.—On Nov. 27th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: M. Hutchinson 1, Heather Alford 2, E. C. Turner 3, C. I. Rowson (cond.) 4, M. J. Hiller 5, A. J. Howes 6. For the christening this day of David Julian Albion James, son of the Vicar, by the Dean of Westminster.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: C. N. Stevenson 1, Mary Coleman 2, B. Yeomans 3, G. Wright 4, Mrs. A. Loake (first "inside") 5, M. A. Coleman (cond.) 6.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Nov. 21st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Doubles (11 methods/var.): P. Whale 1, R. Fisher 2, Pamela Osborne 3, B. Osborne 4, D. Bailey (cond.) 5, P. Barrett 6. For Evensong.

EALING, MIDD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Wilson (cond.) 1, M. Thomas 2, A. M. Stacey 3, Susan Davis 4, F. Ramsom 5, M. Sprackling 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, F. Bishop 8.

ELING, HANTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. G. D. Northway 1, J. Hartless (cond.) 2, Ronda M. Purkess 3, D. C. Jackson 4, B. M. Mackrell 5, T. Matcham 6. First quarter Stedman Doubles for all except 4. First in method on bells.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Cowley 1, Miss J. Clipstone 2, E. C. Buckley 3, K. J. Chapman 4, C. E. Richardson 5, D. G. Pearson (cond.) 6, E. J. Chapman 7, L. J. Woods (first quarter) 8. For Evensong, and in memoriam John R. Main, 28-11-60.

GROTON, Massachusetts, U.S.A.—Three quarters of Stedman Triples—On Oct. 24th: David C. Noyes III 1, Gardiner H. Fiske 2, Richard S. Minturn 3, Warren Motley II 4, C. von E. Deering 5, Hugh Auchincloss III 6, Vilray P. Blair III 7, Thomas L. Dibbles 8. Same band on Nov. 14th, and on Nov. 17th one change, Erich O. Braiden back on third. All conducted by Russell S. Young.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, J. Collins 2, R. Hayden 3, F. Hoar 4, R. Walker 5, J. Aley 6, W. Aley (cond.) 7, J. Smith 8. Rung prior to a service commemorating the diamond jubilee of the bells, dedicated All Saints' Day, 1905.

HARTING, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 4th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: K. Sansom 1, M. J. Uphill 2, Lesley Read 3, Deborah Hopkins 4, A. S. Bishop (cond.) 5, D. M. Hughes 6. A compliment to M. J. Uphill, on the eve of his birthday.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 28th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. P. Brain 1, S. J. Hammond 2, Alice E. J. Lester 3, R. C. Groom 4, C. S. Bloomfield 5, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 6. For Advent Sunday. Also for the christening of Lawrence Michael Bloomfield, grandson of the ringer of the fifth.

HERTFORD.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (Grand-sire and Plain Bob): 7, 6, 8 covering: B. Foley 1, J. Thorn 2, Lillian James 3, C. Springham 4, S. James (cond.) 5, V. Tubby 6, Gwyneth James 7, J. Kemp 8. A tribute to the Rector (Rev. R. H. Gill) and Miss M. Hickman, on their wedding day.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. J. Salisbury 1, G. Cecil 2, M. Bland 3, C. E. Wright 4, J. Fowler 5, C. Pain 6, J. McDonald 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Janette R. Kipling 1, R. E. Peckham 2, R. M. Cox 3, H. W. Evans 4, J. M. Hills (first "inside") 5, D. J. M. Cox (first as cond.) 6. Rung by St. Katharine's Society.

LEEDS, YORKS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: M. J. Denton (first quarter) 1, Susan Jackson 2, A. Cole 3, R. H. Dove 4, C. B. Dove (cond.) 5, D. Astridge 6, R. Brown 7, D. Cox 8. Rung on the back eight after unsuccessful peal attempt.

LINBY, NOTTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,272 Reverse Canterbury Minimus: G. A. Dawson 1, D. Surman 2, S. Humphrey 3, I. Smith 4. Rung for Miners' service, and as a compliment to the men of Linby colliery on the production of the millionth ton of coal for 1965.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At St. Michael and All Angels', on Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): K. Farmer 1, Dorothy M. Groves 2, Christine C. Youens 3, M. L. Howe (cond.) 4, P. S. Muchlinski 5, B. Harden 6. Half-muffled.

NORTON-JUSTA-MALTON, YORKS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: S. Frances Chapman 1, Christina Folks 2, Jennifer Pearce 3, R. Smith 4, R. Joy Watkin 5, D. J. Hopkinson 6, D. J. Jones 7, G. Pluckrose (cond.) 8. First in method 1 and 7. A belated 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. Kirk by St. John's College, York, Ringers' Society.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Nov. 28th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,299 Stedman Catens: D. R. Boul 1, Miss Y. C. Porter 2, T. G. Myers (cond.) 3, D. F. Wheeler 4, H. F. Myers 5, H. W. Milford 6, S. F. O'Shaughnessy 7, J. W. Perkins 8, A. W. Myers 9, W. H. Marks 10. For Evensong.

RIFFLE, WORCS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Gainey 1, R. Hill 2, B. Spiers (cond.) 3, C. Hallings 4, J. Bennett 5, J. Mead 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss J. Gainey.

SANDFORD, OXON.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. Gibbons (first quarter) 1, L. Porter 2, Elizabeth Barber (first of Doubles) 3, P. Coad (first in three methods) 4, R. Jones (cond.) 5. Rung for Advent.

SHENSTONE, STAFFS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: P. Southgate (first quarter) 1, Audrey Birch 2, Janice McDonald 3, D. Starkey 4, P. Sheldon (cond.) 5.

SOUTH CROYDON.—At St. Peter's Church on Nov. 29th, 1,277 Grandsire Catens: E. W. Vowles 1, Miss V. Potter 2, Mrs. H. Oatway 3, R. Stevens 4, W. Oatway 5, A. J. Purkiss 6, K. Taber 7, N. Steere 8, R. Davies (cond.) 9, W. G. Brownett 10. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Peter S. Davis.

STAPLEFORD, NOTTS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,320 Spliced Surprise Minor (Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet): R. C. Woodward 1, Ann Harris 2, I. V. J. Smith 3, P. Woolven 4, D. R. Ingram 5, S. Humphrey (cond.) 6. First of Spliced Surprise by all except the 5th. By the Nottingham University Society. Also by the Society, 1,317 London Surprise Minor at Beeston on Nov. 14th, and 1,320 Minor (Cambridge and Kent) on Nov. 11th, to celebrate, the deliverance of Beeston from Nottingham C.C.

STOGBURSEY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Davis (cond.) 1, W. Smith 2, F. Packrell 3, J. Aldridge 4, R. Somerfield 5, Rev. M. Lewis 6.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Triples: Linda Dent 1, M. A. New 2, R. Fry 3, Sheila M. Haskins (first of Triples "inside") 4, R. J. White 5, D. White 6, A. R. Peake (cond.) 7, H. A. Austin 8. First of Triples 1 and 6. For Confirmation and Evensong.

THROWLEY, KENT.—On Nov. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor (7 and 8 covering): T. Keeler 1, P. Harrison 2, Miss C. Bouldin 3, K. Davis 4, M. Harrison 5, R. Button (cond.) 6, W. Edps 7, G. Thompson (first quarter) 8.

WALKERVILLE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Philippa M. Lamphce (first of Minor at first attempt) 1, P. L. D. Ewens 2, D. J. Gambling 3, R. G. Stevenson 4, R. K. Russ 5, R. S. Jolly (first quarter as cond.) 6.

WALKINGTON, YORKS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Eileen M. Haynes 1, G. E. Drew 2, H. C. Palmer 3, J. M. Brooks 4, G. K. Smith 5, R. Ducker (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge Surprise for 2 and 4. To celebrate the birth of a son to the ringer of the fourth.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Thompson (first quarter) 1, C. E. Truman 2, W. J. Chester 3, J. Linnell 4, B. R. Eglesfield 5, B. E. Saunders 6, G. E. Green (cond.) 7, O. Taylor 8.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,440 Doubles (four methods): R. P. Turnill 1, D. F. Murler (cond.) 2, G. Markwell 3, B. B. Hullah 4, A. Yarrow 5.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,320 Minor (Norwich and Cambridge): G. Pearson 1, G. E. Crisp 2, K. J. Heskeith 3, S. Brown 4, D. F. Murler 5, G. E. Thoday (cond.) 6.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 21st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Sharples 1, P. S. Oliver (first in method) 2, Mrs. C. J. Rees 3, J. D. Smith 4, N. D. Lomas 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. J. Drabble (first quarter, aged 13.) 1, P. C. Hassan (first quarter, aged 12) 2, R. J. M. Grosvenor 3, P. Cattermole 4, D. G. Franklin (first as cond.) 5, J. S. Rastall 6. Rung by the King's School Society, Worcester.

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DEATH

YOUNG.—Priscilla, wife of H. V. Young (Brig.), suddenly, on November 29th, 1965. 8160

IN MEMORIAM

TOMLINSON.—In loving memory of my beloved husband, Norman Arthur, who fell asleep December 16th, 1963. Still sadly missed by his wife, Phoebe. 8143

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WOOLVEN.—The address of H. W. Woolven will be 12, Coniston Close, Sompington, Lancing, Sussex, as from December 19th. 8166

PERSONAL

CRANE.—Congratulations and best wishes, Neville, on your 21st birthday on the 18th.—From Jan and all fellow-ringers at Milton Regis. 8157

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.—Isaiah xl, 31.

MISCELLANEOUS

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—Commencing on December 31st, the weekly practice will be held on Friday evenings from 8 to 9.15. 8147

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL.—There will be no Monday evening practices on December 20th or 27th next, or any first Monday in any month. Peals: Only four per annum—1966 booked up, but last year's applicants should now re-apply to C. M. Smith, 29, Dimbles Hill, Lichfield, Staffs. Tel. LICH 4539. 8068

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, February 26th, 1966, at the Bradford Hotel, Tithebarn Street, Liverpool. Tickets (£1) from D. G. Wilford, Gladstone Hall, Greenbank Lane, Liverpool 17.—P. A. Freeman, Sec. 8135

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Wednesday's recital will be given by Clive M. Smith and will include national airs, music by Bach, Mozart and Handel, with change ringing intervals between well-known carols. 8162

WANTAGE, BERKS

In future the practices on Tuesdays—7 p.m. to 8.45 p.m.—will be devoted mainly to beginners, except on the first Tuesday in each month, when a more advanced practice will be held. All visitors welcomed. 8174

MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Coventry District.—Meeting, December 18th, Nuneaton. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Sorry, no tea available—cafes nearby.—A. G. Eveleigh. 8148

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A.G.M. at St. Peter's, Derby, on December 18th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—M. A. Willis, Dis. Sec. 8129

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Radlett, December 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. W. M. Clouston, 1, Canons Close, Radlett.—R. D. R. Brown, Dis. Sec. 8122

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, December 18th, Great Amwell, commence 6 p.m. All welcome.—Peter M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 8142

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District.—Meeting, Saturday, December 18th, St. Lawrence Jewry. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and business in Staff Luncheon Room, Guildhall. Evening ringing at St. Andrew's, Holborn, from 6.45 p.m. to 8.15.—E. H. Kilby, Dis. Sec. 8100

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ringers' Social at Bramford, Saturday, December 18th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 5/-; schoolchildren 2/6. Good entertainment, good refreshments and good company. All welcome; don't miss it. Would all raffle ticket sellers please return counter-foils to H. W. Egglestone.—W. L. 8064

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Tolleshunt D'Arcy.—Rededication of the bells of St. Nicholas' Church on Tuesday, December 21st, at 7 p.m. All ringers and friends are invited to attend.—R. W. Leavett, Committee Representative. 8167

ST. PETER'S, NOTTINGHAM.—Dedication new bells Christmas Eve. 3.15 p.m., short service in belfry; 4, Evensong, followed by ringing, providing work on tower foundation is complete. All welcome. Inquiries to D. Stainsby, 376, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford. Tel. Nottingham 233566. 8159

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Next meeting at Southam on January 1st. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing as usual. Names for tea as soon as possible to Bob Sherriff, 20, Warwick Road, Southam. Special method: Bristol.—P. S. Bennett, Sec. 8161

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—Annual meeting, Bromyard, January 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 by reservation only. Numbers to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard, by January 6th latest, please. 8168

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

When the West Dorset Branch held its annual general meeting at Beaminster on November 27th the Vicar, who conducted the service, gave an interesting talk on the bells, mentioning that the present ring of eight was cast in 1765 from the metal of the old five by Thomas Bilbie in a weaver's shed at the back of the churchyard. Local ringers provided an excellent tea.

At the request of the chairman (Mr. C. W. Powell) members stood in silent tribute for Canon Carew Cox, Messrs. E. Bailey, T. Gunning and Mrs. V. Keetch, who as Mayoress of Bridport attended the last annual meeting. The secretary's report stated that membership was 128 ringing (an increase of six) and seven honorary. Symondsburys tower was welcomed to the Branch.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. C. W. Powell; vice-chairman, the Rev. G. V. Syer; hon. secretary, Mr. T. Davis; Ringing Masters, Messrs. H. W. D. Bishop, H. Keeley and F. Knight; committee, Messrs. J. T. Barrett and D. Ellery. It was unanimously agreed that the spring meeting held annually at Bradpole be the Langford-Beams-Cox memorial meeting. A programme of meetings was approved.

WHAT ABOUT CHANNEL ISLANDS?

Dear Sir,—In "Belfry Gossip" on page 799 Mr. Alan Carveth's peal band claim to have rung peals in the most southerly and westerly towers in the British Isles by ringing at Landewednack and Sennen. I would point out that in fact there are three rings in the Channel Islands, a six in Alderney, and a six and an eight in Guernsey, all of which are well to the south of Landewednack. Also, many of the Irish towers (though not all) lie to the west of Sennen, so neither of these claims is correct.

If, however, the band had made the same claim about Great Britain instead of the British Isles, they would have been correct.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT E. J. DENNIS.

London, W.C.1.

LATE NEWS

We regret to report the death of Mr. Reuben Sanders. A memorial service was held at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Monday.

Mr. W. B. Coles will be broadcasting in the Home Service on Tuesday, December 21st, at 4.45 p.m., on "Handbell Ringing." Handbell ringing will be heard from Mrs. Hughes, Appleton Handbell Ringers and American Handbell Choir.

Christmas Greetings

"The Ringing World" Committee join the Editor and staff in wishing all readers a happy Christmas. May the joy of ringing Christmas bells be in the hearts of all who ring and their families.

TO AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND RINGERS

Tom Lock and other members of Great Adventure II send their warmest greetings to all members of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Change Ringers. May happiness attend you and your families this Christmas and may your changes ring true throughout 1966. Your many kindnesses are remembered with affection. 8139

Merry Christmas to all at home and faraway places from J. S. ARMSTRONG, Morpeth. 8144

To all ringing friends everywhere, at home and abroad. A merry Christmas and a happy New Year is the sincere wish of JIM BENNETT, Grundisburgh. 8104

A merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all my ringing friends. — A. G. BISHOP, 12, Worplesdon Avenue, S.W.19. 8145

To all my ringing friends I extend my very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. — E. T. PAUL FIELD, 17, Stonehill, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Somerset. 8163

Christmas greetings to Lester Gray, Edward Jenkins and all my other ringing friends. — GEORGE FINCH, Marlesford, Suffolk. 8138

Mr. and Mrs. P. HARDING, of Catherington, Portsmouth, send greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends, especially members of Winchester and Portsmouth and Sussex Guilds. 8153

Mr. and Mrs. C. HOLAWAY, Lindsay Court Guest House, Carbis Bay, St. Ives, Cornwall, wish all their friends and guests the compliments of the season. Best wishes for 1966. 8118

Christmas greetings to all the Aldershot war-time handbell ringers, also Eileen and Hazel. Happy memories of Lynchford Road and Highfield Gardens. — HAROLD. 8117

Mrs. D. JAMES, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.—Greetings from the S.D.G., North Notts District, and thanks for your telegram to Rampton on the occasion of the Oswy Street Cup Contest. 8173

Christmas greetings to all members and friends of the Sussex County Association, remembering especially at this time those no longer able to ring.—From REG JOHNSON, Master. 8164

All best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all my ringing friends, with good ringing. — From HERBERT W. KNIGHT, 6, Church Road, Redhill, Wokingham. 8114

Christmas greetings and good wishes for 1966 to all ringing friends from C. LONG-HURST, West Grinstead. 8154

A very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all, from DAVID. FRANCES, GEORGE and HILDA MASSEY, Hurst, Spring Gardens, Frome, Somerset, and from MRS. D. MASSEY, Claygate, Surrey. 8121

The ringers of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, send Christmas greetings to all their English friends, and especially to the Great Adventurers. 8109

To all friends, far and near, a very happy Christmas, and may the bells ring out their message of peace and goodwill, everywhere. — N.S.T.G. (Nailsea, Zummerstet). — D. D. Strong. 8155

Christmas greetings to ringing friends near and far. Hoping to see you all in 1966. — From PETER and JEAN MINCHIN at Swindon. 8172

Mr. C. MOXON, of 13, Cemetery Road, Hemsworth, Pontefract, Yorks, thanks all ringing friends who made kind inquiries about him during his ten months in hospital with a fractured leg. Now at home, he sends them best wishes for Christmas and New Year. 8149

Christmas and New Year greetings to all my ringing friends, everywhere, from THOMAS G. MYERS, formerly of Regent Street, and now residing at 10, Connaught Avenue, Mutley, Plymouth, Devon. 8171

Greetings to all friends, old and new, far and near, and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. — CHAS. and M. SEDGLEY, 61, Belvedere Road, Ipswich. 8171

All good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to our Editor and his associates, coupled with good health and good luck to all ringing friends.—WILLIAM SHEPHERD, Addlestone, Surrey. 8131

MR. J. FRANK SMALLWOOD sends sincere wishes to all ringing friends for a happy Christmas, and good health, prosperity and good ringing in 1966 — 5, Stanton Close, Darley Dale, Matlock. 8116

Very best wishes to all my ringing friends for a merry Christmas and very happy New Year.—EVELYN STEEL, Biddenham. 8169

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all our ringing friends. — From MICHAEL AND BETTY STRACEY, 7, Aaron Road, South Cerney, Glos. 8165

To ALL our ringing friends "EVERYWHERE" — including NEW MEXICO, "OUR" "Ringing World"—cheap at double the price—the Editor (Mr. White) and staff, our warmest greetings and wishes for a very happy Christmas, a pleasant and profitable New and succeeding years; also our grateful thanks for the many happy years and times. Good ringing.—FRANK and ADA STENSON. 8140

Christmas and New Year's greetings to all friends, especially those we met in Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand and Grotton School on Great Adventure II.—LEN STILWELL. 8140

Greetings to all ringers from MR. and Mrs. ERNEST WEATHERLEY, California. 8140

King's Langley and district bellringers and their families are wished a merry Christmas and a happy New Year by JENNY and RICHARD WHITEHILL. 8140

LETTERS—Continued

GRANDSIRE—A WASTE OF TIME

Dear Sir,—In my opinion the method of Grandsire is hopelessly old-fashioned. Surely the ringing of a plain method today should be a "stepping stone" from the plain hunt to Surprise? In which case the beginner is going to derive no benefit whatsoever by being taught to ring a method bearing little or no relation to Surprise. Instruction in Grandsire is merely leading him into a backwater, where he more often than not will become bogged down and remain for the rest of his life. I therefore feel that we should try to forget about the days when Grandsire was the method and think carefully on the "stepping stones" we intend to use for our teaching. The ringing of Grandsire as an even-bell method is totally undesirable to listen to, a bad example for beginners and is no more instructive than chiming.

For these reasons I simply cannot conceive why anybody should wish to ring a peal of such rubbish. The peal of Grandsire Royal at Daventry—by competent ringers, all capable of Surprise Royal—was a sheer waste of bells, time and effort. I sincerely trust that repeat performances will not be forthcoming.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID J. MARSHALL.
University of Durham.

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MR. RING RECALLS

Dear Sir,—Just like her Bob Major, Mrs. Chapman's letter (page 760) gets off to a very bad start. In it she declares she has never had the pleasure of ringing with me—utter nonsense, madam! My records show that we rang together in a peal of Braunstone Surprise Major at Chilham, Kent, on October 26th, 1957; it may not have been a pleasure for her, but ring together we certainly did (I recall other occasions, too). Crawford T. Hillis also took part in that epic performance oddly enough.

Returning to Cheriton for a moment, it was obvious to me that the ringers of the front five bells had not much idea of striking properly; the fact that the conductor was ringing one of these makes the remainder of her letter look rather silly! Only 6, 7 and 8 were being rung properly (as near as the others would allow).

I most certainly decline Mrs. Chapman's invitation to "bash" my way through a course of Plain Bob at Charing with her, but I'm willing for her to have the Christmas pudding which was sent to me yesterday; with it came a wooden spoon which I am keeping for myself (to stir with—not to eat!). My thanks to the anonymous sender.

Crawford Hillis' letter has treachery written all over it; he has admitted that he is on my side (before witnesses, mind you), he has rested within these portals, sprawled in front of my fire, guzzled my sausage rolls and tea, safe from the stormy blast and the mob howling for his blood without, then, like Brutus of old, he stabs me in the back; I can but cry "Thou, too, Crawford?" He had better watch it or he will find himself deported to Cheriton double quick, there to ring with the Ladies' Guild for the rest of his natural life. (Do I detect a scream of terror from the Willesborough quarter?)

I conclude with some good news. While lurking at Wittersham a few weeks back I heard a jolly good quarter peal of Doubles rung on this awkward-going six. This was by a band of very modest ringers who lay no claim to greatness in our noble art. My congratulations to Brian Johnson and his band on some very good ringing. I only wish Mrs. Chapman had been there to hear how learners should perform! — I remain semper paratus,

WILFRED W. RING.

Bethersden, Kent.

SARRATT, HERTS.—1,500 Doubles (300 Grandsire, 1,200 Plain Bob): Rev. J. Tomlinson 1, June Recs 2, C. J. Harpley (first "inside") 3, I. Recs 4, D. J. Goodman (cond.) 5.

QUARTER PEALS

BATHFORD, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Swatton 1, P. J. Devrell 2, D. C. Hawkins (cond.) 3, J. E. Newman 4, A. B. Cannings 5, B. Sarll 6. For Advent.

CHELSEFIELD, KENT.—On Nov. 28th, 1,296 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. Lane (first of T.B.) 1, Ann Blatcher (first of T.B. "inside") 2, Jennifer Payne 3, D. L. Parker 4, D. C. Manger 5, N. J. Martin (cond.) 6.

COTTINGHAM, YORKS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Booth 1, Eve Rimer 2, Renee Page-Jones 3, J. I. Booth 4, C. L. D. Munday 5, G. Pybus 6, C. C. Brown (cond.) 7, R. M. Page-Jones 8. For Evensong. Also on Nov. 28th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Eve Rimer 1, Renee Page-Jones 2, D. P. B. Miles 3, C. L. D. Munday 4, R. D. Gibson 5, G. W. Randall 6, J. I. Booth (cond.) 7, C. C. Brown 8. A compliment to Walter Wright, who completed 30 years' service as organist this day.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Nov. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. C. May 1, G. S. E. Winter 2, E. C. Leigh 3, J. H. French 4, E. J. Jenner 5, B. E. Jeffrey 6, D. J. M. Cox (first of Grandsire as cond.) 7, H. W. Evans 8. Rung on the Festival of All Saints. Also on Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. C. May 1, G. S. E. Winter 2, E. C. Leigh 3, E. J. Jenner 4, R. J. Everest 5, H. W. Evans 6, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 7, D. J. M. Cox 8. Half-muffled.

LIVERPOOL, LANCS.—At Emmanuel Church, Everton, on Dec. 1st 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. White (first quarter) 1, D. G. Wilford 2, Miss P. A. Freeman 3, Miss J. Lethbridge 4, V. D. Jenner 5, D. F. Moore 6, M. A. Phillips (cond.) 7, J. J. Fox 8. Rung by members of Liverpool University Society of Change Ringers.

SALFORD, LANCS.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity, on Nov. 21st, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Norma Coom 1, A. S. Taylor 2, P. Coddington 3, E. A. Harrison 4, C. R. Calton 5, J. W. Gander 6, R. L. Coley 7, D. J. Baker (cond.) 8. First of Surprise 3 and 4. Also on Dec. 5th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Taylor (first quarter) 1, D. Jukes (first in method) 2, P. Coddington 3, S. Taylor 4, I. N. Goldthorpe 5, C. R. Calton 6, D. J. Baker 7, J. W. Gander (cond.) 8. Both rung by M.U.G.C.R. for Evensong.

SHROTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 4th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. C. Shute (cond.) 1, Miss H. Julius (first of Minor) 2, Miss R. Julius 3, Mrs. M. M. Godfrey 4, B. Ridout 5, F. Hilliar 6. First of Surprise 3, 5 and 6.

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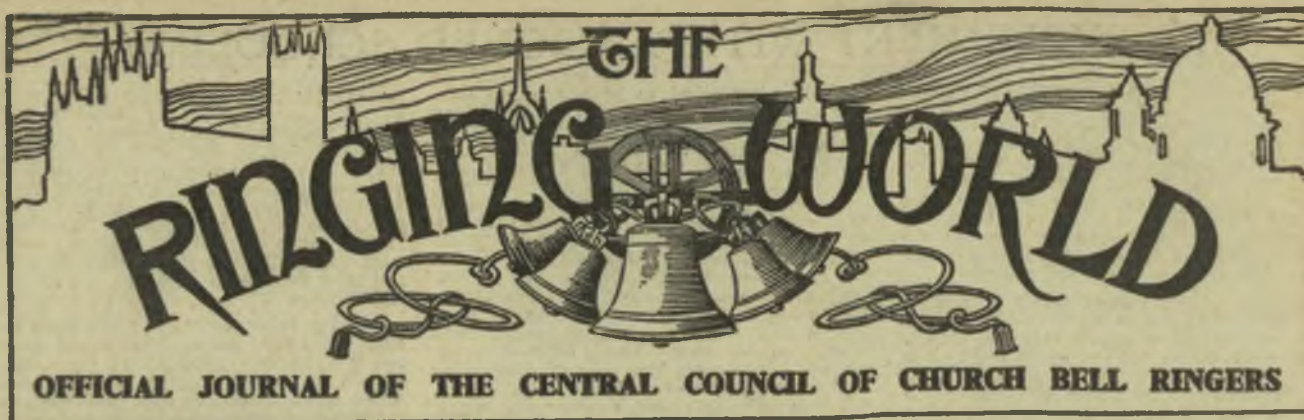
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IN THE FOOTHILLS

By the Rev. J. G. M. SCOTT

ALMOST any visitor to North Devon knows Combe

Martin; no motorist who has ever been there can possibly forget Countisbury and Lynmouth; but once you leave that coastal road you're in one of the least-frequented parts of the county—the Exmoor foothills running up from the lush meadows of the Taw valley to the fearful desolation of The Chains. Here are isolated churches beside lonely farms and neater, more clustered villages huddled round a church on a hillside, places with musical names like Stoke Rivers and Swymbridge, Berrynarbor and Martinhoe, Loxhore and Traveller's Rest. The speech here is distinctly different from other Devon accents, if one's ear is tuned to it; the people are hardy and hard-working; they have to be, or they wouldn't stay alive. This is the part of Exeter Diocese which comprises the Deanery of Shirwell, taking its name, as often happens, from a village which has no other distinction to mark it.

This isn't top-notch ringing country, though there are some good sixes in the area; of the towers in the Deanery only one, Swymbridge, right on the Deanery border, gets into the North Devon Six-Bell; and perhaps that is why, some years ago, the Shirwell Deanery Ringers' Festival came to fade out.

This was a pity, for the local Deanery Festivals are the foothills from which spring the peaks—the Down St. Marys, the West Downs and West Alvingtons and Widecombes of call-change ringing. So it was a lucky chance that brought into the Deanery a parson who though not a ringer is filled with interest and enthusiasm for the art. He was doubly fortunate in finding in Bratton Fleming, his new home, a parishioner who combines a passion for ringing with a passion for traction-engines — and traction-engines are the Rev. Harold Tucker's first and greatest love. With the firm support of George Tribe and the rest of the Bratton Fleming ringers, and the help of the Archdeacon of Barnstaple, who is Rector of Shirwell, Mr. Tucker revived the Shirwell Deanery Festival, and the obvious place for it to go this year was to Bratton Fleming.

About 700 feet up on the slopes of Exmoor, Bratton is one of the larger villages in the area, with a good number

of houses nestling round the church. The church itself had a great deal of loving care lavished on it just at the wrong moment in architectural history—the late 19th century—but its towers stands up strong and well proportioned. The bells are a beautiful 13-cwt. six, some by Taylor and some by Mears; they are tunable and mellow, and they go like so many tops.

There wasn't much doubt about how the competition would go as far as the shield was concerned; Swymbridge have been for some years among the best six bands in Devon, and as the competition was limited to towers within the Deanery it would need some very dire shipwreck to keep them out of first place. They made no mistake about it, with a peal which marked 23 faults against the 61½ which was enough to get Shirwell into second place. Goodleigh came third, followed by Berrynarbor, Bratton Fleming, Arlington and last of all the predominantly method-ringing band from Combe Martin, who very sportingly "had a go" though without any experience in competitions.

After the service there was ringing for all-comers, and although, through the Festival's coinciding with the Devon Association's annual meeting, not as many of the real experts came as had been hoped, the standard was in general very high, and the fine bells were kept tapping round to very good purpose.

Whether they involve a competition or not, these local festivals remain a most important element in call-change ringing, and it is to be hoped that the Shirwell Deanery ringers will keep this one going, so that perhaps before long another band from the Deanery may join Swymbridge in the Big League.

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AN EXPERIMENT WITH APPROVED SCHOOLBOYS

WE hope that, in a few weeks' time, there will appear in "The Ringing World" a quite undistinguished quarter peal of Bob Doubles. It will read like any other quarter rung in any other country tower throughout the year, and it will bear the footnote "First quarter for the tenor ringer. Rung as a farewell from his fellow ringers on leaving the district." And no one but his fellow ringers will know that the tenor ringer was a boy from an approved school.

The story of this quarter started 18 months ago when our Rector was approached by the headmaster of our local approved school. Could some of his boys learn to ring? The Rector in turn approached our tower captain, who went along to the school one evening and gave a short talk on tower bell ringing. The following week the first six volunteers attended practice night in the company of a master. The first thing which struck me was how adult these 16- and 17-year-olds looked. To begin with they sat and watched us ring call changes and Doubles and then each, in turn, rang a bell "one stroke" with our captain. This, of course, was productive of much merriment on the part of the others, but it also served to give us an indication of who was going to be quick on the uptake. It was obvious from the outset that one lad would quickly master his bell, and it transpired that his brother was a ringer and that Michael had attended practice with him although as a visitor only. After this initial visit followed a month on a tied bell, our devoted captain giving a complete evening a week to these boys on their own. At the end of this time they were ready to be incorporated into the general practice night, and by this time the potential of each lad had started to emerge. Out of our six original boys we had a good cross-section of the characters which grace any tower. There was the "cocky" one, the diffident one, the one who couldn't care less about his handling, the one who would never make a ringer in a thousand years, the nervous one who would have died rather than admit that he was terrified of his bell.

WELL WORTH WHILE

It was argued by some that to teach these lads was a waste of time, since at the very longest they would only be with us for a year. But this charge was soon vindicated when the first of the boys became proficient enough to come and ring for Sunday service. Soon we were having three additional ringers on a Sunday morning (some of the lads who lived close enough went home), and if this had been the only result I personally would have thought that the experiment was worth its while.

These lads were the ideal age to teach to handle a bell, and were soon full of self-confidence. Being first in the tower they were soon pulling a bell up, and we became accustomed to arriving for service and practice ringing to find all the bells "up." Then came the day when Michael distinguished himself by throwing the tenor over—an accident which the other five did not allow him to forget for about a month.

Of course, the inevitable day came when the first boy left us and went "on licence," and one by one the others followed suit, until in January of this year we were left with one boy only from the school. He was the lad who at the outset had been extremely nervous, but as we were able to devote more time to him he blossomed out and became a very presentable handler. He was the first

boy whom we asked to be allowed to take to a meeting with us, and he acquitted himself very well on eight bells, having only been accustomed to six at home. Poor Tony, he was quite foxed by all the talk of Bristol and Stedman! Of our original six, two progressed to ringing "tenor covering," and I think could have managed a quarter peal had we been able to arrange one for them. Well, "one little nigger boy"—would this be the end of the experiment? Not a bit; before Tony left us there appeared Bill (with a face like an angel and the disposition of an imp) who in four weeks was ringing rounds confidently on his own. There followed in a few weeks two more lads (one of whom suffered a slipped disc—not from ringing!—after a couple of weeks and so left us). Then another two of identical Christian name, which was productive of much confusion initially.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

In May all were safe as houses on the end of a rope, and we asked if they could all attend a District meeting with us. This was the first of quite a few outings throughout the summer, and we were surprised at how well these lads, juvenile delinquents all, integrated with the other teenagers. It soon became obvious that six had been too many, and that four from the school was a much better number to cope with at a time. Six boys had been inclined to be a bit "cliquey," but four mingled in with our own band very happily. We have a predominantly feminine band, and as you can guess we have had the odd budding romance which has faded as soon as the boy concerned has returned home.

When I take boys back to school after a Saturday meeting I am always asked by their fatherly house master, "Well, and did they behave themselves?" and the answer to date has always been "Yes, of course." They have never been anything but a pleasure to take out for an afternoon's ringing and, although they profess to hate their school uniform, always look neat and presentable in their navy blazers, blue shirts and grey flannels.

Well, the four have now dwindled to one again, and last week the deputy head came to practice to ask our captain if he would take any more boys. He has elected to have three more, and so next practice night we will start again—introducing a lad to the basic skills of handling a bell, and watching him develop and blossom both as a ringer and as a personality.

Our last experienced lad is now ringing "tenor covering" quite competently, and we very much hope to get him through a quarter peal before he leaves us. This will give him a sense of personal achievement and also, we hope, provide a goal for the boys coming after him to attain.

THE FOLLOW-UP

And has it all been worth it—teaching boys who you are aware will only stay with you for a year? I would say "Yes" on three counts. Firstly, the short term one. We gain from this scheme at least three additional Sunday service ringers. Secondly, the long term one. As each lad leaves school I ask him for his address and try to put him in touch with a band near his own home. I am under no illusion about the number who will immediately continue with ringing (to date I think it is only one out of the nine who have gone home on licence), but I say "immediately" advisedly. When these boys

return to their normal background the majority of them are going to be afraid that their family and friends will consider church bell ringing "cissy." But what of the future? Maybe in three or four years' time a 20-year-old, more mature and with a mind of his own, will hear the bells go up for service or practice night, and feel once again the attraction of ringing. It is with this in mind that we have tried to take them outside their own tower and show them more of ringing and the people who practise it.

And the third count? A much more subtle one. I am hard put to define it and can only call it "character training." I was asked by one of the masters recently to name the boys whom we have had ringing. He pondered a moment and then smiled and said: "Well, there must be something in this ringing lark; not one of those lads has been in trouble again since leaving school." Of course, this is partly accounted for by the fact that all our ringers are "hand picked" by their house master, and are lads whom he is reasonably certain will behave themselves in company. But in addition to this I cannot help feeling that the voluntary discipline of ringing is good for these lads, as well as giving them a glimpse of an activity which the majority of them did not know existed. We will certainly not see the fruits of this experiment, but if it means one more lad with a little more stability, or one more tower with a regular Sunday service ringer, it will have been worth while.

RESCUED FROM A DUNGEON

Exeter Guildhall's Ancient Bell Visible Again

In the year 1456 William Duke, Mayor of Exeter, provided the city's Guildhall with a bell, which was cast at the Exeter foundry at a cost of £1 13s. 4d. Inscribed with the words "Celi Regina me protege quaeso ruina" ("Queen of Heaven, protect me, I pray, from ruin"), in small black-letter script, the bell was hung in the Guildhall at a cost of 9s., and later had a bell-cote built for it when the building was reconstructed in 1484. Whether it was used simply as an alarm bell is not certain, but an order from the Mayor and Corporation in 1466 commanded "Every inhabitant when the Common Bell is Ronge to come with his Weapon and to attende the Mayor and his officers."

At some time between that day and the present the bell's canons were broken, taking a piece of the crown with them; during the last hundred years it vanished from human ken, until last year an inquisitive ringer, checking up on Ellacombe's "Church Bells of Devon," inquired after it of the constable in the office beside the Guildhall door and was told it was under the floor. The constable very kindly opened a trap-door and procured a ladder, and the ringer going down the ladder to see a bell for the first time in his life, found it alone in a large, dark and very dirty hole, covered in cobwebs.

The town clerk, on being asked why the city kept one of its most ancient possessions in a dungeon, consulted with the surveyor; the surveyor had the bell released from durance vile, removed the ancient bolts which still remained fixed through its crown, cleaned it and had it put in a place where it can be seen if not rung, and where it can tell the "inhabitants" of Exeter that the Mayor and his officers care about their ancient history.

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CENTENARY OF A SOUTH WALES PIONEER

DECEMBER 5th saw the hundredth anniversary of the birth of John W. Jones and brought to those who knew him a reminder of the life and work of a figure who influenced change ringing in South Wales for more than half a century.

At his death in 1956 J. W., as he was affectionately known, left all his ringing books, including a complete set of "Ringing Worlds", from the first issue, to the Llandall and Monmouth Diocesan Association, of which he was a founder member and its general secretary for almost 50 years.

To mark the 100th anniversary of his birth, and to perpetuate his memory, it was decided to install a permanent memorial at the Church of All Saints, Newport, where he was leader for 47 years. The memorial planned was an oak bookcase to house his books together with the "Ringing Worlds" which the Association had undertaken to have suitably bound. The bookcase in oak is beautifully made and is the work of Mr. Donald G. Clarke, provided entirely at his own expense, and surmounted by a suitably inscribed plate. It is undoubtedly a labour of love and will be a lasting tribute to the memory of the man who taught him to ring.

At a service conducted by the Vicar and attended by ringers and friends from all parts of both dioceses, the treasurer of the Association (the Rev. Ivor J. Richards) dedicated the memorial and in the course of an interesting address which covered the full range of J. W.'s activities we were left in no doubt of the great part he had played in the advancement of our art in South Wales.

A COUNTY CRICKETER

He was a cricketer of no mean ability, and had played for Monmouthshire. Like another Jones boy much in the news of late, he was a fast left-arm bowler who could bowl lobbs when required, and had done so in a county match. He was also interested in Rugby football, and when Newport and Cardiff were playing either home or away there would be no ringing on those days. At such times he enjoyed entertaining his friends at Newport Conservative Club, and if those two stalwarts Fred Atwell and Charley Greedy happened to be around it was not long before they would be engaged in fierce argument on some topic or another.

He learned to ring at Caerleon during the latter part of the last century, and moving to All Saints, Newport, when the church was being built, found that it had already been decided to install a set of tubular bells, but that was not for him, and the authorities were soon talked into having a proper ring of eight. He remained leader at this tower for 47 years, and perhaps the greatest tribute to his leadership is that he taught and maintained a full band during the whole of that period, ringing twice each Sunday and never failing to attend the morning service. In latter years one could only marvel at the energy he produced to climb the precipitous Barrack Hill to his home, but he was active beyond his years, and his unbounded enthusiasm never allowed him to flag.

He was elected Master of his Association in 1898 and again 50 years later, in 1948. He was general secretary from 1899 to 1945, and his genial rotund figure—the bowler hat and unfurled umbrella—became a familiar landmark at meetings and dedications up and down the country. It was his proud boast that during his secretaryship he did not miss a single Central Council meeting, and as a College Youth he had an unbroken run of attendances at the annual dinner.

During his lifetime he amassed around 600 peals, well over half being for his native Association, but it is certain that he laid no claim to fame, no name synonymous with perfection here, his peals were of the "bread and butter" variety to ensure progress and continuity.

WORK FOR NEW BELLS

He was methodical in everything he did, and undoubtedly his greatest work lay in his ability to persuade church authorities in the course they should take in the provision

NINETY-THREE YEARS JOINT SERVICE



It is hard to speak of oneself. That is why Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Beamish, of the Church of All Saints, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, can hardly themselves laud a joint 93 years' service to Coton belfry! This proud fact came to light when, in tribute to their long work for tower and church, they were asked to combine in opening their church's Christmas fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Beamish started ringing at Coton in their youth and stuck to the ropes with conspicuous results. Mr. Beamish, currently the second only lay-president of Coventry Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, has been captain at Coton from 1950, and is a past Ringing Master of the Guild.

He has rung in 2,000 towers in the British Isles and Eire, and belongs to numerous Guilds, including the Ancient Society of College Youths and National Police Guild (he served as a Police War Reserve).

Together they have built up a handbell tuning band and have been heard on radio.

of bells. It is on record that he was responsible for getting completely new rings of bells installed at Caerphilly, Llanbadoc Pontypridd, Penarth, Radyr, Usk and, in 1913, the fine Taylor ten at St. Woolos', Newport. It was a bitter pill for him when in 1939 the work of augmenting this fine ten to twelve was given to another firm, for he was the complete Taylor fan.

Perhaps his crowning glory came just before World War II, when his advice was taken all the way in the provision of the new bells at Ebbw Vale, for where will you find better? Here, too, he suffered his greatest disappointment, being responsible for the loss of what would have been the first peal of Stedman Triples when the bells were in the last course, but the story of that failure has been told in more colourful terms.

Those who were privileged to ring in the peal marking his centenary, particularly those who knew him, must have felt as I did, that he would have approved it all—the ringing, the opportunity given to the grandson of an old friend to attempt his first peal, the composition (for it was he alone who gave the necessary encouragement to learn and call it) and, lastly, the method, for though Stedman was his first love it was an axiom of his never to despise Grandshire. By his personal example he leaves a feeling of inadequacy, and a conviction that his life's work is a memorial far greater than anything we can erect.

D. G. C.

At Coton they have rung their way through the times of five bishops, six vicars, 22 curates and 12 churchwardens!

Mrs. Beamish served the Coventry Guild for 25 years as honorary secretary and then treasurer. Their only daughter, Margaret, who took to the bells at Coton at the age of seven, is a ringer at Bishopstoke, Hants, and is honorary treasurer of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild. Her husband is tower captain and chairman at their local church.

Mr. Beamish's 91-year-old mother is an honorary member of the Coventry Guild. As president, his ambition is to see Coventry Cathedral bells rehung for ringing, and at the recent Guild dinner he challenged the Guild to find the wherewithal (£7,000) by way of a national appeal.

As befits the length and variety of their service and their dispositions, Mr. and Mrs. Beamish are widely known inside and outside bellringing and enjoy the love and respect of numerous friends everywhere.

E. M.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION Taunton Branch

Good use was made of the fine ring of eight at Wellington Parish Church when the annual general meeting of the Taunton Branch was held there on December 4th. Some 55 members and visitors were present, the latter coming from the Dunster and Bridgwater Branches, Sampford Peverell and Camborne. The Guild Office was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. R. J. C. Lloyd), assisted by the curate (the Rev. A. J. Eyles), himself a ringer. Wives and mothers of the local ringers had prepared an excellent tea in the Parish Hall, and the Branch chairman (the Rev. D. Morey, Vicar of St. Mary's, Taunton) presided over the business meeting which followed.

Mr. A. H. Reed, the hon. secretary and treasurer, presented the annual report and balance sheet, and eight new members were elected including Shirley North, the eight-year-old daughter of the captain of Wellington tower. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, the Rev. D. Morey; vice-chairman, Mrs. E. M. Williams; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. H. Reed; Ringing Master, Mr. D. North; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. N. Maggs. Some handbell ringing by the Branch experts preceded further ringing on the tower bells.

Letters to the Editor

FIRST AMERICAN PEAL

Dear Sir,—With regard to your comment that the late Mrs. Shurcliff was probably the first citizen of the United States to ring a peal, Morris ("History and Art of Change Ringing," page 538) says of the peal of Grandsire Triples at Christ Church, Philadelphia, in 1850, that it was rung by seven Englishmen, "an American being engaged to ring the tenor." On page 312 of the same book, however, the tenor is shown as being rung by Richard Dodd and John Davey, presumably both Americans. I am not sure where the names were obtained from, but the other information almost certainly came from the reminiscences of James Hewett, of Gosport, one of the band.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

PILGRIMS AND SCOTLAND

Dear Sir,—I have received many requests to organise a coach or car Pipe's Pilgrims' tour of Scotland in 1966 or 1967, but I know so little of the country that I would be grateful for advice on the ringable bells, names and addresses for permission to ring, beauty spots, routes and hotels.

Information such as the best time of the year for the visit and dates of national events would also be valuable.—Yours sincerely,

CECIL W. PIPE.

"Easta," Grundisburgh,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.

"TOWER CAPTAINS" COURSE

Dear Sir,—One is inclined to wonder if the guest lecturer at the recent event at Lea Green was deliberately misinformed regarding the status of the people attending, and how many actual tower captains were present; certainly not the one from Chesterfield Parish Church.

For this meeting to be held at the week-end including Remembrance Sunday, thereby taking ringers from their own towers when the bells are to be rung muffled, seems to be very short-sighted, especially when the information and knowledge imparted could just as easily have been obtained by asking pertinent questions at any monthly meeting of a Society or Association.

This sort of thing seems to be a case of making much ado about little or nothing.—Yours faithfully,

SAM SCATTERGOOD,
Ringing Master, Chesterfield.

MR. JOHN CHILCOTT'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—May I use your columns in order to thank all those members and friends who associated themselves with the presentation made to me upon relinquishing office as secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The handsome cigarette lighter I received will be a constant companion and the accompanying cheque will be used to procure some domestic memento which will give pleasure to both my wife and myself.

Gentlemen, thank you all very much. —Yours faithfully,

JOHN CHILCOTT.

Hawley, Camberley.

THE NET AT BREAKING POINT

Dear Sir,—Our belfry was getting short of ringers, through marriage, university, etc. We tried all sorts of ways to get recruits— notices and later a full-page article in the parish magazine, notices given out by the Vicar from the pulpit and at the local Church school. No recruits—and by the spring we were often only able to ring once on Sundays instead of our usual twice.

Finally I wrote a letter of appeal to the local Scoutmaster, Guide Captain and the leader of the Youth Club, advising them that we would be having a special "open" evening at which anyone who was interested could come and watch, ask questions and find out what it was all about. Two turned up—one the brother of one of our ringers, who was going to learn, anyway, as he was now 12, and the other a girl who was very interested but didn't think she had the time as she was taking G.C.E. next year. Another disappointment.

The next day was June 30th, Balance Day for bank clerks, and I was late arriving at practice. I opened the door to find the belfry apparently swarming with strange youngsters. The girl of the night before had approached her headmistress (of a nearby girls' school) and persuaded her to give out a notice at "Prayers" to the effect that our belfry was in danger of falling silent if recruits weren't found. Six girls came along, plus the brother of the ringer, plus the ex-head-choirboy and his sister, plus a friend of a ringer—ten recruits in all.

We started them off on a separate night, with three bells tied, and I have never seen such keenness and competition to learn. One girl dropped by the wayside, but two more girls and three young boys have been added, making 14 learners! All but the two latest recruits can handle their bells competently in rounds, and most of them still insist on coming to the Tuesday tied-bell practice as well as the Wednesday open practice, so I have started them off on plain hunt on handbells—one bell each.

One girl is a Methodist, but as our morning service is early, she is happy to ring for this before going on to her own church. But I did get a bit worried when one evening the Vicar came to chat to the learners (as he quite often does) and remarked to one of the girls that he didn't recall seeing her before. She replied that that was quite possible as she was a Roman Catholic. He smiled and told her that we were all broadminded, and everybody was quite happy—particularly as she assures me that she can ring for both services on Sundays.

However, looking at all these keen youngsters, it can be quite frightening. Am I going to let them down now that they are reaching the stage of change ringing? However are we going to manage to teach this to them all? It is going to be more difficult than the first steps.—Yours, etc.,

RUTH FOREMAN,
Captain, Hendon Tower.

LONDON'S OLD BELLS

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent has omitted the bell at the Hall of the Skinners' Company which appears to be a 12th century casting.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE P. ELPHICK.

Lewes.

ROPE EXPERIMENTS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the recent correspondence about bell ropes, I would agree with most of what Mr. R. H. Duke writes, except for his paragraph about four-strand ropes.

I would not recommend them, they are more expensive, much harder to splice, I don't think they will last longer, as, in the trade, we reckon four-strand breaking strains to be 11 per cent. less than three-strand.

The following are the strains of most sizes used for bell ropes:

	3-Strand	4-Strand
1½ in. cir., 1½ in. dia.	14 cwt.	12.5 cwt.
1½ in. cir., 7/16 in. dia.	17.5 cwt.	15.5 cwt.
1½ in. cir., 1½ in. dia.	21 cwt.	19 cwt.

I have tried some experiments with different types of rope, where the atmospheric conditions dry the ropes very quickly.

First I used Terylene; this was spliced in about three to four feet below the garter hole; this has been in use for over three years now, without signs of wear. There was some stretch at first, but most of this was pulled out after a few peals.

I am now trying some very lightly steam-tarred Italian hemp for the whole of the top end of the rope, and up to now this is proving quite satisfactory with no more attention other than occasionally moving in the garter hole.—Yours faithfully,

E. N. HARRISON.

Fenham.

SECURING ROPES TO WHEELS

Dear Sir,—To anyone not conversant with securing ropes to wheels I offer my method:

Assuming one is to change a rope from one already hanging, commence downstairs by making a sheet bend knot with loop of old rope and top end of new one, leaving new one coiled ready on a clean floor in such a way as not to kink, then go up aloft. Undo old rope and pull out through garter hole and commence coiling up old rope, bringing the new one with it. Temporarily tie new rope to something handy, afterwards disposing of coiled up old rope by bell chamber door or hatch, away from the dirt.

Feed new rope through garter hole and get comfortably astride the headstock, sitting on one's cap brought for the purpose! Commence pulling up slack rope until companion in ringing chamber signals that the bottom end of sally is on a level with his nose, assuming he is of average height. Bring rope round the bell side of the arm spoke and secure with half hitch around the further high spoke of wheel returning free end back along and above the now anchored rope.

Commence square lashing turns round high spokes, working upwards until with about four feet of rope left free commence frapping turns round the bound work through the "eye," finishing with a running clove hitch. By starting the frapping turns the same side as the half hitch, one will be able to tuck the trailing end down the resultant hollow enabling the last few inches of rope to be brought out from the bottom and be trapped under the rope coming from the garter hole. Ropes fitted like this can be adjusted in a trice with no loss of temper.—Yours sincerely,

Swindon.

PETER MINCHIN.

GREATEST NUMBER OF METHODS

Dear Sir,—The footnote to the peal of Doubles rung at Waterford on November 20th was a statement of fact, not a question.—Yours sincerely,

Dublin.

COLIN A. LEWIS.

BELL ROPES
JOHN NICOLL
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LETTERS—Continued

MR. T. J. LOCK'S OTHER TOUR

Dear Sir,—I thank Mr. Lock for his reply concerning his tour of the Fens. In reciprocating it is my sincere hope that previous remarks have not been misinterpreted as being opposed to the integrity of the organisers of the peal, nor the ringers of the church at which the peal was rung. I accept that the peal was rung in good faith.

Mr. Lock's admirable explanation of the remarkable plans entailed when arranging tours are, I feel, worthy of emulation. I suppose all prolific peal ringers are, first and foremost, desirous of recording efforts, viz. first in tower, first in method, etc., in the accustomed manner, not that I believe there is anything wrong with that. Some ringers are very considerate and take pains to avoid trouble. Yet there are those who evidently care not at all for encouraging repercussion and hostile public reaction, which can, and has on occasions, descended in one way and another upon the ringers of the church in which a peal has been rung. Even the most carefully planned peal can have degrading trends public-wise, for people are ever becoming increasingly sensitive to what they consider to be unnecessary noise.

If I may, by way of illustration, I would resurrect recollections of a certain arrangement—vastly inferior to Mr. Lock's—by a band of touring peal ringers several years ago, the organiser of whom applied at the last moment to the incumbent, who, incidentally, displayed little or no interest in his bells or ringers, seeking permission to ring a peal. It transpired that the clergyman had no idea that a peal would last in the region of three hours. In this instance the peal, which began without pre-knowledge by local ringers, broke down shortly before its planned termination, and for the following two or three months the church bellringers underwent considerable embarrassment on the occasion of practices and other events and were well nigh obliged to postpone further practices for an indefinite period. Individuals from nearby houses even entered the church in an endeavour to prevent them from ringing. At another church near Fenland a peal was allowed to take place at a time when it was glaringly obvious that to do so would be inviting hot coals on the heads of those concerned. Consequently heavy pressure was brought to bear upon the incumbent, with the result that ringing activities were severely curtailed. These two examples will surely support my assertion that it is a simple thing indeed to jeopardise efforts by local bellringers by ill-conceived consent to long-length ringing of bells when circumstances forbid.

I was particularly drawn to the comment in the write-up of Mr. Lock's Fenland tour, in which the curator of Wisbech Museum "strongly protested." One visualised by that remark an irate man "doing his nut" beneath the clamour of the bells. I may be wrong, but it seems to me this comment was inspired to some degree by a sense of detached amusement. It would, perhaps, have been better to have omitted that from the report. A single objector may not evoke much attention, but I felt that it should be realised by those who participated in that

peal that objectors were not confined to the Museum alone.

As an employee of a group of newspapers, one of which received and published several objectional letters, I can assure Mr. Lock that in this instance, as in others, the matter was not prolonged, and that the letters were published as they were received without embellishment, as are all letters, provided they are not unsavoury. The same unbiased attention would be given to any reply on behalf of the ringers and bells. The fact remains there were objectors and all citizens in this land possess the right to criticise, both verbally and in writing.

I have not the slightest doubt that Mr. Lock's party received a most cordial welcome by Wisbech ringers. The writer has, on numerous occasions, been privileged to witness and receive similar attention.

It is not my intention of entering a joust with Mr. Lock or any other person and trust it will not be so, but I cannot help wondering as to how those objectors, some of whom expected the Vicar to apologise, would interpret the message instigated by a branch meeting, when the bells would in all probability be rung spasmodically for four or five hours. It is very doubtful that they would be aware of the difference between bell-ringing and pleasure-ringing for they are now "poised," as it were. It is logical, therefore, to assume that further applications for peal attempts at this church, or any other church in similar circumstances, by touring teams, individuals and by the Association, will receive a thumbs-down indication.

I think any ringer will agree there is a world of difference between the ringing of peals, and "sample" ringing. There are at least two aspects to any problem and I think one does well to bear each and all in mind. Alas, extremes, however creditable in the pursuing of our pleasurable and unique craft, can all too easily give rise to thorns of discontent and hostility in the hides of the uninitiated.

My best wishes to Mr. Lock and his friends and to the ringers at Wisbech St. Peter's Church.—Yours faithfully,

TREVOR A. BEVIS.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Visiting ringers from as far afield as Burton-on-Trent and Heckington (Lincs) were present when the Chesterfield District met at Old Brampton on November 20th. Under the supervision of Mr. C. J. Hughes, ringing to suit quite a wide variety of tastes took place on the pleasant 12 cwt. six.

After an excellent tea in the George and Dragon, a short informal meeting was held, during which Mr. M. Buckmann (Chesterfield) was elected a member. Advance notice was also given of next year's annual dinner, which is to be held in Chesterfield on February 19th, members being advised to make early applications for tickets.

The meeting was concluded by the District chairman, Mr. D. Cooper, proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Old Brampton, the Rev. A. B. Gordon, who was unfortunately in hospital with pneumonia, to Mr. J. Arkwell of the local company for making the arrangements, and to the landlady, Mrs. A. Broadbent, for providing the refreshments. M. P. P.

OBITUARY

MR. HARRY IVE

With much regret we report the death of Mr. Harry Ive, a member of the band at St. Martin's, Ruislip, for nearly 50 years. He had a heart attack about three weeks ago and was taken to Hillingdon Hospital, where he died on November 30th.

The funeral was at St. Martin's on December 6th, a large congregation attending. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service at the church and before cremation at Ruislip.

Harry had rung several quarter peals, but only one peal—Grandsire Triples at Pinner. He was a thatcher by trade and there are several examples of his work on the thatched houses of Middlesex and the surrounding counties. He was also a well-known member of the Ruislip Bowling Club. He will be sadly missed in St. Martin's belfry. May he rest in peace. T. C.

MR. THOMAS METCALFE

With regret we record the death on December 3rd of Mr. Thomas Metcalfe, of Dalton-in-Furness. He was a ringer at Dalton for 65 years and a stalwart Sunday service and practice ringer all his career. He rang 32 peals and conducted one.

A lifelong member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade he was superintendent at Dalton from 1923 until 1948; also treasurer of the same until his death. For many years he was a member of the R.A.O.B., in which he attained the degree of R.O.H. "Old Tom," as he was known, will be sadly missed.

Ringers from a wide area rang Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters for the funeral service and later a peal of Bob Major was rung to his memory with the bells half-muffled. Mr. Metcalfe is survived by two sisters, to whom we offer our deepest sympathy. W. W.

MR. HARRY WAND

With the passing of Mr. Harry Wand on December 4th at Market Overton, Rutland, the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Guild has lost three of its oldest members in six weeks. Harry was at the funeral of his friend, Albert Scott, only the Saturday before he died, and the news of his passing came as a great shock. Although Harry had reached the age of 87, he was still smart and erect, not looking a day over 70.

Most of his ringing was around the Bourne district between 1900 and 1930. He then moved to Market Overton, where ringing was quiet, but he seldom missed a meeting of the Southern Branch, and also attended most of the Saturday night practices.

The funeral service took place at Market Overton on December 8th, the Guild being represented by Mr. L. Blanchard and Mr. F. Hubbard. Cremation followed at Loughborough. In the evening a quarter peal of Doubles at Market Overton came to an abrupt end when a rope broke in the tenth extent. The ringers were five of his friends, W. Marsh 1, C. Wade 2, H. Burill 3, F. Hubbard 4, L. Blanchard 5. C. W.

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HALF PEAL

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At 11, Sanderson Road, on Dec. 6th, 2,520 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. E. Askew 1—2, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 3—4, S. J. Pardoe 5—6. First half peal for the Society of Royal Grammar School Youths. Rung by a present pupil band.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Helen, on Dec. 5th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: M. J. Hiller (first of Treble Bob Major) 1, M. C. E. Hodge 2, C. I. Rowson (first of Yorkshire) 3, J. M. Elaine Dixon 4, R. M. Heywood 5, G. R. Mordaunt 6, A. P. Foster 7, D. R. Baxter (cond.) 8. For and during the Abingdon School Confirmation service.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Remembrance Day, 1,260 Doubles (three methods) 1, 3 leading: J. Cuss 1, T. Gilligan 2, J. Oliver (first quarter) 3, H. Craig 4, A. Palmer 5, F. Read (cond.) 6, G. Newman 7, L. Foote 8. Correction.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. M. Chennell-White 1, Miss M. White 2, R. Stone 3, Miss S. Wood 4, B. Gambrell 5, C. Chennell-White 6, B. Walton 7, R. Corke (cond.) 8. First of Major 1, 3 and 6.

BACKWELL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob: Mr. Blake 1, T. Phillips 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, C. Kortwright 4, J. Lott 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Herbert Brain, father of John Brain, interred this day.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Buck 1, E. Buck 2, F. Fearn 3, D. Salisbury 4, M. Orme 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, R. Castledine 7, J. Dear (cond.) 8.

BAMPTON, OXON.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. J. Nelson 1, E. Wills 2, R. A. Yeates 3, B. Wakefield 4, A. P. Foster 5, R. M. Heyworth 6, G. R. Mordaunt (cond.) 7, R. Wharton 8.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, L. Foster 2, R. E. Lester (cond.) 3, A. Lockwood 4, Miss A. E. J. Lester 5, J. J. Prentice 6. Half-muffled.

BIGGIN HILL, KENT.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Penny Kift 1, Mrs. B. van Asselt 2, Mrs. B. Stocker 3, R. C. Kift 4, H. M. Williamson (cond.) 5, H. L. Williamson 6. First in method 1, 3 and 4.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, 1,260 Stedman Triples: M. J. Bew 1, Wendy Treble 2, R. Newton 3, P. Treble 4, Kathleen Powell 5, A. W. Bond 6, R. J. Talbot (cond.) 7, A. V. Sheppard 8. For the Feast of St. Nicholas.

BRINKLOW, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Carol Hedges 1, W. C. Budd 2, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 3, P. G. Lock 4, J. G. Edson 5, P. M. Edgson 6. A farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. S. E. C. Whitcombe.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Stephen, on Dec. 5th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: J. Keddie 1, Angela Hawes 2, N. W. H. Simon (cond.) 3, Gillian Brearley (first of Triples in the method) 4, M. Gilbey 5, A. Tyler 6, M. Zobel 7, J. T. Parsons 8. Rung by the U.B.S.C.R. with the best wishes of the band to Pauline Bligh-Cheesman, for a speedy recovery from illness after a recent accident.

BRYANSTON, DORSET.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Judith A. Robertson 1, R. J. Cooles 2, C. J. N. Dalton 3, W. T. Perrins (cond.) 4, R. G. W. Robertson 5, L. Perrins 6. For Advent.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Price (first quarter) 1, Sandra M. Pitman (first in method as cond.) 2, M. T. L. Griffiths-Jones (first "inside") 3, W. J. Foot 4, H. I. Pitman 5, Janet A. Fawcett 6. For Evensong.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At St. Alphege's Church, on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. C. Farnsworth 1, Miss F. Templeman (first "inside") 2, T. C. Phillimore 3, D. W. Grimwood (first quarter) 4, E. T. Eades (cond.) 5, N. P. Press (first quarter) 6. For Evensong.

CHOBHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Mumford (first away from tenor) 1, Anne Pickering 2, D. G. Blows 3, G. Coldman 4, J. W. Priest 5, P. J. Privett 6, Roy Collins (cond.) 7, Ron Collins 8.

CLANFIELD, OXON.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,280 Wembley Surprise Major: A. P. Foster (cond.) 1, E. Wills 2, R. M. Heyworth 3, R. A. Yeates 4, R. Wharton 5, G. R. Mordaunt 6, B. Wakefield 7, F. J. Nelson 8.

QUARTER PEALS

COFFINSWELL, DEVON.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): D. A. Wills 1, F. Williams (first of mixed Doubles) 2, J. West 3, H. L. Crisp 4, F. D. Mack (cond., 100th quarter peal) 5, A. E. Knight 6.

CRANFIELD, BEDS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): S. Wooler 1, D. R. Manton 2, Pauline Hillson 3, G. Holman 4, D. W. Manton (cond.) 5.

CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Oatley 1, P. Hull (cond.) 2, G. Willmott 3, J. Metcalfe 4, R. Miles 5, H. Roach 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Gulley.

DANEHILL, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Smith 1, V. Stevens (first "inside") 2, Peggy M. Butcher 3, A. W. Fuller (cond.) 4, D. Slater 5, M. J. Sale 6. Rung on her 20th birthday to celebrate the engagement of Miss Peggy Butcher and Mr. Patrick Penfold. Also an 11th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. Slater.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Nov. 24th, 1,250 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: W. E. Critchley (cond.) 1, Marguerite Battram 2, J. Thorley 3, H. Wagstaff 4, E. Dalington 5, H. Scott 6, G. Jackson 7, F. J. Jackson 8. Rung for Confirmation. Also to mark the occasion of the gaining of degree of M.A. by Mr. John Thorley.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (on the heavy eight): T. H. Wilson 1, H. W. Jones 2, Miss E. A. Sadler 3, C. J. Reede 4, R. A. Vere Hodge 5, W. T. Farrell 6, C. A. Lewis (cond.) 7, H. H. Brown 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. I. George. A wedding compliment to Miss Marilyn Bernard Smith and John Porter.

EAST CLAYDON, BUCKS.—On Nov. 15th, 1,260 Doubles: G. F. Edmans 1, G. W. Holland 2, R. A. Vickers (cond.) 3, W. A. Yates 4, J. Linnell 5.

EBBW VALE, MON.—On Dec. 7th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: P. Grindle 1, T. Stephens 2, M. Smith 3, Mrs. A. Bruten 4, R. Stephens 5, G. Ward 6, J. Alsop (cond.) 7, D. Bruten 8. First quarter 1 and 3. In memoriam John W. Jones.

FROXFIELD, HANTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): Mary White 1, R. A. Stone 2, D. J. White 3, K. A. Tipper 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, B. Pink 6. For Evensong.

GEDLING, NOTTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (three methods): J. Dawson 1, Mrs. D. Surman (first "inside") 2, D. A. Osbourne 3, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 4, D. Surman 5, R. Adey 6. With the congratulations of the band to Michael Adey, on gaining his degree. Also on Dec. 5th, 1,440 Doubles (36 variations): R. Adey 1, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 2, D. Osbourne 3, D. Surman 4, J. R. Pratchett 5, J. Dawson 6. For Matins.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Dec. 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: R. M. Preston, sen. 1, Miss N. Gilliland 2, T. Winderam, jun. 3, R. Preston, jun. 4, T. Winderam, sen. 5, D. M. Graham-Service 6, J. Mossop (cond.) 7, M. Johnson 8. First of Plain Bob 2, 3, 4 and 6. For Evensong.

GREAT LONGSTONE, DERBYS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss S. Davis 1, Miss E. Hearnshaw 2, D. Kinxman 3, B. Bateman 4, T. Wylie (first as cond.) 5, J. Arkwell 6.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Wells (first quarter) 1, W. White 2, Mary Thomas 3, L. F. Cox 4, J. H. Napper (cond.) 5, C. J. Garlick 6, A. H. Webb 7, E. G. Sawyer 8. For the Patronal Festival.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. Chennell-White 1, R. Corke 2, Miss M. White 3, R. Stone 4, Miss S. Wood 5, B. Cambrill 6, B. Walton (cond.) 7, C. Chennell-White 8.

HENDON, MIDDXX.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Warren 1, Ruth Foreman (cond.) 2, Dorothea Robotham 3, Dianne Gazeley 4, M. Pavitt 5, D. Rothera 6, R. Hardy 7, R. Moore 8. First on eight bells 4 and 5. Rung for Confirmation.

HEREFORD.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Preece 1, W. Kitson 2, H. Johnson 3, S. Bowyer 4, F. Reynolds (cond.) 5, D. Wright 6. Rung for the silver wedding of the Rev. F. W. Heath (Rector) and Mrs. Heath.

HIGHWORTH, WILTS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,312 Spliced Surprise Major (five methods): E. Wills 1, R. Wharton 2, R. A. Yeates 3, B. Wakefield 4, G. R. Mordaunt 5, R. M. Heyworth 6, F. J. Nelson (cond.) 7, A. P. Foster 8.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Clement's Church, on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Derrick (first of Minor) 1, A. R. Walters 2, R. W. Lockwood 3, M. H. Whittell 4, M. J. Howes 5, N. F. Whittell (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Roger L. K. Whittell, and for St. Edmund's Eve.

KIRK ELLA, E. YORKS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): R. Hawkshaw (first quarter) 1, A. B. Cooper 2, K. Kirk (cond.) 3, G. K. Smith 4, F. C. Hobson 5, M. J. Wilson 6. For Confirmation service, at which the daughter of the treble ringer was confirmed.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Dec. 6th, at the Cathedral, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: N. C. Bowen (first of Treble Bob) 1, Ann Barr 2, Lucy Smith 3, C. T. Collins 4, C. W. Bowen 5, J. Chamberlain 6, M. W. Fairey 7, D. P. Jones (cond.) 8. First of Surprise Major 1, 4 and 5.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): G. W. Holland (cond.) 1, G. Orchard 2, R. A. Vickers 3, W. A. Yates 4, H. Stopps 5, W. H. Yates 6. For Matins.

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): Carol Hedges 1, P. M. Edgson 2, J. G. Edgson 3, W. C. Budd 4, A. G. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, P. G. Lock 6. Rung on the day of the wedding of Newbold ringer Allen J. Bellamy to Miss Sandra Towell at St. Matthew's Church, Rugby.

OLD BRAMPTON, DERBYS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. P. Phipps (cond.) 1, Miss S. Davis (first quarter) 2, Miss E. Hearnshaw (first quarter) 3, J. Arkwell 4, T. Wylie 5.

PRESTON CANDOVER, HANTS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. M. Hughes 1, A. N. Hoar 2, K. Sansom 3, Lesley Read (cond.) 4, Prisca Hornby 5, Kay Tremere 6. In memoriam Canon Bland, M.A.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Nov. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Hackley (first of Major) 1, Joyce Grainger 2, E. Roughley 3, G. R. King 4, D. A. Davenport 5, J. Bell 6, G. R. Gardner (cond.) 7, K. R. Davenport 8.

SWANBOURNE, BUCKS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,440 Minor (Double Court and St. Clement's): G. W. Holland 1, G. F. Edmans 2, M. Jamieson 3, R. A. Vickers 4, A. H. Wood 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6.

THRYBERGH, W. YORKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): R. H. French 1, C. W. Pilkington 2, J. Smalley 3, G. R. Hiner 4, J. Whitam (cond.) 5, D. Burling 6.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Dec. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Laura Grindrod 1, June Whitcher 2, A. J. Slade 3, D. Hawkins 4, H. Duncan 5, M. C. Austin 6, I. L. Dear 7, D. E. Cobb (cond.) 8. Rung to mark the christening this day of Richard Edward Cobb.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. Wills 1, A. P. Foster 2, R. Yeates 3, B. Wakefield 4, R. Wharton 5, F. J. Nelson 6, G. R. Mordaunt 7, R. M. Heyworth 8. Rung silent and non-conducted. Also on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Wood (first quarter) 1, H. V. Booker 2, J. C. Baldwin (cond.) 3, K. Leach 4, H. White 5, A. R. Wood 6. For Evensong.

WAREHAM, DORSET.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Claire E. N. Brown (first quarter) 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, C. J. N. Dalton 3, M. J. Young 4, G. W. Elmes (cond.) 5, R. W. Young 6. For Evensong.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. E. Hawkins 1, E. C. Shepherd 2, E. E. Norris 3, J. R. Price 4, R. W. Price 5, F. Price (cond.) 6, N. G. Knee 7, C. M. White 8. Rung before Evensong, as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 6th, 1,440 Minor (Double Bob and Single Oxford): C. York 1, Monica Horseman 2, M. Heymann 3, A. E. Cox 4, E. T. Lee 5, J. H. Gilbert (cond.) 6.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hinton 1, D. R. Morris 2, D. R. Sayen 3, R. Sheppard 4, R. Adams 5, D. Beacham 6, P. Catermole (cond.) 7, J. J. Stanier 8. The annual quarter peal in memoriam Bishop Goodman. Rung on the "middle eight" before Evensong.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Sharland 1, Mary E. Elmes 2, F. Williams (first of Grandsire Triples "inside") 3, G. West 4, H. L. Crisp 5, D. A. Wills 6, F. D. Mack (cond.) 7, A. E. Knight 8. For Evensong, and as a birthday compliment to Nigel D. Shepherd.

POLICE GUILD A.G.M. WITHOUT PRESIDENT

FROM the report of the annual general meeting of the National Guild of Police Ringers, held at Hereford on September 25th, we understand that a shadow was cast on the proceedings by the absence of the president, ex-Sgt. C. Willmington. The news was announced during coffee at the Town Hall as guests of the Mayor, Cdr. Sam Beaumont, that three of the members, including the president, had been involved in a car accident near Oxford and would not be able to complete the journey. Mr. Macartney, Chief Constable of Hereford, told the gathering that he had made inquiries with the police at Oxford and that the injuries were slight.

Ringling took place on the ten bells at the Cathedral, where the Guild was welcomed by the Dean, a great-nephew of Sir Robert Peel. Western A.T.V. were present to take action pictures, and it was not easy to ring Grand-sire Caters with a set of arc lights shining in the eyes of each ringer in turn.

There was quite a distinguished gathering at the luncheon at the City Arms, where the guests included the Mayor and Mayoress, the Dean and Chief Constable. Mr. T. Butler, the immediate past-president, deputised for Mr. Willmington and despite short notice did the job exceedingly well.

He also presided at the business meeting and upon his suggestion the meeting decided to send a letter of sympathy to the president and his colleagues. P.C. R. Holt, the secretary, in his report stated that one peal had been rung by the Guild during the year—Grandsire Triples at Farnworth. Membership was now at its highest for several years. Thanks were also expressed to Mr. G. T. Cousins for making local arrangements. The report was adopted and coupled with it was a vote of thanks to the secretary. The audited balance sheet was approved.

The officers elected were: President, Ex-Sgt. Willmington; secretary, P.C. R. Holt, auditor, P.C. E. Francis; Central Council delegate, Ex-P.C. N. Bagworth; committee, Messrs. T. Butler, J. Rawson, G. Amor, J. Smith, N. Bagworth, C. Knight, A. Pearce and W. Dowse.

Eight new ringing members were elected, and Mr. Macartney, the Chief Constable of Hereford, was elected an honorary life non-ringing member.

A spring meeting is to be held in Oxford in 1966. The annual general meeting will be at Lancaster on Saturday, September 24th.

Following the annual general meeting, ringling took place in and around Hereford and was followed by a social evening at the City Arms. It was generally agreed that it had been an enjoyable day despite the bad weather. Forces represented were: Liverpool, Lancs County, Manchester, Metropolitan, Cheshire, Gloucester, Hereford, Leics and Rutland and Somerset.

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LYMPNE, KENT.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (two methods): B. Butcher 1. Miss A. Rayner 2. Elizabeth Todd (cond.) 3. H. P. Yates 4. R. P. Brotherton 5. R. Gemmel 6. For Family Communion.

DERBY ASSOCIATION'S FIRST RINGING COURSE

THE Derby Diocesan Association limited its first ringing course, held at the Derbyshire Youth and Sports Training Centre at Lea Green, Matlock, to tower captains and instructors. The lecturers were Messrs. N. Chaddock, D. J. Marshall, D. R. Carlisle and G. A. Halls.

Following an interesting and, at times, entertaining handbell session on the Friday night, the course proper got under way on the Saturday with a most enlightening lecture on teaching bell control by Mr. Chaddock, at the end of which even the other lecturers had learned a thing or two! In quick succession the value of call changes in teaching and learning plain hunt, etc., were dealt with by Mr. Marshall and Mr. Carlisle before the final lecture of the morning, during which Mr. Halls showed how to write out touches and conduct.

After dinner Mr. Chaddock's next lecture was on the tower captain's duties and responsibilities, most of which provoked considerable discussion, as did Mr. Halls' second talk on conducting, the emphasis being on proof. Many of the points discussed were demonstrated later on the pleasant octave at Crich, but the most outstanding demonstration of the day occurred later that evening when in just over a quarter of an hour Mr. Chaddock had taught the college principal to ring the treble unaided to a touch of Bob Minor!

All too soon the next day's lectures on methods, their structures and ways of teaching and learning them together with the most important but difficult task of achieving good striking, had been and gone and the final lecture on bell maintenance, odd-struck bells and problems of sound control was being delivered by Mr. Halls. After such a worthwhile and successful week-end our grateful thanks are sincerely extended to the lecturers and the college authorities for their forbearance, particularly with regard to the handbells which never seemed to stop ringing!

M. P. P.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the Chew Branch was held at Yatton on December 4th, when the Association service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. E. B. Wilkes. Tea was served in the Church Hall by ladies from the local company, and the Branch chairman took the chair for the business meeting.

The secretary reported a Branch membership of 1977, a drop of six on the previous year. Subscriptions from all but two towers had been received. The retiring officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman and Ringing Master, H. W. Knight; vice-chairmen, C. Bishop and L. Derrick; secretary, D. G. Yeo; reporter, J. Brain.

Mr. P. Allen, of Ubley, was elected a member. After discussion it was resolved that the dates of quarterly meetings should be changed, as at present the interval between the annual general meeting and the April meeting was too long. The next meeting will now be in March (Wington, subject to permission) and thereafter at three-monthly intervals.

Practice meetings, Barrow Gurney (January) and Winford (February). Striking Competition, Kingston Seymour.

After votes of thanks ringing was continued until shortly after 8 p.m. J. R.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. J. Derrick 1. A. R. Walters 2. S. Christian 3. R. W. Lockwood 4. N. F. Whittell (cond.) 5. F. H. Mussett 6. For morning service.

MORTON, Lincs.—On Nov. 27th, 1,296 Minor (Single Court, Cambridge Surprise): W. R. Marsh 1. C. T. H. Bradley 2. C. Wade (cond.) 3. J. F. Hubbard 4. J. W. Haw 5. C. L. Blanchard 6. In memoriam Albert E. Scott, ringer at this church, who died November 23rd and whose funeral took place prior to the quarter peal.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

With a peal of Triples at Warwick on December 4th Mr. Ian C. Maycock completes the Stedman family from Doubles to Cinques.

Owing to increased business commitments, Mr. T. Bird is not seeking re-election as District Ringing Master of the Southern District of the Surrey Association.

Owing to an unfortunate accident necessitating 12 stitches in his left thumb, Mr. Allan J. Butcher was regrettably unable to take part in the quarter peal rung for his daughter's engagement.

Mr. Norman Chaddock has a promising recruit in Miss Tessa Hollis, the 15-year-old daughter of the Vicar of Rotherham, who rang her first quarter of Cambridge Surprise Royal on December 2nd.

"Belfry News" is not to cease publication. In response to the "outcry of protest and regret" it is to be published quarterly and distributed at each quarterly meeting. The new editor is Mr. "Tombstone" Hughes, to whom articles and gossip should be forwarded.

We are asked to state that the Appleton Handbell Ringers do not consist of Alf Webb, Harry White, George Bishop, Cliff Garlick and Miss P. East. The regretted substitution of a bracket in place of a comma in the report of the North Berks' dinner (page 820) creates this wrong impression.

London University Society have established a fine record of service ringing at St. Vedast's Church, Foster Lane, during term time, when there is generally a quarter peal for morning service. Latest we have received are 1,280 Doubles (five methods) on December 5th, and 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor on December 12th. Both were conducted by R. D.

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SEVENOAKS BELLS DISMANTLED

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have started work on the dismantling of the eight bells at St. Nicholas', Sevenoaks, Kent. The bells are to go to the foundry for the recasting of the sixth and retuning of the remainder. They are to be rehung in a new iron frame. This also involves the provision of a new floor under the bells and at the same time the church clock will be converted to electrical operation and some repointing is to be done to the tower. An appeal is out for over £4,000, of which over half has been raised.

In recent years some £40,000 has been raised in the parish for the restoration of the church roof after a disastrous fire in 1948, the provision of a new Rectory, and renewal of the church heating system. Plans were in hand earlier for a start to be made on the work to the bells but this had to be deferred for some two years when an emergency repair to part of the church floor had to be undertaken. Any contributions to the bell fund will be gratefully received by Mr. P. A. Corby, 10, The Close, Montreal Park, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Many ringers in Kent will have seen an article in the Christmas issue of "Kent Life," the pictures for which were all taken a few months ago in Sevenoaks belfry. Ironically, the article talks of the association of bellringing and Christmas and the New Year, but of course the bells in the pictures will not sound at Christmas time until 1966.

FORGOTTEN BELLS

The quarter peal rung on November 21st on the bells of St. Michael's, Linby, Notts, was a credit to the occasion but an even greater credit to Mr. Eric Moss, whose efforts to have the bells rung have been undaunted. For a long time Eric, a non-ringer, has thought that these bells should be rung, and two years ago he set out to investigate the state of the bells and to find ringers. He found a band of ringers at nearby Calverton but, alas, they had to report that the four bells were unsafe for ringing as the headstock bolts and straps were badly corroded and ringing would certainly have finished them off.

As chief mechanical engineer at Linby Colliery, Eric was not discouraged. He listed all the jobs necessary to put the bells in order and with a small group of friends set about the repair work. Many Saturday afternoons were spent making a complete set of headstock fittings, a set of rope pulleys and half a wheel for the third to replace a section rotted by water dripping through the leaking roof.

All the parts were carefully assembled and a ringer was called in to try the bells. After minor adjustments they were made just about ringable in time for the miners' annual thanksgiving service and the quarter peal rung before the service was very well-struck considering the "square bearings" which they had been unable to correct.

Linby bells were recast and rehung in 1823 and rung regularly until the early 1930's. They may have been missed by "Dove" and forgotten by ringers, but at least one group of local residents does not intend to allow them to die.

D. S.

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT DINNER

A company of 67 members and friends attended the St. Albans District dinner on December 4th at St. Michael's Manor. Roast turkey was included in the menu and Mr. John Cull was the toastmaster.

Following the loyal toast, Mr. Roger Brown, District secretary, proposed the toast of "The Church," to which Mr. Andrew Bradley, of St. Peter's, St. Albans, gave a very lively reply.

"The Association and St. Albans District" was proposed by Mr. Wilfred G. Wilson, who reminded the District that although things are often smooth on the surface, it is far from so underneath. Mr. Brian Barker, president of the Association, replied, and in spite of certain intentions ended up by saying a few kind words about the District!

Mr. Gerald Penney, the District Ringing Master, welcomed the visitors, and then the company heard Messrs. Fred Ellis, Trevor Hawkins and Malcolm Pettit ring some carols on handbells.

The rest of the evening was under the direction of Mr. Martyn Jordan, M.C. for after-dinner entertainment. After Martyn had warmed the piano up and then organised a couple of games, we heard more tunes rung on handbells before joining to sing "Auld Lang Syne."

A hearty vote of thanks was given to all concerned, particularly Martyn, and most of all to Miss Christine Rimmer—without all her hard work this very enjoyable and successful evening would never have taken place.

J. A. F.

NOTTINGHAM'S RING OF 12

St. Peter's, Nottingham, church bells have been rehung in a new steel frame by Messrs. Taylor with the addition of two trebles to make a ring of 12. Work in the belfry is almost complete but the installation of the new electric clock and clock chiming apparatus and redecoration of the ringing chamber will take some weeks. There will be no ringing on the 12 until work on the tower foundations is complete. The bells will be dedicated on Christmas Eve.

REDRUTH'S RINGING FAMILY

Six brothers and sisters ring at Redruth Parish Church. They are the children of Mr. J. H. Southwood, whose home is at Redruth Churchtown, almost within the shadow of the tower, states "The West Briton." They are Catherine (21), Margaret (18), Charles (16), each with seven years' ringing experience, James (13) with about three years' experience, Clare (12) two years', and Megan (11) with under one year's experience.

BARTON-LE-CLEY OUTING

It was a cold, windy day when Barton-le-Cley ringers met outside Olney Parish Church for their half-day outing. Six towers in the corners of Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire which fringe Bedfordshire were visited. Those before tea were Olney, Stoke Goldington and Piddington, and after tea Newport Pagnell, Woughton-on-the-Green and Simpson. Thanks are accorded to Mr. and Mrs. O. Mann for arranging the outing, and all incumbents.

MEMORIAL TABLET TO MR. F. M. MITCHELL DEDICATED

AT SS. Peter and Paul's, Milton-next-Gravesend, there was a goodly gathering of ringers on November 27th for the dedication of a memorial tablet to the late Frederick M. Mitchell, secretary and treasurer of the Kent County Association from 1928 to 1947, treasurer until 1956, and Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1932.

The service was preceded by a touch of 504 Stedman Triples rung by members of the Kent County Association. The Rector, the Rev. K. C. Sturt, conducted the service and, at the request of Mrs. Mitchell, who unveiled the tablet, dedicated it using the following prayer:

"In the faith of Christ crucified we dedicate this tablet to the glory of God and in memory of Frederick M. Mitchell. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

"We beseech Thee O Lord, that all who read the words of this tablet may know that it commemorates one who served Thee in many ways; and that as Thou gavest him the grace so to serve Thee, so Thou wilt give them the inspiration to offer their lives for Thy service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

As the procession, which consisted of officers of the Kent County Association and the College Youths, Mrs. Mitchell and family and clergy, returned from the west end of the church, where the memorial is placed, the Nunc Dimittis was sung. The Rev. Peter N. Bond offered the prayers and the Rector gave an inspiring address on "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

The service was followed by a touch of 504 Stedman Triples rung by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Tea was served in the Church Hall by the kindness of Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, other members of Mr. Mitchell's family and friends.

Short speeches were made by Mr. J. Willis (vice president, Kent County Association), Mr. J. Rock (Master, Ancient Society of College Youths), Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. P. A. Corby (hon. secretary of the Kent County Association) and the Rev. K. C. Stuart (Rector of Milton).

The Kent County Association Committee met after tea but other ringers present visited Swanscombe, Northfleet and Gravesend as well as Milton, and a happy party met at the Mitre, Gravesend, until a late hour.

The tablet was fixed by Mr. G. J. Butcher, and all present were pleased to congratulate him on his labour of love and to thank him for being the inspiration behind a worthy undertaking which culminated in a most pleasant occasion which will long be remembered.

KEELE UNIVERSITY SOCIETY'S FIRST PEAL

To mark the dedication of the chapel at Keele University by the Bishop of Lichfield in the presence of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret, Keele University Society of Change Ringers rang their first peal—one of Minor in three methods. It was conducted by Philip Gay, who has done much to place the Society on a sound footing.

TOWER BELL PEALS

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

WARWICK.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in F.
Percy Stone Treble	Ernest J. Gower .. . 5
Selwyn H. Dearden .. 2	John W. T. Taylor .. 6
Hubert G. Summers .. 3	*Edward Holdsworth .. 7
*Ian C. Maycock .. . 4	James L. Garner-Hayward Tenor

Conducted by Edward Holdsworth.

* First peal of Triples and in the method. First of Stedman on the bells.

Rung for the Patronal Festival. Also rung with best wishes to the recently retired secretary, Mr. John E. Chilcott.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
WESTON-SUPER-MARE, Somerset.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Gillian M. Hussey .. Treble	*David J. Gay .. . 5
Gillian M. Brearley .. 2	D. John Hunt .. . 6
Diana M. Chapman .. 3	James R. Taylor .. . 7
Michael J. Hobbs .. . 4	Peter Bridle .. . Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by D. John Hunt

* First peal of Yorkshire.

Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Association.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP, Somerset.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Richard W. Sweet .. Treble	Peter Bridle .. . 5
Gillian M. Hussey .. 2	Philip M. J. Gray .. 6
Diana M. Chapman .. 3	John C. Slater .. . 7
Alan Tubb .. . 4	D. John Hunt .. . Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EATON SOCON, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Robert D. Bellamy .. Treble	George E. Thoday .. 4
Jack S. Dear .. . 2	George E. Bonham .. 5
Robert L. Piron .. . 3	Philip Mehew .. . Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mary and Ruth Elmes, of Wareham, Dorset.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

BUNBURY, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. Boniface.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Bruerton's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in F.
*Leon A. Perry .. Treble	Frank R. Morton .. . 5
*Geoffrey A. Edwards .. 2	John E. Brough .. . 6
*John R. Scott .. . 3	Frederick S. Sutton .. 7
†Gerald Parsons .. . 4	*Leonard J. Meredith .. Tenor

Conducted by Frank R. Morton.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Grandsire Triples. First of Triples as conductor.

THE DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Nov. 30, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS

*Patricia A. M. Halls .. Treble	Gordon A. Halls .. . 6
Joseph C. Woolley .. . 2	Burley P. Morris .. . 7
George L. Roobottom .. 3	Douglas Derbyshire .. 8
Clive Thrower .. . 4	David W. Friend .. . 9
George Clift .. . 5	Denis R. Carlisle .. Tenor

Composed by G. Freebrey.

Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

* 100th peal for the Association.

Rung to mark the consecration of the new Suffragan Bishop of Repton earlier this day in Westminster Abbey.

REPTON, Derbyshire.—At the Church of St. Wystan.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

George L. Roobottom .. Treble	Gordon A. Halls .. . 5
*John Dean .. . 2	Denis R. Carlisle .. . 6
John K. Smith .. . 3	Peter Marriott .. . 7
*Clive Thrower .. . 4	David W. Friend .. . Tenor

Composed by C. Middleton.

Conducted by Gordon A. Halls.

* First peal of Cambridge.

Rung to mark the consecration of the new Suffragan Bishop of Repton.

THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

SUNDERLAND, Co. Durham.—At the Church of St. Michael,

Bishopwearmouth

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.	
*Steve Wells (Grey) .. Treble	John O. Freeman (Grey) .. 5
Brian Redgers (John's) .. 2	Lawrence R. Pizzey (John's) .. 6
†Polly Kyme (Mary's) .. 3	David J. Marshall (Bede) .. 7
Malcolm E. Johnson (Grey) .. 4	*Wm. G. Wilson (Chad's) Tenor

Composed by J. Thorpe.

Conducted by William G. Wilson.

* First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First of Major in the method. First peal as conductor.

Rung on the day of the Society's annual dinner.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STOTFOLD, Bedfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 11 cwt. 2 lb. in G.
Philip Mehew .. Treble	Anthony K. Fortin .. 4
George E. Bonham .. . 2	John Meredith .. . 5
Robert L. Piron .. . 3	George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

RAYNE, Essex.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Dec. 3, 1965, in 2 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Ipswich, Plain Bob, Surfleet, St Clement, Kent I.B., Double Oxford and Cambridge.

Tenor 6½ cwt. in A.	
Rosemary A. Frith .. Treble	George E. Bonham .. 4
Yvonne A. Murray .. . 2	*James L. Towler .. . 5
Anne Edwards .. . 3	*George E. Thoday .. Tenor

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

* 25th peal together.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

On Fri., Nov. 26, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 lb. in E flat.	
John C. Slater .. Treble	Alan Tubb .. . 5
Richard W. Sweet .. . 2	James R. Taylor .. . 6
*Gillian M. Hussey .. 3	D. John Hunt .. . 7
Cyril A. Wratten .. . 4	Alan Carveth .. . Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* 200th peal

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Wed., Dec. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

29-course block reduced.	Tenor 11 cwt.
Michael J. Stanley .. Treble	†Maurice A. New .. . 5
*W. Bertam Kynaston .. 2	†Trevor N. J. Bailey .. 6
†William A. Theobald .. 3	*Anthony R. Peake .. . 7
Brian Bladon .. . 4	†Richard A. G. Ingles .. Tenor

Conducted by Anthony R. Peake.

* First of Major in the method. † First in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and for the Association.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. in E.	
*Heather Walters .. Treble	Michael J. Thomas .. 6
Beryl R. Simpson .. . 2	Malcolm M. Powell .. 7
Michael D. Trigg .. . 3	Peter J. Joyce .. . 8
John H. Taylor .. . 4	Robert C. Kippin .. . 9
David J. Forder .. . 5	*Alan J. Luxford .. Tenor

Composed by E. C. Shepherd.

Conducted by David J. Forder.

* First peal on ten bells.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 28 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version.	Tenor 30 cwt. 108 lb. in D.
Malcolm M. Powell .. Treble	Brian J. Luff .. . 6
Jennifer M. B. Cook .. 2	Charles H. Kippin .. 7
David J. Forder .. . 3	Tom Page .. . 8
Peter J. Joyce .. . 4	David E. House .. . 9
Michael J. Thomas .. . 5	Robert C. Kippin .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. First of London Royal for the Guild.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Nicolas.

On Sun., Dec. 5, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

J. Keith Ward Treble	Edward R. Venn 6
Brian J. Luff 2	Frank W. Lewis 7
Anthony D. Sansom .. 3	Alan E. Bagworth .. 8
David P. Hilling 4	Robin G. Leale 9
Michael Hatchett 5	Frederick R. Scott .. Tenor

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

FARNHAM, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition.	Tenor 19½ cwt.
Dennis G. Blows Treble	Alan D. Elsmore 5
*Jill M. May 2	*Douglas A. R. May .. 6
Roy Collins 3	E. John Wells 7
John F. M. Maybrey .. 4	Dudley P. Elsmore .. Tenor

Conducted by E. John Wells.

* First peal of Triples in the method.
For the centenary of the raising of the tower.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BENINGTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Harold S. Peacock .. Treble	Donald F. Murfet 5
J. Stuart Hutton 2	C. Michael Orme 6
Jack S. Dear 3	Geoffrey A. Lucas 7
J. Richard Castledine .. 4	George E. Thoday Tenor

Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Conducted by George E. Thoday.

KIMPTON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

John G. Cull Treble	David E. Rothera 4
Christine M. Rimmer .. 2	Eric Edmondson 5
Roger D. R. Brown 3	Gerald Penney Tenor

Conducted by Gerald Penney.

First peal in the method by all the band.
A birthday compliment to Simon Brown.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EDENBRIDGE, Kent.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5120 DERBY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

Peter S. Muchlinski .. Treble	Ann Jenner 5
Doris E. Colgate 2	Edward J. Jenner 6
D. Paul Smith 3	Stanley Jenner 7
Ralph Bird 4	Martin L. Howe Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Stanley Jenner.

First peal in the method by all the band.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch)

LEYLAND, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

*Jack L. Higham Treble	†Geoffrey Cunliffe 6
Lawrence Walmsley .. 2	*Dennis H. McCormick .. 7
*John Ascroft 3	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 8
Betty Fauch 4	Stanley Walmsley 9
Cyril Crossthwaite 5	†Gordon Singleton Tenor

Composed by A. M. Tyler.

Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal. Stanley Walmsley has now
"circled the tower" to peals.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HIGHER WALTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in F.

John A. Ascroft Treble	Dennis H. McCormick .. 5
Jane Reynolds 2	Frank Reynolds 6
Cyril Crossthwaite .. 3	Philip J. Crossthwaite .. 7
*Christopher L. Watson .. 4	Roger Barnes Tenor

Conducted by Philip J. Crossthwaite.

* First peal. First peal in the method for all the band.

RADCLIFFE, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Dec. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt.

Jane Reynolds Treble	†Alan Wilde 5
Joyce Grainger 2	Philip Mason 6
*Dorothy Mason 3	Geoffrey R. Gardner .. 7
Roger Kendrick 4	Dennis Latham Tenor

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by Geoffrey R. Gardner.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. First as conductor.

FARNWORTH-with-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

On Wed., Nov. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob.	
Albert Greenhalgh .. Treble	†William H. Riddle .. 4
*Allan Keen 2	Roger I. Kendrick .. 5
†Thomas Hobson 3	John Ashcroft Tenor

Conducted by John Ashcroft.

* First peal in two Minor Methods. † First of Minor. ‡ First of Minor "inside."
Tenor 12 cwt.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

SYSTON, Leicestershire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb. in F.

R. Kingsley Mason .. Treble	Bernard S. Payne 5
A. Maxwell Lindsey .. 2	J. Martin Thorley 6
W. Ernest Rawson .. 3	Roland H. Cook 7
J. Edward Cawser 4	E. Alan Jacques Tenor

Composed by Charles Severn.

Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Mon., Nov. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 TRUMPINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

Janet E. Hubbard .. Treble	Alan G. Payne 5
Wendy Daw 2	Raymond H. Daw 6
Dennis R. Woods 3	Cyril L. Burrell 7
Edwin T. Chapman 4	Brian Harris Tenor

Composed by G. Freebrey.

Conducted by Brian Harris.

First in the method by all the band.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

GOSBERTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Nov. 22, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being four Morris' 240's, four Price's 240's, and 26 extents (10 callings).	
Norman Hutchesson .. Treble	Frederick Derry 4
Norman B. Favargue .. 2	James H. Musson 5
J. Edward Brown 3	William B. Dawson .. Tenor

Conducted by James H. Musson.

A token, of esteem to Mr. Albert E. Scott, interred this day at
Morton. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

STOKE ROCHFORD, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Andrew.

On Tues., Nov. 30, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two 720's of Plain Bob and five of Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

Mrs. F. W. Pinchbeck .. Treble	T. A. Relf 3
F. W. Pinchbeck 2	J. R. Holmes 4
H. R. Woods Tenor	

Conducted by H. R. Woods.

Rung in honour of the consecration, this day in Westminster
Abbey, of the Suffragan Bishop of Grantham, resident at Stoke.

BIGBY, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double and Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob. Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.	
Michael W. Crowder .. Treble	George E. Feim 4
C. Aubrey Harrison .. 2	W. Arthur Crowder .. 5
Ronald Chafer 3	Jack Bray Tenor

Conducted by Jack Bray.

In memoriam Canon H. Thackray, many years Rector of this
parish and president of the North Lindsey Branch of the Lincoln
Diocesan Guild. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NEWPORT, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original.	Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in F.
Rev. Ivor J. Richards .. Treble	Leslie F. G. Bainham .. 5
Donald G. Clift 2	Donald G. Clarke 6
*David Phillips (15) .. 3	James L. Fitzgerald .. 7
Trevor M. Roderick .. 4	Jack James Tenor

Conducted by Donald G. Clift.

* First peal.

Rung for the centenary of the birth of John W. Jones, who was
leader at this tower for 47 years and general secretary of the Associa-
tion from 1899 to 1945.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

USK, Monmouthshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.
On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.		Tenor 14½ cwt.	
*Sheila J. Salkeld ..	Treble	*Richard W. Owen ..	5
Jacqueline S. King ..	2	David Pike ..	6
Reuben S. Clench ..	3	David J. King ..	7
David J. Hughes ..	4	David L. Taylor ..	Tenor

Conducted by David J. King.

* First peal. † First peal "inside." Fastest peal on the bells.
Rung for the centenary of the birth of John W. Jones.

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BIRKENHEAD, Cheshire.—At the Church of SS. Mary and Paul.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 9 lb. in G.	
R. Fraser Mack ..	Treble
V. David Jenner ..	2
P. Ann Freeman ..	3
Julie Lethbridge ..	4
David F. Moore ..	5
Malcolm A. Phillips ..	Tenor

Conducted by David F. Moore.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

CRANFORD, Middlesex.—At the Church of St. Dunstan.

On Sun., Dec. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.		Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.	
Derek Fowles ..	Treble	Peter J. Woodgyer ..	4
Jeffrey Britchford ..	2	David G. Pickett ..	5
*Peter A. Ruch ..	3	William S. Deason ..	Tenor

Conducted by William S. Deason.

* First peal "inside"
A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Woodgyer, married at the Church of St. Mary, South Harting, Sussex, on November 27th, 1915.

THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sun., Dec. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.	
W. H. Pickett ..	Treble
P. Phillips ..	2
G. Fothergill ..	3
J. A. J. Jack ..	4
D. Bennett ..	5
O. Williams ..	6
J. M. Jack ..	7
J. L. Shenton ..	Tenor

Composed by J. E. Burton.

Conducted by J. L. Shenton.

First peal in the method by all the band.

THE NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

RIPLEY, Derbyshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 QUEDEGEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.	
*Robert C. Woodward ..	Treble
*Ann Harris ..	2
*Peter Woolven ..	3
*John G. Hallett ..	4
Simon Humphrey ..	5
David R. Ingram ..	6
Ian V. J. Smith ..	7
†Richard C. L. Brown ..	Tenor

Composed by Charles Middleton.

Conducted by Ian V. J. Smith.

* First peal in the method. † First of Major in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal in the method for the Society.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John W. Coleman, Ringing Master of the Society.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WINFARTHING, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 20, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods: London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Double Oxford Bob.		Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb. in G.	
Wilfred G. Saunders ..	Treble	Henry Tooke ..	4
William Clover ..	2	Frank C. J. Arnold ..	5
Thomas E. Spight ..	3	H. William Barrett ..	Tenor

Conducted by H. William Barrett.

A birthday compliment to Frank C. J. Arnold.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Thurs., Nov. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being extents of London, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich, Cambridge and Norwich.		Tenor 10 cwt. 43 lb. in G.	
James W. Forder ..	Treble	J. Barry Pickart ..	4
H. William Barrett ..	2	Godfrey G. Walpole ..	5
*Norman P. J. Cossey ..	3	Nolan Golden ..	Tenor

Conducted by Nolan Golden.

* First of seven Surprise Minor.

GARBOLDISHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.		Tenor 10½ cwt.	
Charles H. Blake ..	Treble	Thomas E. Spight ..	4
William Clover ..	2	Wilfred G. Saunders ..	5
Henry Tooke ..	3	Frank C. J. Arnold ..	Tenor

Conducted by Frank C. J. Arnold.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER, Oxfordshire.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Fri., Oct. 15, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.	
*Vanessa Rodrigues ..	Treble
F. John Nelson ..	2
*David R. Baxter ..	3
*G. Robert Mordaunt ..	4
*Andrew J. Howes ..	5
*Geoffrey K. Cook ..	6
*Antony P. Foster ..	7
*Roger M. Heyworth ..	Tenor

Conducted by F. John Nelson.

* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major.

DORCHESTER, Oxfordshire.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.	
James E. Godman ..	Treble
G. Robert Mordaunt ..	2
Roger M. Heyworth ..	3
Andrew J. Howes ..	4
Victor R. Fox ..	5
Frank Absolom ..	6
Robert B. Blond ..	7
Douglas Exon ..	Tenor

Conducted by Robert B. Blond.

Rung for the wedding of Margaret Thewlis (a ringer at the Abbey) to Mr. David Whitton, of Oxford.

BLOXHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of Our Lady of Bloxham.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 BLOXHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.	
Frederick W. Soden ..	Treble
Eric Sutton ..	2
D. Kay Adkins ..	3
Sydney M. Bailey ..	4
William Birmingham ..	5
Giles R. Shedden ..	6
Christopher C. Clarke ..	7
Alan R. Pink ..	Tenor

Composed by E. W. Tipler (B.47).

The first peal in this method (E. W. Tipler's B.71/3).

MAPLEDURHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Thurs., Nov. 18, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.		Tenor 8 cwt. in A.	
Anthony D. Smith ..	Treble	†Graham J. N. Colborne ..	4
Mrs. A. D. Smith ..	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd ..	5
*Robert M. Ashman ..	3	Frank W. Lewis ..	Tenor

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.

* First peal on an "inside" bell. † First of Minor in three methods.

CHENIES, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In four methods, being one extent Double Court, two each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.		Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.	
*William J. Atkins ..	Treble	Peter W. Harper ..	4
Walter Ayre ..	2	D. Joseph Goodman ..	5
Susan E. Williams ..	3	Keith D. Waples ..	Tenor

Conducted by Walter Ayre.

* First peal attempt, belongs to local company. 475th peal as conductor.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Mon., Nov. 29, 1965, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge.

James F. List Treble	Brian W. Hall 4
*Frederick W. Soden .. 2	*D. Kay Adkins 5
Peter G. Holden 3	Bertram J. Coghins .. Tenor

Conducted by D. Kay Adkins.

* 50th peal together. First peal in seven Surprise methods by all the band except the conductor.

DORCHESTER, Oxfordshire.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Fri., Dec. 3, 1965, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*Edward C. Turner Treble	*Robin D. Hutchfield .. 4
†J. Richard Poole 2	Andrew J. Howes 5
‡Melvyn J. Hiller 3	David R. Baxter Tenor

Conducted by David R. Baxter.

* First peal. † First "inside." ‡ First of Plain Bob Minor.

RADLEY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. James-the-Great.

On Sun., Dec. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

*Carol A. Long (13) .. Treble	Marie R. Cross 4
*Catherine A. Salter (15) 2	Daphne J. Pollard 5
*J. Mary Eyres (14) .. 3	C. Jeffrey Jones Tenor

Conducted by Daphne J. Pollard.

* First peal.

Rung as a thankoffering for the work of the Rev. R. S. Brutton, Vicar of Radley, 1957-1965, and also for the life and work of the late Vicars of Radley, John Vincent Pixell (1941-1957) and Canon T. H. Liddiard (1916-1929), both of whom died during 1965.

HORSPTH, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Wed., Dec. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 6 cwt. in B.

*Brenda Arnott Treble	†Ian Ross 4
*Cherry Withell 2	*Paul Lucas 5
Christine Baker 3	Tom Smith Tenor

Conducted by Tom Smith.

* First peal. † First of Minor. ‡ First "inside."

THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

EAST HENDRED, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Augustine.

On Mon., Nov. 29, 1965, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 22 cwt.

F. John Nelson Treble	Bruce Wakefield 4
G. Robert Mordaunt .. 2	Roger M. Heyworth 5
Rodney A. Yeates 3	Anthony P. Foster Tenor

Conducted by Bruce Wakefield.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

LYNEHAM, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in the following 55 individual plain course methods: Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse Bob, St. Bartholomew, Reverse All Saints, St. Sebastian, Reverse St. Simon, Reverse St. Nicholas, Reverse St. Martin, Reverse Winchendon, Knapton, Lyng, Intwood, Forncett, Ellingham, Bedingham, Fundenhall, Haddiscoe, Harpley, Braywood, Welford, Longworth, Ockham, Broughton, Chesham, Merton, Slapton, Rugby, Chipstead, Oakley, Iteningfield, Hascombe, Thornborough, Longford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Raveningham, Dorton, Plain Bob, Boxford, Candlesby, Reverse New Bob, St. Alphege, Westminster, II. Blackburn, St. Hilary, St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast, St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, Stedman, Grandsire.

*Peter Tombs Treble	Brian Bladon 4
Derek J. Carr 2	Anthony R. Peake 5
Derek Dancey 3	William E. Gearing Tenor

Conducted by Derek J. Carr.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Most methods rung for the Guild.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EDGMOND, Shropshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.
J. Albert Morrey Treble	Frank Beech, jun. 4
Ernest C. Morrall 2	Roger A. Brewin 5
Richard Farnsworth .. 3	George E. Morrall Tenor

Conducted by George E. Morrall.

Rung for the Golden Jubilee of the Toc H, of which there is a branch at Edgmond.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRANT BROUGHTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Helen.

On Sat., Nov. 13, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being ten different callings.

Harold Stevenson Treble	Frederick G. Hooper .. 4
Philip C. Pitchford 2	F. William Midwinter .. 5
Frederick Derry 3	Albert Foster Tenor

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day, and also as a tribute to the conductor's parents.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

SHENSTONE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four methods/variations: 1,200 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 960 Grandsire, and 1,440 each of April Day and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in B minor.

Margaret L. Ellwood .. Treble	Audrey F. Birch 3
Janice McDonald 2	A. Paul Sheldon 4
Clive M. Smith 3	.. .. Tenor

Conducted by Clive M. Smith.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal on the five new bells.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, Rev. Ray Williams, due to be inducted, December 9th.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Tues., Nov. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 26 methods, viz.: (1 and 2) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne and Hull Surprise, (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, (4) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob, (5) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (6) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlewood Delight, (7) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, 94 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in A flat.

Robert E. Lester Treble	Robin H. Rogers 4
Janet I. Rogers 2	Colin F. Loke 5
Alice E. J. Lester 3	Howard W. Egglestone .. Tenor

Conducted by Howard W. Egglestone.

Most Minor methods to a peal for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band except the conductor.

A belated silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Kersey.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

WIMBLEDON, S.W.19.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

*Marian Balkwill Treble	William H. Jackson 5
Alison M. Mann 2	Rosamund M. Rawlings .. 6
†Elizabeth Zass 3	Michael J. Uphill 7
Alan E. Bagworth 4	Michael J. Bangham Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Michael Bangham.

* First peal of Major. † First of Major "inside." Tenor 8½ cwt.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BRIGHTON, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Sept. 18, 1965, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Tenor 25½ cwt.

John C. Baldwin Treble	Albert W. Bond 6
*Beryl Baldwin 2	Douglas P. Snowsall .. 7
Angela M. Wright 3	Michael J. Bew 8
John R. Norris 4	Bernard J. Stone 9
Catherine M. Powell .. 5	Bernard G. North Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Bernard G. North.

* First peal of Royal.

Rung with best wishes on the engagement of Catherine Powell and Michael Bew, by friends and members of the St. Peter's Society, Brighton.

BUXTED, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Margaret the Queen.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Frank H. Hicks Treble	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 5
John A. Howard 2	Christopher T. Osenton .. 6
Olive D. Tester 3	Colin A. Tester 7
W. Arthur Riddington .. 4	David S. Osenton Tenor

Composed by R. M. Pipe.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in G.

Martin L. Howe Treble	*John A. Howard 5
Cyril S. Jarrett 2	W. Arthur Riddington .. 6
David S. Osenton 3	Bernard F. L. Groves .. 7
Frank H. Hicks 4	Christopher T. Osenton .. Tenor

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal in the method.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FAIRWARP, Sussex.—At Christ Church.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5088 BEDFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

Robin G. Leale Treble	Frank W. Lewis 5
Marilyn C. Smith 2	Alan E. Bagworth 6
Anthony D. Sansom 3	David P. Hilling 7
Frederick R. Scott 4	J. Keith Ward Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

Conducted by J. Keith Ward.

BOSHAM, Sussex.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

On Wed., Nov. 17, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

*Elizabeth W. Smith .. Treble	Ernest Treagus 4
Anne M. Smith 2	Philip Stevens 5
E. Winifred Keys 3	Barry J. Davis Tenor

Conducted by Barry J. Davis.

* First peal.

Tenor 13 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Rosalind and George Leslie Smith, members of the local band.

AMBERLEY, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Michael.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In seven methods, being six extents each of (1) Kennington, (2) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (3) St. Simon, (4) St. Martin, (5) April Day, (6) Plain Bob, (7) Grandsire.	Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in B.
*Elizabeth W. Smith .. Treble	E. Winifred Keys 3
Michael J. Wake 2	Philip Stevens 4
Barry J. Davis Tenor	

Conducted by Barry J. Davis.

* First peal of Doubles.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Norman and Andrew Davis, father and brother of the conductor.

WISBOROUGH GREEN, Sussex.—At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six scores, 12 callings.	Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.
*Edna M. Everest Treble	†Roger E. Peckham 4
*James D. Nelson 2	Raymond P. Wood 5
†James M. Hills 3	†William E. Purick Tenor

Conducted by Raymond P. Wood.

* First peal of Stedman. † First of Doubles. ‡ First peal.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

VERYAN, Cornwall.—At the Church of St. Symphorian.

On Wed., Dec. 1, 1965, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents, called differently.	Tenor 11 cwt.
*Barbara J. Duck Treble	Derek A. Trethewey 4
Frances M. Rickard 2	Alan Carveth 5
Arthur F. Burley 3	Anthony J. Davidson .. Tenor

Conducted by Alan Carveth.

* First six bell peal.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

HAWKLEY, Hampshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sun., Nov. 28, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 VICTORIA SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in A.

Frederick R. Scott .. Treble	J. Keith Ward 5
Gillian A. Leale 2	Anthony D. Sansom 6
Brian J. Luff 3	Robin G. Leale 7
Maurice G. Ingram 4	David P. Hilling Tenor

Composed by Dennis Knox.

Conducted by Robin G. Leale.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

WORCESTER.—At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES

John J. Stanier Treble	Martin D. Fellows 7
Denis R. Morris 2	Gerald C. Hemming 8
R. George Morris 3	David Beacham 9
Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 4	Michael J. Fellows 10
M. Roger Ashmore 5	George E. Evenden 11
John C. Eisel 6	*Thomas W. Lewis Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by David Beacham.

* 500th peal for the Association.

Tenor 49 cwt. 2 qr. in B.

NORTON, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Egwin.

On Tues., Nov. 23, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

John C. Perkins Treble	Ralph Harris 5
Arthur C. Berry 2	Leonard Mills 6
Joseph D. Johnson 3	Anthony J. Brazier 7
Mrs. J. Thomas 4	Joseph E. Newman Tenor

Composed by J. Carter.

Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Albert Hughes, ringer, tower captain and chorister at Norton Church, and Mrs. Hughes, on celebrating their diamond wedding.

NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Andrew.

On Fri., Nov. 26, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In two methods, being 1,568 Bristol, and 3,520 London, with 55 changes of method

Martin D. Fellows .. Treble	Michael J. Fellows 5
John C. Eisel 2	Norman J. Goodman 6
George S. Deas 3	Eric N. Harrison 7
Roderick W. Pipe 4	J. Alan Ainsworth 8

Composed by Joseph W. Parker.

Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

DODDERHILL, Droitwich, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Six-Part No. 13.	Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.
*Andrew Jopp Treble	Reginald Woodyatt 5
†Arthur D. Sayer 2	Walter H. Raxter 6
†Martin C. Powell 3	Allen Morgan 7
Arthur A. Jopp 4	Fred G. Pugh Tenor

Conducted by Reginald Woodyatt.

* First peal on eight bells, aged 12. † First in the method.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Nov. 25, 1965, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.
*Michael J. Denton .. Treble	Harold B. Schofield 4
Susan Jackson 3	Adrian C. Borman 5
Ronald H. Dove 3	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

* First peal.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

SWANSEA, Glamorgan.—All at Mor-awelon, Lon Derw, Tycoc'h.

On Fri., Nov. 5, 1965, in 1 Hour and 53 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 LAMMAS ALLIANCE AND LITTLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents, 42 changes of method.

Hazel Way 1-2	Brian Woodruffe (cond.) .. 3-4
J. Arthur Hoare 5-6	

First peal in the methods.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1-2	J. Arthur Hoare 5-6
Brian J. Woodruffe 3-4	Edmund J. Morris 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 9 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1-2	J. Arthur Hoare 5-6
Brian J. Woodruffe 3-4	Edmund J. Morris 7-8

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 14 in D.

Hazel Way 1-2	J. Arthur Hoare 5-6
Brian J. Woodruffe 3-4	Edmund J. Morris 7-8

Composed and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

On Sat., Nov. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 11 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

Hazel Way 1-2	J. Arthur Hoare 5-6
Brian J. Woodruffe 3-4	Edmund J. Morris 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe.

This is the first time four handbell peals of Major have been rung in one day.

On Sun., Nov. 7, 1965, in 1 Hour and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 FULMER ALLIANCE AND LITTLE BOB MINOR

Being seven differently spliced extents, 42 changes of method.

Hazel Way 1-2	Brian Woodruffe (cond.) .. 3-4
J. Arthur Hoare 5-6	

First peal in the methods.

On Mon., Nov. 15, 1965, in 1 Hour and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.	Tenor size 14 in D.
Hazel Way 1-4	Brian J. Woodruffe (cond.) 2-5
J. Arthur Hoare 3-6	

Believed to be the first peal rung with "Tittum" pairs of handbells.

On Wed., Nov. 17, 1965, in 1 Hour and 40 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 OLNEY ALLIANCE AND LITTLE BOB MINOR

Being seven differently spliced extents, 41 changes of method.

Hazel Way 1-2	Brian Woodruffe (cond.) .. 3-4
J. Arthur Hoare 5-6	

First peal in the methods.

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BIRTH

HARRISON. — To Dorothy Mary (née Heap) and Peter Roger, on November 30th, 1965, a son, Richard John. 8183

ENGAGEMENT

DEAN-VINCENT. — The engagement is announced between Robert John Dean, younger twin son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dean, Puckington, Ilminster, and Barbara Margaret Vincent, only daughter of the late Mr. R. Vincent and Mrs. L. Vincent, Ilton, Ilminster. 8188

PERSONAL

Will Mr. J. Cunliffe, formerly of 27, Dobb Brow Road, Westthoughton, please notify the Editor of his change of address as his copy of "The Ringing World" has been returned, marked "Gone away."

But as many as received Him, to them He gave power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on His name.—St. John i, 12.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Christmas greetings to all old friends and new and plenty of good ringing throughout 1966—A. J. PITMAN, 25, Taylor Avenue, Lillington, Leominster Spa. 8177

Warmest good wishes for Christmas and for 1966 to all fellow ringers. — GILBERT THURLOW, The Close, Norwich. 8203

MISCELLANEOUS

12 in. L.P. RECORD of selected parts from record peal of Cambridge Maximus, rung at Birmingham Cathedral. 45 mins. playing time. 46/- post free. Record Tokens accepted. Ainsworth, 54, Royal Oak Road, Halesowen, Birmingham. 8204

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POSTPONED

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting postponed to January 29th.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 8193

MEETINGS

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Annual meeting at Brighouse Parish Church, Saturday, January 1st. Teas provided. Method to learn: Double Norwich. 8151

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 1st, at St. Michael with St. Paul's, Broad Street (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Abbey (10) available after the meeting. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. Hobbs, 21, Hill View Road, Larkhall, Bath, by December 30th at the latest.—Alan Lee, Sec. 8194

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting, Ashcott, Saturday, January 1st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service (Holy Communion) 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea would be an advantage. 8206

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Warwick Archdeaconry District.—Next meeting at Southam on January 1st. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing as usual. Names for tea as soon as possible to Bob Sherriff, 20, Warwick Road, Southam. Special method: Bristol.—P. S. Bennett, Sec. 8161

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Annual general meeting, Ely, Saturday, January 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting and further ringing until 8.30 p.m. 8202

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting, Tiverton (8), January 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting follow. Names to G. W. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton, by Thursday previous. 8178

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—A.G.M., Presteigne, January 1st. Bells 3-8.30 p.m. Service, tea and business meeting 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, December 30th, to H. L. Hatfield, Dis. Sec., Tan House, Presteigne. 8209

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, January 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge, by Wednesday, 29th, at the latest, please.—W. H. D. Hon, Dis. Sec. 8175

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting, January 1st, at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in schoolroom. Names for tea to Mr. S. Harrison, 73, Hopefield Road, Leicester, not later than December 30th. (Phone 824857).—A. J. Poyner, Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Ringing meeting, Saturday, January 1st, St. Mary's, Twickenham (8) 3-4.45 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Hall. Isleworth (10) 6.15-7.30 p.m., followed by the District Committee meeting, to which each tower should send one representative. Names for tea to Mr. P. Bevington, 17a, Heatham Park, Twickenham. Would all towers please submit details of all 1965 quarter peals as soon as possible. — W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8199

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Hanley on Saturday, January 1st. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. K. P. Jones, 66, Boundary Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, by Wednesday, December 29th. — D. J. Midgley, Hon. Sec. 8191

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Practice, Saturday, January 1st, Stony Stratford. Bells (8) from 6 p.m. 8187

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A.G.M. at Raunds on January 1st. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—F. Coales, Twywell, Kettering. 8170

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting in St. Martin's Hall at 4.30 on January 1st. Ringing at Cathedral (12) 3 o'clock and St. Martin's (12) after the meeting.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 8190

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 1st, Devizes, three towers. Service at St. John's 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. A. Weeks, 1, Estcourt Terrace, Devizes, Wilts. 8146

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual general meeting, Selby Abbey, Saturday, January 1st. Bells 2.30. Service (Holy Communion) 4.15. Tea 5. Names, please, to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby, before December 30th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 8189

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting in Sheffield, Saturday, January 1st. St. Marie's bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea at St. Marie's. Cathedral bells after tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, 10, Pye Bank Close, Sheffield 3—J. Seager, Hon. Sec. 8185

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 1st, at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells from 3 p.m. No teas.—S. Adams., 8181

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Saturday, January 1st, at East Grinstead (8). Bells 3 p.m. and after service. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead. Tel. E.G. 3815. 8186

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting, Ilkeston (8), Saturday, January 8th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea by January 4th, please.—B. P. Morris, 14, Greenway, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. 8208

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.W. District.—Annual meeting at Brentwood, January 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Sitch, 182, Priests Lane, Shenfield. 8197



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HEREFORD GUILD—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting, Bromyard, January 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 by reservation only. Numbers to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard, by January 6th latest, please 8168

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Wrotham on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. L. Sills, Glenavon, St. Vincents Lane, Addington, West Malling.—M. L. H., Dis. Sec. 8198

LADIES' GUILD—Midland District.—Meeting at Syston (8), Saturday, January 8th, 3.45. For further details of ringing arrangements see **LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD** (Syston District).—S. E. Chesterton, Dis. Sec. 8176

LADIES' GUILD—Sussex District.—A.G.M. at Southover, Lewes (10), Saturday, January 8th. Bells from 3 to 4.30 and 6 till 8 p.m. Meeting 4, Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. G. Elphick, 66, Priory Street, Lewes.—R. Earl.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting, St. Peter's, Colchester, Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) 2.30-4.30 and 7-9. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall 5.15, followed by meeting Shrub End and St. Leonard's also available 2.30-4 and 7-9. Names for tea to Mr. H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 8195

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

Southern District

In spite of the atrocious weather, over 25 sat down to a very good tea at the Stuart Hall, Sketty, for the annual general meeting of the Southern District on December 4th. Mrs. Whitworth and her helpers had provided for a larger attendance, but there was not much left when all had finished. Mr. Barry Couzens thanked those responsible.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Dudley White, who based his address on the reason for bell ringing Ringing throughout the day was under the guidance of the Ringing Master, and included Surprise.

The business was soon disposed of, with the Rev. Dudley White in the chair. Both the District secretary, Mr. J. A. Hoare, and the District auditor, Mr. T. M. Roderick, were re-elected.

Mr. Michael Thomas expressed sympathy with the Vicar, who is in hospital, and wished him a speedy recovery. Two new members were elected. Votes of thanks concluded proceedings.

Next meeting: Aberavon (subject to permission). J. A. H.

QUARTER PEALS

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. H. Gould 1, A. Newton 2, Judith Soten 3, P. Newton 4, Joyce Barton 5, R. E. Barton 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, D. A. Cornwall 8.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At St. George's, on Dec. 5th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. P. L. Pardoe 1, S. J. Pardoe 2, Christine Telfer 3, Susan Elliott 4, J. A. Sturrock 5, J. G. White 6, R. A. Yeates 7, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. R. C. Clarke 1, Nancy Kempell 2, F. W. Bird 3, V. Grigg 4, W. Dunn (cond.) 5, S. Smith 6. In memoriam Emmeline Mary Scrutton.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles (5th covering): Valerie S. Hook (11) 1, Catherine A. Salter 2, Marie R. Cross 3, J. Mary Eyres 4, Margaret S. Allen (12) 5, Daphne J. Pollard (cond.) 6. First quarter 1 and 5 at first attempt. For the induction of the Rev. R. S. Bruton as Vicar of Sonning. Also on Dec. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (eight methods): P. R. Daws 1, Miss D. J. Pollard 2, D. P. Sturge 3, D. J. H. Salter 4, Miss M. R. Cross 5, J. Jones 6. Rung silent, a farewell to Rev. R. S. Bruton, who is leaving the parish, and to D. P. Sturge who is leaving after being secretary of the Radley College Campanological Society for 14 years.

SNOWDON SCHOLARS' REUNION



The Snowdon Scholars' Society of Young Change Ringers held a reunion dinner-dance to celebrate their 20th anniversary on December 4th at the Guildford Hotel, Leeds. Mr. Gordon Benfield, founder president, was the chief guest. He expressed his delight in discovering that the Society was still flourishing and was extremely pleased to see so many old and new faces.

He recollected that the idea to form a Society for people under 25 was evolved at St. Chad's, Headingley, at the time when he and a few of his fellow ringers travelled from tower to tower on bicycles. Explaining the origin of the Society, Mr. Benfield said that after their first meeting a letter was sent to Miss Margaret Snowdon requesting permission

to name the Society after the Snowdon family. This was duly granted. Mr. Benfield produced a document he called a Magna Carta. This was the letter to Miss Snowdon and it was presented to Mr. Shaw, president of the Society, to be retained as a memento of the first meeting. He concluded by proposing a toast to "The Snowdon Scholars," wishing the Society a prosperous future.

Miss Olivia A. Marshall replied, with a vote of thanks to the guests and all who had helped her in arranging the celebration.

Dancing and games followed and a very pleasant evening was had by all. O. A. M.,

Reading left to right: Mr. J. Gibson, Mr. G. Benfield, Miss O. A. Marshall and Mr. M. Shaw.
[Photo: T. J. Carter.]

SURREY ASSOCIATION Northern District

The nomination meeting of the Northern District took place at Putney on November 27th, when over 50 members met in the newly-decorated ringing room for an hour's ringing before the service, which was led by the Vicar.

Mr. Tom Lock judged the Association's second handbell striking competition. Beddington were judged to have the least number of faults, with Croydon and Putney taking second and third places respectively. The young band from Kingston upon Thames, ringing Plain Bob Major, although having most faults, were highly praised by Mr. Lock for a most determined effort.

The endeavours of the local band in overcoming the bread strike resulted in not only providing a good tea, but also being able to give away a fine selection of cut and uncut loaves to those who had been less fortunate. The main business before the meeting was the nomination of officers to serve on next year's committee. A further hour and a half's ringing ended the day, with methods ranging to four-spliced Surprise Major.

Next District meeting: A.G.M., Southwark Cathedral, January 29th.

WELFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Cooper 1, P. Rodenhurst 2, B. Hancox 3, A. E. Marshall (cond.) 4, D. Hancox 5, J. Hancox 6. A wedding compliment to Judith Walwyn and Frederick Butler (ringer) married at St. Peter's this day.

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ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): F. W. Blatch 1, Miss J. E. Hills 2, Miss E. D. Mason 3, T. G. Hull 4, Rev. P. N. Bond 5, S. Bahadur (first quarter) 6. Rung with the good wishes of the band to Shanti Bahadur, who will shortly be leaving the district.

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52463	—	3
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52436	—	2 —
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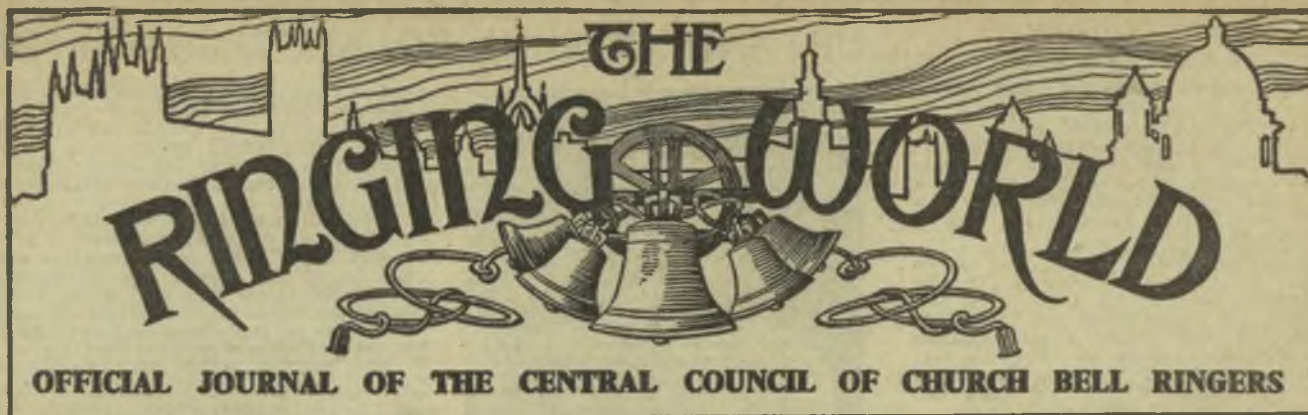
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THE GOOD COMPANIONS

IF memory does not deceive, it was some mention in discussion of Albion Treble Bob that led us to take down from the shelf an old and rather well-worn copy of "Standard Methods". The handling and the opening of it after a long period of rather unmerited neglect led to the thought that not many years ago this excellent work would have been found in the hands of most budding and ambitious change ringers. Today we do not seem to see it so much, perhaps because the information it gave and the service it provided are both available more readily in other works, publications not in existence when "Standard Methods" was so widely used.

Today we are fortunate in having at hand and at reasonable price a large selection of text books and instruction books. The Central Council publications alone will provide most things that the learner will need, and the more advanced ringer will find in this collection a good reference library. To these are added the private publications, and it is among these that we find two that have come to be regarded as indispensable. One is the "Ringers' Note Book and Diary" and the other Dove's "Guide to the Church Bells of Britain". Both are remarkable productions.

A diary is, of course, a useful thing to have, especially for bell ringers who are constantly making assignments for meetings and peal attempts, outings and belfry commitments. But a mere diary will not be bought in thousands by ringers; there must be, in addition to the calendars and space for weekly entries, features of popular interest and matter that may be used in the practice of the art of change ringing. From the beginning of their enterprise the publishers were fully conscious of these needs, and their perception and skill have produced a remarkable compendium. The sections on the Central Council and the ringing Associations provide a complete tabulation of the Officers, even down to Branch Secretaries. For the lovers of records and statistics there are the tables of first peals and record lengths, lists of the great bells of Britain, and columns for towers visited and peals rung during the year. And, formidable as it may look, there is quite a lot of fun to be got out of the Ready Reckoner for the Rate of Changes per Minute. One of these days Messrs. Viggers and Hodgson may tell us how this wonderful chart was constructed.

But the great appeal of the "Diary" is undoubtedly the two compilations of methods and touches. Probably

the best used and the most thumbed of all the pages are those where the Surprise methods are displayed, the course of their work plotted with a clear line, which, rather unconventionally, commences with the eighths-place bell and not, as was customary, with the 2nd. To see the little book spring so readily from the pocket, and to mark the eagerness, one might almost say the avidity, with which it is studied by the young and enterprising ringer, is an invigorating sight at many a ringers' meeting; and it may well be that the popularity and increased practice of the Surprise methods, and the removal of much of the mystery and dread that wrapped them away from many, are due in no small measure to the "Diary".

Mr. R. H. Dove's Guide has now become so familiar to us that we are in danger of overlooking what an amazing book it is. What the Clerical Directory is to the clergy the Guide is to the bell ringer; it might, indeed, be called the Ringers' Crockford. How this detailed survey of the church bells of Britain was planned and organised, and how all this matter was collected, much from remote parts of our land, must impress the thoughtful among us, and one day Mr. Ronald Dove may find time to tell us the story of the conception and birth of his masterpiece.

For masterpiece it undoubtedly is. It has two main parts, the directory of church bells which occupies nearly 140 pages, and a second section of about 50 pages which gives us a summary of rings of bells, a classification of bells in counties, lists of war losses and post-war losses of rings of bells, and even the transfer of bells from one tower to another. To these are added the carillons of the British Isles and the four-bell rings. The whole book, therefore, makes up what we must regard as the completest guide the Exercise has ever had or is likely to have. Here the visitor to a strange district may fortify himself with a pre-knowledge of the bells and ringers he will find; here the peal organiser will be able to study the weight and conditions he and his band will encounter; and he would who would arrange outing or tour will seek first the "Guide" and the information it holds in readiness for his use.

Here then are two valuable publications, the Diary and the Guide, each unique in its own field. Both are taken into towers in town and country, to be studied, consulted and put to practical use in all ringing activities. And at home, in the armchair, they offer fascinating reading and instruction. Both are cheerful and stimulating friends, and well may they be called the Good Companions.

E. C. S.

CAMPANOLOGY

By KATHARINE HYDE

(With acknowledgment to the "East Anglian Magazine.")

When Oi were 15, moi Dad 'e say tew me, "Stedman," 'e say (Oi were called Stedman cos moi Dad 'e wer a-ringing a peal when Oi wer borned), "Stedman," 'e say, "time yew larned tew ring them bells. Dew yew go t' tower come Monday and see t' maister."

Oi can't argue along o' moi Dad, so on Monday Oi cloimbed up tower to see what wur a-doing loike. Arter a minute or two win Oi'd had a look round see, Oi got fair dawzled. T'tower maister 'e troid t' explain what they wur a-doing of. Furst 'e say: "Ketch 'old on't sally" and win Oi ketched old on her round t'waist, she didn't half create. 'Ow wur Oi tew know?

Well, we sorted that one out and 'e told me tew pull on't sally and get t'bell arsey up-pards but not tew break t'stays. Well, Oi didn't roightly loike t'arsk wot 'e meant b'that, so Oi pulled. Dang me, but in a minute, there Oi wur a-bobbling around t'tower trying t'catch t'sally and being clipped over t'earhole by t'other end on't rope.

Arter a few toimes Oi got t'hang of it loike and t'maister say: "Toime yew larnt a bit o' method, bor." That wur worse than ever.

We wur a-ringing some toime when he shouted: "Bob." Oi looked round loike and reminded as how Bob say 'e wur agoing to t'Castle fur a pint, so Oi sez: "'e ain't ear." But that wur wrong. Then Maister say: "Stedman, yew take me now." Oi didn't rightly see as how Oi could, 'e being t'other side of tower, so Oi gave that a miss.

Arter that I wur fair dumfuzzled what with being towld tew pull t' roight, thin a whole wrong, to come in slow and what with dodging up and double-dodging down, Oi wur a-playing ring-a-ring a roses round tower in no toime, so when 'e told me tew go out quick . . . Oi win.

THE CHURCH BELLS

By CHRISTINE INMAN

Far and wide, from tower and steeple,
Calling to the sleeping people,
Up now, quickly, don't delay,
For you must come to church today.

Merrily, merrily, ring they round.
Up to the heavens, down to the ground.
Calling the people, far and near,
The morning songs of praise to hear.

Up in the belfry the ringers gasp,
Tail and sally they firmly clasp.
Bob Major, Kent and all the rest,
The Million changes they know best.

And then the church doors open wide,
The congregation streams inside.
The Minister calmly takes his place,
The bells give up their frenzied race.

The evening service comes, and then,
The bells ring clearly out again.
Sounding out in joyous rhyme,
To tell the world it's Vespers time.

Then down they come to lie in peace,
The ringers in their efforts cease.
'Til practice night the bells will be
Hung in the belfry silently.

WARNFORD, HANTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,380 Doubles (12 methods): Maureen White 1, Mary White 2, R. A. Stone 3, K. G. Waller 4, C. E. Bassett (cond.) 5, T. White 6. An engagement compliment to Moira Banham and Terry Priddle.

UP AND COMING YOUNGSTERS—No. 25



ELLIS N. THOMAS

Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

FROM the very active ringing circles of South Wales comes news of yet another brilliant youngster in the name of Ellis N. Thomas, who was born on March 14th, 1946, at Neath, Glamorgan.

At the age of eleven Ellis went to Cowbridge Grammar School as a boarding pupil. Certificates at "A" level in physics, chemistry and mathematics were his reward for eight years' hard work and study at this school. This excellent achievement has gained for him a place at Cambridge University, where he is now reading Natural Sciences.

Ellis started his ringing career at the age of 14 at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, his tutor being Gareth Jones a lad of his own age, who was also a boarder at Cowbridge Grammar School and member of the now well known band of school ringers.

This band, which consists mainly of school boarders and one master, rings regularly for Sunday services at Llanblethian and Cowbridge during school terms. It is very interesting to note that the service ringing at Cowbridge is shared by the school band and local ringers.

Whilst at home Ellis's valuable services as a ringer are welcomed and enjoyed by the ringers at Cadoxton, Neath, under the watchful eye of that well known Welsh ringing personality Gwyn I. Lewis, whose privilege it was to conduct the first peal for Ellis, which was when he rang the second to Plain Bob Minor at Cadoxton on April 25th, 1962.

Ellis progressed rapidly and successfully with his ringing and in December the following year "The Ringing World" announced his first peal as conductor, rung at St. Bride's Major, Glamorgan. This was a peal in seven methods/variations. The band consisted entirely of boarders from the Grammar School—five boys and one master, Mr. I. Davies. At the same church on June 6th the following year he conducted a record peal for the Association. This consisted of 31 methods and 15 variations, the greatest number of methods for the Association. All the inside ringers in this peal were boarders at the school.

Ellis, together with several youngsters from the school, was responsible just over a year ago for establishing regular ringing at Llanblethian, near Cowbridge, where the bells had been silent for many years. Provision of ropes presented the greatest difficulty in their task of getting the bells in ringing order, but this was eventually overcome by the kind and generous gift of six new ropes by an anonymous donor. In the same year Ellis and his school band made news at another tower which contained a rough-going light six. This was when they rang a peal of Plain Bob Doubles at Pendoyland, Glamorgan, on July 8th, 1964, conducted by Paul M. Evans.

This is indeed a noteworthy record and deserves a great deal of credit from the Exercise. Congratulations to you, Ellis, and may you very soon accomplish two things—increase your total of some 30 peals to 50, and conduct your first peal of Stedman Triples, NORVING.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District

The winter quarterly meeting was held jointly with the Beverley and District Society on December 11th, ringing taking place at Kirk Ella in the afternoon with tea and business meeting being held at Cottingham, where also the evening ringing took place.

The novelty of the tea at Cottingham was hot soup to precede salad and an abundant supply of cakes. This innovation seems to be catching in the East Riding at a time of year when it is most welcome.

In case anyone should get the wrong idea from a recent report in "The Ringing World," the Rev. F. Ross was seen to be consuming large quantities of "tea" from a half-pint mug especially provided by the Cottingham ladies!

A warm welcome to the two Societies was given by the Rector before the business meeting, at which seven new members were elected to the Yorkshire Association. A proposition to hold the next quarterly meeting as joint with the Selby and District on April 2nd was carried.

A successful and happy gathering concluded with further ringing at Cottingham. R. D.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

North Dorset Branch

The annual meeting of the Branch took place at Sherborne on December 11th and was attended by 40 ringers, including visitors from Berkshire and Somerset. Ringing on the Abbey bells included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and a course of Plain Bob Major. During the service the Vicar, Canon S. B. Wingfield Digby, outlined the history of the Abbey bells—that formerly they had been rung from the floor, and that there were two extra bells in the tower, the fire bell, now never used, and the sanctus bell, in regular use.

The following elections were made: The Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore, chairman; the Rev. R. A. Wells, vice-chairman; the Rev. R. N. Longridge, hon. secretary; Ringing Masters, Mrs. M. Godley, Messrs. W. C. Shute, B. Ridout and A. Woods; committee members, Miss H. Julius and Mr. E. Chant. Subject to consents, 1966 meetings would be held at Stourpaine, Maiden Bradley, Yetminster and Mere. R. N. L.

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THE RAVING RINGERS' SUMMER TOUR

THE ninth annual summer tour of the Society of Raving Ringers was held this year in Lancashire and West Yorkshire. On Saturday, July 24th, some ten Ravers made their way to Stoke-on-Trent, where an enjoyable hour was spent at St. Peter ad Vincula's. Unfortunately, several of the Hertfordshire contingent had car trouble and were unable to participate in the first two days of the tour.

From Stoke we travelled by minibus along the M.6 towards Skipton, West Yorkshire, our base for the week's tour. On the way up, Chris ("Jim") Clarke demonstrated his driving ability on the motorway by actually overtaking two cars with the minibus and once managed to get into the third lane! At Skipton the party quickly took over the boarding house in which we were to stay and had the first "beer-up" at Appletreewick.

On Sunday morning we learned that Chris Clarke had difficulty in getting into bed the previous night as the "saboteurs" had "apple-pied" his bed. We rang at Gargrave for morning service and went on a sight-seeing tour through Kilnsey Craig. After lunch in Settle we visited very pleasant sixes at Milnthorpe and Heversham in Westmorland. Evening ringing was arranged at Ambleside and afterwards many remained at the service while others roamed along the side of Lake Windermere. Supper that evening was at Kendal.

Monday's programme opened on the pleasant ring at Kildwick, where we encountered Yorkshire tail-ends. An hour and a quarter at Bradford Cathedral was most enjoyable. Methods rung included Cambridge Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters. Following lunch in Bradford, we made our way towards Halifax. Haley Hill was visited first and these bells, although pleasant in tone, were not too easy to handle. Then followed the good 12 at St. John the Baptist's, but unfortunately we did not make the most of our visit. However, Grandsire Cinques came round successfully.

PETROL SIPHONED

At Mytholmroyd I was surprised to hear only seven bells ringing and later discovered that one of the ropes had been taken off. Fortunately the incumbent gave us the key to the bell chamber and soon this pleasant eight were ringing once more. Our final tower of the day was Keighley's, and a fast course of Quedgeley was included in our repertoire. These bells go extremely well. Outside Keighley Church Chris Clarke discovered some kind person had siphoned half the tank of petrol from the minibus. While Chris wandered off with Keith Walpole to fetch some petrol the rest of the party spent an enjoyable half-hour in a nearby ale-house. Supper was taken at Anderton's Grill in Skipton.

Tuesday was spent in Lancashire, the visit being arranged by Ted Venn (one of our up-and-coming youngsters). A start was made on the inaudible ground-floor eight at Colne, and following this we rang at St. Peter's, Burnley. Rutland came round nicely but London just would not go. Our journey took us to the tranquillity and charm of Accrington! The easy-going eight here provided us with a new type of tail-end, which we appropriately called the "Lancashire end." Some took lunch in the Chinese way, while Jim Linnell and associates preferred the Whitbread way.

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL

At Oswaldtwistle we rang our first touch of spliced of the tour on the excellent eight. Darwin provided interest in that the stay on the second was broken. At Blackburn Cathedral we again suffered from a missing rope on the ninth. Finally we managed to raise all the bells and decided to stick to Caters as the tenor proved to be rather a handful. However, we enjoyed our ring immensely. Outside the Cathedral Ted Venn managed to get himself entangled with a "No Parking" sign, much to the amusement of our photographers.

Our final tower on Tuesday was at Whalley where the bells were described by a certain Leeds gentleman as being "out of this world." However, as in all walks of life, opinions vary, although I was personally very impressed with their fine tone. Supper was taken at the Starkie Arms in Clitheroe.

Barry Davis, another up-and-coming youngster, had given up his post as navigator, and our new man, Barry ("Basher") Saunders, succeeded in making an excellent substitute. Unfortunately, that night he made a habit of taking the minibus down a certain lay-by.

Ringling on Wednesday commenced at Ilkley where Spliced Grandsire and Stedman Triples came round nicely. At Otley we found that the short draught enabled us to ring at North Oxfordshire pace. However, other members present still preferred the "Helmdon Beat."

Our first duty on arriving at Harrogate was to stop for lunch. Mike Coleman here managed to break the Society's pork-pie eating record. We were very pleased to ring on the recently installed and delightful 12 cwt. eight at St. Peter's, Harrogate.

The light eight at Collingham were next on the agenda and here the "Collingham Flyers" were quickly inaugurated. Their show-piece was a course of Yorkshire in under four minutes. It was here that we were met by a fine old gentleman who gave us a demonstration of how to ring with rheumatism.

We found the eight at Wetherby to be of average quality and after a short stay made our way to Guiseley, where the locals were waiting for us. This was Barry Davis's 600th tower and he duly turned the tenor in to celebrate the occasion. Fortunately he did not fall through the crack in the tenor box!

Our last tower of the day was Bingley, where the bells were a little odd-struck, but some reasonable Superlative came round. The bed saboteurs were again active, their victims being Jim Linnell and Barry Saunders. These two irate ringers flew up the stairs to punish the three saboteurs. One of these was caught but the other two managed to escape and sought refuge in Jennifer Sceeny's wardrobe.

AT LANCASTER

On Thursday we once more returned to Westmorland and our first tower was at Kirkby Lonsdale, the home tower of one of our members. The weather again changed for the worse but the judge for our annual striking competition managed to survive the down-pour. The Premier Guild contingent were once more declared the champions.

Following Kirkby we again returned to Lancashire, in fact to Lancaster. The ten at the R.C. Cathedral we did not consider to be exceptional: here Father Michael O'Coleman, a well-known clerical ringer, greeted us.

After lunch we rang on the heavy eight at St. Mary's, Lancaster. These are very pleasant but not the best of bells to strike. We were surprised to see that a peal of Bob Major had been rung here in three hours and four minutes, which must have been some feat. The eight at Scorton were "goers" but Jim Linnell found the tenor "too heavy to rise." The eight at Bilsborrow provided an opportunity for good ringing and a fine course of Bristol was included here.

The six at Goosnargh were visited in the evening and here another striking contest was held. At the last tower of the day, Downham (5), a rope broke and so our stay was somewhat curtailed. Meanwhile Chris Clarke had some difficulty with a Lancashire bus driver, who could not "get bus on't patch." Finally with all troubles settled we returned to the Starkie Arms, Clitheroe, for supper.

TECHNICAL FAULT

Friday's ringing commenced at Christ Church, Todmorden. We thoroughly enjoyed the pleasant eight and time was allowed here for the official tour photograph. Unfortunately, due to a technical fault, no photo of suitable quality was obtained. The eight at Shore followed. After a lunch of cheese and pickles in Rochdale we rang at Milnrow,

where we included a course of Pudsey. At Healey we were joined by several ringers from a peal tour party. The bells are an extremely fine ring of six.

Whitworth Parish Church is situated at the top of a hill and is approached by an extremely narrow, twisting road. However the climb is well worth the effort and the eight bells are very good. From here we went to Christ Church, Bacup, but unfortunately were not too keen on the tone of the bells. An appropriate course of Oxford T.B. Major was rung. Evening ringing included two towers—the pleasant six at Waterfoot and the odd-struck eight at Newchurch in Rossendale, where we managed a reasonable course of London.

IN AND AROUND LEYLAND

Saturday soon came round and this was to be the last full day's ringing. Clitheroe Parish Church possesses a crooked spire, also it possesses a fine ring of eight. We enjoyed our visit here immensely. The noisy eight at Samlesbury close by the M.6 followed. During a touch here one ringer became entangled with a flypaper. Following a traditional Whittlebury lunch of cheese and pickles, we visited Preston Parish Church, where we were met by Mr Cyril Crossthwaite.

Due to difficulty in finding our next tower our visit to St. James', Leyland, was unfortunately shortened. A full hour's ring was undertaken on the excellent ten at St. Andrew's, Leyland and ringing concluded with a course of Yorkshire Royal.

From Leyland we made our way to Whittle-le-Woods, which is not to be confused with Whittle-le-Bury. Our ringing on the grand eight included a touch of Erin Triples with Ted Venn in control. Unfortunately half an hour later we were still ringing the same touch!

Following a ring on the six at Brindle we went to Walton-le-Dale, where we concluded our ringing for the day. Supper was again taken at the Starkie Arms, Clitheroe.

Sunday, August 1st, was the last day of the tour and our final duty was to ring at Skipton for morning service. We certainly could not have chosen a finer eight on which to conclude yet another successful Ravers' tour.

May 1, on behalf of the whole Society, thank all tower captains and incumbents who met us on this tour, and also Ted Venn and Chris Clarke for making such a fine job of the arrangements.

The company consisted of C. C. Clarke (Master), M. W. Coleman (Ringing Master), Miss G. M. Brearley, B. J. Davis, J. Linnell, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Reeves, G. J. Ridgeway, B. E. Saunders, Miss J. Sceeny, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Smith, E. R. Venn and K. J. Walpole.

Next year we hope to have our old Master, Ron Russ, back with us from down under. The '66 tour is in Cornwall.

BADGER.

OUTING

THE VALLEYS OF THE MEON AND ROTHER

Mr. J. C. Sawtell with a band of ringers from Battersea, Twickenham and other towers had an outing on November 13th, when 16 towers in and around the valleys of the Meon and Rother were visited.

Included in the programme were a number of four-bell towers, and at Lodsworth the Rev. John Green, Vicar, not only greeted the visitors but rang with them. Lunch was taken at Midhurst and tea at Petersfield. One of the party, Derrick, is shortly going to the West Indies; another, named Anne, has recently been to Australia and she enlightened the band with a not unfavourable comparison of the colour of the village duckpond at Buriton with that of some Australian rivers.

An interesting tower was St. Bartholomew's, Rogate. The little turret here seems hardly sufficient to contain even an eight cwt. six but, once inside, four great wooden columns springing from almost floor level tell a different story. Ringing ended on the pleasing 11 cwt. eight at St. Mary's, Easebourne.

Letters to the Editor

GOOD STANDARD METHODS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Wycherley, in his letter on the quality of standard methods, asks several questions which are much easier to ask than to answer.

His suggestions that worthy candidates to be rung as standard methods should have a musical plain course a variety of available compositions, and be not too difficult to ring seem eminently reasonable, and apply to many existing methods that have already been rung to peals—and yet these methods are seldom rung at practices or at meetings.

Standard methods have been defined as "those methods which a competent ringer may at any time need when he goes to a ringing meeting or into a strange belfry."

There have been many attempts in the past to define what constitutes a good method—certainly Sir A. P. Heywood, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and J. A. Trollope (to name but a few) have written much on the subject. Yet it is probably true to say that there has been very little change in the repertoire of standard methods in the lifetime of present-day ringers—despite the enormous increase in the numbers of new methods being rung in recent years. True methods such as London and Bristol are more commonly rung than they were (but this is due to an improvement in general standards rather than to any change of popularity), and Yorkshire tends to replace Superlative; but for the rest—Plain Bob Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob (declining), Double Norwich and Cambridge still remain.

The reasons for this continuity are many and varied. One, of course, is the inherent conservatism built into the definition of standard methods. Tomorrow's beginners learn the methods that are being rung today and ringers equip themselves with the methods they expect to be rung at the meetings they attend.

But this is only part of the answer. It does not explain why the existing standard methods came to be adopted. I would hazard a guess that this can be accounted for by a combination in varying degrees of the following qualities: simplicity, maintenance of coursing order, musical qualities of the method, abundance of short musical touches, variety and interest in the ringing, and ease of extension to higher numbers of bells.

It would be impossible of course to get a general consensus of agreement amongst ringers on what constitutes a musical method. In any case, the music of change ringing is based on rhythm rather than melody—and so it follows that any method well struck will be more musical than one which is badly struck. But, as I have suggested, music is by no means the only (or even the first) consideration in the popularity poll of methods. Simplicity, Interest (as opposed to monotony), Variety (both in rhythm and work) and Complexity—all play a part. And it would be even more difficult to get agreement on these qualities.

Mr. Wycherley is not the first, nor will he be the last, to condemn Cambridge. It was condemned by the experts at the turn of the century as being everything that a method should not be. Yet it is still—despite its obvious limitations—one of the most widely rung of the Surprise methods. I don't think it is just apathy that accounts for it.

I must point out that I am not criticising Mr. Wycherley's point of view. Indeed, I agree with much that he says, but I feel he is being too naive to suggest that we should "democratically decide in our standard methods" and "reject our hide-bound traditions."

I conclude with a quotation from J. A. Trollope: "Many writers and eminent men have told us in the past what should be good methods and what should be bad ones. Many have prophesied the advent of some new method which was to take its place among the standard ones and almost always the event has confounded the prophet. There is but one safe test, and that is the general experience and tradition of the Exercise throughout the centuries. Not what ringers have written and said, but what they have done and what has resulted from it."

C. CROSSTHWAITE.

Preston.

ST. DAVID'S GUILD COMING-OF-AGE

Dear Sir,—It may be of interest to many of our friends to know that 1966 is the 21st anniversary of the St. David's Diocesan Guild. It was formed on September 29th, 1945, at Carmarthen, being a break-away from the Swansea and Brecon Guild. Our firmest friends ever since have been the members of the Swansea and Brecon Guild, and it may surprise many of them to learn that 21 years have passed since we left them.

Surely one of the smallest Diocesan Guilds ever formed, with only 11 towers ringable and four unringable, it stretches from Llanbadarn Fawr in North Cardiganshire to Llandovery in North East Carmarthenshire and down to Llanelly in East Carmarthenshire, taking in the whole of Pembrokeshire. Even today it consists of only 13 ringable towers. It has never been a great peal ringing Guild but nevertheless always an active one, and at the moment has never been more active, with 85 ringing members, 37 probationary and six honorary. Many of the old founder members have passed on, including our late secretary for 15 years C. H. Hawkins, of Llanelly, who, together with Mr. B. Rees, of Burryport, was the mainstay of the Guild in its earlier years. Another founder member was A. P. Cannon, then a staff-sergeant at a local Army camp, and it was he who conducted the first quarter peal (Grandsire Triples) to commemorate the occasion at St. David's Cathedral on September 30th, 1945. The footnote reads: "Conducted by A. P. Cannon—rung by candlelight to commemorate the founding of the St. David's Diocesan Guild of Bellringers at Carmarthen on September 29th, 1945."

Our very great friend of that time, Bishop Prosser of St. David's and Archbishop of Wales, presented the Guild with a shield of a silver bell for competition annually within the Guild. For many of us this was our introduction to Mr. F. Sharpe, who regularly adjudicates our striking competition year after year; a competition which has been held since 1947 and remains ever popular.

I could go on and on with the story of our small Guild but the original idea of this letter was to inform all our friends of our coming-of-age and what an important landmark it is to us.—Yours sincerely,

A. F. WALTERS.

Cardigan.

KINGSTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 7th, 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Ruth A. Elmes 1, M. J. Young (first of Surprise Major) 2, J. L. Cloughton 3, P. Keough 4, W. T. Perrins 5, J. W. Blackwood 6, P. Schofield 7, L. F. Cobb (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Ruth and Mary Elmes. Also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. Cobb, sister of the conductor.

MUSIC OF GRANDSIRE CATERS UNSURPASSED

Dear Sir,—May I be permitted to pen a few lines in reply to Mr. David Marshall's letter on Grandsire.

The context of his letter clearly shows an attitude of "because I don't like it, it's rubbish," and whilst I agree with Mr. Marshall when he states that Grandsire is a "back-water" method not leading to higher things, I would point out that this can equally apply to Double Norwich and Stedman, and who would dare decry the beauty of these methods.

To return to Grandsire, however, I consider the music of Grandsire Caters to be unsurpassed where ten bells are concerned, and as for the peal of Grandsire Royal at Daventry, I'm sure the band, although capable perhaps of Yorkshire or London, thoroughly enjoyed themselves in producing what was quite likely an excellently struck peal producing fine music throughout.

I am writing this letter just prior to proceeding to my parish church, where I and seven other competent ringers will be attempting a peal of Grandsire Triples. Providing the ringing is good, I shall enjoy it every bit as much as if we were attempting Spliced Surprise.

Everyone is entitled to his or her own opinion, Mr. Marshall, but please do not decry others who derive great pleasure from such a "base" method.

Finally, I would challenge you to come to Devon, stand in with a call change band and ring as faultlessly as they as, in my experience, there are a large majority of Surprise method ringers who have not a clue as to how good ringing should sound.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

Plympton, Devon.

FAMILY PEALS OF CINQUES

Dear Sir,—With Mr. John Anderson's interesting recollections of the performances by the Goffton family, let us ponder awhile on the great feats of the famous brothers Bailey.

In this remarkable family were eleven boys, at least nine of them became ringers. All brothers' peals on tower bells were Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge. On handbells Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, Kent Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, Oxford Treble Bob Major and Royal, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, and Double Norwich.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN G. NASH.

Muswell Hill, London.

PASSING OF AN ANCIENT BELL FRAME

Dear Sir,—The Great Hospital, Norwich, possesses a mediæval frame for four bells. They were taken from it, so it is said, at the dissolution of the monasteries. Henry VIII tried to pillage the Hospital itself as a monastic foundation, but the stout-hearted Norwich authorities withstood the King, and the Hospital still fulfils its function as a home for old people in beautiful and historic surroundings.

The frame is in such a state of decay that it is agreed by the Great Hospital authorities, the architect and the builders that it must be taken down. Its remains are far too large for transfer to a museum, and it is felt that portions will not be worth exhibiting.

Anyone who would like to take full responsibility for its moving from site and subsequent housing could make an offer. I imagine there will be no competition! Any regret at its passing is tempered by the fact that an isometric drawing of it appears in my "Church Bells and Ringers of Norwich."—Yours sincerely,

GILBERT THURLOW.

Norwich.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL

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OBITUARY

MR. REUBEN SANDERS AN APPRECIATION

Reuben Sanders was born in the country but for sixty years had been living in London. As a ringer, he was first attached to the tower of St. George-in-the-East in 1906, although very soon moving to All Saints', Poplar. For the last forty years he had been a member of the St. Margaret's, Westminster, band, under the evergreen captaincy of William H. Hewett. The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild has lost a valued member and loyal friend for, since the early years of this century, Reuben had displayed the assets of a complete ringer by his conduct, quiet personality, punctuality, reliability and team spirit. There was no one to better him for handling and striking a bell, and to him goes a full share of the credit for building up the good name and tradition which this Association enjoys.

His first peal—rung for this Association—was on the treble at Christ Church, Cubitt Town, on August 3rd, 1907, and his last peal—also rung for this Association—was on the sixth at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on January 11th, 1964, and it was rung on the eve of his 90th birthday. This was the last of a series of birthday peals of Stedman Caters which started in 1957. Reuben's peal total exceeded 650 and just over 450 of these were rung for the Middlesex Association. He was one of the "great" heavy-bell ringers as his records at Exeter Cathedral, Waltham Abbey and St. Mary-le-Bow will testify, being mostly under the conductorship of the late William Pye.

He led a long, fruitful and faithful life, and there is no doubt that we have been wiser for his presence and now poorer for his passing. We extend our sympathy to his widow two daughters and their families. T. J. L.

MR. A. PADDON SMITH

The funeral of Mr. A. Paddon Smith, who died at the age of 84 on December 7th, took place at St. Mary's Church, Handsworth, Birmingham, on December 11th. The congregation included the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham. During the service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung by members of the St. Martin's Guild: J. A. Ainsworth (Ringing Master), F. W. Perrens (vice-president), R. C. Ingram (Master), F. E. Haynes (vice-president), G. E. Fearn (secretary). Afterwards a touch of 408 Stedman Triples was rung in the tower, the band being completed by Messrs. H. H. Fearn, S. O'C. Holloway and B. D. A. Woolley.

Thus another notable ringer who helped to bring distinction to Birmingham and to St. Martin's during the first half of this century has left us. From 1909 to 1929 he was secretary of St. Martin's Guild, and on numerous occasions afterwards he was Master, also a trustee and vice-president. As chairman of a meeting or at the "Henry Johnson" dinner he was first-class, and his speeches were always forthright, eloquent and entertaining. These qualities were perhaps to be expected in one who for many years was an influential member of the City Council and was honoured by being elected Lord Mayor of Birmingham in 1951-2. From the Guild's point of view "Paddon's"



THE LATE MR. A. PADDON SMITH

year of office as Lord Mayor was noteworthy on two counts: first, we were all entertained to tea at the Council House for the annual meeting, and, secondly, a peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells was rung in the "Parlour," with the Lord Mayor himself ringing the tenors, on Sunday, April 22nd, 1951.

His many peals included a "century" on the bells of St. Martin's and several in other parts of the country, one being at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. From 1921-53 he was a member of the Central Council, mostly with Albert Walker as his colleague; according to the accounts their expenses always totalled exactly one pound! After his exertions as Lord Mayor his health deteriorated and he did very little ringing, but in 1954 he rang the treble, presented in memory of his wife, to Stedman Triples at the dedication of the recast ring of eight at Handsworth.

"Paddon" was a splendid ringer, a beautiful "handler" and a perfect striker, who always set a very high standard and expected others to do the same. On Sunday mornings at St. Martin's he especially enjoyed ringing the eleventh, but very rarely indeed on any bell did he make the slightest error in the customary Stedman Cinques which he stoutly maintained to be "the best music obtainable on church bells." He inspired us all to give of our best and although at times his criticisms may have appeared somewhat severe yet his praise was correspondingly generous. A fine photograph hangs in the ringing chamber, seemingly watching over the proceedings as he himself did for so long, to remind the present and future generations of ringers of an outstanding figure of the past. F. E. H.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,282 Cambridge Surprise Royal: D. G. French 1, Jessa Hollis 2, Mrs. E. Chaddock 3, R. Tibbets 4, J. Chaddock 5, Kathleen Higgins 6, N. Donovan 7, R. French 8, S. Armeson 9, N. Chaddock (cond.) 10 First of Cambridge Royal 2, 4 and 6.

MR. FRANK C. SMITH

Few ringers may have heard of Mr. Frank Smith, of Langham, near Colchester, but he lived one of those quiet lives that many might envy. His home was a trim thatched cottage overlooking the lovely Stour Valley, and ah his working life he was gardener at Langham Hall. Adjoining the Hall is the church, set in a wood, where John Constable climbed the cobbled tower to paint his picture of Dedham Vale.

Frank was taught to ring here in 1896 by his father and when his father died Frank took over the captaincy of the tower a post he held until his death, after a short illness, on December 14th, at the age of 83.

He was an unobtrusive member of the Essex Association for over 60 years, and always attended District meetings when transport made it possible. The Essex Association honoured him with life membership in 1961. It could be said that his life was the church, as he was also sexton and sidesman and was for a time on the Church Council. But his chief joy was with the bells, and he managed to keep a hand together in a small village—no mean feat. He was buried in Langham churchyard immediately after which the bells were rung half-muffled by the local band F. H. E.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Southern District Nomination Meeting

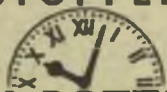
Despite the discouragement on December 4th of bad weather and a good afternoon's sport on TV, Surrey ringers travelled from far and wide to the Southern District nomination meeting at Dorking. Ringing commenced early and Stedman and Cambridge were soon achieved. The Association service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. Roundhill, assisted by the organist Mr. D. Swinburn.

Tea was served in the adjacent Church Hall, and Miss Clear and her helpers were thanked. The District Master, Mr. T. Bird presided at the business meeting, when J. Nicholson (Charlwood) and J. Laver (Redhill) were elected members. Mr. T. Bird announced that he was not standing again for Master owing to increasing business commitments and he was thanked for the work he had done over the last two years. Nominations for 1966 were as follows: Master, A. Streeter; hon. District secretary, K. Game; assistant secretary, I. Wickens; committee (three required), T. Bird, W. Dunn, D. Little and G. West; hon. auditor M. A. Northover.

A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to £1 9s. 4d and Mr W. Parrott canvassed support from members for advertisers for the cover of the annual report. At a price of £5 per page he thought the cost was certainly competitive.

Mention was made of the three successful practices held at Reigate and these are to be continued under the supervision of the District Master. An invitation to Merstham on January 12th was accepted, and in anticipation of the support it should receive the practice will start at 7 p.m.

The Master closed the meeting with votes of thanks. Ringing continued, including a near perfect plain course of London, C. H. C.

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DATE TOUCHES

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 4th, 1965 Stedman Triples (composed by J. Topp): R. G. Beck 1, R. E. Beck 2, E. J. Chivers 3, E. C. Wadman 4, F. Savage 5, A. P. Beck 6, H. D. Mackay (cond.) 7, D. Targett 8.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 11th, 1965 Doubles (480 each Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin's, Grandsire and Plain Bob, and 45 Stedman): Monica Horseman 1, M. Heymann 2, R. Smith 3, M. Horseman (cond.) 4, A. Perry 5, J. Coombes 6.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—At the Church of St. Helen, on Dec. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. P. Hallina (first on 8 bells) 1, A. K. P. Poole (first "inside" and of Major) 2, Barbara F. Banks 3, J. R. Rowson 4, Heather A. Alford 5, J. R. Poole 6, M. C. E. Hodge (first as cond.) 7, C. I. Rowson 8. For Abingdon School carol service.

ADDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Minor (Double Bob and St. Clement's): Carole Becraft 1, Amanda Powell 2, Carol Cousins 3, Wendy Wallace 4, E. G. H. Godfrey 5, C. H. Macve (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 12th, 1,320 Doubles (five methods): Amanda Powell 1, Carol Cousins 2, R. Rayfield 3, C. H. Macve 4, E. C. H. Godfrey (cond.) 5. Both for Evensong.

ARLEY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Taylor 1, J. Belshaw 2, G. Palmer (first of Minor) 3, J. Alexander 4, G. Cox 5, G. Lightfoot (cond.) 6.

BABWORTH, NOTTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods, including Stedman): S. G. Pick 1, Doreen Metcalfe 2, Linda Wilkinson 3, Mary C. Poyner (cond.) 4, H. Poyner 5, K. Hilton 6.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. E. White (first of Major) 1, Beryl N. Reed (first on eight as cond.) 2, Anne E. Bateson 3, E. Davies 4, D. H. Pritchett 5, C. W. Reed 6, C. H. Pritchett 7, P. Wakefield 8. For Evensong.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Pettit (first quarter) 1, J. Orme 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, J. Dear 5, D. Salisbury 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, S. Hutton (cover) 8.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 26th, 1,440 Doubles (12 methods): R. Peers 1, T. R. Marsh 2, T. R. Humphrey 3, L. Coventry 4, C. B. Pemberton (cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment for Sonja Singleton.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Neal (first quarter) 1, Joan Pike 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, D. Reeson (first of Grandsire) 4, R. Peckham 5, R. Pike 6, C. Conway (cond.) 7, E. Booth 8. A farewell to the Rev. David Haslam, who is leaving Bournemouth to become Vicar of East Worldham, Hants.

BRISTOL.—At St. Werburgh's Church, on Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Renolds 1, L. H. Clash 2, Linda J. Slade 3, A. True 4, R. W. Sweet (cond.) 5, J. M. Shingler 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Arthur True, aged 93, father of the ringer of 4th.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. J. Rawlings 1, G. E. Foster 2, Sheila Coppin 3, Michael Foster 4, D. Randall 5, W. T. Cook 6, R. Overington (cond.) 7, D. Hansford (first quarter) 8. For Evensong.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Helen E. Gilbert 1, Rosemarie A. Frith 2, Marion R. Panton 3, T. J. Sheahan 4, P. Gibson 5, J. R. Panton (cond.) 6.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At All Saints', Petham, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan M. Barnett (first on treble) 1, F. Templeman 2, D. B. Cox 3, R. J. Sinden 4, G. Neilson (cond.) 5, R. M. Copley 6. By Christ Church College Bellringing Society to celebrate the end of final teaching practice.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. C. May 1, E. J. Jenner 2, J. H. French 3, G. S. M. Winter 4, B. E. Jeffrey (cond.) 5, H. W. Evans 6, R. W. H. Hayes 7, D. J. M. Cox 8. Rung in memory of Mr. A. Hayes, father and grandfather of ringers at Chiddingstone.

CLITHEROE, LANCs.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Crabtree 1, W. Wilkinson 2, P. Norman 3, S. Wright 4, A. Meadows 5, F. Price (cond.) 6, P. Jenkinson (covering) 7.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: S. R. Hall 1, H. J. White 2, A. G. Hall 3, R. Dunn 4, H. J. Shuck 5, Molly Tromans 6, Miss I. Ellsmore 7, B. Ellsmore (cond.) 8. Rung on the 1st anniversary of the death of Mr. H. Wyre, in remembrance of his 53 years' work for this tower.

EUSTON, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Rose 1, H. Ivings 2, R. Rose (cond.) 3, Mr. Herbut 4, M. Rose 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Gordon Thompson.

QUARTER PEALS

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Payne 1, T. Albury (first "inside") 2, R. Lucas 3, C. M. Payne (cond.) 4, C. Lovell 5, T. Hensman 6. Rung for the Rev. G. Sidebottom's fifth year in the parish.

FILTON, GLOS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (seven methods): G. Gooding 1, A. Howard (cond.) 2, Miss R. Sheldon 3, Miss M. Haslum 4, D. C. Haslum 5, F. M. Sheldon 6.

FINCHLEY, MIDDx.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Campbell 1, A. Richardson 2, Mrs. E. Richardson 3, P. Taylor (first "inside") 4, Miss D. Robotham 5, A. Warren 6, B. Watson (cond.) 7, W. Harwin 8. For Confirmation.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: G. Vinters (first of Royal) 1, V. Evans (first "inside") 2, P. Slight 3, A. Colbourn 4, C. Baxter (first "inside") 5, J. Jordan 6, J. Holmes 7, D. A. Frith 8, L. Squires 9, H. R. Woods (cond.) 10. For the Patronal Festival.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. J. Butcher 1, E. J. Beer 2, D. S. Shaw 3, Mrs. M. F. Matthews 4, S. Sandford 5, L. Stacey 6, F. J. Matthews (cond.) 7, B. Powell 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Richard Constant, steeplekeeper, St. George's, Gravesend, who died November 5th.

GREAT BARR, STAFFS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. A. Bateman 1, Susan M. White 2, Denise J. Hargreaves 3, P. W. Horrobin 4, D. J. Large 5, D. K. Lane (first of Minor as cond.) 6. First of Minor 1, 2 and 4. For Harvest Festival.

HALLING, KENT.—On Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. R. Osenton 1, P. R. Chickwick 2, D. Garrott 3, C. Underdown 4, C. T. Osenton (cond.) 5, L. A. White 6.

HAWLEY, HANTS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Susan Kitley (first quarter) 1, K. Williamson 2, Elizabeth K. Leach 3, G. Gilder (first "inside") 4, D. Jennings 5, A. D. Leach (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (five methods): Jane Wyatt 1, Janet Woodman 2, Cherry Withell 3, I. Ross (cond.) 4, T. Smith 5, P. Lucas 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. Dormor, on the christening of their son, Philip Douglas.

HENLEY-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Belshaw (first of Treble Bob) 1, K. Taylor 2, K. Putnam 3, J. Alexander 4, M. Lawrence 5, G. Lightfoot (cond and first of Kent) 6.

HOLLESLEY, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 10th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: G. W. Pipe 1, P. May 2, A. Munnings 3, J. Munnings 4, K. Whitell 5, C. Woodard 6, E. G. Pearce 7, A. T. Beckwith (cond.) 8. For Harvest Evensong.

HOLME PIERREPONT, NOTTS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure: W. G. Marsh 1, R. D. Marsh 2, Ruth Blackshaw (cond.) 3, D. Barker 4, M. W. Harrison 5. For Evensong.

HOLSWORTHY, DEVON.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Sangwin 1, A. Bisset 2, R. Pearce 3, H. Trewin 4, H. Heard 5, C. J. Shepherd (first as cond.) 6, F. Sangwin 7, C. Sangwin 8.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints', on Oct. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Garrett (first quarter) 1, C. Higgins 2, J. K. A. Cook 3, R. J. Hough 4, A. T. Howes 5, H. S. Peacock 6. On the eve of All Saints' Day.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila A. Harfield 1, H. W. Brown 2, M. C. Wooldridge 3, S. W. Brown 4, N. J. Wright 5, J. R. Norris (cond.) 6, B. J. Harfield 7, C. J. Hudson 8. A silver wedding compliment to George and Ella Mansbridge. Also on Oct. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. M. Humphrey 1, S. W. Brown 2, N. J. Wright 3, J. R. Norris (cond.) 4, H. W. Brown 5, R. H. Tribe 6. A 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. W. J. Sands, grandmother of the conductor.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. Miles 1, W. R. Curtis 2, Marion L. Lidger 3, A. P. Smith (cond.) 4, P. M. Bowers 5. First quarter as conductor.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Danes', on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Doreen Fairhead 1, N. V. Avis 2, P. E. Thompson 3, F. G. Oliver 4, Lesley Ward 5, J. A. Avis 6, P. G. Pitt 7, S. D. Humphrey 8, B. Vaughan 9, B. W. Fairhead (cond.) 10. For Evensong.

MEPPERSHALL, BEDS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): H. Lawrence 1, L. Runnacles 2, J. Church 3, A. Harris 4, P. Croft (cond.) 5.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.—At the Royal Grammar School on Dec. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. H. E. Askew 1—2, A. G. Craddock (cond.) 3—4, S. J. Pardoe 5—6. Believed to be the first quarter peal rung in the school. Rung by the Society of Royal Grammar School Youths.

NORTHCHURCH, HERTS.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): Miss J. Harvey (first quarter) 1, J. Lawson 2, Miss H. Talbot-Ponsoby (first as cond.) 3, A. R. Ashby 4, W. Preston (first quarter) 5, F. Pocock 6. For Harvest Festival, also as a wedding compliment to David Elkins and Ann, and Elizabeth Maishman and Alan.

OADBY, LEICS.—On Nov. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. G. Walker (first quarter) 1, Miss M. E. Haslum 2, F. Haslum 3, H. C. Palmer (cond.) 4, I. Bentley 5, J. L. Palmer 6.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Dille 1, W. Bavin 2, J. Causar 3, P. Leggett 4, A. Payne (cond.) 5, G. Hodson 6. Rung for the engagement of Paul Leggett to Pamela Wadge.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At Emmanuel Church, on Dec. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Sims (first quarter) 1, Sylvia Sims 2, G. Godard 3, H. H. Thomas 4, N. A. G. Rowe 5, A. Weatherly 6, J. P. Sims (cond.) 7, F. R. Hocking 8.

RISE, EAST YORKS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (six methods): C. Gray-Nicholson (first quarter) 1, H. Rodmell 2, R. Carill 3, C. W. Gray-Nicholson 4, G. Holmes (cond.) 5.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Rose 1, L. Nice 2, R. Rose 3, H. Culpin (first "inside") 4, C. Hancock 5, M. Rose (cond.) 6.

SHIFNAL, SALOP.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. B. Hemming 1, E. V. Rodenhurst 2, Margaret A. Swain 3, R. E. Morris 4, D. Collins (cond.) 5, A. Elizabeth Timmins 6, P. R. Johnson 7, S. W. Illidge 8. A compliment to George Hemming and Mrs. Hemming, of Shifnal, on their 40th wedding anniversary.

SONNING, BERKS.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Newell (first quarter) 1, D. C. Willis 2, Mrs. I. N. Busby 3, A. W. Burton 4, C. Williams 5, G. M. Harvey 6, A. N. Willis (cond.) 7, S. J. Atkins 8. For Confirmation.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Dec. 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: John S. Croft (first on eight) 1—2, K. S. B. Croft (cond.) 3—4, Madeline M. Croft (first on eight "in hand") 5—6, William S. Croft (first quarter) 7—8.

STUDLEY, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Sutor 1, Doreen Cooke 2, J. W. Perkins (cond.) 3, D. French 4, G. Stock 5, D. Perkins 6. For carol service organised by Studley College students.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Thompson 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, R. L. Coles 3, I. P. Cox 4, Shirley A. Cox 5, D. J. Barnett 6, A. F. Lee (cond.) 7, M. J. Hawkins 8. First on eight 1, 3, 4, 5 and 8. An 82nd birthday compliment to our oldest ringer, Mr. Edmund King.

TWYWELL, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): S. F. Leasbery 1, T. G. Smith 2, R. J. Cowley (cond.) 3, E. C. Buckby 4, F. E. Coales 5.

UPPER CLAPTON, LONDON.—On Oct. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): C. F. Neal 1, Naomi Hales 2, C. A. Gray 3, J. A. Hales 4, E. C. Steele 5, J. M. Steele (cond.) 6, D. Grove 7. For Harvest Thanksgiving, and as a birthday compliment to J. A. Hales.

WATERLOO, LONDON.—At St. John's, on Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Grainger (cond.) 1, R. J. Cooles 2, G. W. Shanks 3, M. J. Uphill 4, J. M. Steele 5, K. Rider 6, C. M. Meyer 7, F. A. Benn 8. For Confirmation by the Bishop of Southwark.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: V. Roberts 1, G. Salmon (cond.) 2, P. Hull 3, M. Bartlett 4, M. Jefferyes (first of Caters) 5, J. Shepherd 6, C. Jenkins 7, Miss S. Hallett 8, R. Taylor 9, E. Coombes 10. For Evensong.

WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Powell 1, Angela Quick 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, H. G. Keeley 4, G. S. Morris 5, A. F. Knight 6, F. G. Knight (cond.) 7, A. Walborne 8. For Evensong, and as a welcome to Amanda Lorraine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Knight, First of Stedman as conductor.

MISCELLANEOUS

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Nov. 29th, 900 Doubles (three methods): Brenda Arnott 1, Christine Baker 2, Cherry Withell 3, P. Lucas 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, Jane Wyatt 6. Longest ring 1, 2. For Evensong.

ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF MINOR METHODS

Compiled by H. CHANT

ADDENDUM

ABERTAWE BOB

34.16 x 16 x 5. 2nds 54632.
Handbells, August 8th, 1964.

ALMONDBURY DELIGHT

See Royston Treble Bob.

ARBROATH DELIGHT

x 36 x 14 x 12 x 16 x 14 x 3. 2nds 36524.

BANGOR BOB

See St. Asaph's.

BATTERSEA DELIGHT

— 14 x 36 x 36 x 36 x 16 x. 6ths 34625.
Assymetrical. In Annable's notebook.

BLACK ROCK

See Royal Bob (I).

BOB ROYAL

Given thus in Finch's book, 1825, but
identical with Royal Bob.

BRITANNIA TREBLE BOB

x 36 x 16 x 56 x 16 x 14 x 1. 6ths 65243.
Albert Nash's notebook.

BROTHWELL'S

x 36 x 14.16 x 56 x 16 x 14 x 5. 4ths.
46325
2nd place Bob. The method is Reversed
Tulip

CANTERBURY BOB

See St. Asaph's.

CANTERBURY DOUBLE

34.16 x 16.34.5. 2nds 54632.

CAMBRIDGE SINGLE (II)

Notebook of J. E. Sykes. Identical with
College Double Bob.

CAMBRIDGE EXERCISE

An alternative name for Cambridge
Delight.

CATLIFFE

See Evening Star.

CHELSEA BOB

x 16 x 36 x 36 x 36 x 14 x. 6ths 34625.

CITY DELIGHT (II)

CITY TREBLE BOB

Asymmetrical. Annable's notebook.
Identical with New London Treble Bob.

CHRISTMAS EVE

x 16.12.16.12.16.12.16.12.16 x. 6ths 42635.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' PLEASURE

See Royal Bob (I)

COLLEGE YOUTHS' TREBLE BOB

See Leeds Surprise.

CONISTON COURT BOB

34.16 x 123 x 16. 6ths 52364.
Single change method. Handbells.
March 25th, 1965.

CORONATION SURPRISE

Identical with Biddulph Surprise.

DYNEVOR COLLEGE BOB

See Palatine.

ELTERWATER BOB

36.14 x 16 x 5. 2nds 42563.

ENGLAND'S DELIGHT

x 36 x 14 x 56 x 36 x 14 x 5. 2nds 42635.

ESSEX SURPRISE

x 16 x 14 x 56 x 36.14 x 14.3. 6ths 42635.

EWENNY COLLEGE BOB

x 14 x 36.12.3. 2nds 42563.
Handbells, September 21st, 1964.

ERIN MINOR

123456

214365	214365	S 214365
241356	241356	241356
423165 q	— 423165 q	423156
234516	243156	243165
	241365	234615
243156	421356	326451
325461	412536	634251
352416	145263 q	362415
534261 s	415236	364521
354621	451326	346512
345612		

Bob
in 1st 5

Single
in 1st 5

Figures taken from J. E. Sykes' notebook.

INGATESTONE

Identical with Chester-le-Street.

LYDIARD DELIGHT

Identical with Tankersley, which is also
an alternative name for Eyam.

Two methods have appeared during the pub-
lication of the Index, i.e.:

COGENHOE DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 12 x 1236 x 14 x 3. 2nds
42635.

SOMERTON DELIGHT

x 36 x 16 x 56 x 36 x 14 x 5. 2nds 56342

Among the methods to which I have no
figures are:

NUTFIELD T.B., LIVERPOOL, NEW YORK
NEW KIRK and BRITISH QUEEN.

CORRIGENDA

Abbeyville. 34 not 31.
Alderbourn Del. 34 x 34.16 not 36 x 34.16.
Allendale. Not Allandale; also 12 not 13.
Albion Del. 64235 not 64325.
Caernarvon Delight. 2nds 64523 not as given.
Double Place. 1256 not 16 (i.e. single change).
Evening Del. (I). 52643 not 52364.
Evening Star (II). First 36 should be 34.
Little Bob. Name omitted (between Lindley
and Llanelly).
St. Giles T.B. 36524 not 35264.
Shelford Delight. Not Shalford (after Little
Shelford, where first peal in the method
was rung).
Single Court. 36 should be 16.
Single Oxford. 36 should be 16.

Note also the following:

Darfield Exercise (I) = Darfield Pleasure (II).
Darton Delight = Horbury Exercise.
Barnsley Victory = College Bob (II).
Beaconsfield Grand = St. Wilfrid.
Deepcar = Evesham (II).
Holmfirth T.B. = Merchant's Delight.
Lakeside Pleasure = Albion Surprise.
Ringers' Pleasure = Leeds Surprise = Royal
Delight (II).
Ringers' Victory = Princess Royal = Darfield
Victory.
Sandal Delight (I) = Albion Surprise (II).
St. Anne's Delight = Capt. Cook (which
should be 52364).

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We are planning to publish at an early
date a supplement to the "Collection of
Doubles Methods" prepared by Roy H. Jones,
of Marston, Oxford, and Geoffrey Dodd.

Christ Church College Bellringing Society,
Canterbury, has now been in being three
years. This week's quarter peal was to mark
the end of final teaching practice. We hope
that this does not herald a general departure.

"The Church of England Newspaper" in
its issue of December 17th gave a review of
Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson's book "Change
Ringing" entitled "The Exercise," written by
the Editor of our journal.

A peal we liked receiving was that from
Wigtoft, Lincs, where four of the band rang
their first peal (Minor in three methods).
Congratulations to the conductor, Albert E.
Flatters

After the peal of Yorkshire at Redenhall,
Norfolk, ended, Miss Angela Wright revealed
that she had never struck a blow in the method
before lest she might be delegated to the treble.
She rang a difficult bell most creditably,
writes the conductor, David E. House, to
score her first of Surprise Major.

Through a typographical error the Christ-
mas greeting of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Harding
was set up as Mr. and Mrs. P. Harding. The
error is regretted. The greeting and best
wishes for Christmas and the New Year is
especially to ringing friends who are mem-
bers of the Winchester and Portsmouth and
Sussex Guilds, and was sent by Mr. and Mrs.
S. J. Harding, of 25, Glamorgan Road,
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"THE BELLRINGERS' HANDBOOK"

For the use of American handbell ringers, Nancy Poore Tufts has written "The Bellringers' Handbook," which is for tune ringers a combination of "The Ringers' Notebook" and the Central Council's "Beginners' Handbook for Change Ringers."

Pages are devoted to personal records—not only the ringing choir but bell director's name, bell choir mother's name, chaperones' or sponsors' names. Blank pages are reserved for schedule of services, programmes and festivals, bell choir events, handbell repertoire and signature piece.

A comprehensive description is given of almost everything appertaining to a handbell, from its fittings (with diagrams) and maintenance, to ringing a bell, the tremulando, volume control, dampening and meetings. A chapter is devoted to the fundamentals of written music with notation reminders for reference. Care, storage and transportation of handbells is another useful chapter as well as general rules of courtesy, common sense and fair play.

Two chapters of general interest are "What every bellringer should know about bells in general" and "Change Ringing." The miscellaneous information seems more varied than the contents of most of our elementary books and includes bell foundries, bell organisations, bell publications, books about bells and foreign terms for bells, i.e.: Belgian, Dutch = Klokken; Chinese = Tsiang-tsiang; East Indian = Ghanta, drilbu; French = Cloche; Gaelic = Clog; German = Glocke; Greek = Kampana, kouthane; Italian = Campana, nola; Japan = Rin; Portuguese = Sino.

"The Bellringers' Handbook" we feel would appeal to handbell choirs in this country. It is published by Harold Flammer, music publishers, 251, West 19th Street, New York 11, N.Y.

YOUTH TO THE FORE

The secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, Mr. M. J. Pryor, and his daughter, Mary Pryor, joined six members of the Cowbridge Grammar School Society for a peal of Bob Major at Penarth on December 11th. Chris Ricketts, by successfully calling this peal, beat Nicholas Simon's record of being the youngest to call Major for the Association. The other two 14-year-olds, John Alexander and Robert MacPherson, rang well also, and Robert, on the fourth, was especially to be commended, as the peal was his first touch of Major.

HUNTINGTON (YORK) GUILD

The coffee evening held at 28, Greenacres, Huntington, on December 10th, raised the sum of £12 2s. 4d. (after deduction of expenses) towards the cost of a set of handbells for the Guild. Thanks are accorded to all who supported the effort so generously, in particular the York Minster Society, who were represented by their president and hon. secretary, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Beanland, for their kind hospitality, the St. John's College Bellringers' Society for their skilful demonstration of handbell ringing, and the Guild members who entertained with songs and recitations.

SOUTH MYMMS RINGERS' GUILD

The Archdeacon of Hampstead and Miss Pink were guests of honour at the third annual dinner of the St. Giles' South Mymms, Guild of Ringers held at the Wagon and Horses, South Mymms.

The guests were welcomed by the secretary, Mr. G. W. Sillis, and the Archdeacon responded with a toast to the ringers. He mentioned his liking for bells, although not a ringer himself. The Archdeacon has been instrumental in rehanging the eight bells at his former church, St. John at Hackney.

The loving cup was passed round the assembled company in memory of Joan Bruce Robinson. Mr. R. Owen, captain of the ringers, replied to the toast.

Handbells were then rung. Mr. and Mrs. G. Dodds and Miss B. M. Goodspeed rang a touch of Bob Minor, and the local band rang some carols. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

FIRST PEAL AFTER 91 YEARS

The peal at St. Mark's, Preston, Lancs, on December 9th, was a rarity, being the first on the bells for 91 years. The reason is that the bells are hung as high as possible in a slender tower and in consequence there is considerable movement when they are rung. Handling is rather difficult and they are "definitely not ladies' bells." The rest of the band, therefore, would like to congratulate 16-year-old Jane Reynolds on the way she rang the second bell under these circumstances.

SPICE AT 11

Stephen Munday, the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Munday, of Pudsey, who is a member of the Bradford Cathedral band, has taken part in his first peal of Spiced Surprise Major (Lincolnshire, Yorkshire and Cambridge) with 134 changes of method. To accomplish this at the age of 11 places him in the forefront of our young ringers. "Of course, he rang very well," comments the conductor, Vernon Bottomley.

MERTHYR TYDFIL TENOR

For a long time when ringers asked to ring on the 20 cwt. eight at Merthyr Tydfil they were told that only the front seven could be rung as the tenor was unringable—£400 was needed to put it right, they were informed. It was not until October this year, however, that the matter was fully investigated. Three Llandaff ringers travelled to Merthyr and inspected the frame and tenor; no fault could be found and so the bell was tied and rung up, after permission was asked and given. It was found to go very well indeed—as might be expected of an 1896 Taylor bell. Next a practice was held and everyone there was delighted by the tone and handling qualities of the ring. The ring is now in a perfect condition—stays and ropes have been fitted—and a peal of Yorkshire Major is to be attempted on Christmas Eve.

Any visiting bands are welcome, as the more the bells are rung the better; however, peal attempts will be limited, as the tower is very close to a high block of flats.

FIFTY YEARS AFTER

The families of Hibberts and Whites, whose ancestors made much ringing history in the past, came back to Caversham on December 4th, 1965, to mark a special anniversary. It was on this day 50 years before, that Bill Hibbert rang the treble here to Grandsire Triples, his first peal. This had been arranged to celebrate the golden wedding of his grandparents, so it was most appropriate that members of the two families, with friends, should meet here again to ring another peal.

John Chilcott rang the tenor, reminding us of the great friendship which existed between the famous Appleton band and the late Bert Langdon and other worthies of the College Youths. Reg and Bryn added a little West Country colour to the band.

Mr. Lanaghan, Ringing Master, met the party and had everything in readiness, including having the peal book open at the page recording the peal 50 years before.

The anniversary duly marked, with another peal called by young John Hibbert, a short stop was made for refreshments and then a return to Appleton to the usual Saturday practice and it was very stimulating to see the latest Appleton recruits making good progress, and helping to ensure continuity in this famous tower. The company and fare at the Plough seemed better than ever and brought a memorable day to a close.

Sunday duties included the privilege of assisting with ringing at Christ Church, Oxford, and Cumnor later. Back in East Ilsey the warmth of greetings and sharing the family gathering was, as always a reminder of the magic for ringers of the Berkshire Downs. To Bill Hibbert of course it is coming home, and a special homecoming this anniversary.

In the belfry of the village church hang many interesting peal boards; one carried such famous names as the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn, Herbert Landon Challis Winney, R. T. Hibbert—and William Hibbert junior rang the treble!

An opening touch of Stedman Triples for Evensong would have pleased any of those worthies who are no longer with us. How they would have rejoiced with us, too, that 100 years after the wedding of her grandparents here, Patricia was playing the organ for Evensong, another Hibbert in the choir, a ringer and chorister reading the lessons, and a congregation swelled by several of us meeting to give thanks for the pleasure and friendships which perhaps only ringing affords. W. H. C.

DAUGHTERS' QUARTER WITH FATHER

History was made at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, on December 9th, when the captain, Mr. J. P. Sims, rang a quarter of Grandsire with his two daughters Sylvia and Patricia. "This was without doubt," writes H. H. T., "the first quarter by Plymouth ringers during between 300 and 400 years of ringing in the city, where a father and two daughters took part. There have been other combinations as when the late Mr. G. H. Myers, of St. Andrew's, was alive. He and his three sons rang many quarters and peals together. There have been two brothers, two sisters, husband and wife and other relatives together in quarters at Emmanuel since the last war."

THE PORTISHEAD REUNION

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

NUNEATON, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints, Chilvers Coton.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Anthony H. Smith Treble	Tudor P. Edwards 6
*Linda M. Foot 2	Philip J. Rothera 7
Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. 3	Jeffrey J. Fox 8
†Stephen Royal 4	John H. Fielden 9
Ann E. Fellows 5	Maurice C. Hughes .. Tenor

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

* First peal of Stedman. † First on ten bells.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. M. W. Mansbridge, B.A., on the eve of his induction

ALLESLEY, Warwickshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

C. Martin Press Treble	Tudor P. Edwards 5
Alice E. J. Lester 2	Anthony H. Smith 6
Maryl R. Crossthwaite .. 3	Jeffrey J. Fox 7
Hazel A. Arrowsmith .. 4	John H. Fielden Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by John H. Fielden

PACKWOOD, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Giles.

On Sun., Dec. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 6 cwt 3 qr. 14 lb.

C. Martin Press Treble	Anthony H. Smith 5
Ann E. Fellows 2	Jeffrey J. Fox 6
Hazel E. Arrowsmith .. 3	Kenneth J. Hesketh .. 7
Alice E. J. Lester 4	Tudor P. Edwards Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin. Conducted by Tudor P. Edwards.

OTHER PEALS

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ROCKWELL GREEN, Wellington, Somerset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Mon., Dec. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 11 cwt 3 qr. in F sharp

Seven different extents.	*Keith Beale 4
Arthur H. Reed Treble	*Nigel J. Maggs 5
*Marian Beale 2	Raymond F. Arscott .. Tenor
†Stephen J. Gullick 3	

Conducted by Raymond F. Arscott.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

SUTTON, Macclesfield, Cheshire.—At the Church of St. James

On Sun., Nov. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*†Anthony Wm Lawton Treble	*Hilary Horn 4
†Harold C. Lanyon 2	E. Millcent P. Lawton .. 5
Charles Wm. Lawton .. 3	*Peter Wm. Horn Tenor

Conducted by Charles Wm. Lawton.

* First peal in the method. † "Circled the tower." ‡ Rung Kent from Minor to Maximus

Rung to mark the consecration in Chester Cathedral this day of the Rt. Rev. Eric Mercer as Bishop of Birkenhead, and the Rt. Rev. Gordon Strutt as Bishop of Stockport.

BOWDON, Cheshire.—At the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

Allen Twyman Treble	John Freeman 5
Christine Andrew 2	Alan J. Brown 6
Sid Hough 3	Jeffrey Brannan 7
Ken Davenport 4	Neil Lomas Tenor

Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Jeffrey Brannan

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

WOLVERHAMPTON Staffordshire.—At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

Yvonne Edwards Treble	Michael J. Fellows 7
*M. Elizabeth Timmins .. 2	David Beacham 8
Clifford Skidmore 3	Gerald C. Hemming 9
*C. Frederick Jukes 4	John C. Eisel 10
Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 5	Martin D. Fellows 11
Frederick G. Handley .. 6	Thomas W. Lewis Tenor

Composed by Charles H. Hattersley Conducted by Michael J. Fellows

* First peal on 12 bells. First of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BLACKHILL, Co Durham.—At the Church of St. Aidan.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp

*Henry P. Thompson .. Treble	Thomas Sewell 5
Rodney A. Yeates 2	William Tyson 6
Christopher T. Lamb .. 3	Kenneth Arthur 7
Ian Wintrip 4	Denis A. Bayles Tenor

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Kenneth Arthur.

* First peal on eight bells.
Rung in connection with the 80th anniversary celebrations of this church.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

PRITTLEWELL, Essex.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sun., Dec. 12, 1965, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5039 WINCHESTER BOB CATERS

Tenor 18½ cwt.

Peter D. Chapman Treble	Allred J. House 6
Bernard C. Sadler 2	Frank C. May 7
Gerald D. J. Sandwell .. 3	David E. Belcham 8
Terence T. Jones 4	Peter G. Brown 9
Frank B. Lufkin 5	Peter Sloman Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Alfred J. House.

Believed to be the first peal in the method.

A compliment to Peter D. Chapman and Patricia Ann Nicholls, on their engagement.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob

On Thurs., Dec. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLIES

Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part.	
*Jeffrey L. Hillman Treble	Richard J. Bowden 5
Alan Tubb 2	James R. Taylor 6
Diana M. Chapman 3	D. John Hunt 7
Gillian M. Hussey 4	Peter Bridle Tenor

Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* First peal on eight

RUARDEAN, Gloucestershire.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt.

Richard W. Sweet Treble	Alan Tubb 5
Gillian M. Hussey 2	Nicholas W. H. Simon .. 6
*Arthur C. Berry 3	John C. Slater 7
Peter M. Wilkinson .. 4	D. John Hunt Tenor

Composed by Norman Smith. Conducted by D. John Hunt.

* 100th peal.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

EAST BUDLEIGH, Devon.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

Frank D. Mack Treble	Cyril Savage 5
John R. J. Quick 2	George E. Retter 6
Bryan F. Coles 3	Clive G. Bryant 7
Margaret A. Boulton .. 4	Colin Reeves Tenor

Composed by J. Barker. Conducted by Colin Reeves.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Bryan F. Coles.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, Herefordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Tues., Dec. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 24 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in B flat.

Being seven different extents.	
Leslie Evans Treble	Thomas Bound 4
Mrs E. C. Chandler 2	John Hope 5
Robert Hatcher 3	A. Bryan Ellsmore Tenor

Conducted by A. Bryan Ellsmore

First peal on the bells since being rehung (John Taylor and Co.) in memory of the late Jabez Preece, for many years Ringing Master, choir master and secretary of the P.C.C. at this church.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

BUSHEY, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. James the Apostle.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

Stephen Ivin Treble	Rodney H. French 5
Gerald Penney 2	David A. Carpenter 6
*Julia A. Fellows 3	Roger Baldwin 7
Eric Edmondson 4	Thomas J. Lock Tenor

Composed by Stephen Ivin Conducted by Gerald Penney.

* First peal in the method First in the method as conductor.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
ESSENDON, Hertfordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Six different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.
*Anthony R. Smith Treble | Dennis Digby 4
Susan Farnes 2 | Michael J. Sherrick 5
*A. Malcolm Pettit 3 | Keith J. Walpole Tenor
Conducted by Keith J. Walpole.
* First peal. First peal on the bells for 11 years.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ERITH, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.
On Fri., Dec. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.
Arthur G. Mason Treble | Herbert E. Audsley 5
Colin A. Tester 2 | D. Paul Smith 6
W. Arthur Riddington 3 | *Frederick J. Cullum 7
Bernard F. L. Groves 4 | †Christopher T. Osenton Tenor
Composed by W. Eric Critchley. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
* 350th peal on the bells. † "Circled the tower" to peals.
Rung in memoriam Rev Philip Lea, former Vicar of Erith.

WEST WICKHAM, Kent.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Thurs., Dec. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.
Ian H. Oram Treble | *Michael H. O'Callaghan 4
Percy J. Spice 2 | *D. Paul Smith 5
*Richard G. Crosland 3 | *Tony Lewis Tenor
Conducted by Tony Lewis.

* First peal of Minor in the method. First of Surprise Minor as conductor.

Rung on the Feast of St. Bibiana, Virgin and Martyr.

BOBBING, Kent.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

In 32 methods: (1) Hanley and Milton, (2) Hanley, Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning and Milton, (3) Cuneastre, London and Wells, (4 and 5) Lindley, Northumberland, Sandiacre, Carlisle, Wooler, Whitley, Alnwick, Newcastle, Morpeth, Canterbury, Chester and Munden, (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, (7) York, Durham, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham and Beverley, with 128 chffanges of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.
Tony Lewis Treble | Ralph Bird 4
Mary S. Taylor 2 | *Ian H. Oram 5
John Faircloth 3 | Thomas Cullingworth Tenor
Conducted by Ian H. Oram.

* 150th peal of Minor.

PLUCKLEY, Kent.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR

Being one 2,160 and four extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in E.
Cyril S. Jarrett Treble | *Alexander Waddington 4
*Peter Smith 2 | †Bernard F. L. Groves 5
*Peter S. Muchlinski 3 | Martin L. Howe Tenor
Conducted by Bernard F. L. Groves.

* First peal in the method. † 100th different tower in Kent to a peal.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Dec. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 21½ cwt.
W. Thomas Turner Treble | Alan Capstick 5
*Jeffrey Turner 2 | William Wall 6
James E. Burles 3 | N. M. Newby, sen. 7
Frank Birkett 4 | Raymond Suart Tenor
Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by N. M. Newby, sen.

* First peal of Major "inside."
Rung half-muffled in memory of Thomas Metcalfe, a ringer at this church for 65 years, who was interred this day.

CHILDWALL, Liverpool.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 10 callings, 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.
*Keith Dickens Treble | †James Dunbavin 4
Thomas W. Hesketh 2 | Edwin C. Birkett 5
†R. Fraser Mack 3 | *David W. Fellows Tenor
Conducted by Thomas W. Hesketh.

* First peal. † First in method.
Rung as a compliment from the parish to the Rev. W. H. Wade, A.L.C.D., on his appointment as an Hon. Canon of Liverpool Cathedral.

FARNWORTH-WITH-KEARSLEY, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. John.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent T.B., St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and one of Oxford T.B. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in G.
Judith H. Barlow Treble | Jeffrey Kershaw 4
Margaret E. Fort 2 | *Joseph Thornley 5
John P. Partington 3 | Derek Butterworth Tenor
Conducted by Derek Butterworth.

* 200th peal.

PRESTON, Lancashire.—At the Church of St. Mark.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 15½ cwt.
Dennis H. McCormick .. Treble | Roger Barnes 4
Jane Reynolds 2 | Cyril Crossthwaite 5
John Ascroft 3 | Frank Reynolds Tenor
Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
The first peal on the bells, which were hung in 1874.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINTERTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Thurs., Dec. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Double Oxford, Reverse Bob, College, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.
Robert Bridge Treble | Ronald Chafer 4
*Roger Hippisley 2 | Frank Bloomfield 5
Jack Bray 3 | John Hall Tenor
Conducted by John Hall.

* First peal "inside."

WIGTOFT, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Fri., Dec. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents Kent T.B., two St. Clement's, and three Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 28 lb.
*John W. Elkington Treble | *Michael J. Woods 4
Joseph W. Bailey 2 | *Robert E. Smalley 5
*Keith Coleman 3 | Albert E. Flatters Tenor
Conducted by Albert E. Flatters.

* First peal.

UFFINGTON, Lincolnshire.—At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.
Hilary Knight Treble | Alan G. Payne 4
Janet E. Hubbard 2 | Keith R. Davey 5
Frank Taylor 3 | J. Martin Thorley Tenor
Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.

A compliment to John Thorley, who this day received the degree of Master of Arts of the University of Durham.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PENARTH, Glamorgan.—At the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours.

A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.
*John Alexander Treble | †David Barrington 5
Mary Pryor 2 | M. Jack Pryor 6
*Iolo Davies 3 | Ellis N. Thomas 7
*Robert MacPherson 4 | †Christopher Ricketts Tenor
Composed by J. Pritchard. Conducted by Christopher Ricketts.
* First peal on eight bells. † First of Major. Youngest conductor (14 years 6 months) to call a peal of Major for the Association.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KEELE SOCIETY.

KEELE, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In three methods, consisting of one extent of Oxford T.B., two of Kent T.B. and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb. in G sharp.
*Philip Kimber Treble | *Michael Robinson 4
Felicity Webber 2 | *Anthony White 5
Jeremy Tandy 3 | Philip Gay Tenor
Conducted by Philip Gay.

* First peal in three methods. First peal for the Society.
Rung to mark the dedication of the University Chapel, which took place on December 1st.

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.

LONDON, E.C.—At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents in seven methods: (1) Westminster, (2) Bourne, (3) Norwich, (4) London, (5) Surfleet, (6) Norfolk, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in G.

Diana M. Frost Treble	Timothy G. Pett 4
Roger D. Bailey 2	Robert E. J. Dennis 5
Alan J. Frost 3	Richard O'Humphries .. Tenor

Conducted by Roger D. Bailey.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

KING'S LYNN, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Margaret.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in C.

Shelagh R. Collins .. Treble	John Cox 6
Rev. M. C. C. Melville .. 2	Geoffrey H. Pullin 7
Angela M. Wright 3	Norman V. Harding 8
David Cubitt 4	David E. House 9
*Leslie W. Houghton .. 5	Peter Adcock Tenor

Composed by Clement Glenn.

Conducted by David E. House.

* 100th peal for the Association.

REDENHALL, Norfolk.—At the Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

Geoffrey H. Pullin .. Treble	Thomas E. Spight 5
*Angela M. Wright 2	Martin Cubitt 6
David Cubitt 3	Peter Adcock 7
Roy Duesbury 4	David E. House Tenor

Composed by John L. Morris.

Conducted by David E. House.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

WROXHAM, Norfolk.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sun., Nov. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

William Clover .. Treble	Thomas E. Spight 4
Frank G. J. Arnold 2	Gilbert E. Larter 5
Wilfred G. Saunders .. 3	Roger B. Lubbock Tenor

Conducted by William Clover.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HIGH WYCOMBE, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 33 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

John E. Camp .. Treble	Frederick R. Scott 6
Edward R. Venn 2	Derek Francis 7
Claudia A. Critchley .. 3	*Sydney M. Bailey 8
G. William Critchley .. 4	David P. Hilling 9
Dennis Knox 5	J. Keith Ward Tenor

Conducted by G. William Critchley.

* 150th peal.

CAVERSHAM, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 13 cwt.

Holt's Ten-Part .. Treble	Brynley A. Shackleton .. 5
William Hibbert 2	Brian R. White 6
John W. T. Hibbert 3	Francis A. White 7
Patricia E. Hibbert 4	John E. Chilcott Tenor

Conducted by John W. T. Hibbert.

A compliment to Mr. William Hibbert, on the 50th anniversary of his first peal.

ISLIP, Oxfordshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Mon., Dec. 6, 1965, in 3 Hours,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

Alan R. Pink .. Treble	*Brian W. Hall 5
*D. Kay Adkins 2	*Peter J. Heritage 6
†Jane A. Carruthers .. 3	Christopher C. Clarke .. 7
*Frederick W. Soden .. 4	Philip H. Tocock Tenor

Composed by J. Thorpe.

Conducted by Alan R. Pink.

* First peal of Major in the method. † First on eight bells. The conductor's 600th peal for the Guild (477 conducted).

Rung on the Feast of St. Nicholas.

BURNHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5184 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR

Tenor: 12 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

Walter G. Knight .. Treble	Richard E. Dean 5
William Birmingham .. 2	Brian A. Cracknell 6
Gordon W. Limmer 3	Giles R. Shedden 7
William Birmingham, jun. 4	Howard Oglesby Tenor

Composed by Henry W. Wilde.

Conducted by Howard Oglesby.

DORCHESTER, Oxfordshire.—At the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 EWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

Frederick R. Scott .. Treble	J. Keith Ward 5
Helen M. Diserens 2	Ronald F. Diserens 6
David P. Hilling 3	Edward R. Venn 7
Brian J. Luff 4	Noel J. Diserens Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pitstow.

Conducted by David P. Hilling.

EAST ILSLEY, Berkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt.

Cyril J. Hibbert .. Treble	†Harry E. Wells 5
*Patricia E. Hibbert .. 2	*Robert B. Blond 6
John H. Napper 3	†John W. T. Hibbert .. 7
*Clifford J. Garlick .. 4	Arthur W. G. Sayers .. Tenor

Composed by H. Hubbard.

Conducted by Cyril J. Hibbert.

* First peal in method. † First peal of Major. ‡ First in method "inside" First of Treble Bob as conductor.

CHESHAM, Buckinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Tenor 17 cwt. 5 lb.

Dennis Knox .. Treble	John Young 4
Joyce I. Barton 2	David A. Cornwall 5
Roy Woodruff 3	Walter Lee Tenor

Conducted by Dennis Knox.

The first peal on the bells for 33 years.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BURTON LATIMER, Northamptonshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F.

*Richard J. Cowley .. Treble	Michael J. Staley 5
*Sheila J. Staley 2	Geoffrey E. Watson 6
Arthur Gibbs 3	*Denis G. Pearson 7
Anthony D. Sansom .. 4	Murray A. Coleman .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Murray A. Coleman.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. Arthur Gibbs has now "circled the tower."

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Dec. 2, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Norman J. Goodman .. Treble	David J. Purnell 7
Roderick W. Pipe 2	George E. Fearn 8
John R. Insley 3	*Peter J. Stretton 9
James Insley 4	Martin D. Fellows 10
Graham C. Paul 5	Michael J. Fellows 11
John C. Eisel 6	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

* First peal of Maximus.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Thurs., Dec. 9, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5042 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

J. Alan Ainsworth .. Treble	Edward W. Colley 7
George E. Fearn 2	Michael J. Fellows 8
*Mary Pryor 3	Norman J. Goodman 9
Roderick W. Pipe 4	David J. Purnell 10
Martin D. Fellows 5	Clifford A. Barron 11
John C. Eisel 6	Peter Border Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by Peter Border.

* First peal on 12 bells.

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BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay Treble	Ann E. Fellows 6
*Elizabeth Timmins 2	Philip J. Rothera 7
†Iris M. E. Lemare 3	Kenneth J. Hesketh 8
Susan Rothera 4	J. Alan Ainsworth 9
*Mark Androlia 5	George E. Fearn Tenor

Arranged by Peter Border.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † 100th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Martin.

On Tues., Dec 7, 1965, in 3 Hours and 21 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

John R. Insley Treble	George E. Fearn 6
Mary Pryor 2	Peter J. Stretton 7
*J. M. Elaine Dixon 3	Peter D. Warren 8
James Insley 4	Graham C. Paul 9
*Jonathan D. Chamberlain .. 5	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed by Stephen J. Ivin.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

SOLIHULL, Warwickshire.—At the Church of St. Alphege.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SOLIHULL SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 21 cwt. 39 lb. in E flat.

Muriel Reay Treble	Roderick W. Pipe 6
B. Gillian Schofield 2	Norman J. Goodman 7
Gillian A. Leale 3	George E. Fearn 8
Robin G. Leale 4	Peter Border 9
John A. Anderson 5	J. Alan Ainsworth Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

BIRMINGHAM, At the Church of St. Bartholomew, Edgbaston.

On Wed., Dec. 8, 1965, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

John A. Anderson Treble	John N. Lindon 5
Henry H. Fearn 2	Norman J. Goodman 6
Clifford A. Barron 3	J. Alan Ainsworth 7
Roderick W. Pipe 4	George E. Fearn Tenor

Composed by Brian D. Price.

(Simplification of J. O. Lancashire's peal. "R.W." July 6th, 1962.)

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

TROWBRIDGE, Wiltshire.—At the Church of St. James.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

*Robert J. Purnell Treble	Edwar C. Shepherd 7
†George W. Massey 2	*Frederick S. Slatford 8
*Richard A. G. Inglis 3	*Robert D. Quartley 9
*Charles P. Quartley 4	*Norman G. N. Knee 10
Gilbert H. Harding 5	Eric J. Hitchens 11
*David T. H. Robertson .. 6	†Ronald H. Lucas Tenor

Composed by Edgar C. Shepherd. Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.

* First peal on 12 bells. † First of Grandsire Cinques. ‡ Completes Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques. First of Grandsire Cinques for the Guild. Tenor 24 cwt.

LONG CRICHEL, Dorset.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Fri., Dec. 10, 1965, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different 6-5 extents.	Tenor 12 cwt. in G.
Jack Mussell Treble	†Christopher J. N. Dalton .. 4
John W. Blackwood 2	*William T. Perrins 5
Jeffrey L. Cloughton 3	Ronald N. Marlow Tenor

Conducted by William T. Perrins.

* First peal of Minor. † First "inside." First peal on the bells.

THE SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

(Also for the Yorkshire Association).

WHISTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-Part.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
*Anthony Douglas Treble	John N. D. Chaddock 5
Elsie Chaddock 2	John S. Seager 6
David G. French 3	Norman Chaddock 7
*Neil Donovan 4	David Nichols Tenor

Conducted by Norman Chaddock.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the bells, which were augmented from three to eight in 1915.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

STAUNTON-IN-THE-VALE, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Tues., Dec. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 16 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 126 methods/variations, viz.: (1) New Grandsire, Wheatley and Perlethorpe, (2) Gonalston, Woodthorpe and Colwick. (3) Lambley, Woodborough and Elton, (4) Churchdown, Uppingham and Grafton Flyford, (5) Donningleigh, Bulcote and Grafton Regis, (6) Ferncliffe, Netherfield and Gedling, (7) Mitre, St. Aldate and Kempstone, (8) Oxbridge, Westleigh and Kinoulton, (9) Fulmer, Gunthorpe and Plumtre, (10) Cropwell Bishop, Caythorpe and Holme Pierrepoint, (11) Rylson, New Antelope and Flawforth, (12) Dell, Upton and Adbolton, (13) Cowleigh, St. Callen and Pagham, (14) Westwell, Ardley and Staunton-in-the-Vale, (15) Wensley, Stowe and Ripe, (16) New(?), Bucknell and Hooe, (17) Grandsire, St. Margaret and Newark, (18) Newborough, Oxford and Southwell, (19) St. Helen, St. Valentine and Nazeing, (20) Longparish, Freeland and Oxtou, (21) Daffodil, Isis and Pinxton, (22) Bluebell, Beckley and Quantoxhead, (23) St. Anne, Ray and St. Endellion, (24) Middleton Stoney, Stanton and Roxholme, (25) St. Quintin, St. Swithun and Saxondale, (26) St. Lucy, Northleigh and Tuxford, (27) Allestree, Antelope and Uttoxeter, (28) St. Frisewide, St. Cross and Vauxhall, (29) Ladbroke, Gresford and Waxham, (30) Zennor, St. Tydfil and Xanzene, (31) Keysoe, Jacobstowe and Yaxley, (32) Pink's, Harbury and Zeal Monochorum, (33) St. Simon, Braywood and Rugby S.C., (34) Eynsham, Elford and St. Jude, (35) St. Leonard, Austrey and St. Laurence, (36) St. Martin, Welford and Slatton S.C., (37) Winchendon, Thornborough and Haddiscoe, (38) St. John, Ryton and St. Crispin, (39) Lapley, Shreshill and St. Mary, (40) St. Nicholas, Longford and Fundenhall, (41) Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston and St. David, (42) April Day, Seighford and Litchurch. Tenor 7 cwt.

*Ruth Blackshaw Treble | George A. Dawson 3

*Maurice W. Harrison 2 | Simon Humphrey 4

†Ian V. J. Smith Tenor

Conducted by George A. Dawson.

* Largest number of methods to a peal. † Largest number of methods "inside."

A compliment to Gordon and Lesley Wise, on the birth of a son, Jonathan Carl.

THRUMPTON, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 methods/variations, viz.: four extents each of All Saints, Rushall, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Little Aston, Plain Bob, Kennington, Seighford, April Day, and one extent each of Rev. St. Bartholomew and Northrepps.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

Albert Foster Treble | Ruth Blackshaw 3

Maurice W. Harrison 2 | Peter Else 4

David Oliver Tenor

Conducted by Ruth Blackshaw.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

DEBENHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods: 1,312 Bristol, 1,280 each of London, Superlative and Cambridge, 112 changes of method and all the work for each bell.

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E flat.

Cecil W. Pipe Treble	Andrew J. Corby 5
Lucile M. Corby 2	Robert W. Hinde 6
Judith M. Corby 3	George W. Pipe 7
Hilary F. Hinde 4	Philip A. Corby Tenor

Composed by Albert J. Pitman.

Conducted by Philip A. Corby.

BARSHAM, Suffolk.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one 240 (Morris'), and 20 extents (10 callings) of Grandsire, and 20 extents (4 callings) of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in B flat.

J. Ian Margetts Treble | Thomas J. Brock 3

J. Barry Pickup 2 | *Stephen F. High 4

Norman P. J. Cossey .. Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

* First peal of Doubles and 25th peal.

Rung to commemorate the birth of a son to Michael and Dawn Stokes.

BLYTHBURGH, Suffolk.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On Sun., Dec. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

Being seven different extents.	Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.
Nuala Toone Treble	Michael Howes 4
Diane Toone 2	Stephen F. High 5
Thomas J. Brock 3	J. Barry Pickup Tenor

Conducted by J. Barry Pickup.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

On Sat., Dec. 11, 1965, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E flat.

Juliet S. Stoy Treble	David T. Darby 6
Joan Beresford 2	Andrew N. Stubbs 7
Ruth M. Foreman 3	John Schofield 8
Kathleen M. Chilcott 4	David E. Parsons 9
Raymond E. Finch 5	Frank E. Darby Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker

Conducted by Joan Beresford.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH STONEHAM, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Nicholas.

On Sun., Dec. 5, 1965, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS

Tenor 10 cwt. 44 lb. in G.

David J. Forder Treble	John A. Partridge 6
Malcolm M. Powell 2	Robert C. Kippin 7
Peter J. Joyce 3	Anthony J. Davidson 8
Michael J. Thomas 4	Maurice J. Butler 9
Tom Chapman 5	Alan J. Luxford Tenor

Composed by Nolan Golden.

Conducted by Robert C. Kippin.

First of Stedman as conductor. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SOBERTON, Hampshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 13½ cwt.

Rosemary J. Kemp Treble	Robert A. Partridge 5
*Heather Walters 2	Anthony J. Davidson 6
David J. Forder 3	Malcolm M. Powell 7
Peter J. Joyce 4	Michael J. Thomas Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pittow.

Conducted by Michael J. Thomas.

* First peal of Surprise. First of New Cambridge by all the band except the ringer of the 7th.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

HAGLEY, Worcestershire.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 2 Hours and 18 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 8 cwt. 110 lb. in A.

M. Irene Ellsmore Treble	J. Alan Ainsworth 5
Roderick W. Pipe 2	George S. Deas 6
Graham C. Paul 3	Michael J. Fellows 7
Martin D. Fellows 4	Eric N. Harrison Tenor

Composed and Conducted by Roderick W. Pipe.

KINGSWINFORD, Staffordshire.—At the Church of St. Mary.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE COURT BOB TRIPLES

Tenor 10½ cwt.

R. Arthur Peakman Treble	C. Frederick Jukes 5
Albert E. Morgan 2	Frederick E. Jukes 6
Charles Pearman 3	Dr. Denis N. Layton 7
Clifford Skidmore 4	Frederick Preston Tenor

Composed by J. J. Parker.

Conducted by Dr. Denis N. Layton.

First peal of Single Court Bob Triples for all the band.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROTHERHAM, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Nov. 27, 1965, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CLIFTON SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 34½ cwt.

David Nichols Treble	Stuart Armeson 6
Richard E. Price 2	Norman Chaddock 7
Howard Scott 3	J. Henry Fielden 8
Barry Sullivan 4	Neil Donovan 9
W. Eric Critchley 5	John N. D. Chaddock .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

First peal in the method for all the band and for the Association.

RETFORD, Nottinghamshire.—At the Church of St. Swithun.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Kathleen M. Higgins .. Treble	Gibson Jackson 6
Susan Jackson 2	Ronald Ducker 7
Howard Scott 3	*Frederick J. Jackson .. 8
Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 4	David S. Johnson 9
W. Eric Critchley 5	Vernon Bottomley Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.

* First peal of Royal.

Tenor 24 cwt.

DRIFHLINGTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Paul.

On Thurs., Dec. 2, 1965, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor 14 cwt. 16 lb. in E.

Adrian C. Boorman .. Treble	Kenneth B. Sissons 5
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 2	*Derek Cox 6
Harold Barron 3	Harold B. Schofield .. 7
Geoffrey Crossley 4	†C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Kent Major. † 100th peal. First of Kent as conductor.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Holbeck.

On Tues., Dec. 7, 1965, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

Derek Cox Treble	Arnold Cole 5
Susan Jackson 2	A. Christopher Boorman .. 6
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 3	Harold B. Schofield .. 7
Ronald H. Dove 4	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Composed by John Carter.

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

THORNER, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Sun., Dec. 12, 1965, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5056 SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In three methods, comprising 1,472 Lincolnshire, 2,176 Yorkshire, and 1,408 Cambridge, with 134 changes of method. Tenor 10½ cwt.

Adrian C. Boorman .. Treble	A. William Kirkby 5
*Stephen R. Munday .. 2	Harold B. Schofield 6
Mrs. H. B. Schofield .. 3	Frederick A. Munday .. 7
Jeanne E. Bottomley .. 4	Vernon Bottomley Tenor

Arranged by E. A. Barnett.

Conducted by Vernon Bottomley.

* First peal of spiced—age 11 years.

KIRK DEIGHTON, Yorkshire.—At the Church of All Saints.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of St. Clement's, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

Michael Wigglesworth .. Treble	Robin Brown 4
Kenneth B. Sissons .. 2	Charles Maxfield 5
James S. Webb 3	C. Barrie Dove Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

WHIXLEY, Yorkshire.—At the Church of the Ascension.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in G sharp.

*Isobel Hart Treble	James S. Webb 4
Charles Maxfield 2	C. Barrie Dove 4
John Webb 3	Robin Brown Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal at first attempt.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Chapel Allerton.

On Mon., Dec. 6, 1965, in 2 Hours and 7 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in B flat.

*Michael J. Denton .. Treble	C. Barrie Dove 3
†Robin Brown 2	Ronald H. Dove 4

*Derek Cox Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Doubles. † First of Bob Doubles.

Rung after meeting short for Minor.

LEEDS, Yorkshire.—At the Church of St. Peter.

On Thurs., Dec. 9, 1965, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in G.

Michael J. Denton .. Treble	C. Barrie Dove 4
Susan Jackson 2	Ronald H. Dove 5
*Harold B. Schofield .. 3	†Brian Lambourne Tenor

Conducted by C. Barrie Dove.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

Rung after meeting short for Triples, Mr. James S. Webb kindly standing down.

HANDBELL PEALS

THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

BIRMINGHAM.—At 1, Augustus Road, Edgbaston.

On Sat., Dec. 4, 1965, in 1 Hour and 45 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 12 in F.

*Keith H. Mildred .. 1-2	Rupert A. Clarke (cond.) .. 3-4
*Graham C. Paul 5-6	

* First peal on handbells

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MARPLE, Cheshire.—At "Bombay," 24, Ridge Crescent.

On Thurs., Dec. 2, 1965, in 1 Hour and 49 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

Alan McFall 1-2	Robert B. Smith (cond.) .. 3-4
*Gerald Moorhouse .. 5-6	

* First peal of Plain Bob Minor, completing Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus "in hand."

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SHORNE, Kent.—At 14, Warren View.

On Wed., Nov. 24, 1965, in 2 Hours and 5 Minutes,

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor size 15 in C.

Cyril S. Jarrett 1-2	*Christopher T. Osenton .. 5-6
Edward J. Beer 3-4	Stuart Sandford 7-8

Composed by John Vicars.

Conducted by Christopher T. Osenton.

* First peal in the method "in hand."

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BIRTH

TOWNSEND.—To Marlene (née Jones) and Bernard, a son (Jonathan Barry), on December 17th, 1965, at Victoria Hospital, Lichfield. 8227

ENGAGEMENTS

CASTLEDINE—SEARN. — The engagement is announced between Eileen Margaret, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Searn, of Hazel Grove, Cheshire, and James Richard, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Castledine, of Baldock, Herts.

JONES—TOON. — The engagement is announced between Kingsley, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Jones, of Holt, near Trowbridge, Wilts, and Jennifer, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Toon, of Burton-on-Trent, Staffs. 8225

GREETINGS

NELSON SLOAN and all at the Cathedral, Christchurch, N.Z., send their greetings and best wishes to all English bellringers.

RETURN THANKS

DAVIS.—The family of the late Mr. Peter Davis would like to thank his friends for their sympathy and for the lovely flowers. 8230

PERSONAL

Will Mr. C. W. Luff, of 7, Maryport Road, Usk, Mon, kindly let the Editor have his new address. His copy of "The Ringing World" has been returned to this office.

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. —Galatians iii, 28.

MISCELLANEOUS

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD PEALS

With effect from January 1st, 1966, all peals rung for the above Guild will be subject to a booking fee of 6d. per person. Would conductors please collect the fees and forward them with a report of the peal to:

Mr. E. Garrett,
Lower Heyford, Northampton
E. Billings, General Secretary. 8211

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Warwick Archdeaconry District. — Next meeting at Southam on January 1st. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing as usual. Names for tea as soon as possible to Bob Sherriff, 20, Warwick Road, Southam. Special method: Bristol. — P. S. Bennett, Sec. 8161

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District. — Annual general meeting, Ely, Saturday, January 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting and further ringing until 8.30 p.m. 8202

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch. — Annual meeting, Tiverton (8), January 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting follow. Names to G. W. Hollis, 26, The Avenue, Tiverton. 8178

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, January 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to W. H. Dobbie, 13, Baltic Road, Tonbridge, please. — W. H. D., Dis. Sec. 8175

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Meeting at All Saints', Wigan (10) on Saturday, January 1st (New Year's Day). Ringing from 2.30. Service 6 p.m. 8219

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — S. and W. District. — Ringing meeting, Saturday, January 1st, St. Mary's, Twickenham (8) 3-4.45 p.m., followed by tea in the Parish Hall. Isleworth (10) 6.15-7.30 p.m., followed by the District Committee meeting, to which each tower should send one representative. Names for tea to Mr. P. Bevington, 17a, Heatham Park, Twickenham. Would all towers please submit details of all 1965 quarter peals as soon as possible. — W. S. Deason, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8199

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch. — Practice, Saturday, January 1st, Stony Stratford. Bells (8) from 6 p.m. 8187

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. — Annual meeting in St. Martin's Hall at 4.30 on January 1st. Ringing at Cathedral (12) 3 o'clock and St. Martin's (12) after the meeting. — G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. 8190

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting in Sheffield, Saturday, January 1st. St. Marie's bells from 2.30 p.m.. Tea at St. Marie's. Cathedral bells after tea. Names for tea, please, to Mr. J. L. Gilbert, 10, Pye Bank Close, Sheffield 3 — J. Seager, Hon. Sec. 8185

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nottingham District. — Annual meeting, Saturday, January 1st, at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells from 3 p.m. No teas. — S. Adams, 8181

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Practice meeting, Saturday, January 1st, at East Grinstead (8). Bells 3 p.m. and after service. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Osbon, 79, Blount Avenue, East Grinstead. Tel. E.G. 3815. 8186

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (one minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, January 3rd, at 7 p.m. Special methods: Pudsey and Rutland S.M. recap. 8217

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Business meeting at the Rising Sun, Carter Lane, E.C., on January 4th at 8.15 p.m. Forthcoming practices, all at 6.30 p.m.: January 4th, St. Paul's; 11th, Cornhill; 18th, St. Lawrence Jewry; 25th, Cripplegate. — J. G. A. Prior, 21a, Fieldhouse Road, London, S.W.12. 8229

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Annual meeting, Frome, Saturday, January 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. R. Baker, 5, Cranmore View, Frome. — E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 8216

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. — A.G.M. at Biggleswade on Saturday, January 8th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m. Good ringing — friendly atmosphere. 8221

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Hessle, Saturday, January 8th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Sharp, 4, Kirkham Close, Hessle, by previous Thursday. 8201

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Macclesfield Branch. — Annual meeting, St. Michael's Mansfield (12), Saturday, January 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Short meeting, Vestry, 6 p.m. Nearby cafes for tea. Bells, Christ Church (10) after meeting. 8141

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DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly general meeting, Ilkeston (8), Saturday, January 8th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea by January 4th, please. — B. P. Morris, 14, Greenway, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. 8208

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — S.W. District. — Annual meeting at Brentwood, January 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to J. Sitch, 182, Priests Lane, Shenfield. 8197

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Annual meeting on Saturday, January 8th, at St. Saviour's, Dartmouth. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to B. Shingler, 8, Ness View Road, Teignmouth, by January 4th. Ringing also at St. Petrox's 2.15-4 p.m., and at St. Clement's 6.30-8 p.m. 8215

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District. — Annual District meeting, Oatlands Park, Saturday, January 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea following in Church Hall, next to church. Names to Miss J. Smith, 13, Havers Avenue, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames. 8192

HEREFORD GUILD. — Bromyard District. — Annual meeting, Bromyard, January 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 by reservation only. Numbers to R. L. Price, 18, New Road, Bromyard, by January 6th latest, please 8168

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Annual District meeting, All Saints', Hertford (10), Saturday, January 8th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Y.M.C.A., 15a, Railway Street, Hertford, followed by business and ringing till 8.30 p.m. Names for tea to me c/o above address by Thursday, January 6th latest. — P. M. F. Searles, Dis. Sec. 8228

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District. — Quarterly meeting at Wrotham on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. L. Sills, Glenavon, St. Vincents Lane, Addington, West Malling. — M. L. H., Dis. Sec. 8198

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Syston (8), Saturday, January 8th, 3.45. For further details of ringing arrangements see LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Syston District). — S. E. Chesterton, Dis. Sec. 8176

LADIES' GUILD. — Sussex District. — A.G.M. at Southover, Lewes (10), Saturday, January 8th. Bells from 3 to 4.30 and 6 till 8 p.m. Meeting 4. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs. G. Elphick, 66, Priory Street, Lewes. — R. Earl. 8190

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch. — Meeting at Silverdale on Saturday, January 8th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Bolton, Kirkmeade, Cove Road, Silverdale, Carnforth. 8180

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting at Christ Church, Todmorden, on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business 6 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 5th, to Mr. C. R. Milthorp, Bank View House, Woodhouse, Todmorden.—G. Cheetham, Branch Sec. 8152

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Syston District) and **LADIES' GUILD.**—Joint meeting at Syston on Saturday, January 8th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. E. F. Payne, 6, The Green, Syston, Leics, by Wednesday, January 5th.—M. D. Barsby, Hon. Dis. Sec. 8223

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Branch.—Annual meeting, Sleaford (8), January 8th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by the Tuesday previous to Mr. W. Weston, The Bungalow, East Road, Sleaford.—S. A. Chambers, Hon. Sec. 8218

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Nomination meeting, Saturday, January 8th. St. John the Evangelist, Waterloo Road, 2.30-3.30 p.m. Southwark Cathedral, 4.15-4.55 and 6.30-7.30. Service 5. Meeting, Foster Hall, St. Thomas' Street, 5.45 p.m. Monthly practice, first Thursday, St. Mary Abbots, Kensington Church Street, 8-9 p.m.—Miss V. E. Dupre, Hon. Sec. (Renown 4423). 8179

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davertry Branch.—Branch annual meeting, Daventry, Saturday, January 8th. Names for tea by Monday previous to Mr. H. Johnson, Greenford, Badby Road West, Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 8214

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A.G.M., January 8th. Rothwell. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Special methods: D.N.C.B. and Bristol. Names for tea essential to M. A. Coleman, 20, Copelands Road, Desborough, by Tuesday previous. All welcome.—M. A. C. 8220

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting, St. Peter's, Colchester, Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) 2.30-4.30 and 7-9. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall 5.15, followed by meeting Shrub End and St. Leonard's also available 2.30-4 and 7-9. Names for tea to Mr. H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 8195

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual District meeting at Braintree on January 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. J. Syder, 15, Ashpole Road, Bocking, Braintree 8226

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Lindsey Branch.—Annual meeting, Gainsborough, Saturday, January 15th. Service 5 p.m. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. Special methods: Bristol and Gainsborough Little Bob.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 8184

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Annual Branch meeting, Hingham, Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. J. Elliott, Caston Road, Carbrooke, Thetford, Norfolk, by the 12th, please.—C. Bird, Hon. Sec. 8197

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, January 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Miss B. J. Dyke, 16, Cocklands, Charminster, Dorchester, by Wednesday previous. 8213

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting, Wareham, January 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. and after the meeting. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall. Names for tea by Wednesday, January 12th, to Mr. J. Blackwood, Flat 1, South Bestwall House, Wareham, Dorset. 8204

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting on Saturday, January 15th. Shoreditch (12), 2.30 to 3.45 p.m.; St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12), 4.15 to 5.30. Tea 5.30. Meeting in the Vestry Hall at St. Martin's 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to D. E. Sibson, 15, Garden Royal, Kerfield Road, London, S.W.15, by January 12th. 8224

REPRESENTED WALES



St. Gwendoline's Church, Talgarth, Bracknockshire, was selected to represent Wales in this year's Christmas bells broadcast in the Home Service. This is a light six with a tenor of 7 cwt. 3 qr. The band (from left to right) are:—Standing: B. Davies, W. Chick, S. Edwards; seated: J. Parry, D. H. Bennett (captain) and E. Smith. The captain has been associated with bellringing at Talgarth for 45 years and has trained scores of ringers throughout the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon. [Photo: A. D. Owens.]

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting in conjunction with N.W. District meeting at Elveden (8) on Saturday, January 15th. Bells from 2 to 9 p.m. Service at 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. in Village Hall. General meeting 5.30 p.m., followed by N.W. District meeting. Please do help the tea caterers by sending names for tea to Mr. J. Paul, Brandon Road, Elveden, near Thetford, Norfolk, by Monday, January 10th.—A. F. Ballam, Dis. Sec. 8076

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NINETY, AND STILL GOING STRONG

Probably the oldest ringer in Cornwall is Mr. William Wood, of Gulval, Penzance, who celebrated his 90th birthday on Friday, December 17th, and we join in, somewhat belatedly, the many congratulations extended to him by members of the Truro Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Wood, who has been ringing for nearly 80 years, is still an active and regular member of the Gulval band, of which for many years he was captain. He has done much to further the art of method ringing in the county.

LATE NEWS

The attempt for the record length of 17,248 Yorkshire Surprise Major at Accrington on December 18th was successful. The peal was accomplished in 9 hours 6 minutes. Congratulations to all who took part.

QUARTER PEALS

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Oct. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. T. Cooke 1, Miss P. Dowse 2, Miss J. Cooke 3, Miss J. Warwick 4, S. Hardy (first quarter) 5, E. Pannell 6, F. Hodgson 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. For Harvest Thanksgiving.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 All Saints Doubles: K. Baker 1, Rosemary Smith 2, R. Smith 3, M. Horseman (cond.) 4, A. Perry 5, J. Coombes 6. Rung on the day before the Patronal Day, All Saints. Also on Remembrance Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (four methods): P. Bridges 1, Rosemary Smith 2, R. Smith 3, K. Baker 4, A. Perry (cond.) 5, J. Coombes 6. Rung half-muffled.

LODSWORTH, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 12th, 1,272 Stanton, Erin, St. Nicholas, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Single Court and Plain Bob Minimus: D. Haslam 1, R. Smith (cond.) 2, J. Greene 3, R. Osborne 4. An 86th birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest H. Shepard.

LONDON.—At St. George-in-the-East, on Dec. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Stubbs 1, D. Darby 2, Miss H. Maltman 3, J. Cawley 4, Miss C. Macnair 5, W. T. Cook 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, L. Roberts 8. For Evensong.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Vedast's, Foster Lane, on Dec. 5th, 1,280 Doubles (five methods): R. E. J. Dennis 1, J. Pladdys 2, T. G. Pett 3, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 4, R. O'Humphries 5. Also on Dec. 12th, 1,272 Norwich S. Minor: Susan Smith 1, D. L. Cawley 2, R. D. Bailey (cond.) 3, J. Pladdys 4, T. G. Pett 5, R. W. Powell 6. Both by U.L.S.C.R. for morning service.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. W. Howlett 1, E. R. Goate 2, A. E. Crowe 3, L. M. Raphael 4, R. W. Coates 5, D. E. Carr 6, R. W. Bickers 7, J. B. Pickup (cond.) 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. K. Wilkinson Riddle as Rector of Lowestoft.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grand sire Triples: R. Williamson 1, Angela Quick 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, C. W. Powell (cond.) 4, H. G. Keeley 5, G. L. Glyde 6, G. S. Morris 7, H. W. Davies 8. For Evensong.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. W. Smith 1, B. Branstion 2, Mrs. P. A. Smith (first "inside") 3, G. Davis 4, R. W. Spencer (cond.) 5, G. F. Cowlin 6. For Evensong.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (London and Cambridge): Ruth A. Elmes 1, W. T. Perrins 2, W. E. Cheater 3, J. W. Blackwood 4, J. L. Claughton (cond.) 5, L. F. Cobb 6. For Evensong.

COMPOSITIONS

5,088 MARSHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
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23645		2	2

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5,040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Arranged by MARTIN D. FELLOWS
23456 W M H

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35247		—	2
54237	2		
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Repeated.
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EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss P. E. Hibbert 1, Mrs. C. J. Hibbert 2, L. F. Cox 3, C. J. Hibbert 4, C. J. Garlick 5, J. W. T. Hibbert 6, J. H. Napper (cond.) 7, H. R. Wells 8. For the Parochial Mission.

LUSTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob and Grandsire): B. W. Metcalfe 1, A. F. Lee (cond.) 2, Barbara Burt 3, D. A. Burt 4, D. J. Barnett 5, D. Smith 6. Rung by Tayson's Travellers.

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